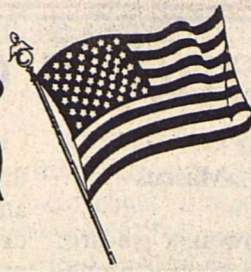


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Westown being filmed at Alamo Village

From the creator and Director of *Killing the Badge* we take a cold hard look at the early West like never seen before. Tracing the steps of his grandfather, director Nicholas J. Sturgill, takes you to

Westown to relive the old West with a lawman from a time long gone.

Sturgill, who stars as the legendary Marshal John Sturgill, and the cast and crew of *Westown*,

will be in Brackettville for a few weeks filming the western at Alamo Village. Local residents have been used as extras in the production. Robert V. Hooker, a Brackettville resident, plays the role of Sure Shot.

As a St. Louis Peace Officer, from 1875 to 1885, Johnny Sturgill made a name for himself. Backing the law was his calling, but after a bank robbery left his partner dead, Westown became his target. History would be changed when the ex-St. Louis Peace Officer went west to keep his word to his dead friend. As the new Marshal of Westown he is headed for a showdown with Jackson Martin, the most feared and powerful man in the territory.

Can the new Marshal stand up to Jackson Martin or will his four guns get to Westown in time to help? Supported only by the love of his lovely lady Jese, the Marshal faces a gang of killers.

Will the fastest gun alive live long enough to marry his true love or will the meanest guns in the West take him out? Westown! The west you never read about.

This film stars Bob Poole as Jackson Martin, Puspa Patel Sturgill as Mrs. Martin, Kevin Lew as Blade, Timothy Fletcher as Double Barrel, June Thomas as Linda, and Andrew Suire as Long Gun.



Nicholas J. Sturgill and Suzy Assuncao play the starring roles of Marshal Sturgill and Jese, his true love, in the western, *Westown* being filmed at Alamo Village.

Students celebrate 100th day of school

By Amy Davis
Staff Writer

Students in kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade at Jones elementary, celebrated their 100th day of school on Tuesday. Since the first day of school, these students have been counting down to the 100th Day Celebration. Throughout the day, teachers led the students in activities using the theme 100.

Projects in Mrs. Bonner's 2nd grade class included searching for 100 words in the dictionary and doing a 100 piece puzzle. The students also learned what life was like 100 years ago.

The first grade students decorated a sign, which hung at the end of the elementary school's hallway,

with 100 hand prints. The sign said, "Happy 100th Day!" First graders created a project at home that included 100 objects, such as beans or pasta. First graders also blew 100 candles out, atop cupcakes in Mrs. Alma Gutierrez's class.

During the 100th minute of school on Tuesday, Coach Creel led all students and teachers, in 100 exercises. All participants did 10 repetitions of each exercise until they had completed the total count of 100.

Jones Elementary teachers said that celebrating the 100th day of school was a good way to make school fun, while still incorporating math, language arts and social studies into the students' day.



Students in Maxine Bonner's 2nd grade class, with Mrs. Bonner, in front of their "100th Day Display." The students celebrated their 100th day of school on Tuesday.

New emergency signal in use

EMS Update
By Carolyn Rutherford

It looks like I am finally catching up with things after the holidays. The first item on my "to do" list this year is to find a way that folks who live alone can get help if they are not able to use the phone. One of the biggest fears of people who live alone is that they may become so ill or injured that they are unable to get help. What would you do if you were completely alone and couldn't draw a breath or fell and broke a bone?

We may have come up with a solution. If you can get to a window or a door that can be seen from the street, place a brightly colored piece of cloth or material like a towel in that window. Your neighbors or a passing vehicle would see the "emergency sign" and get you some help. Some places have tried this signal with great success. What do you think?

If you have an emergency and call for assistance, please make

sure to give the dispatcher your correct physical address. This needs to be the address you give delivery services, your physical address. Also give the phone number where we will find the patient. Following this procedure will prevent needless and dangerous delays in getting police, fire, and EMS assistance to your door, or wherever the emergency lies!

The Temporary Personnel Variance has again been extended. We have to report to Texas Department of Health each month, advising of the numbers of times we have used the variance. As long as this report is made by the fifth day of each month, we are allowed to use non-certified personnel to drive on the second and third ambulances. We will also be allowed to have an Emergency Care Attendant drive for an Intermediate or Paramedic EMT if staffing demands it. I am still required to write an explanation at the end of each article, detailing this information.

I am looking forward to this

spring, April or May, to the start of another Basic Emergency Medical Technician course. It will take two nights a week for approximately six months. This is such interesting and rewarding work. If you're interested in serving your community in a very special way, please call us. Our office hours are Monday through Friday 8 am to 5 p.m. If you call and no one answers, we are most likely on an EMS call. Please leave a message on the answering machine (I don't like them either, but we really want to get your call!). We are so pleased to man the station 24 hours now. This allows a faster response.

For emergencies, call 911. Otherwise call our office at 830-563-9090. Please remember that after our primary unit responds on EMS runs, the second and third crews responding may have less than TDD required staffing. Remember that there will always be at least one EMS certified individual working with the patient at all times.

Slate shares history and services of Warm Springs Rehabilitation

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

The Brackettville Rotary Club met Thursday, January eighteenth and program chairman Paula Renken, principal of Brackettville Elementary School, introduced Ms. Tracy Slate of the Warm Springs Rehabilitation System. Ms. Slate is Patient, Facility Services Coordinator, and she told members about the history of Warm Springs as well as about the services provided.

A well was being drilled for oil in 1909, and the drillers hit an

artesian water flow instead of oil. The drilling equipment was not capable of boring through a rock formation they had encountered, and they were preparing to abandon the site, when it was decided to cap the water in case someone wanted to use it. It was late in the twenties before a bit capable of drilling through the rock became available.

In 1934, five Texas businessmen decided to tap into that artesian well and do something with it. Warm Springs Crippled Children's Clinic, a 16-bed hospital, was built at the time and polio

victims were treated there.

Ms. Slate said she had heard so much about the hospital that she visited there two years ago and the slides she presented contained a few made from old photos of the site. She said that the treatment now is different, but the place looks much the same except for and addition for the treatment of brain injured children.

She brought with her a leg brace and a small crutch given her by an eighty year old man whose son had been treated there for polio.

The hospital had financial troubles after it was opened up. In those days, resources from government programs were not available, and many of the families needing help for their children simply could not afford the help.

Ms. Slate said she had a hard time envisioning how wide spread and devastating the polio epidemic was, but many of the Rotarians present could remember those days, and the fear associated with them. Many victims that were left with paralyzed limbs after having had polio flooded the hospital.

She mentioned that some of the polio victims treated at the hospital in the past are now experiencing a return of their symptoms, (not a return of the virus, but a reoccurrence of the muscular and

pain in the bones associated with it). Post polio support groups are now being offered by Warm Springs Rehabilitation System.

Finding money to run the hospital had been a problem in those years, and many ways to raise money were used. In the post-polio era, film star Joan Crawford heard about the need and convinced theater owners to contribute money, and a quarter of a million dollars was raised to keep the hospital open. The people of Gonzales have also found ways to raise money several times.

One important factor with Warm Springs Hospital was that patients were taught adaptation and a positive attitude that helped them attain a good quality of life. Ms. Slate remarked that a large number of those patients have achieved a lot of success in life.

In 1955 the polio vaccine was perfected and polio has been almost eradicated all over the world. In fact, Rotary International has been deeply involved in that effort. Some third world countries remain vulnerable. Rotary's goal is to completely eradicate polio by 2004.

After polio was no longer a problem in the United States, the struggle to keep Warm Springs open became acute. They had expanded their facilities to meet the

needs and had started treating stroke victims, brain injuries, and accident victims. The purpose was to offer rehabilitation so that these patients could return home.

Medicare finally offered reimbursement for this kind of treatment. In 1989, Warm Springs began to grow and moved to San Antonio. A large rehabilitation hospital was built there. It is on Babcock road, and Ms. Slate suggested anyone wishing to do so should visit, tell them he or she is from Brackettville and ask for a tour of the facility.

Warm Springs has been the leader in the field from the start - the first to get certified for Medicare, etc. It now has four rehab hospitals, one acute care facility, and twelve patient rehab clinics. Brackettville is the smallest and the newest.

The United Medical Center housed them in spare space for about a year until the need was overwhelming for more space. They are now housed on the lower floor of the Masonic Lodge Building.

Anyone needing the care offered by Warm Springs must be referred by a physician. A doctor gives the diagnosis and suggested type of help, but rehab will access and personalize the type of treatment given.



