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CARE members in front of the First State Bank where the Chamber of Commerce meeting was being held.

# **CARE** and Chamber of **Commerce** Clash

The Chamber of Commerce banquet has been canceled due to lack of a guest speaker, according to Chamber President, Wanda Schwandner. The guest speaker that was cancelled was Charles Duke, astronaut and retired USAF Brig. Gen. and TexCor investor.

A group of CARE representatives met in front of the First State Bank building Thursday evening, March 30, asking admittance into the Chamber of Commerce special meeting that was taking place. President Wanda Schwandner told the crowd that they would not be allowed in. "They were so loud and noisy outside and banging on the door that I didn't go out and take a poll on who was Chamber member," stated Wanda. "I did tell them I would call Norman if they didn't go away." Wanda allowed the admittance of Chamber members and CARE representatives Stan Conoly and Jimmy Ballew.

Directors voted to cancel the banquet altogether.

CARE member and Chamber member Debbie Trant stated, "We're not happy that the banquet was canceled, we'd just like to see them direct their energy towards the State Park development or the growth of the Fort.

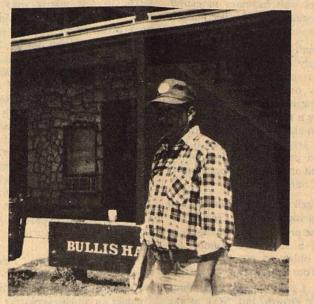
Another CARE member and Chamber member expressed her disappointment in not being allowed in the meeting and that she was never contacted about the meeting by the Chamber as is her right according to the by-laws.

CARE member and Chamber member that did attend the meeting was concerned that if Charles Duke was allowed to speak at the meeting, it may be construed as community support when TexCor goes to the State Lobbist.

Don Parks, CARE representative stated, "If they had anyone else, someone with no affiliation with

Local Hero Saves

**Youngsters** Life



Ramon Falcon the man that saved a young boys life

### by Penny Nixon

Ramon Falcon, of Bizzell Construction Company, saved the life of 4-year-old Steven Dodge on Tuesday, April 4, when he grabbed the boy as he was about to fall headfirst beneath the wheels of a runaway van.

"To my knowledge, he pulled the car out of gear," Ramon said of the service van Grandfather Larry Dodge uses to stock the motel rooms at Fort Clark Springs. Ramon was working on a window at the newly remodeled

Bullis Hall Motel when he saw the van rolling down the street, across Ft. Clark Road, towards a parked vehicle with young Steven dangling out the door with a slippery grip. " ran out and pulled him out from between the door and the car," Ramon said. "I grabbed him by the arm, and tried to stop the car." Fellow workers Gilbert Gallegos and Joe Guerra came to the rescue and stopped the runaway van before it smashed the boy or another car.





## Warren Outlaw "The Brackett News" Welcomes Warren Outlaw

The Brackett News is proud to welcome to our staff Darkroom Technician Warren Outlaw. Warren has been a valuable and dependable asset to The Brackett News. We simply drop off the film and let Warren work his magic.

Warren first visited Fort Clark and Brackettville in July of 1978 and made a decision then to retire here. In 1979, he purchased the building at 202-204 North St. and began restoring them. They presently house Frontier Guns and Frontier Gallery businesses owned and operated by the Outlaw

In January of 1983, Warren retired from Kroger Co. after 31 years of service and moved to Fort Clark with his wife Frances and dog Brandy. In August of 1983, he opened the Frontier Gun Shop.

Warren is a member of the following organization; the Old Quarry Society for the performing arts, Kinney Co. Historical Society, Kinney County Hospital Board, Las Moras Masonic Lodge #444, Reserve Deputy Sheriff under Sheriff Norman Hooten. Busy Warren is also in the process of restoring an old home at 305 El Paso Street

Stan and Jimmy informed the board of directors on their disapproval of having a TexCor representative as guest speaker at the banquet and offered to help the Chamber find a more suitable guest speaker.

