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NEXT EDITION OF CAVALRYMAN TO BE PLACED IN SESQUICENTENNIAL TIME CAPSULE

DPS OPERATION HOLIDAY JOINT EFFORT

The Department of Public Safety has announced the start of "Operation Holiday Joint Effort" beginning at 2 pm and ending at 12 Midnight on July 3, 1986.

It is a district 4-B combined effort involving Highway Patrol Troopers and Supervisors from the three Sgt. areas of San Angelo, Ozono, and Del Rio. Most of the first day enforcement activity in the Del Rio area will be concentrated along US 90 in Kinney and Val Verde Counties since much of the traffic in and out of Del Rio moves along this highway. Troopers will be stationed at 10 mile intervals from Del Rio to the Uvalde County line at Cline. Enhancement of public awareness of the hazards of holiday travel, and to secure the motoring publics voluntary compliance of traffic rules and regulations are two of the goals.

"We're calling it 'Operation Holiday Joint Effort' because in order for this operation to be successful the efforts of both the Highway patrol and the motoring public will be required" said Sgt. Lee Smith.

A total of 429 man hours have been scheduled for this 10 hour period. Sgt. Smith stated that special emphasis will be on DWI's, speeding, seat belt and equipment violations, motorist assists and Warrant Data Bank checks.

The overall objective is to reduce traffic deaths, injuries and the destruction of property during the Forth of July holiday period.

Operation Holiday Joint Effort preceeds the July 4th's Operation Motorcide that is in effect from 6 pm July 3rd and ends at midnight July 6th. The Department of Public Safety has estimated that 45 people will loose their lives on Texas highways during this Motorcide period.

SPECIAL HUGE EDTION WILL BE OUT NEXT FRIDAY

THE SPECIAL SESQUICENTENNIAL EDITION OF THE KINNEY CAVALRYMAN WILL BE OUT NEXT WEEK.

This edition will be the largest ever published by the CAVALRYMAN. IT WILL CONTAIN OVER FORTY LOCAL PICTURES.

This is the edition that will be placed in the time capsule on the Kinney County Courthouse lawn. It will be opened in 50 years (2036).

THE CAVALRYMAN WILL BE THE ONLY NEWSPAPER PLACED IN THE TIME CAPSULE.

We are looking at an edition of 20 to 30 pages. A real collectors item!

LOOK FORWARD TO THIS EDITION NEXT WEEK.



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IT HAPPENS-----

An unknown editor-hero is said to have published the following somewhere, sometime, "You'll notice that there are mistakes in this week's paper just as there were in last week's, and as there will be next week's. They are there for a purpose. We try to print something for everyone, and there are people who are always looking for mistakes".



LOOSISM

If you think you are indispensable- fill a bucket full of water- stick your hand in it- pull it out and see how big a hole you left.

DEATHS

LEON NEASE

Longtime resident of Brackettville, Leon Nease, 96, died Sunday, June 29, in Austin. He was a pharmacist in Brackettville from 1917 to 1970, and married Miss Lila Knipper of Brackettville. He is survived by two sons: Cleigh Nease and Thom Cowley of Austin. Graveside services were held in Uvalde on Tuesday, July 1.

SOCIAL SECURITY

A representative of the Social Security Administration will be in Brackettville at the Kinney County Civic Center Friday, July 11, 9:00a.m. to 2:p.m. The representative will assist you in applying for retirement, survivors, disability, Medicare or Supplemental Security Income benefits.

If you are filing for a Social Security Account Number you must bring with you proof of age, proof of identity, and, if you are not a U.S. citizen, proof of legal residency.

If you need assistance in filing a claim for reimbursement of your doctor bills you may call 1-800-442-2620 toll-free, or you may ask the representative to help you.

Upon invitation from any group, we shall be happy to provide a speaker on any phase of the Social Security Program.

The Eagle Pass Office and the Del Rio Resident Station are open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. This quarter we have two holidays: July 4, Independence Day, and September 1, Labor Day.

STATUE OF LIBERTY STAMPS FOLDER PLACED ON SALE

The U.S. Postal Service today announced that it is offering a special folder containing mint blocks of four of the U.S. and French Statue of Liberty commemorative stamps. The stamps will be

issued by both nations on July 4 and dedicated during first day of issue ceremonies in New York City and Paris, France.

The folder was produced jointly by the Postal Service and the French PTT Unfolded, it measures 29.5 x 21.0 centimeters. The outside cover features stylized silhouettes of the New York City and Paris skylines in silver, black and white. Also printed on the cover are the seals of the Postal Service and the PTT and reproductions of the blocks of four U.S. and French Statue of Liberty stamps shown in full color.

The inside of the folder contains red, white and blue graphics representing the flags of the United States and France. Historical information on the Statue is printed in English and French on the left and right folds. The mint stamps are affixed in the center fold under a protective cover of clear plastic.