Cynthia (Sandy) White, resident of Brackettville, was ejected from her Chevy Suburban after the vehicle rolled one and a half times, while driving south on Ranch Road 674. She stated that she swerved to miss a deer. The accident occurred 17 miles north of town. White was air-lifted by a Border Patrol helicopter to Val Verde Regional Medical Hospital in Del Rio and is in stable condition.

Briefs ...

Little League cake walk

Brackettville Little League Assoc. will be sponsoring a Cake Walk on Saturday, January 27th starting at 2 p.m. It will be held in the laundry mat parking lot across from Super S. All proceeds will go to the Little League. Please come by and give your support to the ball players of our community.

Basketball free throw

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship will be on Thursday, February 1, at the Brackett High School Gym at 6 p.m. The contest is open to kids ages 10 to 14. The winner will receive a plaque and all participants will receive a certificate. For more information, please contact Greg Nowlin.

Little League Registration

Registration for the 2001 season of Little League will be held on Tuesday, January 30th and Thursday, February 1st at Jones Elementary between 5-8 p.m. All children age 5 yrs. by August 1, 2001 to 12 yrs. of age are eligible to play. At least one parent or legal guardian must be present with an original or state certified copy of the child's birth certificate to verify age. Registration fee is \$30.00 per child. It is the goal of the Little League that no child shall be turned away or limited in participation because of parent/guardians inability to pay.

During registration the league will also be signing up volunteers to coach, umpire, keep score, call games, and work the concession stand. This is one of the best opportunities of the year to give something extremely valuable to the children of our community, your time! Please come by during registration, or contact a league official for a volunteer application. For more information contact April Blake at 563-9078.

Concealed handgun class

The Middle Rio Grande Law Enforcement Academy will offer a concealed handgun course Jan. 26 and 27 at Southwest Texas Junior College in Uvalde.

Instruction for the 15-hour course will be conducted Friday, Jan. 26, from 6 to 10 p.m. and on Saturday, Jan. 27, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Cost for first-time training is \$90 and the renewal training is \$45. Classes will be held in SWTJC's Espinosa Building, Room 12.

To sign up for the course, or to obtain additional information, call (830) 591-7237.

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January 18 was a special day for 18 BISD fifth graders and 10 seventh and eighth graders who attended a Community Concert in Del Rio.

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Help wanted The end is coming and Christians will be persecuted for moving day

But I could be wrong
By Chuck Hall

The Way I See It
By Steven R. LaMascus

Well, we moved my number third daughter to Lytle, Texas. Katie begins her career, job, occupation, or what ever you want to call it, as you read this item. She's excited. She'll get over it. She hasn't discovered income taxes yet.

Starting a new phase of one's life is always thrilling. Meeting unaccustomed neighbors, discovering the charm of new co-workers, and acclimating one's self to the challenges of a different life style are always exhilarating. Ah, to start over again. Not on your life! I was proud of all the help she got from her sisters and brother-in-laws. Blood is thicker than water. I still don't have as many possessions as she does. Where did all of that stuff come from?

If you would have liked to have helped, but weren't afforded the opportunity to do so, it's not too late. You still have a chance to be part of an exciting move. How? I'm glad you asked that question.

Daughter number two, Charlie, is moving to Uvalde. She has more substances than Katie does. Please feel free to stop me on the street, or wherever, and offer your assistance. No offer will be refused.

Now I'm sure no one will speak to me for at least two months. But I could be wrong.

Did you know that we are, possibly, seeing biblical prophecy fulfilled before our eyes? That's right. Right here, right now, in the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave.

I don't know how many of you have read the Left Behind series of books by Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins, but if you haven't you should. I don't necessarily agree with their interpretation of Revelation and end time events like the "rapture," but they tell a great story that spotlights the increased persecution of Christians - something that we are seeing unfold all over the world today, especially in the United States, a supposedly Christian nation.

I was thinking about this the other day as I was writing the column on John Ashcroft and the reasons he was being vilified by every liberal organization in the nation. Suddenly it hit me that the primary reason that there was so much resistance to his nomination was really very simple. There is only one reason that he is so detested by the liberal elements - he is a Christian. They need no other reason to hate anyone.

In the 21st chapter of Luke, Jesus says, "Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he' and 'The time is near.' Do not follow them."

And then later: "But before all this they will lay hands on you and persecute you. They will deliver you to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name."

And: "All men will hate you because of me."

This and much more is beginning to become apparent. It is now, today, in this "Christian" nation almost fighting words to tell someone you are a Christian. We are hated simply because we are true to our faith. The detractors say that we are hateful and intolerant. They legislate away our constitutional rights to worship and pray and influence our own government, while at the same time they are preaching an increasing torrent of demonstrably destructive special interest agendas. If that isn't persecution, I don't know what is!

And there is more. The headlines on Yahoo!, as I write this, say, "Congo President reported wounded;" "Director of Palestinian TV killed in Gaza restaurant;" "Iraq pledges victory on Gulf War anniversary;" "Trucks rams California capital;" "India tests nuclear missile." Every day there are more and more absolutely incredible events taking place that are incomprehensible in their evil. The illogic of the events transpiring worldwide

today defies understanding. The world is rapidly spinning down into a commode of chaos from which there is going to be no recovery. The Tribulation, biblical or not, has started. We are being overcome by pure evil.

A man loses his job. He doesn't sue for reparation. He grabs a gun, strolls nonchalantly into the office building and starts killing innocent people. This is not the action of a reasonable person. It is not even the action of an unreasonable person, or even of a crazy person. What it is, is the action of a man possessed by evil in its purest form.

We have removed Christ and God from all aspects of our society and have left a void that must be filled. In many places today we are not even allowed to discuss Christ. We have abandoned the source of good, and replaced it with the only other alternative - evil.

This is a simple equation. For there to be good, there must be evil. Just like for there to be a right hand, there must be a left. For there to be light, there must be darkness. For there to be up, there must be down. When we remove light, there is nothing left but darkness. When we remove good, there is nothing left but evil. That is precisely what we are seeing every day in our own country, and around the world. And unless you and I and

millions of other citizens decide that we aren't going to take it any more and take an active stance against all these illogical, demonic, Satan-inspired transgressions against our God-given, Constitutionally guaranteed rights, we'd better get ready to see much, much worse. Because, as in a famous line from a bad movie, "You ain't seen bad yet, but it's comin'!"

Isaiah 30:9-11 - These are rebellious people, deceitful children, children unwilling to listen to the Lord's instruction. They say to the seers, "See no more visions!" And to the prophets, "Give us no more visions of what is right! Tell us pleasant things, prophesy illusions. Leave this way, get off this path, and stop confronting us with the Holy One of Israel!"

Inaugural milestones

By Henry Bonilla
U.S. Congressman, 23rd Dist.

For more than two hundred years Americans have witnessed the inauguration ceremonies of the President of the United States. Last weekend we once again celebrated this remarkable American tradition. President George W. Bush's inauguration ceremony on Saturday, January 20th marked a great milestone: his was the first presidential inauguration of the twenty-first century. With this milestone comes more than two centuries of history and tradition.

Many of us take for granted that today's inaugural ceremonies usually go off without a hitch. But that was hardly the case when our nation began. When the Constitutional Con-

vention convened in 1787, the proceedings associated with today's presidential inaugurations were entirely new and untried. While drafting the Constitution, our Founding Fathers thought ahead and included several guidelines for the presidential inauguration. Many of those guidelines are still in place today. Our Constitution requires that the president must be a natural born citizen of the United States, has lived in this country for at least fourteen years, and has attained the age of thirty-five. It even specifies the specific oath of office that the new president should affirm. But beyond that, the Constitution remains silent. This silence has left room for a variety of ceremonies, locations and advances in technology.

Our nation's first presidential inauguration was held on April 30, 1789. President George Washington took the oath of office on a balcony in New York's Federal Hall. When the ceremony was complete, President Washington returned to the Senate chamber where he read his brief inaugural address, and called upon "the Almighty Being who rules over the universe" to assist the American people in finding "liberties and happiness" under "a government instituted by themselves."

By 1801, the seat of the U.S. Government had moved to Washington, D.C. The City of Washington was quite crude in comparison to today's standards. With little fanfare, President Thomas Jefferson marked the first president to take the oath of office at our nation's new capitol building. But for a few occasions, the inauguration ceremonies for our president and vice president would continue in the City of Washington for the next two hundred years.

In 1829, Andrew Jackson marked the first president to be inaugurated on the East Front of the Capitol. Though Jackson's second inauguration in 1833 was moved indoors to the House Chamber because of his ill health, this tradition would continue until 1981 when Ronald Reagan's inauguration was held on the West Front of the Capitol. The West Front tradition continued with the 1989 inauguration of George Bush and those of Bill Clinton in 1993 and 1997. This new tradition continued last weekend with President Bush's inauguration ceremony.

