

SCHOOL HAS OPEN HOUSE NEXT WEEK



New D.P.S. Trooper, Richard Slubar, ready for action.

SLUBAR GRADUATES D.P.S. ACADEMY

AUSTIN--Trooper Richard L. Slubar, 25, graduated from the Department of Public Safety training academy Wednesday February 22, 1989 and has been assigned to the Highway Patrol Service in Eagle Lake.

Trooper Slubar was one of over a hundred cadets recently commissioned as state troopers in graduation ceremonies in Austin. Trooper Slubar is a native of Brackettville and assumes his new duties immediately.

Colonel Joe Milner, DPS director, said he is proud of the new troopers and looks forward to their service with the Department.

"These men and women have completed a vigorous 18-week course in basic law enforcement procedures" Milner said. "They have been well trained to uphold the laws of this state in routine as well as difficult and dangerous law enforcement situations."

"A Texas trooper is required to perform a number of different tasks in addition to traffic law enforcement. The trooper will assist in narcotics arrests and other felony cases as well as manhunts and disaster situations," Milner said.

The DPS training course included instruction in traffic law, criminal law, arrest procedures, accident investigation, and numerous other law enforcement related duties.

MENDELSON MEETS WITH CARE MEMBERS

While Ms. Janie Mendelsohn, President of North American Towns of Texas, was here on business Thursday, February 23, she held a brief conference with the people of CARE (Citizens Against Radioactive Environment) to learn more about the waste disposal site and the plans for it to be established in Kinney County.

Ms. Mendelsohn reported that she was just beginning to find out more about the plans. She said, "Up until now everything I've heard about the dump was through talking to people on the phone and reading the background of the resolutions that the Association and Kinney County Commissioners passed." She and her husband, Marc Levitt, here from Massachusetts, feel that it would not be helpful at all or that it would not

generate a significant amount of jobs. "It looks like it would have potentially serious, adverse environmental impact," she said. She was concerned about the people living in the area and their property rights.

When asked about the rules and regulations guaranteeing protection from leaks and other system breakdowns, she replied, "There is no such thing as absolute protection." She believes that every business firm deals in good faith, but that this is an industry that has a lot of unknowns scientifically and even with the best intentions find that scientific research is not keeping step with the disposal needs.

When asked her opinion whether we have a chance to keep out radioactive waste, she replied, "It is really very frightening, because they have a lot of power & money." She has seen how united the people of Kinney County are in opposing the waste site and believes that if we stay active we can fight them and win. "It would be grossly unfair for them to impose their desires on the entire population of Kinney County when we don't want them here," she stated.



Pictured above is Rose Mary Slubar and Fire Chief, Richard Wills. Rose Mary was presented a plaque in Special Recognition of being made "Honorary Fire Department Grandmother." The Firemen are all very special to her. She is proud of the service they render to the Citizens of Kinney County.



Ms. Janie Mendelsohn and her husband, Marc Levitt after meeting with CARE at the Courthouse.

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CARE

HAZARDOUS WASTE INCINERATION: JOBS AND THE ECONOMY

Proponents of hazardous waste incineration have made promises of prosperity to the county which allows location of the state's commercial hazardous waste incinerator within its boundaries. In addition to a percentage of profits from the operation of the facility, there have been promises of jobs and an infoux of new industries which will be anxious to locate near a harzardous waste facility. The public has not been informed, however, that in all likelihood the economic benefits from the in-cinerator will be outweighed by costs to the community.

It has been suggested that new industry will locate in a community which has a hazardous waste facility. In fact, history demonstrates that just the opposite is true. According to Kay Kiker, after a hazardous waste facility was constructed in Sumter County, Alabama with promises of prosperity, seven industries shut down. One of the community's two hospitals closed, and half of the downtown businesses in York Alabama went out of business. Similarly, the hazardous waste incinerator in Caldwell County, N.C. did not attract new industry despite promises of economic growth by the operator. Now that citizen groups have forced the accident-plagued incinerator to shut down, local officials expect the community to rebound.

Despite the promise of new jobs, the siting of a hazardous waste facility in other communities has provided few net jobs. Most of the newly created jobs at the hazardous waste facility itself are trained technical positions which, in most instances, will be filled from outside the community. A number of jobs, however, might be lost: unemployment rose 254 percent in Sumter County, Alabama after a hazardous waste facility was constructed there. According to statistics from the State of Alabama, the percentage of persons unemployed in that county has risen from 5.8 percent in 1978 before the facility was constructed to 21.1 percent in 1988. The percentage of persons unemployed would e even greater if these statistics had accounted for over 2,000 persons who have left the county to find work elsewhere.

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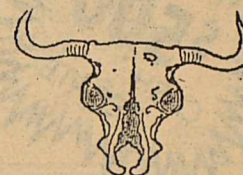
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HALL ATTENDS SEMINAR

Justice of the Peace Alvin Hall attended a 20 hour work seminar in San Antonio. The seminar was held at the Oak Hills Inn, from February the 15th thru February 17th.

Judge Hall reported the workshop covered new laws that are now out, and new laws to handle the laws in his office. He was also informed that there will be more laws that will become effective in September 1989, from the new session of Legislature.

Judge Hall said, "I enjoy going to these workshops, because they keep me up to date of what's new and renew my memory on the old procedures. This 20 hour work seminar is mandatory annually. 107 Justices of the Peace attended the seminar this year."

Mrs. Hall accompanied her husband on this trip to San Antonio.



Justice of the Peace Alvin Hall and his wife, Gladys, outside the Courthouse Annex.

FIELD TRIP

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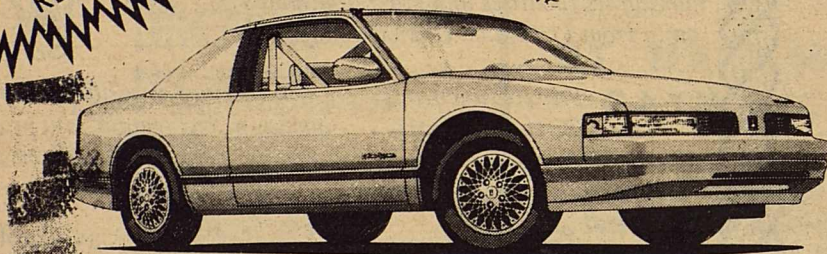
A group of gifted and talented students from Jones Elementary along with Principal, Steve Mills and Guidance Counselor, Susan Harrison were present at Rio Grande Electric Co-op for a tour of the facilities on February 28. Shirley Hadsell from the Marfa Office of Rio Grande gave a program to the students on the electricity industry. She also related the history of the Co-op to the class.

On the tour through the building, each department told the students what they do and how they go about getting it done efficiently. The students enjoyed the quick presentations by everyone.