The Statue of Liberty Folder is being sold for \$3.50. In conjunction with the U.S. stamp dedication ceremony on July 4, the folder will be available on that day at a number of Metropolitan New York City locations.

After July 4, the folders also will be available at Philatelic Centers and by mail order from the Philatelic Sales Division. They will be

sold until December 31, 1986, or as long as supplies last.

Mail orders should include the standard 50-cent postage and handling fee and be addressed: STATUE OF LIBERTY FOLDER, PHILATELIC SALES DIVISION, WASHINGTON, DC 20265-9980. The item number is 803.



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SCHOOL NEWS

SOUTHWEST TEXAS JUNIOR COLLEGE

A final opportunity to get a head start on the fall 1986 semester or achieve personal educational goals this summer will soon be available at second summer session registration at Southwest Texas Junior College.

Registration for the second summer session will be held in the Matthews Student Center on Tuesday, July 8, from 8 to 10 a.m. for day classes and 6 to 7p.m. for evening classes.

The schedule includes many required courses that graduating high school seniors can take to get a head start on college. In this group are freshman English, government, math, history, biology and chemistry.

College students anticipating their sophomore year can also benefit from these courses in many cases as well as a section of sophomore English on the schedule.

Also on the second summer schedule are BASIC programming, principles of word processing, business and professional speech, and conditioning & racquetball.

The second summer session will close with final examinations on August 6 and 7.

For more information on second summer classes at SWTJC, contact the admissions office at 278-4401, ext. 255.

EDWARDS UNDERGROUND WATER DISTRICT

Water elevations in the Edwards Aquifer are reflective of the wettest June on record with the National Weather Service. As of Monday, June 30, 1986, the water elevation at the Edwards Aquifer Index well located at Fort Sam Houston was recorded at 677 feet above mean sea level (AMSL). During the month of June, the water level peaked at 679.5 feet AMSL on June 23. The historical average index well water elevation for June is 665.1 feet AMSL.

Although the area has received record rainfalls in June, one must remember that the Texas climate is unpredictable. The same skies which delivered the torrential

rains may also bring months of relentless heat and dryness. The Edwards Underground Water District strongly recommends that all residents continue to conserve water. "By changing our water use habits to use water more efficiently, all individuals who rely on the Edwards Aquifer are helping to protect and preserve the quality and quantity of water in the aquifer," explains Tom Fox, General Manager to the Edwards Underground Water District.

CONSERVATION BECOMES KEY TOOL FOR MEETING WATER NEEDS

AUSTIN, Texas, June 24, 1986--Texans are using more water per person than ever--about 155 gallons per day. Every ten years, that average has increased by about four gallons per person, according to the Texas Water Development Board.

As demand for water continues to grow, water conservation and drought contingency planning can play a key role in efforts to manage existing water supplies more effectively and help avoid serious water supply problems, according to the state agency. Surveys taken by the Board show that more than 100 cities have already been forced into drought contingency measures during recent summers.

Since about 75 percent of the water in the home is used in the bathroom, that's where you can usually save the most water. Follow these tips: - Install shower heads and faucet aerators that reduce water flow. Some models allow you to reduce the flow by half.

-Don't let water run while brushing teeth, scrubbing hands, or shaving.

-Make sure the commode isn't leaking. Add a few drops of food coloring to the water in the tank, but don't flush. If the coloring appears in the bowl within a few minutes, the toilet needs adjustment or repair.

-Place one-quart plastic bottles, capped and filled with water, in the commode tank to reduce the amount of water used in flushing. (Bricks can do the same thing, but pieces might crumble off

and damage the commode's working mechanisms.)

-Showers usually take less water than baths, but the amount of water used varies among individual people. The next time you shower in a tub, plug the drain and then compare the amount of water used with the amount used when you take a bath in the same tub. Try to take shorter showers.

TEXAS AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE..

FROM SYLVIA BAKER..

ADJUSTING TO YOUR RETIREMENT INCOME.

If you're of retirement age, you regard yourself as something of a financial expert. After all, raising a family, paying off a mortgage and getting the monthly bills paid all these years hasn't been a simple matter.

But the later years present their own special problem - usually a substantially lower income - that takes a little getting used to says Mrs. Sylvia Baker, Extension Agent-Home Economist.

The National Council for the Aging suggests taking these steps to adjust your spending habits for retirement::

.Get a good financial picture of where you stand now, know what you have and what you owe.

pension, Federal benefits, annuity, interest, investments, employment and all other sources.

.Know your cost of living - rent, taxes, food, insurance, clothing, health care, and transportation.

.Then plan your budget. If you don't know how, get help from someone who does - your banker, your attorney, the financial counselor in a social service agency or financial institution, or your county Extension home economist.