There have been more changes to the presidential inauguration than just the location. Significant advances in technology have made their marks on these historic occasions. In 1897, the inauguration of William McKinley ushered in a new age, for it was the first to be filmed using the new motion picture technology. The 1925 Calvin Coolidge inauguration was the first to be broadcast live by radio, and the 1949 inauguration of President Truman was the first to be televised live. Just four years ago, the 1997 ceremony marked another first, as it was carried live on the Internet.

Today's City of Washington, as well as the Capitol Building, bear remarkable differences from the fledgling city of two hundred years ago. However, the ideals our presidents are sworn to uphold have remained true and constant. I hope each of you will keep in mind the history of this great inaugural tradition and look forward to a future of peace, progress and prosperity.

Senator Hutchison's survey continues: America in the world

Capitol Comment
Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Our country plays a unique role on the world's stage. As the supreme military and diplomatic power, we are called on to mediate conflicts and respond to aggression. As the world's pre-eminent economy, America sets the global standard, and we have pioneered the path to an Age of Information that already rivals the Industrial Revolution in its potential for change.

Deciding how to best use our military and economic power is among the most important issues the new 107th Congress faces.

So I hope you will complete the following survey questions on key military, trade and foreign policy issues. Your answers will clarify for me Texans' vision of what they believe is appropriate for their country, and give me an understanding of the kind of responsibilities you believe America should shoulder in the world.

As always, I am grateful for this newspaper's generosity in printing this survey.

Part Two Of Questionnaire

1) The United States has deployed troops in response to humanitarian crises in countries such as Bosnia, Somalia and Haiti in recent years. These situations, while grave, do not directly threaten America's national security interests. Our leadership on such missions is acknowledged by other nations. But this comes with certain costs: monetary, and stretching our military so thin that our own readiness is reduced. How do you think our country can best meet its responsibilities in the world, and how broad do you think those responsibilities ought to be?

— Maintain same level of peacekeeping commitments as we have during the past eight years

— Expand our role in peacekeeping missions

— Cut back on these significantly and encourage allies to take more responsibility

Other (please explain)

2) In 1998 Congress passed the National Missile Defense Act, a law that makes it the policy of this country to deploy a network of missile interceptors able to shoot down enemy ballistic missiles. The Clinton administration, however, did not pursue this congressional mandate. Meanwhile, China has continued to develop its nuclear and ballistic missile technology. More than two dozen smaller countries have acquired ballistic missile technology as well. Nations such as Iran are build-

ing long-range missiles, and some may soon be able to strike the United States, carrying nuclear, chemical or biological warheads. How important do you think it is for the United States to move ahead on the creation of a missile defense system? Do you think the missile defense shield should be a higher priority project than it has in the past?

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North/South Korea ___

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Balkans ___

Other _____

Please share any additional comments.

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RRC advises Texas propane license holders of new rules

(Austin) - The Railroad Commission of Texas today advised the state's propane dealers, retailers, and wholesalers that new National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) rules are set to go into effect on Feb. 1. The Commission formally adopted NFPA 58 rules earlier this month in a move to bring the state's Liquefied Petroleum-gas (LP-gas) safety rules in line with national standards.

While NFPA 58 rules and current state rules are similar in many respects, propane license holders should become familiar with differences in the areas of distance requirements, bulk storage, vehicles, cylinder filling, nameplates, and administration.

Some examples of NFPA 58 safety rule changes include:

- 1 1/4-inch or larger liquid and vapor openings in stationary storage containers at new facilities with a water capacity over 4,000 gallons must be equipped with pneumatically operated internal valves. Containers at existing applicable facilities will have five years to install the valves.
- Pneumatically operated emergency shut off valves (ESVs) must be installed at new facilities with a water capacity over 4,000 gallons. Cable-operated ESVs may remain in LP-gas service unless the valve is replaced, at which time a pneumatic ESV will have to be installed.
- Stainless steel flexible connectors 3/4-inch or over must be installed at new facilities. Existing rubber flexible connectors will have to be replaced with stainless steel connectors by February 1, 2003.

In addition to safety rule changes, all propane licensees in Texas will be required to take continuing education courses as part of their ongoing safety training. The first phase of continuing education will cover certain holders of management-level and employee-level certificates in the areas of delivery truck, service and installation, cylinder

filling, and motor/mobile fuel dispenser operations.

Continuing education requirements are set to go into effect March 1.

Regulation of propane, compressed natural gas, and liquefied natural gas, to protect public safety falls within the jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission. Anyone who works with propane, liquefied or compressed natural gas must first qualify for a license by passing a written exam proving they know the laws and regulations.

There are approximately 3,000 licensed propane dealers, retailers, and wholesalers in Texas.

For more information regarding NFPA rule changes, propane license holders can contact Byron Caffey in the Railroad Commission of Texas' LP-Gas section at (512) 463-6931.

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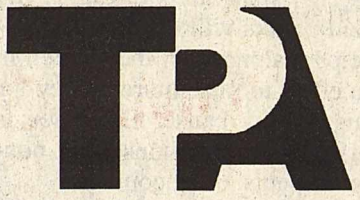
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Virginity before marriage is sacred

Empowering Families
By Dr. Donald Smith

"Mom, Some girls at school have been talking about virginity. They make fun of it and say that any girl who is a virgin is not with it. They say that girls who are virgins will never be able to keep a boyfriend. They brag about having sex and say it is a lot of fun." Fourteen-year old Brenda was facing an issue that every girl her age has to address these days. Fortunately, she was comfortable talking to her mother.

Breathing a silent prayer for just the right words, Joanna began a rite that has been the sacred trust between mothers and daughters from the beginning of time. "Honey, thousands of years ago Moses gave the Law to God's people. Part of that law made it a sacred and holy estate to be a virgin. It was so important to God, that a man who violated a virgin who was promised to someone else should be judged and put to death.

Christians have maintained the holiness and sacredness of virgin-

ity that was passed on from Moses. Just a couple of generations ago your great grandparents were not allowed any kind of physical contact, not even holding hands, until after the sacrament of marriage. God did not give us the commandment just to ruin our fun. When virginity is violated or given away in casual sex, a girl loses a sacred and holy estate that cannot be taken back. There are very holy women who choose to be virgins all their lives for the sake of the gospel.

The greatest event in all of history involved a virgin. God chose a virgin to be the mother of his son Jesus. It took a sacred and holy body to be the temple of the holy baby Jesus. Just remember mi'jita, God chose someone like you to bear his son, not someone like the girls at school who make fun of virginity."

This column is brought to you by the St. Henry deOsso Family Project working in Brackettville to strengthen families, faith and education.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Monday, Jan. 15

12:35 p.m., A local woman called to report that her screen door was open and wanted an officer to check the house. Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter responded to the call.

1:14 p.m., Deputy Fritter was sent to check out a burgundy mini van that was parked for several days at a local restaurant.

8:20 p.m., DPS Trooper Richard Slubar responded to a call from a local woman who reported a vehicle weaving in and out of traffic on Hwy 90 west of town.

Tuesday, Jan. 16

4:40 p.m., A phone call was received from a local woman who reported a vehicle had gone through her fence. Deputy Fritter responded to the call.

9:35 p.m., A local man called to report five kids that were on school property throwing trash cans and banging on the cafeteria door. Deputy Karl Chism was dispatched to the scene.

Wednesday, Jan. 17

9:02 a.m., Fort Clark Springs called to request a deputy to take pictures of vandalism that was made in the pool area. Sheriff Buddy Burgess went to check it out.

11:58 a.m., A 911 call was received regarding a student who had left the school grounds without permission. Deputy Fritter was advised and went to look for him.

12:32 p.m., A man came to the Sheriff's Office to report a box that he had found on FM 277.

3:43 p.m., A local woman came to the office to request a deputy to go to her travel trailer so that her ex-boyfriend would move his personal belongings. Deputy Fritter responded to the call.

Thursday, Jan. 18

9:04 p.m., A woman driving on Hwy 90 reported three individuals walking beside the road and asking for a ride. Deputy Manuel Pena was sent to the scene.

9:12 p.m., A 911 call was received from a man at a local store

reporting a Border Patrol agent that was driving recklessly. Deputy Pena responded to the call.

11:15 p.m., Border Patrol was notified about 4 illegals that were east of town.

Friday, Jan. 19

2:05 a.m., Deputy Pena responded to a call from a woman who wanted a deputy sent to her house.

9:25 p.m., DPS Trooper Tom Wylie was sent to check out a yellow 18 wheeler that was driving recklessly east on Hwy 90.

Saturday, Jan. 20

2:30 p.m., A local man called to report a dead doe that was still warm. Game Warden Henry Lutz and Deputy Pena were advised about it.

3:00 p.m., Chief of Police, Ron Ring responded to a call from a local man, requesting an officer that he could talk to.