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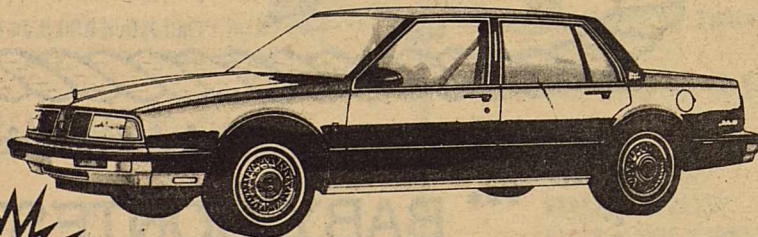
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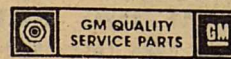
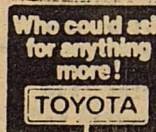
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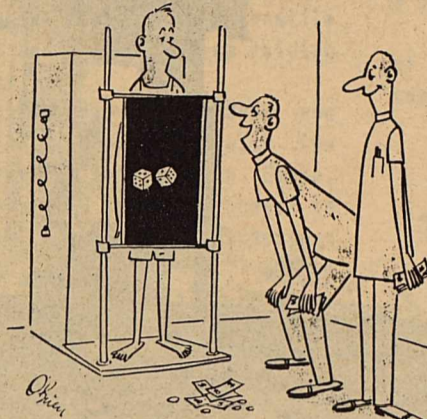
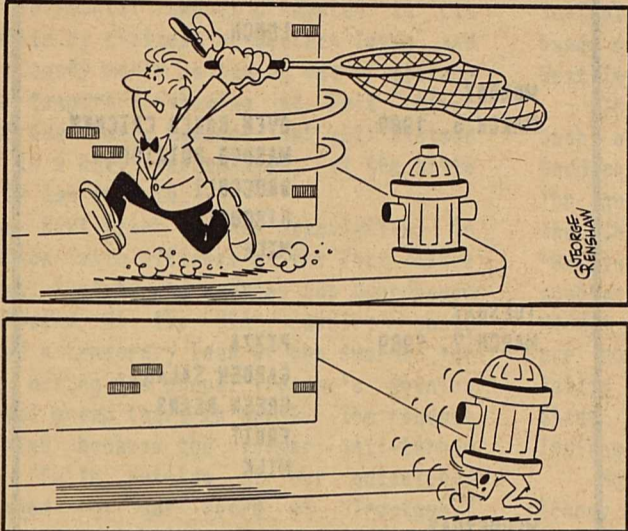
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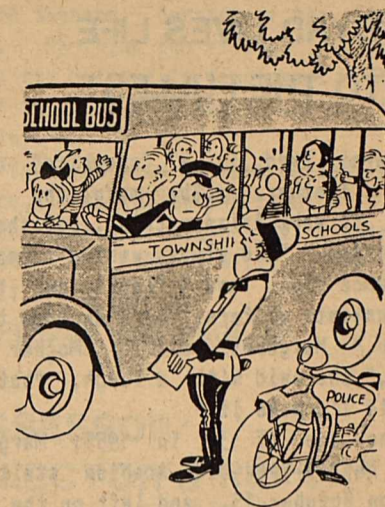
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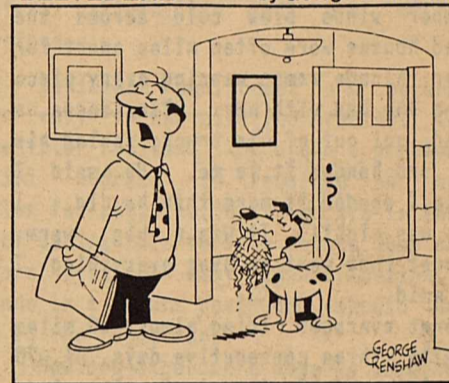


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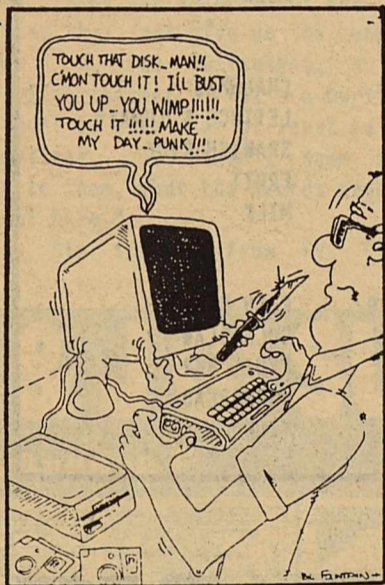
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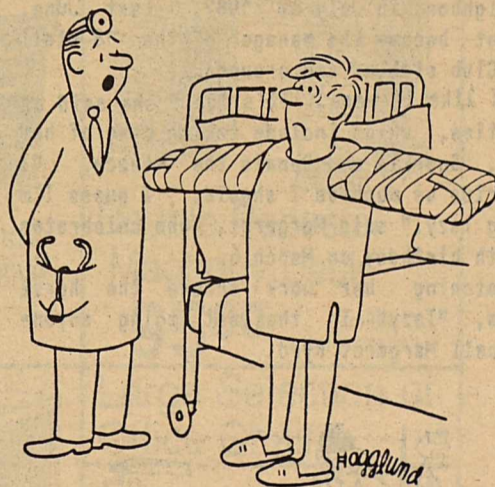
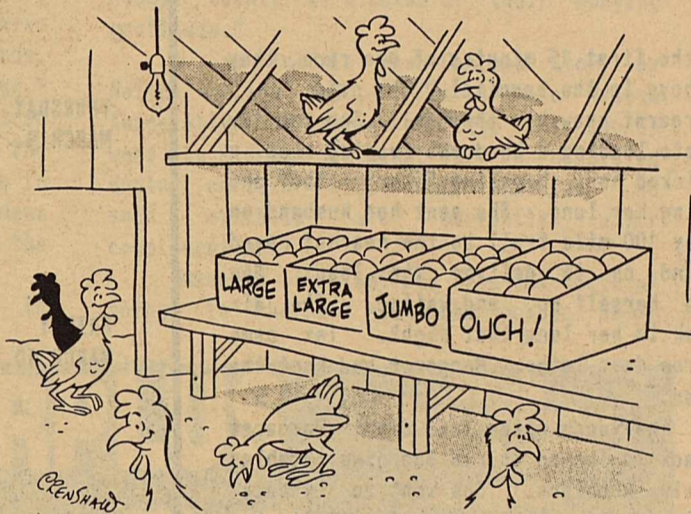


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TIDBITS

Alamo Village has been going under some changes lately. They're remodeling the porch roof off the front of the Cantina. It is normally built to sag a little to look like it is old, but this time it's being built straight. There is a total of seven buildings' porches being re-roofed.

A still life commercial has just been finished at the Village this past week for Australian Outback Collection, Inc. from Evergreen, Colorado. They are Australian clothes with a western flavor being modeled for a magazine layout.

Besides the program at the Rio Grande Electric Coop, Inc. Mrs. Shirley Hadsell gave to the gifted and talented Tuesday, she gave a program on electric safety at the High School Wednesday. Mrs. Hadsell is from the Marfa Office of Rio Grande.

Shawn Ralston, who received a degree in Spanish, Suma Cum Laude, is in Costa Rica teaching English reported her mother, Mrs. Joy Ralston who has every right to be busting wide with pride of her daughter's accomplishments.

Both Ralph Gonzalez and Mario Munoz are Val Verde Hospital. Ralph is having trouble with a pinched nerve and Mario has a high temperature he can't shake. Hope he has by the time this reaches the press.

Jean Jones is in intensive care at Val Verde Hospital and we wish her a speedy recovery.

BYRD LIVES LIFE TO THE FULLEST

Margaret Byrd is a "snowbird" of a different feather. She made the cold Minnesota to warm Arizona trip...but she did it on a horse. "I'd always wanted to make a long distance ride, and I finally got tired of the Minnesota winters, so I decided to go to Tucson," Margaret said. "Mother was horrified," she said with a laugh, "but Dad always said I'd make it."

At the age of 32 in 1955, Margaret saddled her 5-year-old Arabian stallion, Ganaat, on October 15, and left on the long trail to the Sunbelt. Without planned stops, Margaret rode from early morning to mid-afternoon when she started looking for a farmhouse or friendly face.

November winds blew cold across the plains, and houses were often miles apart for the slender, blonde woman wearing every piece of clothing she had with her. "In Kansas, a guy stopped, got out of his truck, peeled his coat off and handed it to me. He said I looked like I needed it more than he did. I think he was right! It was a big, warm, leather coat that went on over everything I had," she said.

Margaret averaged riding almost 40 miles a day, with three consecutive days of 70 miles, 68 miles and 40 miles trying to outrun a blizzard. When the snow began to blow outside Garden City, Kan., she and her horse ducked into the first place they could find. But the people had no barn, so Ganaat went in the chicken house. "I had him in garages, backyards, pig pens and various asundry places!" Margaret said.

