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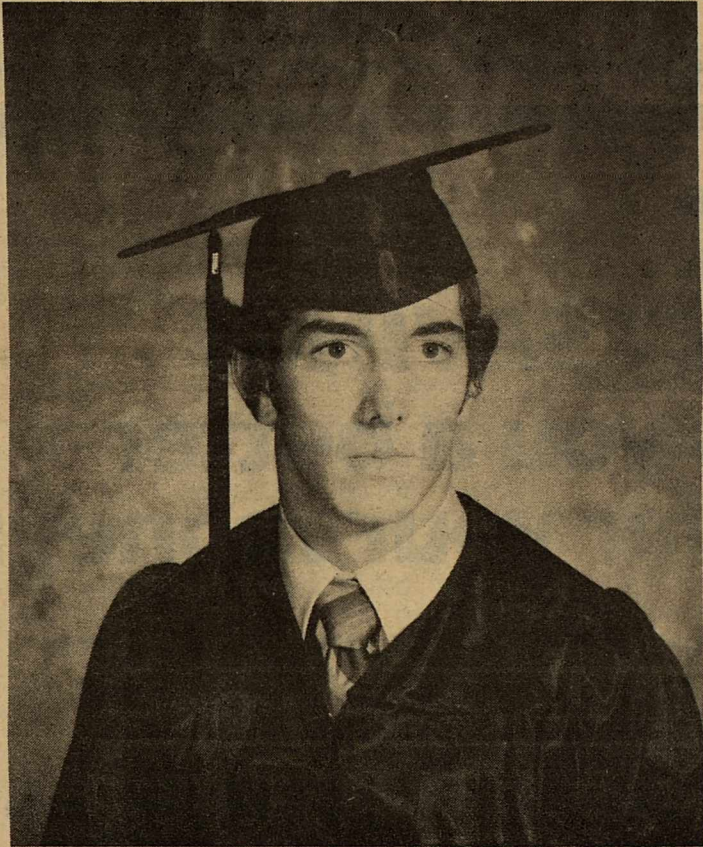
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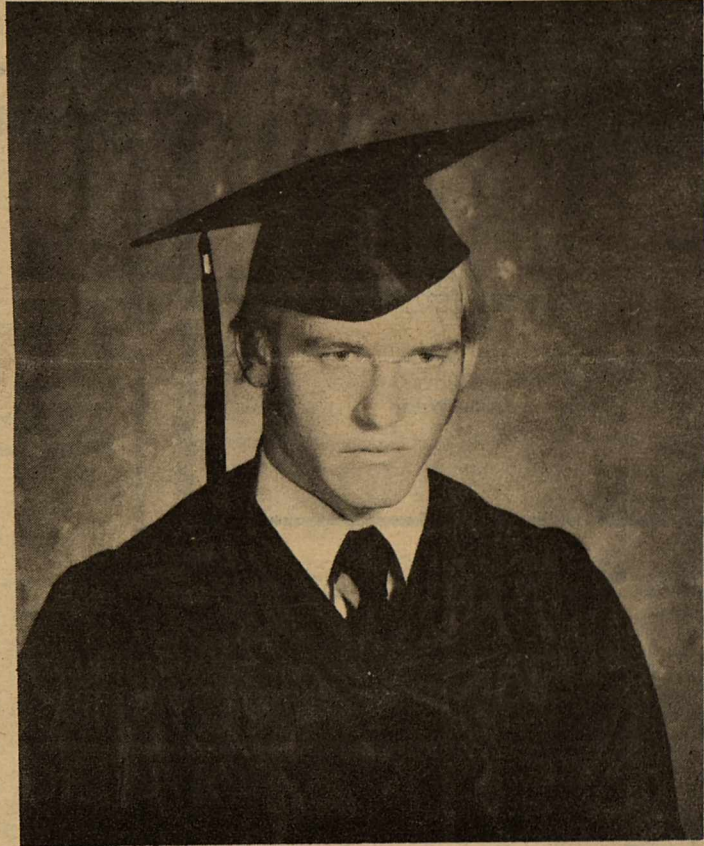
BRACKETTVILLE, TEXAS

CONGRATULATIONS

CLASS of '81



VALEDICTORIAN.....
Kevin Kaplan, with 3.58 grade point average earned the post of 1981 Brackett High School Valedictorian. Kaplan plans to attend Angelo State University.



SALUTATORIAN.....
Bill Tom Ferguson, has been named Salutatorian of the 1981 Brackett High School Senior Class. Ferguson earned a 3.40 grade point average and plans to attend Angelo State University.

Tonight at 8:00 p.m. Commencement Exercises will begin for 35 Brackettville High Seniors at Tiger stadium with the Tiger Band's processional and Virginia Esparaza's Invocation.