5:49 p.m., Uvalde Border Patrol radioed from the check point saying that there had been a blue and grey Ford pickup with two males that sped through and knocked over four cones. DPS Trooper Tony Ashley responded to the call.

Sunday, Jan. 21

2:20 p.m., A man went to the Sheriff's Office to see Chief Deputy Fritter about his two goats that he had found dead on his ranch which was located on FM 2804.

5:58 p.m., A man filed a complaint in person, stating that another man had been fighting with, and bothering him.

6:34 p.m., Marco Antonio Genera, 20, of Houston was arrested for DPS warrants, by DPS Trooper Ashley. Genera is still being held.

8:30 p.m., A woman called to report that a mother with her two kids were stranded on Hwy 90 east. Deputy Chism was sent to the scene.

8:44 p.m., A local woman called to report a horse that was loose on FM 2804.

Combs announces workshop

AUSTIN - Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture is partnering with AEP-West Texas Utilities and the Big Bend Region Minority and Small Business Development Center to host a workshop on Thursday, Feb. 1, in Alpine.

The open forum will provide farmers, ranchers, agribusinesses, manufacturers, small businesses, commodity groups and the community a chance to learn about the opportunities available in rural economic development, incubators and community development, tourism and expansion of existing business.

The conference will begin with a 5 p.m. reception on Wednesday, Jan. 31 at the Reata Restaurant, 203 North 5th, in Alpine. The reception is sponsored by AEP-West Texas Utilities.

The West Texas Economic Development workshop will begin at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 1, in the University Center at Sul

Ross State University in Alpine. The meeting is \$35 per person. To pre-register, call Jana Hunter at (915) 837-8694 or TDA Rural and Agribusiness Development Specialist Jack Stallings at (915) 859-3942.

The "RITE Approach to Economic Development" will feature business development specialists presenting the latest in business planning, marketing and financing programs that can assist in rural development in Texas.

Robert Wood, deputy assistant commissioner for TDA's rural development efforts, will present information on rural economic development and financing programs available through the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority.

"Agriculture is one of the most dynamic industries in Texas," Combs said.

"By working with our producers and agribusiness leaders, we can keep our industry on the forefront of change in the 21st century," she added.

Old Quarry presents dinner theater

The Old Quarry Society is hosting a dinner theater in the Calvary Room at the Las Moras Restaurant on January 27th, with a cash bar at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m. and presenting "Grandpa's Last Mistake" at 8:00 p.m.

An added interest is that the play was written by Gloria Walrath, a former resident of Fort Clark.

"Grandpa's Last Mistake" is directed by Lynn McNew. The talented cast consists of Frito (Mexican Constable), Jack Simpson; FiFi (French dancing teacher), Ida Holley; Birdie (over 40 and over-

bearing) Ruth Spencer; Tom Holiday (owner of Holiday Health Spa) Mike Holley; Olga Kloopy (Swedish masseuse), Jewel Robinson; Lucille Morgan (secretary/companion) Barbara Hunter; Darlene Holiday (Tom's wife), Arlys Simpson; John Rayburn (playboy turned cowboy), Duke Meek; Chiquita (Frito's sister), Rosie Mattingly; and Grandpa Rayburn (Millionaire from New York City) Ken Sellers.

Call 563-9229 or 563-2024 for tickets, and add another memorable evening to your cultural experiences.

DAR delves into women's history

"Local Historical Women" was the topic Dr. Jane Knapik used when presenting a program to the Uvalde de las Encinas Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, on Saturday, January 20. Dr. Knapik is a former Uvalde resident and published writer. One of the women she mentioned was the mother of Brackettville resident, Dr. Anita Torres Smith. Dr. Anita's mother was the first hispanic teacher hired by the Uvalde School System.

Delegates selected to attend the State Conference in March were regent Patsy Edwards from Pearsall, vice-regent Pat McKelvy from Brackettville, treasurer Edith

Frazell from Batesville, and registrar Freida Rogers from Montel.

Later in the day Drs. Don and Anita Torres Smith presented the program for the Uvalde Historical Society about Anita's grandfather, Valeriano Torres. Their program was preceeded by entertainment by the Uvalde High School Maraichi Band.

It was reported that over one million dollars has now been donated for the West Main Library-Archives-Museum project. This unique facility, located on a 6.1 acre oak shaded city block, will serve as an educational and cultural center for the Southwest Texas area.

Confederate heroes day celebrated

Confederate heroes, like heroes from other wars, were simply men who fought for what they believed was right. This year the Texas District VI of the United Daughters of the Confederacy honored Cicero Rufus Perry, who is known more for his feats as a captain of the Texas Rangers, but who did serve as a volunteer in the Texas Mounted Rifles, 26th Brigade of the Confederate cavalry.

On Sunday afternoon, January 21, 2001 the celebration began at the historic Blanco County Courthouse Square in Johnson City. The Ladies were attired in antebellum gowns, the children in period attire, and the gentlemen in full Confederate dress. District VI vice-chairman, Pat McKelvy, called the meeting to order. Following the pledges, salutes, and

songs, Laura Ore, District VI chairman, introduced the special guests. A welcoming address was given by the Johnson City mayor followed by a history of Cpt. Rufus Perry given by one of his descendants, Mr. Ron Perry.

Immediately following the program, a parade led by mounted Sons of Confederate Veterans, marched one-half mile to the cemetery where District VI treasurer, Anna Galloway, orchestrated the dedication ceremony. Wreaths were laid, cannons were fired, Commander Gary Henley led the group in singing "How Great Thou Art", and taps was played.

A reception was held at the Captain Perry Museum where the Children of the Confederacy graciously served refreshments and gave guided tours of the museum.

Branson comes to Uvalde

Direct from Branson, Mo., the award winning Ozark Jubilee is coming to the Uvalde Grand Opera House for two big shows, Saturday, February 10th at 3:00 and 7:30 p.m. Headlining The Jubilee is Branson's funniest comedian and world class fiddler, "Doofus Doolittle."

Doofus, Alias Randy Newman, has established himself as a world class violinist, not only in Branson but across the nation, having per-

formed with such greats as Ronnie Milsap, Johnny Rodriguez, Ray Price, Mel Tillis, and many more.

The cast of the Jubilee consists of some of the top talent ever to come out of Branson, Missouri. The Ozark Jubilee is a fast paced show that features a variety of country standards, bluegrass, gospel, and lots of side splitting comedy.

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The lowdown on prostate cancer Vow to eat well, choose the right foods

Prostate cancer. The mere mention of it makes most men squirm. It occurs in the prostate, a walnut-sized gland at the base of the bladder that assists in the production of semen.

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in American men, excluding nonmelanoma skin cancers. It is also the second leading cause of cancer death in men, exceeded only by lung cancer will be diagnosed this year and nearly 32,000 men will die from the disease in the United States. Often a silent disease, prostate cancer affects one in 10 men over the course of a lifetime.

However, men diagnosed with prostate cancer enjoy a very high survival rate when the disease is treated. Eighty-nine percent of men diagnosed with prostate cancer survive at least 5 years and 63 percent survive at least 10 years. When prostate cancer is discovered before it has spread to other parts of the body, the odds of surviving at least five years are 100 percent.

While researchers have not been able to determine an exact cause of prostate cancer, they have found several factors consistently associated with an increased risk of developing the disease:

Age-The chance of having prostate cancer increases rapidly after age 50. More than 80 percent of all prostate cancers are diagnosed in men over the age of 65.

Race-Prostate cancer is about twice as common in African-American men as it is among white American men. Prostate cancer is most common in North America and northwestern Europe and less common in Asia, Central America, and South America.

Genetics/Family History-Prostate cancer seems to run in some families, suggesting an inherited or genetic factor. A man whose father or brother has been diagnosed with prostate cancer is twice as likely to develop the disease himself. The risk is even higher for men with several affected relatives, particularly if their relatives were young at the time of diagnosis.

Diet-Studies suggest that men who eat a lot of fat in their diet have a greater chance of developing prostate cancer. However, it is not known whether the culprit is the fat itself, or whether the higher risk is because men with a high-fat diet tend to eat fewer fruits and vegetables and more animal products.

Physical activity-Regular physical activity and maintaining a healthy weight may help reduce prostate cancer risk.

Hormonal factors-There is evidence that high levels of androgens (male hormones) may contribute to prostate cancer risk in some men. A national study is underway to examine whether drugs that lower the level of these hormones will reduce the risk of prostate cancer.

Although a man cannot control his age, race and family history, he may be able to improve his odds by controlling his diet and exercise. The American Cancer Society recommends lowering the fat content in the diet and eating more vegetables, fruits, and grains. Not only does an improved diet reduce the risk of prostate cancer, but it also provides a number of other important health benefits.