.Reduce your spending. Take advantage of reduced fares and discounts offered to people over 65. Use your time to study store ads and buy selectively. Reduce waste and resist the temptation to buy things you don't need.

It may seem difficult - or different - to scale down your spending for a retirement income. But remember that you have a lifetime of experience in dealing with many different financial situations to draw upon now.

UNDERSTANDING SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE

HOW TO FILE FOR MEDICARE

by James Roosevelt, Chairman
The National Committee to Preserve
Social Security and Medicare

Enrolling in Medicare when you turn 65 is every bit as important as getting Social Security. After all, Medicare will help you pay your hospital and doctor bills as well as some nursing and home services.

Unfortunately, many of the letters I've received tell me there is a lot of confusion about this important program for seniors. So I'll quickly outline what Medicare's costs and benefits are, and then go through a step-by-step procedure of how to apply for the program.

Medicare benefits should start at age 65. But if you have any doubts about your eligibility, go to your nearest Social Security office and request a Medicare application three months in advance of your 65th birthday.

Medicare is divided into Part A and Part B. Part A is yours at no extra cost—you paid for this coverage through your Social Security taxes when you were working. Part B is an optional program that is like insurance, and it supplements the help you get from Part A.

Medicare Part A will cover the full cost of your stay in a hospital for up to 60 days after you pay the first \$492 of the bill. From the 61st through the 90th day you have to pay \$123 a day.

Part B takes care of doctors' bills. You have to pay the first \$75 and then Medicare picks up 80 percent of the bill for services it covers. You pay a premium—\$15.50 a month in 1986—to get Part B. Some doctors do not accept the Medicare fees as reasonable for medical services. If your doctor does not accept the Medicare schedule, then you will have to pay the difference. This difference could be considerable, so be sure to ask your doctor if he accepts the Medicare schedule before you

have him do a lot of expensive work.

Here are the steps you must follow to enroll in Medicare:

Step 1. Write or go to the nearest Social Security Administration office at least 3 months before your 65th birthday to make sure it has begun the paperwork that will enroll you in Social Security and Medicare. Also, pick up a copy of their Medicare Handbook.

Step 2. You will be enrolled automatically in Medicare Part A (the hospital insurance program) if you are entitled to Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits as a retired worker or if you are the dependent or survivor of a retired worker.

Step 3. You also will be automatically enrolled in Part B (the supplemental medical insurance) when you get on Social Security. You can drop Part B if you wish. You should consider such a step carefully, however, because it would be very difficult to purchase private insurance that would give you as much coverage for so little. You can still keep Part A if you drop Part B, or change your mind and join Part B later. However, the premium will be more expensive and you can only enroll during the first three months of a year.

I will be happy to hear your comments and more general questions relating to either Social Security or Medicare. Write me at: the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, Suite 260, 1300 19th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

I will send you a free copy of the organization's newspaper, *Saving Social Security*, and a card giving you the Medicare patient's "Bill of Rights."

Mr. Roosevelt, the eldest son of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, worked as Secretary to the President in the White House when Social Security was established, and was a Member of Congress when Medicare was enacted into law.



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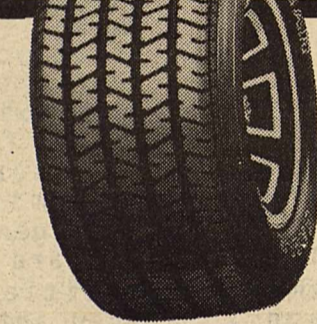
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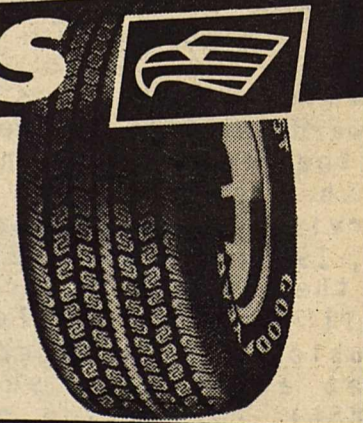
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HELPING YOURSELF TO A HAPPY VACATION..

A vacation should be a pleasant experience for you and your family. It can be spoiled if you return to a burglarized and ransacked home.

You can make each trip more enjoyable and carefree if you will take a few simple precautions to reduce the possibility that your home will be burglarized or vandalized while you are gone. Before leaving home be sure to:

- . Notify your newscarrrier to discontinue delivery.
- . Notify and arrange for a neighbor or friend to watch your home.
- . Notify your local law enforcement agency of your departure and return dates.
- . Check all possible fire hazards such as oily rags and open containers of combustables.
- . Repair any broken windows, door locks and window locks.
- . If you have any valuables in the home, be sure to depoist them in a safe depoist vault at your local bank.
- . Purchase Travelers' Checks, they are much safer than carrying cash.
- . Engrave all your valuables with your Texas Driver's License number.
- . Tell your neighbors not to inform inquiring strangers that you are away.