Kevin Kaplan, Valedictorian and Bill Tom Ferguson, Salutatorian will deliver the addresses to the group.

Mr. Kaplan is the son of Molly Ardrey and Mr. Ferguson is the son of Sam Ferguson, of Brackettville and Mrs. Emily Honeycutt of Del Rio.

Rev. Barry Cox of the First Methodist Church will deliver the Commencement oration and will be introduced by Karen Bunsen.

After the speakers' address M.H.Wills' presentation of the awards, and the Board of Trustees President, R.D.Gwartney will hand out the diplomas.

The closing of the exercises will be High School Principal Bill Johnson's recognition of parents, the Senior class song, student Vicky Jaso's benediction and recessional by the Tiger Band.

Headliners

CITY ORDINANCE # 207 TO BE ENFORCED

City Ordinance #207, regarding the maintenance of vacant lots

will be enforced immediately according to City Manager Leonard Luna.

Persons not cleaning their lots will have a lien placed on their property, if it is necessary for the City to clean these lots.

For further information call the City Hall at 563-2412.

ECA CLASSES SLATED

Anyone interested in working with the Kinney County Volunteer Ambulance can pick up an application for the classes that

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**Plants
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By:
Jeannie and Sammy

KALANCHOE...Crassulaceae.....

Kalanchoes are all succulent plants of varying form and size. Some are grown primarily for their decorative foliage, other for their cluster of long lasting flowers. All can tolerate dry air and short periods of drought. The foliage types can be kept for years. The most popular flowering species is usually discarded after flowering because it produces unattractive growth and does not readily flower again indoors. Kalanchoes should be grown in a bright and shiny window. All species grow well in normal room temperatures. During the active growth period water sparingly just enough to keep the potting mixture moist allowing the top half of the mixture to dry out between waterings. During the rest period water only enough to keep the potting mixture from drying out.

Headliners

will begin on June 8th of ECA (Emergency Care Attendants) at the Fort Clark Springs entrance gate, stated Rose Mary Slubar,

FORT CLARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO MEET

The May meeting of the Fort Clark Historical Society will be an observance of Memorial Day, May 30th, 4:30 pm at the Museum. Carlos Eaton will be in charge of the program. Bring your lawn chairs.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES TO BE HELD

Memorial Day services will be held May 30, the Traditional Memorial Day.

Services will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the County Cemetery and at 11:00 a.m. at the Seminole Indian Scout Cemetery.

Following the services a Bar-B-Que will be held at the Carver School, sold by the St. John Youth Auxiliary at \$2.50 per plate and a Bingo starting at 3:00 p.m. for the St. John Youth Aux.

JULY RECOGNIZED BY MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Clara Bill July raised \$108.00 in the May drive benefiting the Mental Health Association in Texas.

Bellringer workers collected house-to-house during May, Mental Health Month.

Proceeds benefit the non-profit non-governmental agency whose members are dedicated to fighting mental illness while working on behalf of the mentally ill and their families.

"The Mental Health Association exists entirely on donations, such as those raised in the May drive," said Al St. Peter, state president.

St. Peter thanked Ms. July and the Bellringer workers in Brackettville, calling them an important team in the movement to promote mental health in the state.

YOUNG CITIZEN'S AWARD

Norman H. Hooten, last Friday presented the first of his newly implemented Young Citizen's Award to Jones Elementary School second-grader Crystal Loos.

The girl provided information which led to the apprehension of several juveniles of shoplifting during the Frontier Fair



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9:00 a.m. --- 8:00 p.m. thru LABOR DAY

Hooten said.

"I personally feel anyone who comes forth under pressure deserves to be recognized," Hooten stated, noting the girl's recognition before her peers, her classmates.

Hooten said he will continue to award the plaque to youngsters providing "strong information" leading to the arrest of suspected offenders in the Kinney County Area.

"Peer pressure could be one of the biggest obstacles stopping a youngster from doing what she or he feels is right by volunteering information which could lead to the apprehension of a suspect and solving crime." Hooten stated. He also hope that this system of reward will offset any pressure the youngster might feel toward with holding information.

WALTER PIERCE GRADUATE OF TSTI-WACO

WACO--Walter Vernon Pierce of Brackettville is a candidat for spring gradu-

ation at Texas State Technical Institute-Waco campus.

He has completed a skill development program in electronic amusement equipment and is eligible to receive a Certificate of Completion. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne V. Pierce of Box 522, Brackettville, and a 1977 graduate of Brackettville High School.

TSTI is a state-supported technical and vocational institute offering more than 56 training programs in everything from aircraft pilot training to building construction programs and laser electro-optics technology. The institute includes four campuses, located in Waco Harlingen, Amarillo and Sweetwater.

SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY

ALPINE-- Ronald J. Buckles and Martha Haley Costley of Brackettville were among 145 graduates receiving their diploma recently during Sul Ross State University commencement exercise in the Graves-Pierce Physical Education Building.

Dr. Charles M. Smallwood, dean of the School of Agriculture and Home Economics at California State University, Fresno, pointed out the differences a student would face in gradu-

ating from a university in China rather than a school in the United States in his commencement address.

Buckles received his Master of Business Administration degree and Ms. Costley receiver her Bachelor of Arts degree.

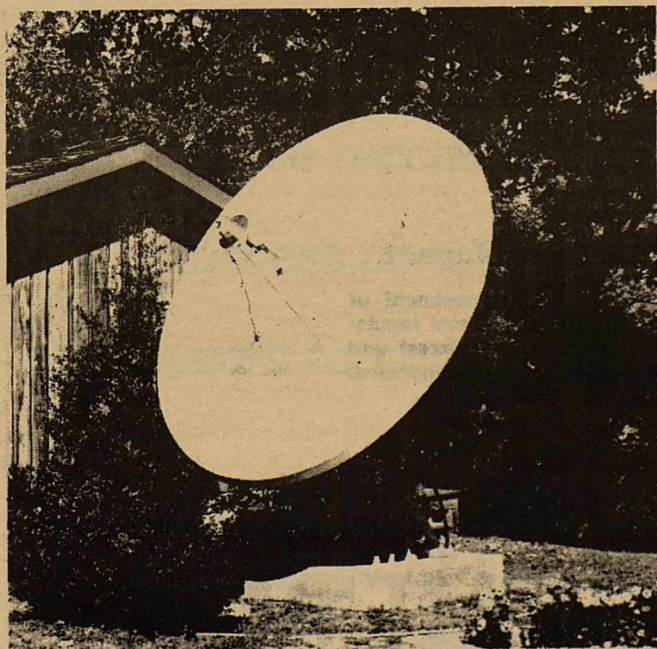
TEXAS ASSESSMENT TEST RESULTS TO BE PRESENTED

Results of the second Texas Assessment of Basic Skills tests taken by third, fifth, and ninth grade students last February will be presented at the June 13 meeting of the Brackett Independent School District board of trustees.

The 7:30 pm session will be held at High School Board Room.

M.H.Wills, district superintendent, will present the results and a detailed analysis of what they may mean for future planning and programs. He will be assisted by key members of the District staff.

"While district and campus aggregate scores will be reported to the public, individual results will be released only to the student, parents or guardian, and school personnel directly involved,"



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Wills points out.

Some 700,000 third, fifth, and ninth grade students participated in this second statewide assessment required under Senate Bill 350 passed by the Texas Legislature during its 1979 session.

Detailed analysis of the test results will include scores compiled according to ethnic backgrounds, sex, and whether or not the student is enrolled in migrant or other programs for the disadvantaged.

"Particular emphasis will be given to plans already underway to work on improved programs for both individuals schools and students next year," Will explains. These programs and their related costs will be supported by statewide compensatory education funds made available under Senate Bill 350.

CACTUS JACK 10,000 METER FUN RUN

Runners in the Cactus Jack 10,000 Meter (6.2 miles) Fun Run at Southwest Texas Junior College at 8:30 am on Saturday, June 6, will each receive a free T-shirt, and will have the opportunity to compete for sixty-three special awards.

Entry forms are available at Foot Action stores in San Antonio, Bill's Shoe Tree, 102 N. Getty St. in Uvalde, or the Uvalde Chamber of Commerce Office at 300 E. Main. Forms and the \$6.00 pre-race entry fee should be mailed to T-Shirt Et cetera, 1012 B Garner Field Rd., Uvalde, Texas 78801.

Race day registration will be from 7 to 8 am at the main entrance of SWTJC in Uvalde and will cost \$7.00.

The competition for prizes is divided into five categories by age and sex; 19 and under, 20 to 29; 30 to 39; 40 to 49; and 50 plus. In each division, a trophy will be awarded to the top male and female; medals to the 2nd and 3rd male and female; ribbons to the 4th, 5th and 6th male and female.

The top man and woman finisher will receive a pair of Converse running shoes, while a special trophy will be presented to the top finishers overall.

"We hope to attract runners from all over Southwest Texas," said Ismael Talavera, race director. "It should be an exciting event."

Other events in the Cactus Jack Festival include a BBQ cookoff, parade, magic show, country & western dance, and others. For further information, contact the Uvalde Chamber of Commerce, the event sponsor, at the above address.

prints. Students not owning cameras will be able to check out school cameras and equipment.