A man may want to consider screening, particularly if he is African American or has a strong

family history of prostate cancer. A patient should discuss his own risk factors and the potential benefits of early detection and treatment with his physician, so he can make an informed decision about whether or not to be screened for prostate cancer. Should a man decide to be tested, the two primary methods for screening are the prostate-specific antigen (PSA) blood test and the digital rectal examination. The PSA blood test measures the level of PSA, a protein made by prostate cells. Higher levels of PSA may indicate prostate cancer. During a DRE, a doctor will perform a rectal exam to feel for any irregularities or abnormalities in the prostate, which is adjacent to the rectum.

If a cancer is detected and diagnosed, a variety of treatments may be recommended. Prostate cancer is most frequently treated with surgery or radiation therapy, both of which are highly successful but may be associated with serious side effects, such as impotence and urinary incontinence.

Because prostate cancer basically is a disease of older men, it is important for a man to talk to his physician to weight treatment decisions against other factors such as life expectancy for healthy men his age and the quality of his remaining life.

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Courtesy of Article Resource Association

Do you feel tired all the time? Do you need a candy bar each afternoon to help you make it through the rest of the day? Is your cholesterol too high? Do you cringe when you look at yourself in the mirror?

If you truly desire to look and feel more healthy and crave the energy to live a more fully engaged day-to-day life, the best place to start is with what you're eating, says

According to Pamela Smith, R.D., a nationally known nutritionist, energy coach, culinary expert and author of the recently released "Energy Edge," and the bestseller "Eat Well, Live Well," a balanced diet is critical to reclaiming a healthy lifestyle. But within the framework of a sound diet, Smith says there are some foods that are better than others — what she calls her Nutritional Top Ten. What's more, she adds, the mere mention of such foods as oatmeal, broccoli or soy, does not necessarily have to elicit an automatic "turn off" response. Today, many of these wholesome, healthy foods are being marketed in forms that taste great and are easy to prepare.

Nutritional top ten
Within the past couple years, most Americans have learned that incorporating oats into one's diet can significantly reduce the risk of coronary heart disease, lower cholesterol and stabilize blood sugars. Smith and many other nutritionists and doctors say it's a great food to include in your diet. But, it's not the only one. According to Smith, there are nine other essential foods that can enhance

one's energy and reduce one's risk to a number of leading diseases and ailments.

The nutritional Top Ten

1. Oats: The b-glucan in whole oats reduces the risk of coronary heart disease. The soluble fiber is instrumental in lowering cholesterol and stabilizing blood sugars.

2. Soybeans: The bioactive ingredients in soy protein products suppress the formation of blood vessels that feed cancer cells. Soy helps stabilize hormone levels in women, as well as decrease the risk of heart disease, osteoporosis and ovarian, breast, and prostate cancers.

3. Tomatoes: Lycopene, a potent antioxidant is a carotenoid that fights the uncontrolled growth of cells into tumors. It fights cancer of the colon, bladder, pancreas, and prostate. Men who eat ten servings of tomatoes per week have been shown to decrease their prostate cancer risk by 66 percent.

4. Coldwater Seafood: Healthy EPA/omega-3 oils are shown to decrease risk of coronary artery disease, stabilize blood sugars, increase brain power, and reduce the inflammatory response. Seafood reduces LDL cholesterol and triglycerides, while raising levels of HDL cholesterol.

5. Flaxseed: A unique source of lignans, powerful antioxidants that are believed to stop cells from turning cancerous. Flaxseed also contains alpha-linolenic acid, the plant version of the omega-3s found in fish oils; it makes a great, healthy option for people who won't eat fish.

6. Garlic: Rich in allicin, which boosts immune function and reduces cancer risk. Garlic also has strong anti-viral effects and has been shown to lower blood pres-

sure and cholesterol levels.

7. Hot Peppers: A source of capsaicin, a vital immune-booster with powerful anti-viral effects. Capsaicin is linked to decreased risk of stomach cancer due to its ability to neutralize nitrosamines, a cancer-causing compound formed in the body when cured or charred meats are consumed. Capsaicin also kills bacteria believed to cause stomach ulcers.

8. Sweet Potatoes: A rival of carrots as a potent source of beta-carotene and other carotenoids, which help prevent cataracts and protect the body from free radicals and cancer — particularly cancer of the larynx, esophagus, and lungs.

9. Grapes: Grape skins contain a high concentration of resveratrol, which appears to block the formation of coronary artery plaque, as well as tumor formation and growth. Red grape juice or red wine is considered a better source of resveratrol than white, which is made without the grape skins.

10. Cruciferous Vegetables: Broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower and Brussels sprouts contain indoles, sulforaphane, and isothiocyanates, which protect cells from damage by carcinogens, block tumor formation, and help the liver to inactivate hormone-like compounds that may promote cancer.

Balance is the key
For healthier living, balance is the key, says Smith. It's not good to consume too much of any one food. Rather, it's best to cut back or eliminate foods and beverages that are not good for you and gradually substitute them with foods on Smith's Nutritional Top Ten.

Source: "The Energy Edge," Pamela Smith, R.D.

Heart disease can begin in childhood

In the era of video games and VCR's, children are spending more time playing games on screen and less time playing games in the yard.

This increasingly sedentary lifestyle, combined with poor eating habits, puts children at risk for long-term health problems, especially cardiovascular disease.

Cardiovascular disease is the number one killer of both men and women in the United States, according to the National Center for Health Statistics.

Cardiovascular disease, which includes heart disease, stroke and other illnesses involving the heart and circulatory system, accounts for about 950,000 deaths each year, representing more than 40 percent of total deaths from all causes.

In 1996, 42,330 Texans died from heart disease - up from 41,630 in 1995, and stroke took 9,845 lives, compared to 9,788 in 1995. Together, heart disease and stroke cost the state more than \$9 billion a year, which totals more than \$500 per Texan.

Though biology plays a role in the development of cardiovascular disease, behavior is even more influential. The physicians of the Texas Medical Association (TMA) are concerned that even as health

officials bombard the public with information about cardiovascular disease, people continue to engage in high-risk behaviors. Americans are smoking more, eating more and exercising less, according to a number of recent studies.

These risky behaviors often begin early in life, with children developing habits that result in serious health problems when they are adults.

"The process that leads to cardiovascular disease can begin as young as age three," says TMA President Dr. Jim Rohack, a Temple cardiologist. "Children, based on the food they eat and their level of exercise, can develop plaque in their arteries at a very young age. However, good diet and exercise can prevent or at least delay the onset of cardiovascular disease! It's never too early to start."

The physicians of the TMA urge parents to help their children develop good habits and become heart smart while they are young, following these principles:

- Eat right
- Children cannot live on Happy Meals alone. Instead, encourage them to eat a variety of foods from the four food groups: grains, vegetables and fruits, milk products, and meats or nuts. Provide them

with healthy foods, use salt and sugars in moderation, and reduce the amount of fat and cholesterol in their diets. Even when a family is on the go, it is possible to find quick, healthy snacks and meals.

Parents should lead by example. A 1999 study in Israel showed that when parents take the lead in weight loss and nutrition programs, children experience more long-term benefits. As an added benefit, the parents also enjoy better health. For menu ideas and helpful tips about eating right, check the Nutrition Guide at www.heartinfo.org.

• Be active and exercise
Children do not become physically fit sitting on the couch. They need to be active at least 30 minutes a day for most days of the week, either through sports or play.

Encourage your child to participate in physical activities, including walking, running, swimming, bicycle riding, dancing, and team sports. Not only will these activities keep your child in shape, but he or she also will develop skills to carry into adulthood.

Plan activities with family or friends, since it is more fun to play with others. Limit the amount of time your child spends watching TV or playing on the computer to less than 2 hours per day. Instead, encourage your child to go out to the playground, park, pool or gym. In addition, find out what types of organized exercise or sport programs are available through the community and school.

• Do not smoke
In spite of volumes of evidence that smoking is unhealthy, more young people are picking up the habit. Most people know that smoking causes lung cancer. But

they may not realize that smoking also significantly increases their risk for cardiovascular disease.

Scientists have discovered that smoking speeds up hardening of the arteries, a condition that can lead to a heart attack or stroke.

Even living with a smoker nearly doubles the risk of heart disease in children. Second hand smoke lowers their HDL (good) cholesterol, hardens their arteries and reduces the oxygen in their blood.

Parents should discourage their kids from smoking and quit themselves.


• Project W.A.T.C.H.
The physicians of the Texas Medical Association are deeply concerned about cardiovascular disease and have launched Project W.A.T.C.H. to combat it.