On the day you actually leave, here are some additional tips..

- . Unplug your telephone so that constant ringing will not alert potential burglars.
 - . Make your home appearing to look "lived in", by putting lights on timers or photoelectric cells.
 - . Keep your window shades in normal daytime position and curtains are arranged so that police and neighbors can see into your home.
- Whether or not you are going to be away on a vacation or a short trip, it makes good sense to put the principles of crime prevention to daily use. The Alamo Area Crime Prevention Association would like you to learn more about crime prevention and what you can do to lessen the

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opportunity for a crime to occur by contacting your local law enforcement agency or the Criminal Justice Office at the Alamo Area Council of Governments at 225-5201.

"Laughter: A smile that burst." Patricia Nelson



GETTING RID OF PESKY WEEDS

Weeds can spoil the appearance of any lawn, whether it be in the sunny south or the cooler regions of the north. Some of these problem weeds are found in both locations while others, like the turf grasses which they infest, prefer a particular geographic area.

Fortunately for the homeowner, there is an effective remedy for rapid knockout of these troublesome weeds, whether they invade a northern or a southern lawn. Weed elimination can be achieved while assuring, at the same time, a steady supply of food for the desirable turfgrass in your lawn. The best time to treat a lawn to correct the problem is while the weeds are actively growing and when the temperature is over 70°F.

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weeds by both contact and systemic action. A host of troublesome broadleaf weeds are controlled by this treatment including dandelions, chickweed, plantains and many others. The treatment is tailored as two separate products to be effective in both southern and northern locations. So whether your lawn is situated in the north or south or anywhere in between, Vigoro Deep Green Weed & Feed will help with your weed problems and, at the same time, give your lawn the excellent feeding needed to promote thick, deep green, weed-resistant turf.



UVALDE ARTS COUNCIL, INC.

Uvalde's contribution to Texas' Sesquicentennial birthday party is the premiere production of a contemporary comedy titled, THE LAST GREAT BUFFALO HUNT in Texas by Carolyn Biediger and Tommy Lee Hoyt. This irreverent look at small town Southwest Texas life, romps impudently through the sherriff's department, the livestock show committee and the county commissioners court.

This Playwrighter's Award winning show will be presented in Uvalde's recently restored 1891 Grand Opera House July 26,27,31, August 1 and 2. For more information call 512-278-4082 or write P.O. BOX 1451,Uvalde,Texas 78801.

Back in '69 I was fortunate enough to be one of 10 men hired by the Texas Animal Health Commission to form an experimental band of mounted patrol officers whose primary duties would be to patrol on horseback several "hot spots" along the Texas-Mexico border in an effort to control outbreaks of Tick Fever (or Texas Fever as it was called back in trail drive days of the 1800's). The infection of livestock with this dreaded disease was transmitted by a dirty little tick that had been virtually eliminated in Texas and the U. S.. Not so in Mexico and livestock crossing the river and entering Texas were often carriers of the tick. It was our job to capture as many of these animals as possible in order to encourage their Mexican owners to take steps to prevent the animals from crossing into Texas. Our official title was Livestock Inspector but we were most often referred to as Tick Inspectors or River Riders.

The vegas in the "hot" areas were not used by Texas ranchers as it was required to spray or dip the animals before moving them and there was always the chance of a herd becoming infected with the fever and the expense of the constant handling and spraying of the animals was prohibitive in addition to the chance of being quarantined. The animals from Mexico were often driven across the river by their owners to take advantage of the lush grazing available in the vegas because of the lack of grazing by animals owned by Texas ranchers.

When we caught horses, cattle, or mules on this side of the river they were first "scratched" by hand in an attempt by us to locate ticks. If any ticks found were believed to be fever ticks they were bottled and later sent into headquarters for positive identification. After "scratching" the animal it was sprayed with an insecticide to kill any remaining ticks and was then transported to holding pens in Del Rio for additional dipping and quarantine. After the quarantine time was up the owner of the animal could come to Del Rio and pay a fee to cover the costs of handling the animal and then take possession of the animal and

SHERIFF'S CORNER



NORMAN HOOTEN
SHERIFF

return it to Mexico. Very few of the Mexican owners of the captured animals exercised this right primarily because they were too poor to pay the price of recovery. This of course caused problems for the River Riders because the Mexicans resented our capturing their animals and would often stand on the cliffs in Mexico overlooking the vegas on the Texas side and verbally taunt and curse us as we rode along on patrol. They often threw rocks and would set interesting little traps for us in and along the trails we used in the heavy growths and Carizzo cane. There were a few isolated incidents of gunfire and one River Rider was killed as he sat in his camp one night. His murder was never solved and it was never known if he was killed by resentful Mexicans or for some other reason. After several of the more serious incidents we started carrying handguns and some of us even carried rifles on our saddles.