When newspaper reporters along the way learned that Margaret had made a \$50. bet with a disbelieving cowboy at an Arabian Horse in Chicago, they started looking for her. "They'd stop me to talk, and that kind of slowed me down," she said. But life as the horse odyssey media star had its benefits. "When I got to Wilcox (Arizona) the paper met me, and life was pretty easy for a couple of days!"

After a year in Tuscon as a medical secretary, a job she had left with the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., Margaret again succumbed to the call of the West, and went to work on a ranch training Appaloosas.

"That's where I learned to take a rather dim view of Appaloosa horses!" she said.

The cowboy who still owed her the \$50 bet came to her rescue by inviting her to train Arabians on his ranch near Las Vegas. It was there she met Tex Gates from Brady, Texas - the man who took Margaret off to the mountains for an even wilder round of Experiences.

They roped wild burros near Death Valley, "the coldest place in the world," according to Margaret. They gathered herds of up to 70 wild burros for outfitters, the land department and the Old Miner's Association's three day, \$1000 wild burro race in California.

"A wild jackass is nothing to fool with!



Stable Manager, Margaret Byrd hard at work before enjoying the horses.

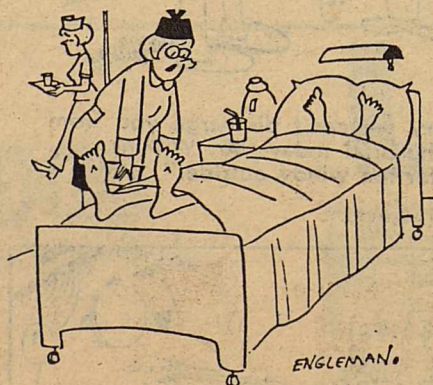
Within the first 15 minutes of one race, they had 16 boys in the hospital," she said.

Margaret knew how they felt. She and Tex were late loading a herd one evening when a jack kicked her, breaking "5 or 6 ribs" and collapsing her lung. She sent her husband on the bumpy 100-mile trail to the nearest paved road, and on to deliver the load. She strapped herself up, and waited. The air came back in her lung that night. Tex came back three days later. Margaret had kept the stock fed.

In the years after Tex died, Margaret went back to Tucson to run boarding stables and train Arabians. She went to Lyndale, Texas to work, then came to visit her brother, Ronald Frisby, and his wife, Valora, at Fort Clark Springs. She became their Unit 32 neighbor in July of 1987. Last June, Margaret became the manager of the 18-stall Horse Club stables and grounds.

"I like it here. It's fun," she said of her duties, which include taking care of her horses, Sparkle and Dennis the Menace. "I don't ride as much as I should. I guess I'm getting lazy," said Margaret, who celebrates her 66th birthday on March 6.

Watching her work around the horse stables, "lazy" is the last thing anyone would call Margaret Byrd.



"Don't worry, dear, I'll start a malpractice suit immediately."

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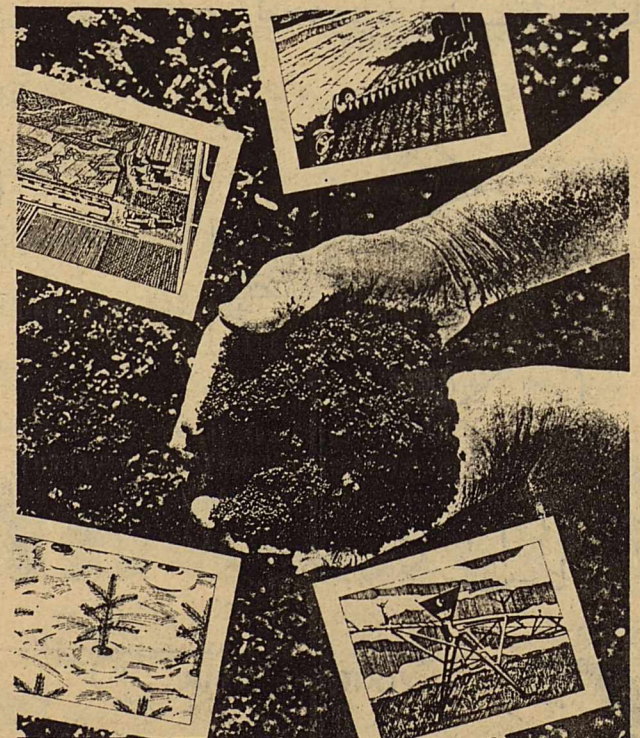
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EFFORTS SLASHED TO DISPLAY SWORDS

by Penny Nixon

Area residents reacted angrily Wednesday, March 1, to news that the two ornate ceremonial swords presented to Lt. John Bullis by citizens of Western Texas and Kinney County won't be coming out of storage for a temporary showing at Fort Clark Springs' Guardhouse Museum, but will instead remain in a box, undisplayed, at the Witte Museum in San Antonio.

The Fort Clark Springs Association, in conjunction with officers of the Fort Clark Historical Society who oversee the Guardhouse Jail Museum at the old cavalry post, requested a temporary loan of the swords for display during the annual Trooper's Reunion and school group tours in April. The request was denied because the former jail-turned museum, "falls outside of our guidelines established by our Board of Trustees," according to Gabriela Truly, assistant registrar for Loans and Exhibitions of the San Antonio Museum Association.

"My brother (Paul Hill of Castroville), and I have been to the Witte Museum three different times and asked about the swords. Every time they just give us the runaround," said Mrs. J. Lee Ballantyne, a retired Brackettville teacher. "It's a heritage the county ought to have - or at least be able to see sometimes. It doesn't seem to mean anything to them, what the swords mean to the people out here."

Upon his transfer from Ft. Clark in

1882, the newspapers of southwest Texas, including the WQuill of Castroville, the Hesperian of Uvalde, the San Antonio Express, the Fort Clark News, the Bandera Bugle, and others, raised money to present Lt. John Bullis with a sword in appreciation of his relentless pursuit, with the aid of his Seminole-Negro Indian Scouts, of hostile bands of Commanche and Apache Indians raiding West Texas settlers.

The ceremonial saber, made by Bent and Bush of Boston, is ornamented with the Goddess of Liberty and an American Eagle. The guard is illustrated by a camp scene in the Chenati Mountains with the inscription: "Bullis, the friend of the frontier." On the scabbard is a portrait of Bullis with the words: "He protected our homes--our homes are open to him," and "Presented to Jno. L. Bullis by the people of Western Texas." The blade is a continuous etched battle scene of Indians and soldiers.

Not to be outdone, the citizens of Kinney County also raised money, and presented Bullis with a silver saber scarcely less beautiful than the first, with the inscription: "Presented by the People of Kinney County as a token of their undying gratitude."

A San Antonio News-Express story by Nelson Allen said, "San Antonio Museum Association officials admitted the swords were in storage and might only be displayed during certain "historical" exhibits. No such exhibits are currently under consideration."

"museums like that one have all sorts of things in the back rooms the public never

sees," said Don Swanson, curator of the Ft. Clark Museum. "I think the viewing public should have a say on what is displayed. It shouldn't just be up to what the museum staff wants to display."

"They're too pretty to be just buried in a box somewhere," Mrs. Ballantyne said.

Efforts to reach Rick Casagrande, Keeper of Collections at the Witte, were unsuccessful at press time.

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TAX ASSESSOR/ COLLECTOR'S REPORT

BY TIM WARD

We continue to make progress in updating the voter registration list. This week, I would like to address two items concerning the voters eligibility that are often misunderstood.

(1) Residence requirement - a person may vote "only" in the election precinct in which the voter resides. Therefore a precise residential address is required on an application for registration. (We are in the process of adding this to each voters name on the voters list for easy identification.) Any change in a voters residence should be reported to the registrar.