Wanda informed them that the astronaut Charles Duke was one of the few men that had walked on the moon and that it was on that topic that he was to speak. She also added that he had said during his speech he would not comment on TexCor or CARE if he were so approached. After Conoly and Ballew left the

meeting, the Chamber Board of

TexCor or CARE that would be fine we'd even help. I have no personal interest in this matter. If TexCor comes here or not, I'll die before the pollution starts and I don't plan on selling my house if TexCor does move here. I do feel that we are our brother's keepers. I'm involved with CARE in the interest of the safety of the future generations."

The Chamber of Commerce will hold a ceremony honoring the Citizen of the Year and to present a student from BISD with a scholarship.

# Don't Mess With Texas



Members of the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary pose beneath the sign designating the strip of highway they adopted. Front Row Left Right are: Commander Saxton Sides, Cliff Lewis, President of Ladies Auxiliary Dot Fithian, Berkley Garrett, Joe Sandoval and Jack Brewster. Back Row Left To Right are: Darryl Earwood, Jean Faulkenberry, Carl Burrough from California, Gerald Gallion, Lee Cremer, Tom Faulkenberry, Cindy Glass, Maxine Schoolfield and Agapita Saenz.

The VFW and Ladies Auxiliary Post 8360, celebrated the State Wide Trash Off Day April 1, with trash bags in hand as they headed down the highway picking up trash. The highway they adopted is a two-mile stretch on Hwy 90 east towards Uvalde. A sign is displayed on the highway, designating the area adopted by them.

Sixteen members of the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary showed up to participate as highway workers. They were: Commander Saxton Sides, Agapita Saenz, Joe Sandoval, Berkley Garrett, Cliff Lewis, Lee Cremer, Tom Faulkenberry, Gerald Gallion, Jack Brewster, Darryl

Earwood, Dist. Jr. Vice Commander Walt Fithian, President Ladies Auxiliary Dot Fithian, Maxine Schoolfield, Jean Faulkenberry, Cindy Glass and Carl Burroughs. Back at the Fort, the Food Committee was busy preparing the hungry clean up crew a tasty refreshing meal. Members of the Food Committee were: Food Chairman Edith Finch, Wilma Lewis, Hazel Earwood, Catherine Gallion, Enemencia Starzel, Beau Kauffman, Marge Geeze, Lydia Creamer, Jesse Le Count, Mary Sandoval, Eva Ashley, Marice Lancelle, Lee Finch, Mary Parry and exhibits planned for the Witte and Carolyn Hendrick. other museums in San Antonio.

# **Return For a Visit**

## by Penny Nixon

The controversial swords of frontier legend John Lapham Bullis will be on display for one day at Fort Clark's Old Guardhouse Museum after a surprise offer by the San Antonio Museum Association last Friday. The ornate ceremonial swords will be on display for one day only on Saturday, April 22, during the Ft. Clark Cavalry Trooper's Reunion and Wainwright House dedication ceremony scheduled the same day. The Museum Association's offer to bring the swords, came after weeks of negotiations following an Associate Press Wire Service story stating the Museum Association had refused to lend the swords, even though they were in a storage box in the basement of the Witte Museum. After the publicity, the Museum Association quickly retracted their resistance to a loan, promising "to work something out." Their next offer came in a March 15, letter to Fort Clark Springs Public Relations Officer Penny Nixon for a 24-48 hour display at a cost of over \$850 for security guards, expenses, transportation and standard loan fees. "Naturally, all of these arrangements would once again need to be approved by our Acquisitions Committee, the Collections Committee of the Board, and at the full Board of Trustees meeting in April," Keeper of Collections, Richard Casagrande said in the letter.

"That's why the call offering the swords for display on April 22, came as such a surprise," Nixon said. "I'm impressed at how fast they worked through their own bureaucracy to help make this special display possible." Area rancher, businessman and philanthropist, Mr. Sterling C. Evans of Castroville, has expressed an interest in helping defray the cost of the exhibit, estimated at \$574, Nixon added. The swords will be on display in the Ft. Clark Old Guardhouse Museum from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on April 22, under the watchful eye of two Museum Association security guards. Mr. Arthur Cavazos, Director of Public Relations for the Museum Association, will address the cavalry trooper's luncheon with a program on the Bullis swords and upcoming