Project W.A.T.C.H., a collaborative effort of the TMA Alliance and TMA Foundation, is a two-year initiative that focuses on the five leading preventable risk factors for cardiovascular disease: Weight, Activity, Tobacco, Cholesterol and High blood pressure. TMA and the physicians of Texas are working to educate patients about these five risk factors and decrease the number of Texans who develop and die from cardiovascular disease each year.

For more information about Project W.A.T.C.H. or cardiovascular disease, log onto the TMA website at www.texmed.org.

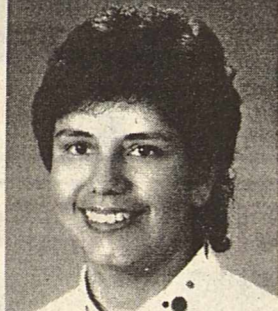
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8th grade boys take first place Students add culture to their lives, basketball underway

Brackett 8th grade boys took first in the Nueces Canyon tournament, on January 6. In the first game the boys beat Rocksprings by 12 points. In the championship game, Brackett played Sabinal. Brackett edged out Sabinal 33-30 in overtime to take the championship.

On January 18, Brackett 8th grade boys played Del Rio.

Tigerettes win two district games

Tigerettes win two district games in a row, to finish the first round of district play in a three way tie for 3rd place. The Tigerettes are tied with Natalia and Pettus. The Tigerettes beat Dilley Friday night in overtime 48 to 42. Leading the way for the Tigerettes was B'Ann Gomez with 16 points,

Brackett won yet another close game, beating Del Rio 39-36. On January 22, Brackett lost a close one to Del Rio 27-22.

The 8th grade boys are: Noe Talamantes, Kody Yeager, Tillman Davis, Oscar Sierra, Mark Kestalo, Rolando Ortiz, Cody Robinette, Brandon Kluzek, and Whitney Massingill. Their record is 8-2.

Ashley Smith with 12, Duquesa Hunt with 8, Queta Garza with 6, Cuddy De Los Santos with 5, and April Martinez with 1, also playing was Celia DeLeon, Amanda Smith, and Allison LaMascus. The Tigerettes go to Three Rivers on Tuesday 23rd to open up the second round.

Making A Difference By Taylor Stephenson

January 18 was a special day for 18 BISD fifth graders and 10 seventh and eighth graders who attended a Community Concert in Del Rio. Tiffany Blore, Louisa Stone and Stoney Burks chaperoned the students to Joe Burgstaller's "Rafael Mendez Project" for virtuoso trumpet. After a stop at Cici's Pizza, the bus headed for the concert hall featuring the music of Mendez supported by personal anecdotes. Rafael Mendez (1906-1981) was a member of his father's band and later became Pancho Villa's personal trumpeter. Burgstaller presented Mendez' selections of "La Virgen de la Macarena" and "Romanza." The Del Rio High

School Wind Ensemble directed by Juan Nanez performed beautifully for two of the numbers. Burgstaller entertained the audience with a mini lesson on a circular, continuous breathing technique which Brackett students were trying to master as they waited for their parents to pick them up after the concert. Our thanks to Mr. Burks and the teachers who helped chaperone the concert as well as to the school district and its patrons who support this project.

Also on January 18, Hector and Gloria Jimenez presented a workshop for parents of our Migrant

and ESL (English-as-a-second Language) Programs. Though the night was cold and rainy, eleven parents attended. Information was given to parents on state testing requirements, tips for teaching reading, on parent involvement and on BISD's Migrant and ESL programs. Parents affirmed their commitment to support their children's endeavors in school.

Our community is saddened with the death of Bud Conoly. He was a special man who prided himself in his family and in bringing the football coaching staff from the University of Texas to Brackettville. For many years, Bud supported by family and friends proudly hosted the Longhorn coaches. He left a legacy that will be carried on for many years by his young heirs. Bud, you made a difference in our community.

We have two tough, long trips in Basketball this week to Three Rivers and to Pettus. I have difficulty believing that our state allows trips as long as these to be made on school nights. Our schools are sending safe, diesel chartered buses on these trips. The School Board asked that this be a

priority as we moved into the new district. I hope this is a successful and safe week for BHS basketball.

Track has begun as athletes who are not in basketball work to get in shape. Track is the basic sport for all other athletics. Coach Brock indicates a high level of interest in track this year.

The Inauguration went well in Washington DC. The transfer of national power is awesome. I pray that our country will undergo a healing process where we will begin to talk to each other again about solutions to national problems. How about a moratorium on criticism and negative talk from all sides of the political arena.

The Texas Legislature is currently in session in Austin. With the tremendous shortage of teachers in Texas, I ask that teacher salaries and insurance benefits become a high priority. We need fine teachers in our classrooms. The best way to insure that, is by paying them well.

It has been a cold, wet winter with an inch and a half of rain in the past month. I'm ready for some sunshine! Have a great week!

Dewhurst announces almost \$4 million earned for Texas school children

Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst announced initial additional earnings of about \$4 million for Texas school children through the new State Power Program. In addition, Dewhurst said, participating schools have saved more than \$1 million on electric bills.

"The State Power Program helps Texas public schools stretch lean budgets while boosting earnings for the Permanent School Fund," Dewhurst said. "We take oil and gas produced on state lands and convert them into electricity,

which we sell to public schools at below market rates. This adds value to oil and gas produced on state lands by converting these raw products into electricity."

Dewhurst said the historic public-private partnership exemplified by the State Power Program is a win-win for Texas taxpayers and schoolchildren. He said schools can spend electric bill savings on urgent needs such as classrooms, textbooks and teachers' salaries.

"Eventually, most of our oil and gas royalties will be taken in-kind, rather than in cash, and used in

the State Power Program," Dewhurst said. "Our initial earnings from the program, plus the savings enjoyed by school districts, is about 30 percent more than we would have previously earned for the Permanent School Fund and the Available School Fund."

The State Power Program allows the Land Commissioner to provide electricity to public schools, state universities, state agencies and local governments at below market rates.

"We are always looking for new ways to help our public schools," Dewhurst said. "Texans want their children to have the best possible education, and we're doing our best to help." For more information call (512) 475-1525

Trio of Texas authors to headline Uvalde writer's conference

If you're a Texana buff, if you're interested in western writers and their work, if you're a writer in the making, or if you'd like the chance to talk with established writers about those knotty questions new writers face, then you won't want to miss The Second Annual Western Writers Palaver slated Feb. 23 and 24 in Uvalde.

The program is sponsored by a consortium of Uvalde organizations working to benefit the West Main Project to build a new library, archives and museum on the site where the West Main School was formerly located. Claude Staunsh, Cindy Bonner and David Marion Wilkinson will be this year's featured writers.

Staunsh, who lives in San Antonio, is the author of the book "The Newton Boys" and the screenplay for the movie of the same title, "The World in My Head" and "The Balanced Rock and Other Stories." A veteran writer with credits in Life magazine and various newspapers, Staunsh has a special interest in encouraging new writers.

Bonner, a resident of Yorktown, is the author of four historical novels, "Lilly," "Looking After Lilly," "The Passion of Dellie O'Barr," and "Right from Wrong."

Her works have received the Best Book designation from the American Library Association, and she was a nominee for the Willa Award for Women Writing the West for "Right from Wrong."

Wilkinson is an Arkansan-turned-Texan who wrote the prize-winning "Not Between Brothers," an epic novel of Texas, and "The Empty Quarter," which draws on his experiences in oil operations

in the North Sea and Saudi Arabia. He is currently writing a work called "Oblivion's Altar."

While all three writers are veterans whose work has been acclaimed, they are approachable and encouraging to those who are interested in research and writing.

During the two days of the Western Writers Palaver, they will sign books on Friday afternoon and speak following a dinner that evening.

On Saturday, they will conduct an all-day workshop and participate in a discussion focusing on issues of the writing life, such as research, writing the first draft, revising, how to know when it's done, plotting, how to find objective critique, whether and when to use an editor, finding an agent, and more.

On Feb. 23, the book signing will be held from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at First State Bank of Uvalde. Dinner will be served in the Uvalde Senior Citizens Center at 6:30 p.m. Dinner music will be provided by The Texas TNT's and Taylor Langford. Following the meal, each author will give a 20 to 30 minute presentation.

Saturday's all-day workshop will also be held at the Senior Citizens Center. It will begin at 8:30 a.m., and morning coffee and lunch will be served to participants.

Cost for Friday's dinner and palaver is \$25. Cost for the palaver only is \$10. Fee for Saturday's western writers workshop will be \$85.

Checks should be made payable to El Progreso Memorial Library and mailed to Library Director Susan Anderson, El Progreso Memorial Library, 129 W. Nopal, Uvalde, Texas, 78801.

Protecting small business is first defense

While unveiling legislative priorities for the 77th Texas Legislative Session, NFIB, the state's leading small-business advocacy group, warned any excessive regulations passed could lead Texas out of one of the state's most prosperous periods.