(2) How can a person's name be removed from the voter registration list? The following methods are most common:

- a) death
- b) convicted of a felony
- c) by registering in another County or State
- d) Being determined mentally incompetent by a final judgement of a court
- e) by decision of the voter registrar following an investigation. A Notice of Examination is sent to the voter by Certified Mail in this instance. After 60 days the Registrar may cancel the registration.

A person commits an offense if the person knowingly makes a false statement or requests, commands, or attempts to induce another person to make a false statement on a registration application. An offense under this section is a Class B misdemeanor.

THANK YOU

Fran and Mary Jane Kunis want to thank our many friends for their prayers, cards, good wishes and kindness given us during Mary Jane's illness.

Not a day passed in the hospital that cards or calls were not received. They all helped.

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AGAIN THANK YOU!

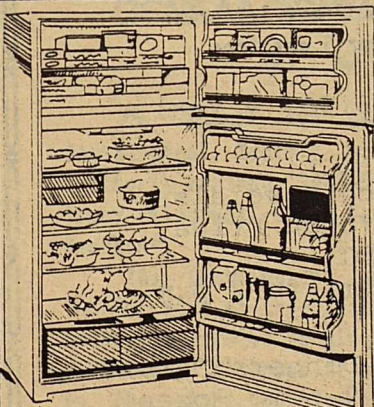
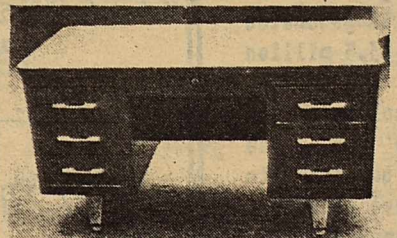
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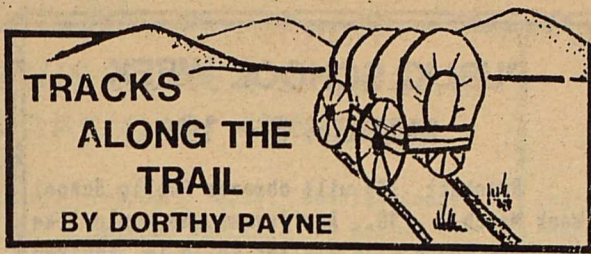
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The Federal Commander of Texas was ordered by the military in Washington to locate Ft. Griffin to protect the settlers along the far frontier.

On July 31, 1867 Colonel Samuel Davis Sturges with four companies of the 6th Cavalry, mostly black, arrived at Fort Griffin.

Lieutenant H. B. Mellon had earlier been set by Colonel Sturges from the past at Ft. Belknap. Mellon found the highest, protected, coolest and best watered point near the Clearfork River near where all the frontier trails crossed. For fourteen years Fort Griffin was in operation, the soldiers were to protect the settlers from the Indians of Indian Territory and the bands of white outlaws in the vicinity.

Between the hill where the Fort stood and the river was a piece of land about a half mile wide which was called the Flat. The past called the hill, "government hill" and below the hill a town formed on the piece of land called the Flat. This settlement was named Griffin.

In 1870, buffalo hides became a big business and the hide hunters headquarters in Griffin. There Charley Roth and Frank E. Conrad stocked the settlers, buffalo hunters and trail outfits with the supplies they needed.

The great Texas buffalo slaughter began in 1873 and for six years hunters brought their hides there to trade, some coming from as far as New Mexico.

Millions of hides were handled by Conrad

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY TO MEET

On March 4th the Southwest Texas Genealogical Society will hold its third quarterly meeting (1988-89) in Uvalde. Mr. Tracy King will speak on "Planning a Family Reunion".

The Genealogical Society, now in its fourth year of organization, boasts having members in states ranging from California to New York. Although it emphasizes membership in the eight counties of Dimmit, Edwards, Frio, Kinney, Medina, Real, Uvalde and Zavala, the Society welcomes anyone who is interested in searching their "roots" to participate as a member or guest. Free queries are published in their quarterly issues of "Branches & Acorns". In addition, a monthly column entitled "Hidden Acorns" written by member Kathryn Gazaway (Box 38, Utopia 78884) addresses queries monthly in the Leader News and other local newspapers.

The March 4th meeting (10:00-1:00) is to be at Jerry's Restaurant (539 W. Main, Uvalde). Please send your reservation (\$8.00 for members/guests) to SWTGS Treasure, Box 295, Uvalde 78801. Pre-registration helps toward starting promptly.

and Roth at Griffin. All available acres in the Flat were covered with stacked buffalo hides.

The nearest railroad was at Denison where the hides were hauled by wagons. In 1874, the Texas and Pacific Railroad came to Eagle Ford seven miles west of Dallas and by September the railroad was extended to Weatherford. The buffalo slaughter reached its peak, lasting two more years. The freighters hauled the hides to the railroad and brought supplies for hunters, cattlemen and settlers. Conrad and Roth did a booming business and Griffin prospered.

Major W. H. Wood declared Griffin under government control and ordered gamblers, outlaws and prostitutes to leave town and they did. But in 1874, the government gave up and they came back and once again Griffin on the Flat became the answer to monotony.

There were all kinds of people in Griffin. Besides the bad there were Doctors, Lawyers, settlers, mostly educated who went to church and raised families.

Like other boomtowns, Griffin began to fade. The southern herd of Texas buffalo were slaughtered by 1880. Indian raids declined, more settlers came with their families and the military were no longer needed. Forts were closed up and Ft. Griffin was closed on May 31, 1881. The Texas Central Railroad was built as far as Albany to the south, and by 1882 Griffin was no more.

Some years ago, I camped at old Ft. Griffin to do research, not much was there. Some ruins and square nails, just enough to let your imagination run wild.

Now Ft. Griffin has been waked up again, not as a Fort but a historical attraction for tourists. An epic of the past is put on annually, much like the show at Palo Duro State Park.

SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES TO FILE THRU MARCH 21

Monday, February 20, 1989, was the first day for filing for one of the three at large positions on the Brackett Independent School District School Board. Applications for a place on the ballot will continue through March 21, 1989. Interested individuals may file at the Central Office on Ann Street for the May 6, 1989 election.

Drawing for positions on the ballot will be held at 8:00 a.m. on March 23, 1989, in the Board Room. Any and all candidates, or their representative, are welcome to be present for the drawing.

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SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION TIMETABLE

Below is a listing of the timelines of the upcoming school election to be held on Saturday, May 6, 1989. If you are interested in becoming a candidate, or plan to vote in the election, please take note of these timelines:

- FEBRUARY 20, 1989 FIRST DAY TO FILE FOR A PLACE ON THE BALLOT
- MARCH 7, 1989 FIRST DAY TO ACCEPT ABSENTEE REQUESTS BY MAIL
- MARCH 21, 1989 LAST DAY TO FILE FOR A PLACE ON THE BALLOT. 5:00 P.M. DEADLINE
- MARCH 31, 1989 LAST DAY FOR A CANDIDATE TO WITHDRAW
- APRIL 6, 1989 LAST DAY A PERSON CAN REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE MAY 6, 1989 ELECTION
- APRIL 17, 1989 FIRST DAY FOR ABSENTEE VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE. HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
- APRIL 29, 1989 LAST DAY TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS TO BE VOTED BY MAIL
- MAY 2, 1989 LAST DAY TO VOTE ABSENTEE BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE
- MAY 6, 1989 ELECTION DAY 7:00 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 6, 1989 Home Economics Cottage
- MAY 12, 1989 LAST DAY FOR OFFICIAL CANVASS



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MUSEUM, FT. CLARK LOCKED IN DUEL

by Nelson Allen
Express-News Staff Writer

Two ceremonial swords that never tasted blood but symbolize the end of a bloody age are now being fought over by two South Texas museums.

At the moment, the swords are not on display but being kept in storage at the Witte Museum.