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SWTJC will offer a summer journalism course which will enable students to profit monetarily. The course, Journalism 130-1, will not only discipline magazine and newspaper writing, but also emphasizes the market value of freelance writing material.

Merrill Adams, instructor for the course, will provide "tips on how to market freelance articles successfully." Adams plans to use the 1981 Writer's Market, a complete guide to make U.S. publications and the textbook Freelance and Staff Writer in teaching the course.

Both books feature many opportunities for freelance writers such as the names of magazines, editors, the type of material preferred, services, photographic supplies, writer's clubs and organizations.

Students will experiment with all types of articles including working with photographs made possible through journalism students enrolled in a summer photography course. Students will actually submit their articles to news paper or magazine publications.

Registration for the summer course is scheduled from June 1, from 8 to 10 am at the Matthews Student Center. The course will run from June 1 to July 7 and will meet in the E.Richarz Building Mondays through Thursdays from 8 to 10 a.m. The course offers 3 hours credit and no prerequisite is required.

Registration for a summer photography course, Journalism 133-1, will be held June 1 from 8 to 10 am at the Matthews Student Center. The class will be held June 1 through July 7, Monday through Thursday from 10 to 12 a.m. at the E.Richarz building.

The course is a beginning photography course which does not require any experience in photography. Roy Angermiller, the instructor for the course, will take the students through the basics of working with a 35mm camera to dark room procedures for producing

THANK YOU

THANK YOU

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone who helped support me as a contestant in the Frontier Fair Queen's contest this year. Each deed and gesture was deeply appreciated. Because of you and with your support and help, only was I able to be chosen as this year's Frontier Fair Queen "For no man walks alone." To each of you Thank You and I Love You.

Sherri Scott

THANK YOU

WE would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every person and all the Businesses in Brackettville that helped support us and our Frontier Fair Queen candidate, Sherri Scott. Because of each of you not only was our contestant successful, but our fund for the Ambulance has greatly increased.

This means because of you, our ambulance will have the funds to maintain and supply it for the best care possible for those who need it.

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DANGEROUS MONTHS APPROACH

Almost 30 percent, or 1,266, of last year's 4,424 motor vehicle fatalities in Texas occurred during the months of June, July and August, reports the Texas Safety Association.

The non-profit safety organization also says that in severe crashes with big cars, occupants of small cars are eight times more likely to be killed than passengers of big cars.

This doesn't condemn small cars as unsafe, nor does it mean that motorists shouldn't drive during June, July or August, said Ray Halverson, TSA's vice president for traffic.

Instead, these figures warn motorists, especially small car drivers to be alert, and drive defensively this summer.

Halverson said the automobile industry estimates that by 1986 at least 50 percent of all new cars purchased will be small cars.

"There is no disputing the fuel savings possible in driving small cars," the safety official said. "But drivers of small cars must be retrained in how to drive those vehicles since big cars and trucks travel side by side with the small car."

Texas Safety Association, which has declared May 24-30 Texas Defensive Driving Week, offers defensive driving courses throughout Texas. The eight-hour course, designed by the National Safety Council, helps reduce needless losses due to human error by improving driver's knowledge and skill.

For more information on defensive driving classes in your area, contact the Texas Safety Association, PO Box 9345, Austin, Texas, 78766, (512) 451-7421.

Kinney County LIBRARY

Dear K.C.,

A new day is dawning after nearly three years of in-activity around the partially constructed new library building, things are humming again. We are seeing the safety fence going up in preparation for the construction to begin again. Superintendent, Mr. Pagel, tells us materials are being ordered to the site and all signals are go. Contributions of Mr. Pagel's services will amount to \$13,000; this sets an example for the balance of the business community to match.

Contributions are still rolling in and we wish to thank these people who have contributed since the last list of contributors were acknowledged Judge Postel; Gateway Hotel; Dorthea Davidson; R.L. Grayless of Del Rio; J.L.Mohn of San Antonio; Mike Ward; Mr and Mrs. Ed Dillon and daughter; Janet Whilden; Tim Ward; Kathleen Smith; Edna Tarver; Mr. Al Schuback; Mr and Mrs. Jim Croom; Mary Schwandner; Mr and Mrs. Pay Kurtz; Mr. Leo Frerich; Mr and Mrs. Jack Edwards; Mr and Mrs. Chas. Shipman; Mr. Sid Spohnhotts; Mr and Mrs. Dittman; Mary Gomez; Delores Raney; Mr. and Mrs. Al Quick; Kreiger Insurance; Mr and Mrs. John Benacci; Elsi Sauer; Mr and Mrs. Buck Pallin; Mr and Mrs. O'Roarke; Jimmie Cole; Dal Borden. We also want to thank Plunker Sheety for taking care of the expense for the library booth at the Frontier Fair.