One of the major requirements for employment as a River Rider was an extensive knowledge of the handling of livestock and the ability to ride and rope well. The roping we had to do was quite different from that you see at rodeos where the roper has a smooth, flat surface to ride on and the animal is released when he is ready. Our roping was done in the thick brush and stands of Carizzo cane, often riding at breakneck speeds along the narrow trails until we came to a small clearing and then getting one throw at the chased animal, if we missed the animal it usually escaped back across the river to Mexico, smarter and harder to catch the next time. Our horses sometimes fell with us after tripping on brush, roots, or other debris in the jungle like surroundings.

In one particular incident that stands out in my memory I was so determined to catch a horse that I followed it down a trail in the cane, jumped my horse off a five foot embankment into the river and chased the horse almost to the

Mexico side when my horse suddenly slipped on the slick rocks on the river bottom and went down. I wasn't hurt, but my horse couldn't get up and I thought he might have suffered a broken leg. The water wasn't very deep but his head kept going under so I sat and held his head above water to keep him from drowning and started calling to my partner who had ridden downriver after other horses. He soon came riding back upriver looking for me and after some discussion we placed a rope around my saddle horn and pulled my horse out of the water. It was then discovered why he couldn't up, when he fell he somehow stuck one of his hind feet through one of my saddle stirrups. It was necessary for us to remove the saddle to free his foot, and after that he was able to get up. Other than a few minor bruises and abrasions neither he nor I were injured. I did lose a spur in that fall and though I looked for it I never found it. I guess it will turn up someday and the finder will wonder about the story behind it's being in the middle of the Rio Grande River. I sure hated to lose that spur because of the circumstances that caused me to have that particular set of spurs. But that's another story for a later date.

Some of the animals we were attempting to catch became highly educated to our methods and efforts and had to be stalked quietly and carefully in order to allow us to get close enough to see them, which is often all we could get, just a look. There was one particular little band of horses that especially comes to mind. (Now you have to realize that the Mexican horses that we were dealing with did not fit the popular profile of the ones you see in western movies of a big, fat, shiny, well-bred horse with manicured hoofs and a combed out mane and tail. The true Mexico horse was a small, wiry, animal with the cunning of an African water buffalo). Anyway, my partner and I had tried, unsuccessfully, on several occasions to catch members of this particular band of horses. The band consisted of 4 or 5 mares, a couple of young colts, and a gelding or two. They were led by a smart old mare of

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questionable ancestry (although I'm sure she wasn't bred the way my partner and I described her on several occasions after she had outsmarted us and led her band to escape).

My partner and I spent several weeks stalking, tracking, and reading sign left by the band and finally determined that the wise old mare would lead her band to a particular clearing deep in the canebrakes to feed. This clearing was about 5 acres in size with high grass that provided the horses with good grazing year round. Entrance to the clearing was by the way of several trails that lead from the river, winding and twisting through the cane and heavy brush. The overhanging vegetation was so low that we could not ride our horses, but had to dismount and lead them and even then our saddle horns would hang up in the vines and overhanging cane. On several attempts to get to the clearing we made so much noise that the smart old mare would take her band down one of the other trails and back across the river.

We finally got a break in that we found that the mare had a habit of taking her band into the clearing by one certain trail and leaving by another. Though she occasionally used one of the other trails, these two were used consistently. My partner and I realized by now that we would have to try and outsmart the old girl if we were going to catch her and her band of followers. One morning, before daylight we eased down to where the trails led from the river to the clearing and scouted the area. Sure enough there were fresh horse tracks leading away from the river along the trail that was the old mares favorite entry to the clearing. We quietly moved on down to her favorite exit trail and found no tracks there. Just to make sure she hadn't heard us and slipped out, we checked the other trails too. No tracks. So we were confident that the mare and her band were feeding in the clearing. We had several ropes with us and began setting snares along the exit trail and a couple along the other trails for good measure. We had left our horses hidden

and tied in a canebrake several hundred yards downriver so as not to have them give us away with a nicker or accidental noise. (we hid our horses so that our Mexican friends from down Mexico way wouldn't come across them and change their ownership). After we had set our snares and camouflaged them with brush and cane my partner looked at me, winked, and gave the universal O.K. sign. By a pre-arranged plan I was to stay hidden in the cane near the snares with several tie ropes and my partner was to Injun his way around to the clearing and spook the horses. If everything worked out as planned today was the day the smart old mare's reign ended.