The swords, one gold and one silver, were presented by the citizens of Kinney County to John Lapham Bullis in the 1880's.

Bullis was an Indian fighter and military officer who spent nine years in the area after the Civil War. He and his Seminole-Negro Indian Scouts have been largely credited with helping to rid the region of hostile Comanches and Apaches (three of these scouts were awarded the Medal of Honor when they rode back to save Bullis after he had lost his mount during a skirmish with renegades).

The swords were a gift of appreciation from the settlers of the region.

After spending the greater part of his military career in Indian warfare in Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. Bullis returned to Fort Sam Houston, where he served as paymaster. He retired as brigadier general in 1905 and lived in San Antonio until his death in 1911.

Bullis daughters donated the swords to the San Antonio Museum Association. They are in the custody of the Witte Museum.

The current situation began when the Fort Clark Springs Association requested the presentation swords be temporarily returned to Kinney County. The old infantry/cavalry fort, which has been maintained and renovated and now serves as a retirement center and vacation retreat, is where Bullis and the Seminole-Negro scouts served and made history. The Fort Clark Association requested a loan of the swords to display in its museum from April to June during spring events including an Old Troopers' Reunion and Fort Clark Days Festival.

After reviewing the request, the Witte said no.

"Their request was rejected because of board policy," said Rick Casagrande, keeper of collections at the Witte. "The facilities report did not meet our standards and it seemed they were not actually a museum but more of a gallery."

"What do they want?" demanded Penny Nixon, public relations officer for Fort Clark Springs. "Our museum is in the old jail. We would lock the swords in there. It's the safest place at Fort Clark! The temperature is regulated. What could be more secure than a jail?"

Arthur Cavazos, publicity coordinator for SAMA, said that specific reasons for the rejection would be made available to Fort Clark Springs Association, but declined to tell the Express-News.

"Fort Clark is not a museum but, in fact, a historical site. They are not set up to properly care for, maintain and secure

something as valuable as the Bullis swords. However we do not want the hurt them by releasing confidential information that could betray inadequacies they might have. On request, they could be provided with a detailed report."

Meanwhile, Nixon said the rejection has angered history buffs and retired military residents at Fort Clark as well as some descendants of Kinney County families who originally presented the swords to Bullis.

"The people here wouldn't feel so bad if the swords were on display someplace nice -- but they're in a box. Just in a box in some basement where no one can see them," she said.

San Antonio Museum Association officials admitted the swords were in storage and might only be displayed during certain "historical" exhibits. No such exhibits are currently under consideration.

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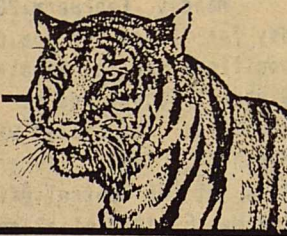


FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Officers until April 5th are in front: David Martinez, Asst. Chief; Lingo Sandoval, Chaplain; in back row: Adrian Reyes, Sec/treasurer; Chet Puda, Training Capt.; Richard Wills, Chief and Vernon Miers, Racing Capt.

SPORTS

BY J. J. GUIDRY



The Del Rio JV Rams will play the Brackett Varsity Tigers in 1989. The game was scheduled due to a cancellation by Leakey Independent School District of a contest scheduled for September 8, 1989 with Brackett Independent School District.

The game will be played in Brackettville on Saturday, September 9, 1989, and game time will be 8:00 p.m. Superintendent Bob McCall expressed appreciation for being able to schedule the game, "Leakey's cancellation left us with an eight game schedule. We are very pleased that Del Rio was able to work us into their schedule. It should be a good game for fans from both communities. I hope that we will be competitive."

PUBLIC SCHOOL WEEK MARCH 6 - 10

Brackett ISD will observe Public School Week March 6 - 10. Any parent who would like to have lunch with his/her child is invited to call the school by 8:30 a.m. on the desired day to make a reservation. There will be no charge for parent lunches during Public School Week.

March 6 & 7, 1989, the Drug Free School Coordinators from Region XX in San Antonio will present drug awareness programs during the day for all Brackett ISD students. Monday, March 6, from 6 - 7 p.m. Brackett ISD will host classroom visitations for all grade levels, Pre-K - 12. March 6th, at 7 p.m. in the High School auditorium, Wanda Moody and Sunny Pollak from Region XX will present a Drug Awareness Program for adults. Brackett ISD cordially invites all Parents, and Kinney County residents to take part in this exciting program.



Pick of the Week

RORY

This Week's Pick is "Big Business", starring Bette Midler (Outrageous Fortune, Beaches) and Lily Tomlin (All of mMe, 9 To 5).

In this critically acclaimed Box Office hit about two sets of identical twins who are mismatched at birth, the road to hilarity is about to begin.

Forty years later, their paths cross amid the hustle and bustle of Manhattan and the result is unrestrained pandemonium.

New York's luxurious Plaza Hotel is the setting for a wildly hilarious, classic case of mistaken identities, split personalities and double trouble.

With the unparalleled comedic talents of Bette and Lily, Two's company but four's a riot!

I give this one an 8 1/2.

TILL NEXT WEEK - HAPPY VIEWING!

THANK YOU

THANK YOU to all the friends who either visited me during my stay in the hospital, sent flowers, cards or called and most important of all for the prayers for my recovery. GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

ALVIN HALL

COMMISSIONER'S COURT UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

Monday, February 27th, Commissioners' court held a special meeting. A motion was made to emergency amend law enforcement budget in the amount of \$5,000. to pay for the car being purchased from D.P.S. as it was ready to be picked up. It passed unanimously.

The depository contract was awarded to the First State Bank in a motion by Ruben Fuentes with the motion giving Judge Seargeant authority to sign it. It passed unanimously.

The Chamber of Commerce has asked for a set rate for the rental of the Civic Center for the Frontier Fair on March 17-18, 1989. A motion was made by Joe Garza to have a set rate. It was passed anamiously.

AA has asked Judge Seargeant if the Commissioners' Court knew of a place where the could meet once a week. He said the Court would think of a place for them.

After a long discussion between Judge Seargeant, the Commissioners and Constable Gregorio about which equipment was needed and where it would be used, a motion was made to assign a 4 wheel blazer to the Constable for County use only with the County to maintain it. No travel expense allotted. It was approved.

All other equipment, lights, walkie-talkie (bid presented for this) were not to exceed \$1,200. and to emergency amend the budget for same. It was approved.

There was nothing resolved as far as the underground water district Resolution as it was stated what is posted already is satisfactory for right now. Topic will still be under discussion.

BY SANDY HERMAN

D.P.S. NEWS

In the Justice of Peace docket this week there were 73 speeding tickets given out. There was also 2 expired drivers licenses, 2 over gross weight tickets, 1 failed to display a valid registration receipt, 1 no driver license, 1 no tail lights, 1 for no seat belt, 1 for no commercial driver license and 10 for no proof of financial responsible (no insurance).

There were 9 warrants issued for failure to appear.

E.M.S. REPORT

There were only two EMS calls this week. One was a back injury on Saturday and one was a cardiac problem on Tuesday Night. Both were transported to Val Verde Hospital in Del Rio.

Bumper to Bumper replaced a water pump that went sour in the ambulance Monday morning.



FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

BY CHET PUDA

Last weekend the State Firemen & Fire Marshals Association held a seminar in Austin to help inform Fire Dept.'s about several topics concerning the Fire Service. Attending the Seminar from our department were Chief Richard Wills, Capt. Chet Puda and Secretary/Treasurer Adrian Reyes. These firemen were impressed with the amount of knowledge that was gained at this seminar.

Fires for the past week were as follows:

- 1) Thursday we had a grass fire next to the Philips 66 station, which must have been started by a cigarette or match which was tossed from a passing motorist;
- 2) Friday, there was a pickup on fire 12 miles west of town. The truck was totaled;
- 3) Saturday, we had small fire behind the Conoco Station against the old Western Auto building reported by Police Chief Johnny Fritter.