The county has not been advised of the most recent extended date for the library court case, but it is rumored to be on the docket for sometime in June now.

Applications are being accepted now for the Summer Reading program from June 22 to June 26th featuring as it's theme--"Monster Madness." The program will begin at 10:00 a.m. each morning and last for two hours till 12:00 noon. Parents will be responsible for all prompt transportation of their children to and from the library. The first 50 children ages 5 years through 10 years will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Any parent or volunteer who would be willing to contribute a morning of their time to assist the program will be much appreciated.

Yours truly,
Friends of the Library
by: Marie Bixby

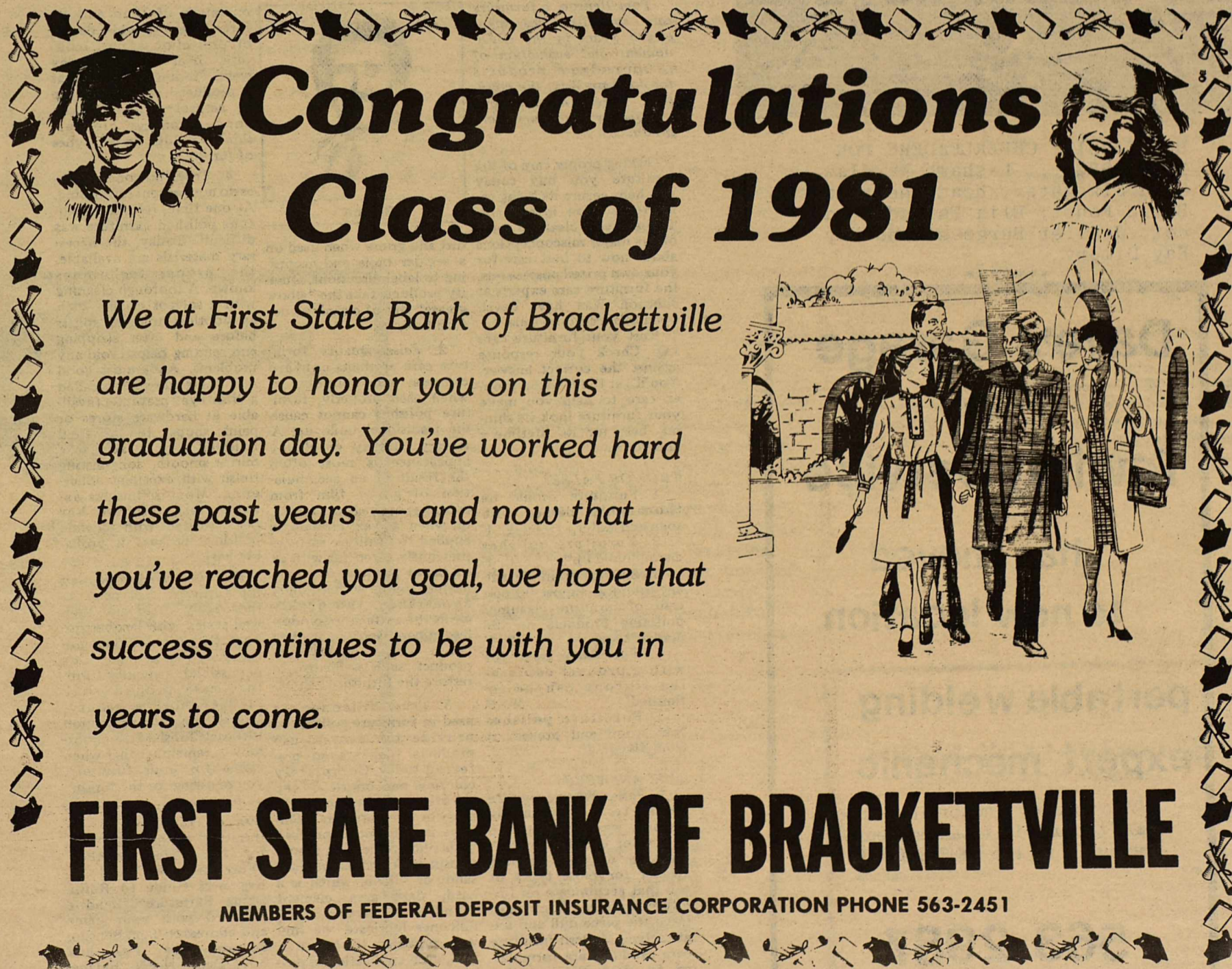
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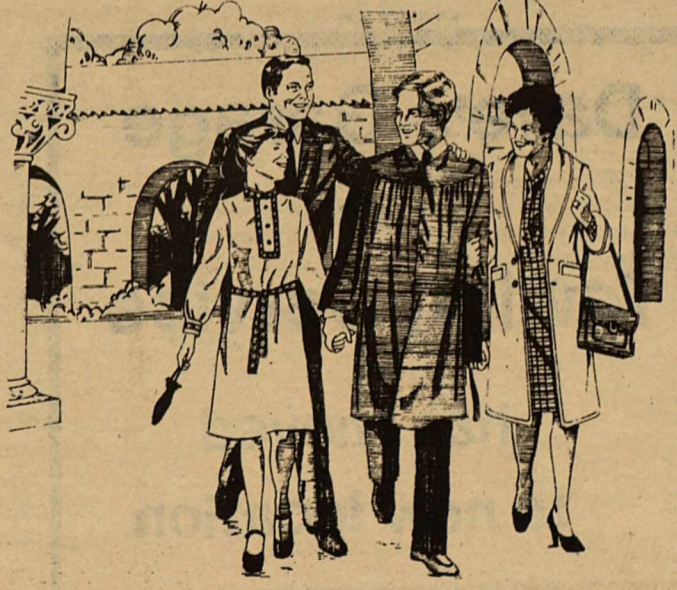