A little awhile later I heard my partner screaming and yelling like a banshee and I can imagine what that old mare must have thought because, even though I knew he was there and what he was going to do, the hair on the back of my neck stood up as I listened to that awful noise in the half-light just before dawn. Those horses came tearing down that trail like the devil himself was after them (and judging from the awful noises being made by my partner I'm sure they thought he was). Boy they were flying, running with their heads low to avoid the overhanging vines and brush. When they hit those snares the wreck was on. They were thrashing and kicking, with wild eyes, making those sounds of terror that only a scared horse can make. Some of them got away by running over their captured friends and crossing the river into Mexico, but we caught the wily old mare and two of her cohorts.

We retrieved our horses from where they were hidden and then spent the better part of the day getting our captured horses untangled, tying a foot up on each so they would be more manageable and half-dragging, half-leading them through the cane and brush to our trailers where they were sprayed and, with some difficulty, loaded and transported to the holding pens in Del Rio.

With the capture of the old mare and the loss of her leadership the remaining members of her band were fairly easy pickings and by the end of the month we had

cought all of them. The old mare was never claimed and probably ended up in a can of Alpo. I bet the dog that ate that can got kicked as she went down.

These are only a few of the good memories I have of the hard, but enjoyable, time I spent as a River Rider along the Texas-Mexico border. There are many more that will last a lifetime. The Texas Animal Health Commission disbanded the River Riders in the early seventies. The federal government still has riders patrolling the lonely, sometimes dangerous, always interesting, stretches of "hot spots" along the Rio Grande. The work done by River Riders is as much a part of Texas heritage and history as any I can think of, and all because of a tiny insect no larger than your fingernail that is responsible for "Texas Fever".

Fitness Facts

EXERCISES FOR BETTER GOLF

Improving your golf game may require more than just practicing your swing. As with any sport, golf requires athletic ability — strength, agility, coordination and endurance. Knowing which exercises are suited to golfers can help improve your game faster.

A research project conducted at Centinela Hospital Medical Center resulted in the development of a specific program of stretching and strengthening exercises for golfers. By observing the movement of professional golfers during a swing, it's been determined which parts of the body are crucial to the execution of a good swing and thus need to be strengthened with exercise.

Since the hospital is the official Professional Golf Association (PGA) Tour hospital, many of these exercises are the same ones now being used by a number of golfers on the PGA Tour.

The research revealed a number of important findings about the human body and the golf swing:

- A good golf swing has bilateral activity.
- The hips initiate movement into the ball.
- Trunk rotation and flexibility are crucially important.
- Rely on the large muscles of the body to generate power.
- Skilled players are more efficient at using their muscles.
- The rotator cuff muscles



The lower back is a problem area for many golfers. The single knee to chest exercise helps stretch the muscle groups which run across the back.

in the shoulder play an important role.

A book that chronicles these findings is called *30 Exercises For Better Golf*. Written by Frank W. Jobe, M.D., the orthopedic consultant to the PGA Tour, and Diane R. Moynes, a registered physical therapist and a clinical specialist in neurology, the book explains how the research was conducted and details thirty exercises to help improve your game.

The book is available at a pro shop near you or you can write for a copy. Send \$10 to: 30 Exercises for Better Golf, Centinela Hospital Medical Center, Dept. NAPS, 555 E. Hardy Street, Inglewood, CA 90307. It may help you get into the swing of things.

PLANTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

CALADIUMS ADD EASY COLOR TO SUMMER LANDSCAPES

Easy come and easy go might be the byword for many summer flowers, but with colorful caladiums it can be said, "Easy come, slow to go". Garden color with caladiums never fades from spring until autumn.

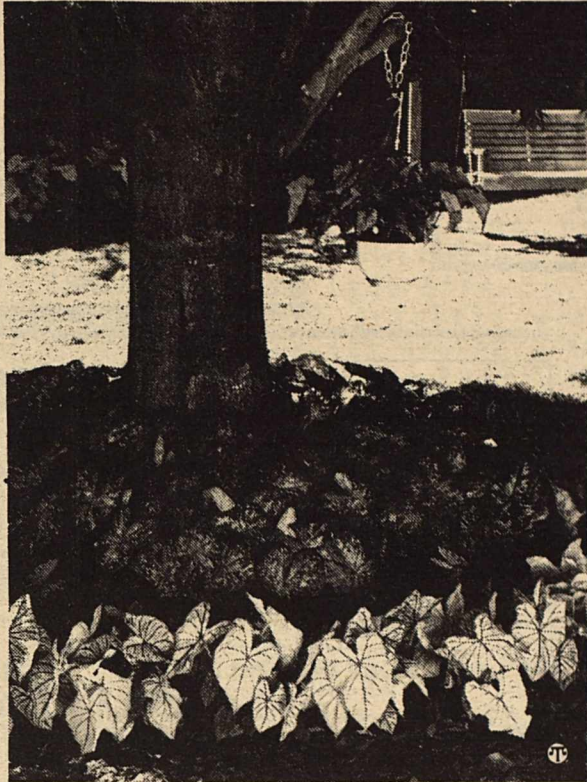
With large heart-shaped leaves which are often mistaken for blooms, this relative of the philodendron is unique in its ability to provide months of attractive color with little care. "Fancy Leaf" caladiums feature foot-tall foliage with brilliant coloring and interesting veining. Reds, pinks, greens and creamy-white splashes make the leaves look like artists' palettes.