The Fire Department is planning to have a Fire Dept. display at the Frontier Fair in Mid-March in order to show the people what we have and what we're doing to serve our community. We will also have our rescue van at the Fair.

The Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department proudly announces the Adoption of our Honorary Dept. Grandmother. This title goes to Rose Mary Slubar for all the help she has given us in the past. THANKS ROSE MARY.



The Navajo language was used successfully as a code by the U.S. during World War II.



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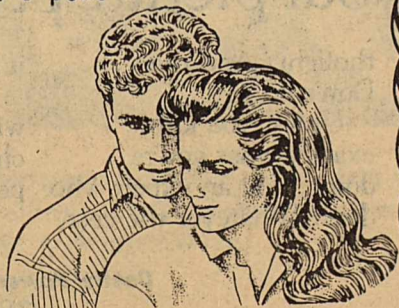
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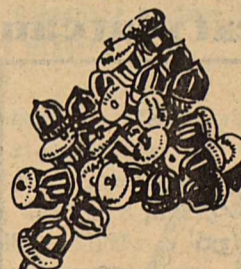
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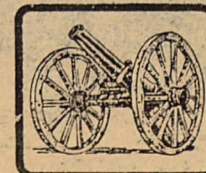
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CARE

There is a measurable decrease in property values surrounding toxic disposal facilities. A 10.5 percent to 16 percent decrease in property values is normal. In some instances, property values have dropped even more dramatically. For example, the Mayor of Emelle, Alabama was informed that the value of his home had dropped to one-third of its previous value due to its proximity to a hazardous waste facility. In Michigan, a tax court reduced tax assessments by 99 percent because of the siting and operation of a waste facility in the neighborhood.

A hazardous waste incinerator imposes great costs on the community. Increased traffic in large vehicles transporting hazardous waste to the incinerator will cause wear and tear to roads and bridges, increasing the county's maintenance costs. The county must also train and equip emergency personnel to act in the event of a release of toxic substances, either at the facility or en route by a transporter of hazardous wastes. In many rural counties, emergency services are provided by volunteers. Training and specialized equipment is expensive. Protective suits and breathing apparatus alone cost \$3500 per person. In addition to equipping a special force, the county may be expected to specially train and equip fire and police departments because these people are likely to be the first on the scene when there is a vehicular accident involving hazardous wastes.

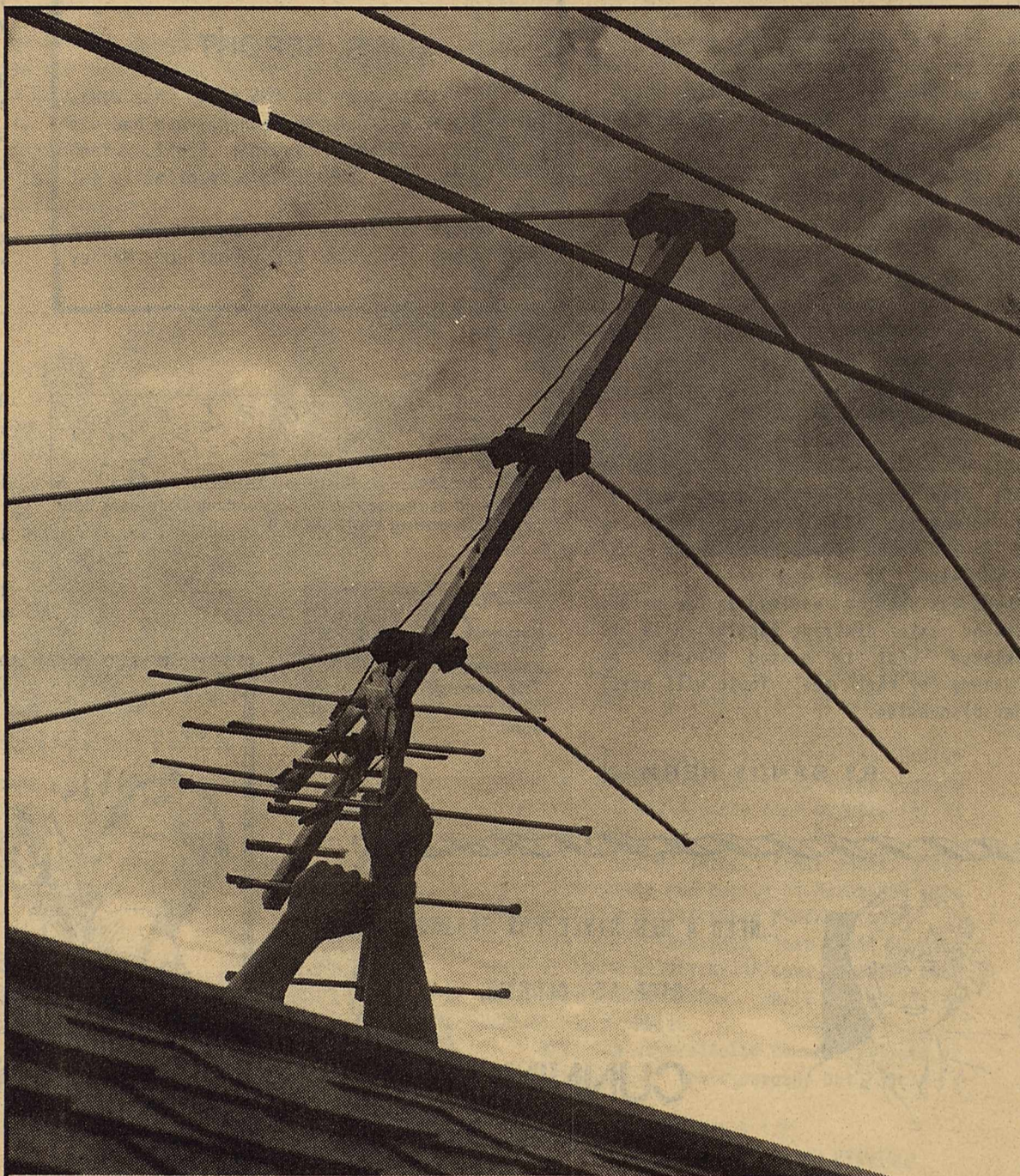
A great economic drawback to siting a hazardous waste incinerator is the community's potential liability in the event of an accidental release of hazardous materials. In most instances, clean-up costs from spills and pollution which carry over to adjoining property is excluded from insurance coverage. There are very few insurers who will provide coverage for hazardous waste transporters or facilities. The coverage which does exist is severely restricted and has inadequate policy limits. Insurance coverage in the amounts needed to cover a

major release of hazardous materials simply cannot be found. If a facility operator or waste transporter is unable to pay clean-up costs, the county may be left to find a remedy of its own. Leakage from a town dump led to a \$15,000,000 judgment against Jackson Township, N. J. As a result of the judgment, the cost of insuring Jackson Township has risen 800 percent.

It is by no means clear that payments and general assistance promised to the host county will provide for the full extent of

costs associated with the siting and operation of a hazardous waste incinerator. And, of course, there are no payments provided to deal with the quantities of hazardous materials which remain as noncombustible byproducts of incineration and which require subsequent disposal.

This report was prepared for the Legal Environmental Assistance Foundation - a Public Interest Law Firm by University of Georgia Law student Douglas P. Haines.



Installing antennas near power lines can change your picture permanently.