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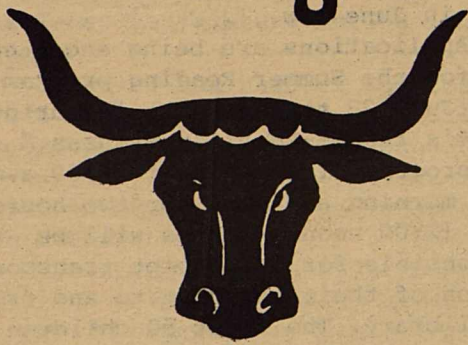
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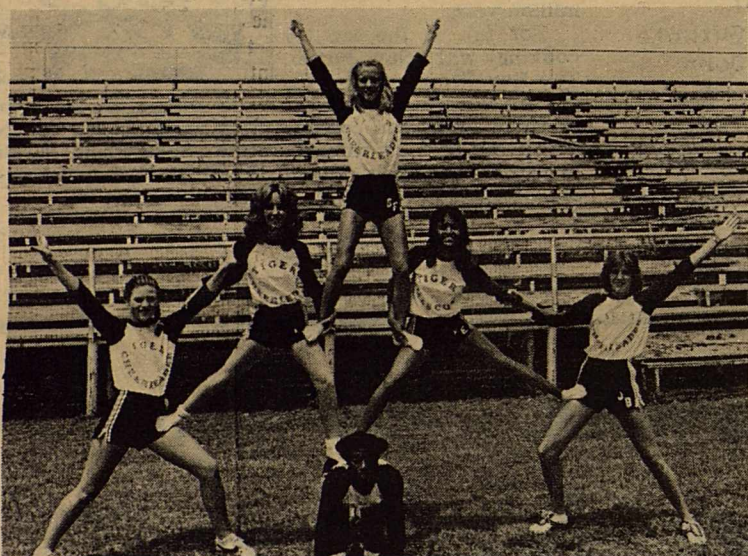
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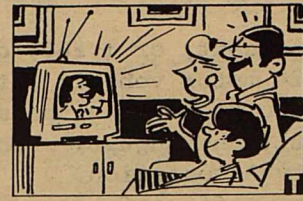
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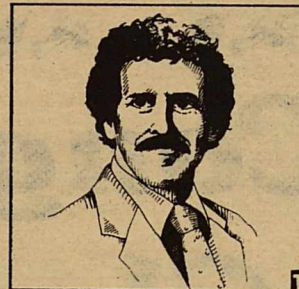
One of the most remarkable success stories is the Remington electric shaver. For years, Remington Rand had been losing money on its shavers. Then, two years ago, industrialist Victor Kiam's wife bought him a Remington for Christmas. He was so impressed with the product he bought the company. Then he went on TV talking about the shaver, telling the true story of why he bought the company, and the fact that the Remington Micro Screen shaves as close as a blade or your money back. You can get your money back, he can't. Sales climbed. Now, after a close shave, the company's back in the black.

FACTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

FURNITURE-CARE FACTS

By Tom Benson

Tom Benson, a furniture care specialist, has spent eleven years in the development and evaluation of furniture care products for Johnson Wax, the country's largest manufacturer of quality furniture care products.



Benson

Taking proper care of the furniture you buy today will help ensure its being tomorrow's wise investment. To help you clear up some of the major misconceptions about how to best care for your own prized possessions, the furniture care experts at Johnson Wax have developed this true/false quiz.