While requiring no pruning, staking or blossom removal, these tropical members of the aroid family readily substitute for the more traditional annual plants in sunny and shady garden areas. As a mass planting in shade locations, caladiums are more effective than most other "shady plants" such as begonias and impatiens. In 60 percent shade, the leaves grow bigger and the colors become brighter than in full sun.

As an indoor display, caladiums can be used as cut leaves or potted plants, often displayed in a sunny window area. The leaves last longer than traditional cut flowers and work well with other colorful materials in arrangements.

Grown usually from strange looking organs called tubers, caladiums are readily available to home gardeners from early spring into early summer at most nurseries and garden centers. While they can be grown as seedlings or from well established potted plants, most caladiums are started from the tuber for economical reasons. In addition, more variety can be offered with tuber sales.

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tled "Fancy Leaf Caladiums" requests can be directed to 704 State Road 621 East, Dept. S, Lake Placid, Florida 33852. Complete directions for planting and care are included, along with colorful illustrations of this spectacular tropical plant.

Planting in outdoor situations should be delayed until all danger of frost is past. When the soil is warm to the touch, the tubers can be planted in furrows or individual holes at a spacing of nine to fifteen inches apart. The larger "Fancy Leaf" varieties should be covered with three inches of soil and compacted. A two inch organic mulch will help to control weeds and preserve moisture. Watering follows, as often as the soil dries out on the surface. Too much water is not good for the plantings. If the garden soil tends to be heavy clay or quite

sandy, organic matter such as peat or compost can be worked into the bed area.

All summer long, the natural beauty of caladiums will bring joy to the gardener. When the leaves begin to turn yellow in the fall, the tubers can be dug and stored. This is possible when the daytime temperatures do not exceed 60 degrees Fahrenheit. After first air drying the bulb-like growths for a few days in a sunny location, the tubers can then be stored overwinter in a dry material at temperatures between 70-75 degrees Fahrenheit. (Do not refrigerate). If some leaves begin to appear during storage, don't worry. That's a good sign that the tubers are healthy and that food is properly stored for next spring's main event! And be sure to leave the old leaves on the tuber. They'll assist in the food storage process.

LOCAL REPUBLICANS ATTEND TEXAS CONVENTION

Two representatives of the local Republican Party attended the State Republican Convention in Dallas, June 26, 27 & 28. Rosemary Cervantes, Kinney County Republican Chairman, along with Norma Gould represented the 21st Senatorial District.

They were instrumental in getting the following adopted to the Republican Party platform.

STATE INCOME TAX-The State of Texas shines brightly as one of the six states in the United States which has not burdened its citizens with that most onerous of taxes, a confiscatory income tax. The absence of a state income tax in Texas has greatly enhanced the ability of the state to attract new industry and business, thus creating hundreds of thousands of new jobs. A state income tax would cripple the economy of Texas at the very time when it is in need of revitalization. The Republican Party of Texas continues to oppose any personal or corporate income tax for Texas, and supports the passage of a state constitutional amendment prohibiting same.