You know power lines can be deadly. So, you plan to be extra careful. But, the antenna turns out to be a little more complicated than you

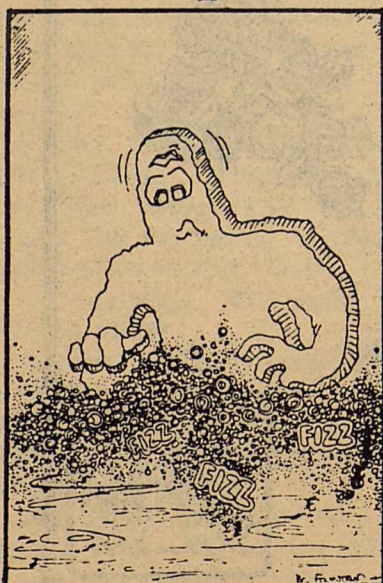
thought. And then ... Don't do it.

Unless you know exactly what you're doing, call an expert who does. Whatever the cost,

it's worth it.

One careless moment with a power line can change your picture permanently.

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THAT SAD AND FATEFUL DAY THAT MR. ALKA-SELTZER WENT FOR A SWIM.

REFLECTIONS

BY PRESTON TAYLOR, PASTOR
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Fort Clark Springs has several "old bunkers" where war material were stored during W.W. II.

We're concerned about military superiority. The USS Alaska is a nuclear-powered trident submarine that's twice as long as a football field and as tall as the Washington Monument. The cost? One and one half billion dollars -- and the Navy wants to increase the numbers from seven to twenty. Each sub carries 24 missiles. Each sub has more destructive power than all the bombs used during W.W. II.

One half of the world's physicists and engineers are at work on the development of war equipment. The super power nations keep up a sky-rocket pace on military preparedness.

We're concerned about the environment. Drought plagues many parts of the world. Pollution problems from acid rain to city dumps plague the entire world. The rapid destruction of forests brings about changes in the air. For instance, the big forests of the vast Amazon area of Brazil will be cleared away in another 20 years if the present rate of deforestation goes on. This alone will throw a big part of Europe and Asia in an off-balance position.

We're overwhelmed with economic problems. America's national debt is not dwindling, but growing. You can make this paragraph longer! We're concerned about

learning. Some have "information anxiety." It's impossible to keep pace in all areas of medicine, biology, physics, history, the arts, architecture, engineering, and even "car-toonology." The computer age has given us more raw material to digest in the last 30 years than the world has had in the last 5,000 years.

We've got serious moral and health concerns. Drugs in many form threaten to destroy us. The Aids epidemic could become catastrophic in a short time. Our blood supply is being poisoned. Terror activity gives deep psychological problems to many areas of society. Waves of terrorism could bring panic and destruction to life and property until we would not have a place to hide.

Planet earth whirls in space at more than 17,000 miles per hour. This little planet groans and agonizes from within and from without, and we are approaching zero hour whether mankind has the ability to understand this truth or not.

One concern has been left out of the picture by most people. We've tried to sidetrack God. We've relegated God to the "non-entity" class. However, before man destroys himself, Jesus is coming again. In truth, God's invasion of history will be the only solution to diabolic and man-made chaotic conditions which hurl us toward global disaster. We can't outsmart our problems, but an answer will come one day.

A new world is coming. Before it breaks upon us, The Divine Christ can put our own personal world in shape. When we repent of sin and trust Jesus as personal Saviour and Lord, we'll be equipped to face the world that stares us in the face each day. Will we do it?

KINNEY COUNTY RESIDENTS CLAIM PRIZES IN ARTS FAIR

Western novelist Elmer Kelton of San Angelo illustrated how he intertwines people and places he knows into the settings and characters of his novels and 254 awards for excellence in the creative arts were presented during the eighth annual Southwest Texas Junior College Creative Arts Fair and Award Ceremony last Thursday. (February 23)

Co-sponsored by SWTJC's Eta Beta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the Creative Arts Fair and Award Ceremony and Kelton's address are held during Community College Month as examples of two of the services provided by SWTJC--promotion and recognition of academic excellence, and providing cultural enrichment for the community.

Kelton, who has published 27 novels, reviewed several of his novels.

"I write fiction because it is a form that gives me latitude to say a lot of thing I want to say and make points I want to make through fictional characters," Kelton said. "I use traits from people I know, I twist them and turn them and put them into my stories."

"Our imagine of history is based more on fiction than on the actual facts," he continued. According to Kelton a newsman was interviewing a man who supposedly killed Liberty Valance and found out that someone else had actually done the deed. At the end of the interview, the newsman tore up his notes saying, "When legend becomes truth, you print the legend; the legend then becomes more important than the facts."

There were over 900 entries in the 1989 contest, and artists and writers from virtually every community in the region won awards.

"This is a traditional event that we look forward to every year," said SWTJC President Dr. Jimmy Goodson in his opening remarks. "All entrants are winners to me because they have contributed to the culture of Southwest Texas and the achievement of excellence in artistic expression."

Visual art judge for the contest was James Kuiper, dean of academic affairs at the San Antonio Art Institute, while Dr. D'Ann Madewell and Dr. Nancy Jones of the Dallas County Community College District judged the literary winners.

Winners in Brackettville for POETRY in College students are:

First place, Jane Crow; second place, Evola Lampkin; and third place, Don Parks.

SHORT STORY: First place, Evola Lampkin and second place, Jane Crow.

Community entrant winner in POETRY is First place, Frances McMaster.

SHORT STORY Brackettville winners are: Third place, Leota Potter; Honorable mention, Elsa O'Rourke.

SHORT STORY entrant in Retirement winner was First Place, J. R. (Dick) Schroeder.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the Brackett winners!



Among the winners in the eighth annual SWTJC Creative Arts Contest were front row, left to right Kathleen Smith, Jane Crow and Elsa O'Rourke; back row, left to right, Dick Schroeder, Leota Potter and Don Parks all of Brackettville.

PUBLIC NOTICES

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, student achievement is enhanced by parental support for schools and high expectations for academic success, and
 WHEREAS, public schools and students benefit from the participation of community groups and organizations in the local education system, and
 WHEREAS, Texas must continue to support a strong educational system so that our children will have the opportunity to develop into the future leaders of the state and the nation, and
 WHEREAS, for more than 30 years the state annually has recognized Texas Public Schools Week, and
 WHEREAS, this year's theme of Texas Public Schools Week urges the citizens of the state to visit classrooms to "See Us Shine," and
 WHEREAS, during this special week, parents and taxpayers are invited to visit the public schools to recognize the tremendous importance that our educational system has for our community; Now, therefore, be it
 RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education does hereby recognize March 6-10, 1989 as Texas Public Schools Week, and urges citizens to take an active interest in the school system by cooperating with their school board, superintendent, principals and teachers, and visiting the schools to see their students shine in the classroom; furthermore, be it
 RESOLVED, that this resolution be included in the permanent records of the State Board of Education.

S/S MONTE HASIE, CHAIRMAN

S/S MARY HELEN BERLANGA, SECRETARY

REQUEST FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals for constructing 187.079 miles of seal coat on various limits of US 90, US 67, IH 10, US 277, SH 41, SH 55, US 190, SH 137, RM 334, RM 2083, RM 2596, FM 1908, RM 2804, RM 1973, & FM 3199 in Val Verde, Reagan, Irion, Crockett, Edwards, Real, Schleicher & Kinney Counties covered by CPM 22-6-38, CPM 22-7-21, CPM 77-1-16, CPM 77-2-23, CPM 77-3-25, CPM 141-1-36, CPM 396-3-18, CPM 558-9-21, CPM 876-2-25, CPM 1280-3-8, CPM 1644-3-10, CPM 1814-1-7, CPM 2752-1-4, CPM 2969-1-9 & CPM 3299-1-3, will be received at the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Austin, until 1:00 p.m., March 7, 1989, and then publicly opened and read. Plans and specifications including minimum wage rates as provided by Law are available for inspection at the office of Robert C. Parker Resident Engineer, Del Rio, Texas and at the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Austin Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction Division, D.C. Greer State Highway Building, 11th and Brazos Streets, Austin, Texas 78701. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder. Usual rights reserved.