Test your furniture care I.Q. Check your response against the correct answer. You'll get the facts on proper care to help you make your furniture look its shining best for its lifetime—and yours.

TRUE OR FALSE?

1. Furniture should be thoroughly cleaned with soap and water. T F
2. Furniture polishes cause "build up". T F
3. Silicone is an ingredient found in almost 80 percent of furniture cleaning/polishing products on the market today. T F
4. Furniture cared for with a product containing silicone can be refinished. T F
5. Furniture polishes coat wood and prevent it from "feeding". T F

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. *False.* When furniture needs to be thoroughly cleaned, washing with soap and water is not necessary. Soap is not an efficient cleaner for most types of soil that accumulate on furniture surfaces. It can also leave the piece dull and unattractive. Modern furniture care products are formulated to clean the everyday

dirt and grime when used on a regular basis and according to label directions. Quality products take the "elbow grease" out of cleaning your furniture.

2. *False.* Quality furniture care products contain cleaners and solvents, so when used properly, furniture polishes cannot cause the traditional build up. A smeary, streaky or cloudy appearance is most often the result of an accumulation of greasy film from cooking or heating fumes, or when a wax product is applied to furniture surfaces previously cared for with an oil-based product. If you're having trouble with a cloudy appearance, thoroughly clean the surface with odorless mineral spirits and then polish with a quality wax product, such as Pledge, to restore the furniture's shine.

3. *True.* Silicones are used in furniture polishes to provide the easy-to-use products that are so preferred today. Completely colorless and odorless, they are often used in fine beauty aids, or as lubricants. (Silicone is frequently confused with silica, which is a mineral usually found as ordinary sand; or silicon, which is a hard, dark grey element found in the earth's crust.) Silicones lubricate the tiny wax particles to assure a thin, even application of polish and a rich gloss with a

minimum of time and effort. They also add a degree of protection against moisture, heat and everyday wear. Findings confirm that a product—whether pump or aerosol—containing silicones produces cleaner, shinier results on all types of furniture.

4. *True.* Silicone polishes do not prevent refinishing. At one time, refinishing silicone-polished furniture was difficult. Today, the necessary materials are available, the proper techniques known. A thorough cleaning with a solvent cleaner such as odorless mineral spirits before and after stripping and sanding helps avoid any problems. And, most good refinishers add what is called a "fish-eye" preventer (available at hardware stores or paint shops) to the final finishing step to achieve a mirror-smooth, long-lasting finish with excellent adherence. Most refinishers assume that furniture has been treated with silicone polishes—because it probably has!

5. *False.* Most wood used for furniture has been so thoroughly dried and then well sealed with lacquer finishes that it's not only unnecessary that it "feed"—it's impossible! A quality furniture care product, like Pledge, provides beauty, safe cleaning and protection for that finish. It's important to remember that when caring for your furniture, you're caring for the finish.

For additional information on furniture care or furniture refinishing, write for these free booklets: "Furniture Care" and "A Beginners Guide to Refinishing Furniture". Send a postcard with your name and address to Tom Benson, Johnson Wax, P.O. Box 567, Dept. N-FN, Racine, Wisconsin 53401.

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By: Abraham (Chick) Kazen, Jr., M.C.

We now have it in writing from the Veterans Administration that South Texas veterans will continue to benefit from VA services.

Rufus H. Wilson, the acting administrator of the VA, said in a recent letter to me that "no further action will be taken" on plans to transfer veterans services from San Antonio to Houston, a move which surely would have eliminated access to benefits for many veterans in the 60-county area served by San Antonio.

I had reported earlier that after I went to the floor of the House of Representatives to fight this proposal, I was immediately joined by Representatives G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery, the chairman of the House Veterans Affairs

Committee. The chairman informed me later that he had been assured by the Office of Management and Budget that no immediate action would be taken, but the recent letter from the VA was our first official action notification that the plan had been dropped.

I said when the matter came up that it was nothing less than a disgrace that the VA would even consider diminishing veteran's services at a time when an ever-increasing number of veterans are in need of aid and assistance. I hope this is the last we ever hear of this proposal.

SOCIAL SECURITY UPDATE

As I said last week, the new administration plans for changes in Social Security are the subject of great controversy and are far from becoming the law of the land. Since then, Democrats in the House of Representatives and the majority of the Republican-controlled Senate have gone on record in opposition to provisions in the administration proposal. Most of the criticism has been directed at plans to unfairly penalize early retirees. There must be changes in the system to keep it from going bankrupt by as early as next year, but I can assure you that Congress will carefully consider the working people of the nation in making these changes. My guess is that the administration will be willing to compromise in order to reach an acceptable solution.