"Small businesses are the first line of defense toward a slowing economy, and additional burdens placed on these businessmen and women could have consequences. When small businesses start to feel the squeeze, the rest of the economy quickly follows," said NFIB Assistant State Director Wendy Taylor.

The organization, comprised of more than 30,000 small-business-

men and women, noted they would be watching each piece of legislation for actions detrimental to small-business owners. If such legislation is passed, the organization will call on active grassroots community members to bring it to both the public's and lawmakers' attention.

"When small-business owners make their voices heard, lawmakers soon find out how it will affect the Mom-and-Pop groceries, pharmacies and more right in their hometowns," said Taylor.

In addition to monitoring legislation for potential harmful effects, the organization announced legislative concepts they will actively support during the session.

Brackett ISD Activity Calendar

- Thursday, January 25**
Payday!
- Friday, January 26**
5:00 p.m. Bsktbl JVB/VG/VB Pettus (T)
- Saturday, January 27**
Bsktbl JH 8B/8G Rocksprings Tourn. (T) TBA
- Monday, January 29**
Bsktbl JH 7B/8B Knippa (T) 5,6 p.m., Bsktbl JH 7G/8G Knippa (H) 5,6 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 30**
5:00 p.m. Bsktbl JVG/VG/VB Poth (H), Field Test, Alter. assessment, GR 3-8 Writing Spring Practice TAAS
- Wednesday, January 31**
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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Tie is different. 2. Hat is shorter. 3. Button is added. 4. Veil is shorter. 5. Sleeve is shorter. 6. Pocket is added.

THE 'N' PYRAMID! Pictured at right is a word pyramid. Each word, as you go down the pyramid, contains the same letters as the word above it, plus a new letter. We give you all the N's. Here are some hints from the top down.

1. Symbol for nitrogen (given).
2. One of.
3. To complain constantly.
4. A small fly.
5. A representative.
6. Act of consuming.
7. A wine identifier.
8. To find one's way.

HOROSCOPES

Aries March 21-April 20
 Take a chance and fulfill a life-long dream. You may be surprised how much happier you'll be by going for the brass ring. It's possible that you have misunderstood a comment from a close friend.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
 Advice may come from a person you never would have expected—a child close to you. It would be a good idea to stop and listen before you dismiss it as unfounded. Try a new restaurant tonight.

Taurus April 21-May 21
 Elective surgery is not the answer. Not only could it cause problems between you and your boss—your partner isn't too happy about it either. Listen to a family member's advice concerning a pet.

Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
 Dieting should be your focus this week. If you concentrate on it, you could reach your goal before you expected. An authority figure is on your side. Be there for a close friend who's facing a major health problem.

Gemini May 22-June 21
 You've inadvertently volunteered yourself for a major task. It's something you really don't want to do, but it's important that you make the best of the situation. Double-check a financial report. It may be incorrect.

Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21
 If a close friend has become annoying, consider the situation. A problem at home is affecting his/her outlook on life. Give your support. Watch your health carefully for the next few weeks.

Cancer June 22-July 22
 Home improvement will be the focus at home this week. It may be aesthetic, or you may have to repair a major problem. It is important that you include everyone in the project.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
 Plans for a celebration are under way. It should be fun for everyone involved. It may not be wise to listen to an investment counselor who does not have much experience. Depend on an expert for advice.

Leo July 23-August 23
 Good news will come from a very unexpected source, and it's just what you need. Consider taking a workshop. It could help you in your job. Plus, it will look good at your next review.

Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
 The truth concerning a matter at work is about to come out. It could have far-reaching repercussions. Don't wait. Get your qualifications in order now, and be careful not to burn any bridges.

Virgo August 24-Sept. 22
 A self-improvement class may be just what you need to boost your morale. A neighbor's attitude may be a call for help. He/she is harboring a health problem. Try to be understanding.

Pisces Feb. 19-March 20
 Your partner's shady dealings affect you, too. It's time you two had a heart-to-heart talk. Either get things straightened out or end the relationship. A trip right now is out of the question.

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 - Weapon
 - aloi
 - Hunter in the sky
 - Succulent houseplant
 - Clock sound
 - "Goodnight" girl of song
 - The Beer Capital of America
 - Govt. regulating agcy.
 - Pen
 - Served like champagne
 - Fight for
 - Biblical haven
 - Trilogy including 1919
 - Author Elie
 - "Though last, not in love" (Shakespeare)
 - Welds
 - Beastly place
 - Brontë's Jane
 - Culpability
 - Door handle
 - Address book abbrev.
 - Large spoon
 - Ross or Dors
 - Tractable
 - "Little ___ Corvette" (Prince)
 - Actress Munson
 - Bane of the allergic
 - African lake
 - Narcotics
 - Throw away
 - Eric Clapton, e.g.
 - Gay
 - Actor Vereen et al.
 - lago's problem
 - More impolite
 - Extra-fast jet
 - "Be ___-A-Lula" (Gene Vincent)
 - Most desirable
 - Nips' partners
 - Tunes: Sp.
 - Genetic inits.
 - Circuit breaker
 - It ___ Necessarily So
 - Charm
 - Novelist Ferber
 - Trotsky or Jaworski
 - My People Go
 - Gave the once-over
 - Young Guthrie
 - "Hey ___"
 - 10W40, e.g.
 - The Hawks' gp.
 - Heavy revelry event
 - Pirate captain
 - Christian or Evans
 - More populous
 - Outerwear
 - Cleaning cloth
 - ___ calls
 - Abrade
 - Irritates
 - Aids for forgetful actors
 - Soupçon
 - Rat Pack member
 - Host's request
 - Pub game projectile
 - Literary monogram
 - CSA soldier
 - Knot
- DOWN**
- Dot and Ditto's mom
 - Wronged
 - Caroline, to Ted
 - King of boxing
 - Came down to earth
 - Auditioner's desire
 - Feline whine
 - Practical ___
 - Scored 100%
 - Presidential nickname
 - Most recent arrival
 - Among

 Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much.
 —Oscar Wilde

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God's answer to prayer *Make a deposit in your heart bank*

By Lynn McNew
St. Mary Magdalene Church

Garth Brooks sings a popular song, which says in part, "One of God's greatest gifts is unanswered prayer." I don't buy it.

There is also a familiar quote—I'm not sure from whom or where, maybe a movie. It says, "Be careful what you wish for, you may get it." I would have to paraphrase that quote to say, "Be careful what you pray for, you will get it."

God does answer our prayers, just maybe not in the way we think it should be answered or not in the time frame we expect. We used to tell our children if they prayed for a new bicycle and then had to earn the money to get it, God really was answering them even though they might not think so.

I have always believed in the power of prayer. Not just for the big things in life like helping someone who is sick or hurting, but for the little things in life as well. One of my favorite prayers seems to be, "Well, Lord, I got myself into this, will you please help me out?" And, not so amazingly, He always does.

Sometimes that help comes in usual ways, like a family member stepping in to help when I am in over my head. During the time my husband was in college we were often short of money. I would stand before a nearly empty refrigerator and say, "Well, Lord, what am I going to feed these children for supper?" Invariably, He would come home (in the form of my husband) with a check from one of our parents or grandparents that had arrived in the mail that day. It wouldn't be a lot of money but enough for a trip to the grocery store.

What I find really amazing is the unusual way prayers are often answered. Surprisingly (or maybe not) mine often seem to involve money. I recently began a project I had wanted to try for many years. As the project progressed it became more costly. I quickly used up the money I had saved and was worried about taking money from the family budget. I said my usual, "Well, Lord..." As luck (no, God) would have it, the other person involved in the project called to say some com-

lications mean the project will have to be put on hold for awhile. "Thanks, Lord," I say, knowing I will now have time to save the necessary money.

When our youngest son was married, I searched and searched for the perfect dress. Finally I found the dress "to die for." Only problem it was much more expensive than I had budgeted. I asked the sales lady to hold it for a few days, knowing full well that I would have to tell her I had changed my mind. As I was driving home, I said, "Well, Lord..." The next day I received requests to play for two weddings, which, you guessed it, paid me exactly the extra I needed to get the dress. It has always been one of my favorite dresses.

So I would say to Garth and to you, "One of God's greatest gifts is prayer answered in His own way and time." It works for me—it works for you. Now, do we always remember to say, "Thanks, Lord?"

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Gateway Ministries
Pastor Charolette Corey

Have you made a deposit in your heart lately? Have you made a withdrawal? Hearts are like banks, you make deposits and withdrawals according to your needs. The trouble is, you cannot withdraw more than you have deposited.

You make deposits by studying the living word of God and meditating upon it. You make deposits by spending time with God in prayer or just talking to him, building your relationship with each other. You make deposits by doing things which God asks you to do. You make deposits when you overcome situations, trials and tribulations.