In 1914, the Mexican bandit Pancho Villa was waging a revolution along the Texas/Mexico border. He sold the movie rights to his story for \$15,000 and the Mutual Film Corporation sent a special railway car, cameras and a car to El Paso to film the action. Pancho Villa promised to fight all his battles between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. when the light was best for filming, and coordinated his battles with the movie script. But "The Life of Villa" was a box office failure and all the prints were destroyed.



When William Travis and his men took up their defensive positions on the wall of the Alamo, they could see the tower of the San Fernando Cathedral. Santa Anna had made the cathedral his headquarters and flew a flag from the tower. Not the red, white and green Mexican flag, but a solid, dark red flag that signaled no quarter for anyone taken alive. In response, Travis fired at it with his largest gun, an 18-pounder on the southwest parapet.

FRONTIER FAIR

MARCH 17 & 18

BRACKETTVILLE CIVIC CENTER

- Friday 17-8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Check In Arts & Crafts. Check back of this ad for entry blank.
 Set-up Booths
- Friday -6:00 p.m. Check in contestants for Little Mr. & Miss Kinney County.
 6:30 p.m. Little Mr. & Miss Contest
 8:00 p.m. Talent Show (All Ages) Check back of this ad for entry blank. Turn in at 1st St. Bank or Davis Hardware.
- Sat. 18 - 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Judging of Arts & Crafts
 10:00 a.m. Parade - Call Wanda Schwandner to enter Float
 12:00-3:00-5:00 Sahawe Indian Dancers - Civic Center
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SHRINERS

The Shrine Club Units kicked off their 1989 season with the Washington Day Parade in Laredo. This is an International Parade and is always attended by a large crowd from both sides of the Border.

On Friday morning, February 17, Dorothea and I, having loaded our motorhome the day before, hooked my trailer carrying my Red Roadster behind it and departed for Laredo. It was raining, but this was nothing unusual for us to travel in the rain going to a parade. It rained all the way to Laredo and continued thru most of the night. In Laredo, we joined the rest of the Alzafar Shrine Units, all hoping we were going to be able to ride the parade. We had 9 of our Red Roadsters present and were anxious to show the other units that we still knew how to ride. Saturday morning, it had stopped raining, but it was damp and cold. We all departed the Motel for the assembly point. It was a 10:00a.m. parade, so we had orders to assemble at 8:00 a.m. You can imagine how cold and miserable we were by the time the parade began. Our ladies stayed at the Motel, couldn't get them to venture out. They said next time maybe. We have to give them credit though for they usually get out and cheer us on and tell everyone we are the best of the Alzafar Units. We were lucky to have the number 2 position, so at 10:00 a.m. we were on the move. Doing our maneuvers helped warm us up, and the cheering crowd that braved the weather did wonders. By the time we reached the end we were feeling pretty good. Andy Anderson, a resident of Fort Clark Springs and a member of Alzafars Kerr Clowns was there dressed in his usual clown attire. Andy said once you acted as a clown you would never go back to a wheeled unit.

After the parade it was back to the motel where we said goodbye with the units returning to their respective homes, except Dorothea and I. As the units were to be in Brownsville for the Charro Days Parade of February 25th, we decided to spend the week in the valley.

Our first stop was South Padre Island. We spent three days there, and I don't think we saw the Gulf for the blowing sand. One day I thought I saw the waves, but Dorothea said it was my imagination, it was only sand dunes built up in front of the motorhome. The sand blew worse than a West Texas dust storm. We are still digging sand out of the motorhome. Deciding we were not going to be able to walk the beach and gather sea shells, we loaded up and went to a R.V. Park in Brownsville. We have marked this down as one of the places we will least likely return to.

On Friday, the Shrine Units began to arrive. It was a large assortment of units, coming from the Shrine Temples in Houston, Galveston, Corpus Christi as well as San Antonio. Jack Taunt joined us there giving us a total of 8 Red Roadsters. The weather was perfect and the streets were wide and smooth. It was an exceptionally large crowd, and the louder they cheered the harder we worked to please them.

Right in the heart of downtown, I heard someone yell, "Bruce." Knowing that no one knew me there, I didn't bother to look to see where it came from. But on my next time around, I heard my name again, and this time I looked and saw Carl and Martha Eaton standing in the crowd. Everyone agreed this was one of the best parades we ever rode in, and we are looking forward to next year. At the end of the parade, we again said our good-byes, however it will not be for long as we meet again in San Antonio on March 11th for the St. Patrick Day Parade. The Red Roadsters plan to represent the Alzafar Shrine Temple and the Fort Clark Shrine Club in the Frontier Days Parade here in Brackettville on March 18th. Jack Taunt and Bruce Clements of Brackettville and Kenneth Hildreth of Del Rio, all Fort Clark S. C. members are also members of the Red Roadsters. We will not only be riding for fun and entertainment, but to keep the public aware that the Shrine Hospitals offer free help to crippled or burned children.

Currently, the Fort Clark Shrine Club is sponsoring three children to the Houston Crippled Children's Hospital. Our club provides transportation to San Antonio for the child and parent, there they are transported by the Alzafar Temple to Houston where they receive treatment then returned to San Antonio, where we again pick them up and bring them home.

For 1989, we have 18 parades scheduled, including the All-State Competition in El Paso and the International Shrine Association Competition in Toronto, Canada. It promises to be a busy year.

Bruce Clements

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Fort Clark Historical Society's monthly meeting on February 25th was a great experience for the 65 persons attending. A panel of eight persons had the audience spellbound with their recounting of early life and times in Brackettville and Fort Clark. Offhand comments by the participants kept the audience roaring with laughter throughout the hour-long session.

Stories of a refrigerator floating down the flooded Nueces and its recovery with eggs unbroken and ice cream unthawed combined with stories of how the flood waters in Brackettville came up to a second-story balcony on which survivors were gathered, and how they had to push off a horse which was determined to share their perch, were recounted to an appreciative audience.


Stories of how joyful it was when Brackettville got running water and indoor plumbing, and drinking water coming from a tap instead from the bucket of water peddler who drove his mule into Las Moras creek's Mulligan Bend and dipped the water into a tank which was later pulled through the streets of Brackettville. Mulligan's Bend is still there, near Unit 1 of Fort Clark Springs, but the peddler and his tank are long gone. One can hope he dipped the water upstream from the mule. At any rate one of the panel was heard to remark that the reason

they all lived so long could possibly be attributed to their drinking-water in the early days. Some even remembered the price for a bucket of water from the peddler.


The panel consisted of eight persons, J. Lee Ballantyne, Eva Clare Dooley, Marguerite Neuman, Charles Emily Wilson, Mary Helen Krieger, Eloise Davis, Bess Fritter and Leslie Schmidt, who was a visitor from Del Rio, but spent many boyhood days on the Fort. Five of the seven ladies were school teachers in the Brackettville school system. Charles E. Wilson recounted how, during the war, she had 43 pupils in three different grades in the segregated black school. Other teachers recalled fondly the old two-story elementary school which was pretty, but was in pretty sad repair. One teacher was written up by a state inspector because of no ventilation--the heating was so poor that the schoolroom temperature was 50 degrees.

Mrs. Bess Fritter told me after the program how the kids went to school from the Fort. They would pile into a covered wagon with a driver of the mule team up front and a guard standing in the back. On nice days the canvas top would be folded back and on bad weather days it would be pulled tight to protect the children. She recounted how if you weren't awoken by the canon going off, you would be by the negroes and the mule team going off to the mountains north of town singing all the way. Mrs. Fritter stated how she waited with anticipation to be able to teach in the new building that had steam heat and would no longer have to use wood stoves that the janitors fired up each morning.


The session was recorded and the tape will be placed on file in the Old Guardhouse Museum at Fort Clark.




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