G.I. EDUCATION BILL

I am pleased to report that I have recently co-sponsored legislation which I hope will lead to the continued recruitment of outstanding young men and women for our military services and help retain our experienced military personnel. "The Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 1981" calls for a new G.I. Bill of education assistance for service members and veterans.

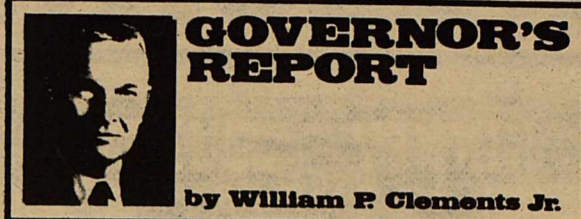
In 1979, the Army came up short by 17,800 recruits, the equivalent of one division. The Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines are lacking 104,000 qualified non-commissioned officers and petty officers because of attrition and competition from the civilian labor market. In addition, the current Post Vietnam Era contributory education program simply has not been effective.

The new bill would provide a \$300 benefit for 36 months following three years of active duty and \$600 each month after six years active duty. The legislation also calls for similar benefits for a combination of active duty and reserve service. Of even greater interest to many members of our Armed Services, the educational entitlement could be transferred to a spouse or child after ten years active duty.

This legislation would not solve all of our problems, but I believe it goes a long way toward our goal of maintaining seasoned, experienced, highly-trained personnel needed to operate our advanced weapons systems.



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We are moving forward full speed with a plan to relieve the problem of over-crowding in the Texas prison system.

Through a new conditional parole program utilizing existing halfway houses and a temporary tent encampment within the perimeter of prison security areas, we will be able to get 3,000 inmates who now sleep on Department of Corrections floors into more-comfortable facilities by July 1.

Our plan is responsive to the order of Federal District Judge William Wayne Justice to eliminate triple-celling of inmates by August.

Attorney General Mark White is seeking a stay of Judge Justice's far-reaching decision with regard to the Texas prison system, many aspects of which we strongly disagree with. We do agree, however, that over-crowding must be eliminated promptly.

Hopefully, 750 inmates will be paroled to halfway houses by June 1 and another 750 before July 1. Meanwhile, I have recommended \$16 million be appropriated for intensively-supervised halfway houses during the next biennium.

Board of Pardons and Paroles contracts with halfway houses and individual parolee contracts will be drawn tightly to insure protection of law-abiding citizens, restitution to victims of crimes and minimum cost to taxpayers.

A supplemental grant of \$1.25 million from the Governor's Office of General Counsel and Criminal Justice to the Board of Pardons and Paroles permits immediate placement of conditional parolees in halfway houses. Inmates will receive the highest degree of supervision to assure protection of the public. Initial conditional parolees have been identified and are being processed to halfway houses with advice of local judges, prosecutors and sheriffs.

Meanwhile, we are obtaining military tents from the Texas National Guard to house another 1500 low risk inmates temporarily within prison unit security areas. July 1 is our goal for this relocation. The tents, which have been used by our loyal servicemen in the field, will certainly be a preferred alternative to triple-celling of inmates during a brief, five-months period.

The Legislature already has approved my emergency request for a \$35 million appropriation to construct additional permanent housing for inmates. When this construction is completed November 1, inmates who have spent the summer and early fall in the tent encampments will be transferred to the new quarters.

Texas Department of Corrections is studying possible purchase of the Harris County Rehabilitation Center or building new facilities on state land to expand work furlough programs under my \$18 million appropriations request. We have also increased funding for adult probation programs.

The TDC construction program for the 1982-83 biennium will provide 10,800 additional permanent bed spaces by August 31, 1983.

I am encouraged, based on my meeting with U.S. Attorney General William French Smith, that the Reagan Administration is re-examining its position in the lawsuit involving the Texas prison system. I am increasingly hopeful of a stay on appeal of the Ruiz v. Estelle suit.

We are, indeed, in a crisis situation, however—one which could cost the state billions of dollars.

I am confident the programs I have set out will eliminate the problem of inmates sleeping on floors by July 1, without need for wholesale release to homes via an inadequately-supervised work furlough arrangement.

All of this has been undertaken in good faith and with integrity to alleviate the situation in our prisons. I believe that Judge Justice will be pleased with our efforts.

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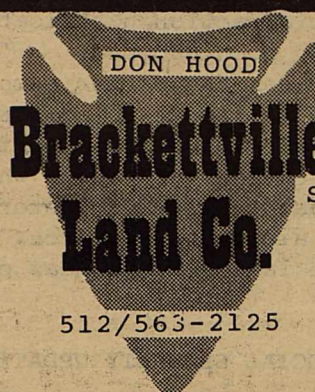
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