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- Q.** Why doesn't Detroit use more fiberglass and plastic? Obvious strong points are lighter weight and I'd think cheaper to produce/replace?
 —Tim Z., Benson, MN
- A.** You're half right today and you may be totally correct in the 1990s, Tim. Plastic parts and pieces can save weight compared to metal and when oil prices were up, that was a big incentive to develop them. But, there are lots of places on a car where the performance requirements are so tough, that producing plastics to measure up costs more than the materials they'd replace. Now, with oil prices going down, there's less pressure to save weight. Saving money, however, is always popular with car makers, and the plastics industry is spending millions to develop new processes and materials that will beat steel prices. They're making some headway. Ten years ago, 59 percent of the weight of a car was steel. In 1985 it was 54 percent. And you'll see more plastics used every year. You can bet the steel industry is not going to let plastics take over without a fight. It is spending millions to make its products better and less costly, too.
- Q.** If I put a supercharger on my GLH, will it be legal and where could I race it?
 —Garry G., Vernon Hills, IL
- A.** You can install a supercharger on your GLH without removing or bypassing the emissions controls. You'll not get the same power increase as you will when you install it for off-road use or racing. You can compete with a supercharged car, Garry, in dragracing, autocross and in open rallying, although you'd be up against some stiff competition in rallies. You also asked about installing it yourself. The kit is fairly simple but if you have any doubt, look up a good speed shop in your area.
- Q.** Are the valves going to burn out in my 1965 Cadillac now that they've taken almost all the lead out of high octane gas?
 —Albert B., San Francisco, CA
- A.** Nothing's changed since the last time I answered this question except that I've been told that mixing in aircraft fuel is illegal. The oil companies say that the valves in cars with engines needing leaded gas will burn out because the lead lubricates them. At least one company, Phillips, is asking the EPA for permission to market an additive to solve the problem. No word yet, however.
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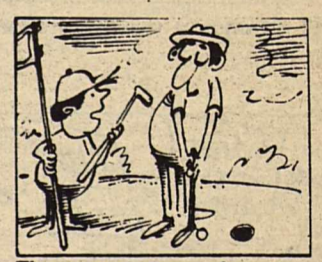
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Lincoln Hotels purchased The Driskill in 1983, immediately initiating a \$4.5 million renovation. It went far beyond a mere facelift. The revitalization focused on recapturing the ambiance and atmosphere of The Driskill in 1886. Guests can once again step through the original Brazos Street entrance, the largest arched doorway in Texas, into the spacious column-studded main lobby.

"Restoring the Brazos Street archway entrance set the keynote for our entire effort to preserve The Driskill for the future," said Chirs Bush, general manager. He believes The Driskill has accomplished the most difficult feat in renovating historic properties;; blending modern day amenities with cherished traditional features.

The decor is reminiscent of the 1880's. Under the direction of New York interior designer Sarah Tomerlin Lee, the wallpaper, chintzes, furniture and upholstery center on jade greens and warm beiges popular in 1886. Even the carpeting is of special weaves first milled in London in the 1880's.

"My objective was to keep every possible memory intact," said Lee. "I didn't have to build romance into The Driskill, only uncover it."

The attention to detail is evident in the 35 columns adorning the upper mezzanine. Malcolm Robson, a master grainer/marbler, marbled the columns in the same elegant finish as he applied to columns at Buckingham and Kensington Palace and the

Houses of Parliament in London.

The Driskill has certainly seen its share of important guests. President Lyndon Baines Johnson and his family stayed at The Driskill while awaiting election results in 1964, and frequently thereafter. The LBJ Suite, one of the hotel's most luxurious, captures and retains the personality of the President and Lady Bird.

The Driskill was recognized for its historic importance in October 1966 when it was dedicated as a State Historical Landmark, and was named to the National Register of Historic Places.

Today as in 1886, The Driskill is considered one of the country's finest hotels. Its special position at the political crossroads of Texas, as well as its deep-rooted western heritage and recent renovation, gives the hotel an atmosphere that is modern and traditional, efficient and luxurious, stately and romantic. It is a certain ambiance rooted in 100 years of gracious Texas hospitality. This year's celebrations are as much a tribute to The Driskill's past as a promise to its next century.

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No family wants to be in a financial crisis. That's why we try to prevent it by learning about budgeting and family financial management says Mrs. Baker.

But there are many factors which can force almost any family into financial straits - at least temporarily. The Texas families facing financial problems include:: Farm families.. Economic conditions in agriculture have placed a severe financial strain on some farmers. Not only does the farm enterprise suffer, but the family finances feel the squeeze too. Unemployed families.. Practially every family experiences unemployment at one time or another. Plant closings or layoffs can effect a whole community as well as individual families. Unemployment may be buffered somewhat in two-paycheck families. When a family's lifestyle and debt level are based on having both incomes,

however, the effects of unemployment will still be considerable.

High debt families.. To buy a home, many families have taken on debts that consume a fourth to a third of their incomes. In addition, the availability of credit for almost every type of purchase has increased the debt level of many families. Families deep in debt may not have the resources to meet a financial emergency, such as unemployment. Some have faced foreclosure on their homes.

Fixed income elderly.. Faced with rising medical costs and other expenses and fixed incomes, many older families experience difficult economic times. Even families that planned carefully for retirement may face a period of adjustment as they downscale their lifestyle to fit their retirement income.

Single heads of households .. Figures show that divorce typically means a substantial drop in income and standard of living - especially for mothers who have custody of the children.

Remarriage families .. A person who remarries after being divorced may have financial obligations to children from a previous marriage as well as children and a spouse in the current marriage.

Military families.. Enlisted personnel and their families face the extra financial strain of moving often and becoming resettled in a new community. Spouses of military personnel may also find it difficult to work outside the home because of frequent moves.

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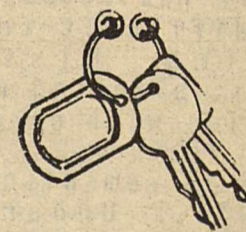
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