All these deposits grow and multiply their interests as you

share your experiences or just have verbal communications. They are multiplied as you attend the assembly of God's people and bless God through praise and worship. They are multiplied as you pray for other people. They are multiplied as others share their faith with you through their testimonies of overcoming trials and tribulations.

There is a reason for renewing your mind daily. When you need spiritual strength in any given situation, you can make a withdrawal from your "heart bank." When the devil tries to make you fearful, you can withdraw the scripture that says "God has not given me the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (11 Tim 1:7) When he tries to tell you that

God has forsaken you and that God cannot possibly love you, then withdraw from your account "I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus Our Lord." (Romans 8:38-39). And so forth...

You make withdrawals also when you show God's love to other people through your actions and your words. It is a process that grows more effective through practice. Spend time making deposits in your "heart bank" so that you will have what you need for the withdrawals. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

Witches, wizards and sorcerers

Frontier Baptist Church
By Dave Crowe

Is there really such a thing as a witch or a warlock or is it a fabrication of Hollywood, the movies and television?

They are real. They do exist and have for thousands of years. They are the children of Satan.

There are many references in the Holy Bible. What does God's word, say concerning witches, wizards and their practices?

I'll show you where to look and you can read it for yourself. In the old testament Exodus 22: 18-20, Leviticus 19: 26-31, 20: 6 and 27, Deuteronomy 18: 9-

13 and 20-22, Isaiah 47: 9-15 Jeremiah 27: 9-10, Micah 5: 11-13 and Malach 3:5.

In the new testament look in Acts 8: 7-24, 13: 6-12, 16: 16-33, 19: 11-20 and in Galatians 5: 14-26.

Where are they today? Who are they? How can they be found? How can I recognize them?

They are almost everywhere, mostly in the larger cities, where they can do the most damage to mankind and God's word.

They call themselves mediums, fortune tellers, palm readers, card readers, psychics and

even spiritual advisors.

They advertise themselves on billboards, in magazines and on television.

They even have their own television shows such as, "John Edwards Crossing Over." Anyone who tells you, that they can see into the future, especially yours (usually for a fee) or contact someone who's died (usually for a fee) is (a) lying (b) a fraud (c) a child of the Devil.

Lots of legitimate people predict things. Weather people (meteorologist) predict the weather based on weather patterns etc. It is a science.

Economists predict the economy of a country or the world, this is a science.

There are people, who can make psychic predictions (not for gain) who help the police solve crimes and locate people.

Close family members, sometimes know or sense things that are unexplained.

There is so much that we do not know and so much that we cannot understand.

If you'll only trust in God and his word. You'll have no need of superstitions. Instead, put your faith in God and things celestial.

James 1:22 - 27

Obituaries.....

William Zuehl Conoly

William Zuehl "Bud" Conoly, of Brackettville, died Monday, January 22, 2001. He was 80 years of age. A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 26th, at Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church in Brackettville, Texas with Reverend Michael Davis and Reverend James Murguia officiating.

Mr. Conoly was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Matthew Conoly on September 13th, 1920, in San Antonio, Texas. The Conolys moved to Corpus Christi in 1925. He graduated from Corpus Christi High School in 1939 and was educated at The University of Texas at Austin. He attended Marine Officers School at Southwestern University in 1943 and joined the U. S. Navy in 1945. In 1946,

he played professional football for the Chicago Cardinals. In April of 1947, he married Marguerite Beidler and began a ranching career in Kinney County that would span more than five decades.

Mr. Conoly devoted years of service to the Brackettville I.S.D. School Board and athletic programs, the Federal Land Bank Board of Directors, and numerous community service organizations. He was an active member of the Texas Exes Alumnae Association.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Gita Conoly of Brackettville, three sons and their wives, Bill and Carolyn, Stan and Lisa, and David and Katherine; nine grandchildren: Claire, Alanna, Charles, Jacquelyn, Stanford, Zuehl, Will, Wyatt, and Wylder; a

brother and sister-in-law, Walle and Shaaron Conoly of Austin and nephew Scott; a niece Diane Conoly Marcum of Colorado and two grandnieces, Tamatha and Kirsten; and a nephew Jim Conoly of Florida and two grandnephews Cordell and Cody.

Mr. Conoly was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Conoly of Corpus Christi, a brother and sister-in-law, J. M. and Elaine Beidler Conoly and a grandson, Weston Zuehl Conoly also of Corpus Christi.

Memorials may be made to Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church in Brackettville, Texas, P. O. Box 927 Brackettville, Texas 78832; or to Weston's Library at the Texas State Aquarium, 2710 N. Shoreline, Corpus Christi, Texas 78402.

Frances Anne Bradley

Frances Anne Bradley of Mission, Texas, died January 15, 2001, at the home of her daughter in Hoschton, Georgia, after a lengthy illness. She was the daughter of the late Brig. Gen. William J. Bradley and Mary Frances Bradley.

Miss Bradley was born into a U.S. Army family at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, September 4, 1928, and lived on Army posts in the United States and the Philippine Islands.

She attended Stephens College in Columbia, MO, George Washington University in the

District of Columbia, and graduated from the University of Texas in Edinburg, Texas. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority.

Miss Bradley was an employee of the Federal Government, and upon retirement began another successful career as an English and history teacher at Ida Diaz Junior High and Kenneth White Middle School. As a teacher, she devoted her time to encouraging students to reach for their dreams in academics as well as life. She lived in the McAllen area for 24 years and was an active member of Church on the Rock, and donated her time to many charitable activities.

Survivors include her daughter Debra and son-in-law Gene Gallia, three grandchildren - Jennifer, Joshua and Brandon - and her sister Mary Prescott of Roanoke, VA, five nieces and nephews - Mary Metzger, Timothy Prescott, Sarah Sautter, Amy White and Matthew Prescott.

The service was held at Saint Mary Magdalene Church on

January 20, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. in Brackettville. Burial was next to her parents in Brackettville, Texas. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to either Church on the Rock Missionary Fund - In Memory of Frances Bradley, P.O. Box 34, McAllen, TX 78505 or Monastery of Saint Clares, c/o Sister Dorothy Marie, 1916 North Pleasantburg, Greenville, SC 29609.

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Be a doer of the Word

St. John Missionary Baptist
By Rev. William P. Adams, Sr.

But be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like a man beholding his natural face in a mirror;

For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and immediately forgetteth what manner of man he was.

But whosoever looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth in it, he being not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the

work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.

Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

James 1:22 - 27

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VAL VERDE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
801 Bedell Ave.
Del Rio, Texas

2001 February 2001

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Dr. G. Warner Urologist Dr. De La Chapa Ophthalmologist Dr. A. Dinesman Ear, Nose & Throat	2 No Eye Doctor Dr. D. Dean Neuro-Surgeon Urologist Dr. G. Warner
5 Dr. J. De La Chapa Ophthalmologist	6 Dr. M. Oswald Ophthalmologist	7	8 No Urologist Dr. S. Fisher Ophthalmologist Dr. A. Dinesman Ear, Nose & Throat	9 No Eye Doctor No Urologist
12 Dr. K. Sanford Ophthalmologist	13 Dr. M. Singer Ophthalmologist	14	15 Dr. R. Evans Ophthalmologist Dr. G. Warner Urologist Dr. A. Dinesman Ear, Nose & Throat	16 Dr. D. Dean Neuro-Surgeon Dr. G. Warner Urologist
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26 Dr. K. Sanford Ophthalmologist	27 Dr. M. Singer Ophthalmologist Dr. K. Bloom Pediatric Cardiologist	28	The Center is open Monday thru Friday 8:00AM-4:30PM	

To schedule an appointment with any of the above physicians call (830) 703-1730 or 775-8566 ext. 1730.
All physicians see patients at the Val Verde Regional Medical Center Outpatient Center, 801 Bedell Ave., Del Rio, Texas.
Easy access through southside entrance of the building.

AUCTION

AUCTION, NEW DATE, SATURDAY February 3, 2001, 10 a.m. Sunshine Storage, West Spring Street, Brackettville, TX. Landlords' lien Unit #22, Antonio Reyes, couch, chair, chest of drawers, T.V., mattress and box springs, misc. household items, terms - cash

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This is to give notice of intent to introduce in the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, a bill to be entitled an Act relating to the creation, administration, powers, duties, operation, and financing of the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District. This is in compliance with Article 3, Section 57 of the Texas Constitution. Pete P. Gallego
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District: Laredo, Contract 0022-04-018 for SEAL COAT in VAL VERDE County, etc will be opened on February 06, 2001 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

Plans and Specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies in Austin, Texas at the expense of the contractor. NPO:2493

State Office - Construction Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, Texas 78704, Phone: 512-416-2540.

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