The swords, one gold and one silver, were presented to Bullis by the citizens of western Texas and Kinney County. The first sword came about by the editorial efforts of newspapers in Bandera, Uvalde, Castroville and Fort Clark, urging citizens to present Bullis a lasting token of their appreciation upon hearing of his transfer to Indian Territory, Arizona. Not to be outdone, the citizens of Kinney County raised enough money to buy Bullis an additional sword, "of scarcely less beauty" as a token of their gratitude. After spending the greater part of his military career in Indian scirmishes in Texas, Arizona, New Mexico and Mexico, Bullis returned to Fort Sam Houston, where he served as paymaster. He was made a Brigadier General by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1904, solely on his military record, the only time in history that a Major has been appointed to a Brigadier-Generalcy on merit alone. Bullis retired later that year and lived in San Antonio until his death in 1911. His daughters donated the swords, valued at \$100,000 each, to the Witte Museum, where they are currently stored. "To my knowledge, those swords haven't been out of the box for at

least the past 15 years," Nixon said. "I hope this is the beginning of an effort to find a permanent display home for the swords of the man widely credited with bringing peace to the Texas frontier."

Council Development personnel;

Armando Herrera, Enrique Castillon

and Paul Edwards to discuss all of

the benefits that will be available to

citizens of Brackettville. The

programs being offered are: on-job-

training - this program will pay 50%

of employees salary for a prescribed

time, affording employers an

incentive to hire job training

# Welcome New Columist "Grandma"

The Brackett News welcomes new columnist "Grandma". Grandma stopped by the office the other day and asked if we'd like some good ole fashioned news and some kitchen talk with recipes.

Grandma sure is wise for her years and she gave some beautiful advise we couldn't help but print. She said everyone would be after her if they

knew her true identity, so no one is going to know who she is. So far, not even her husband knows. All you Grandpas out there, watch out! Your Grandma may be "The Grandma". You better watch your step. She may write about you!

Anyway, welcome "Grandma". We're looking forward to more of your delicious recipes and some good ole fashioned advise.

## **P.T.O.** Officers Elected

The P.T.O. met at a regular meeting Monday night, April 3, New officers were elected for the 1989-1990 school year. They are: President - Mrs. Elena Luna, Vice President - Mary Valenzuela and Secretary/Treasurer -Diane Ward.

The P.T.O. members discussed the \$500 scholarship fund that will be awarded to a high school student. They also discussed the idea of conjuncting the Book Fair with Public School Week, instead of having it earlier in March.

Officers that will step out of office when the term expires are: President: Mrs. Bonner, Vice President: Pam Melancon and Secretary/Treasurer -Regina Marshall. These officers had may contact any of the officers.

a very busy year and provided many assets to the school.

P.T.O. members voted to purchase Elementary P.E. equipment at the cost of \$1,100. They purchased numerous types of balls, bats, jump ropes, bean bag sets, hoops, cones, poles and records. This shipment is expected soon. P.T.O. members also bought igloo water coolers for each elementary room and they purchased a mobile dictionary library that can be moved from room to room at students convenience.

A membership drive is in the making. Anyone wishing to support the P.T.O. or join the organization

## Full Term College Education is Offered by MRGDC

\$2 an hour paycheck and many other take advantage of this. work programs will be available to Try-out employee is directed at a Kinney County low income families. local High School student. This Judge Tommy Seargeant, Chamber program offers a Business the of Commerce President Wanda advantage of hiring a student with Schwandner, School Superintendent Bob McCall and Mayor Vito La Gioia met with Middle Rio Grande

250 hours of time being paid entirely by MRGDC (plus workman's comp). This is provided in hope that the business will eventually hire the student on a full-time basis. One student may qualify for this.

Work experience is being offered to 3 students. This provides for 2 hours a day on-the-job training. Work experience for out of school people from the age of 16 and up. This provides benefits for two people in

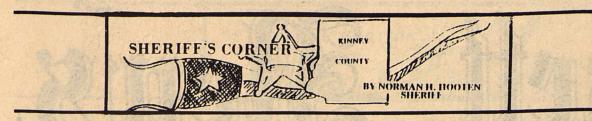
A full-term college education with a hopefuls. 13 people will be able to on-the job training.

Pre-employment skills is offered for in school youth in the age group of 15-21 years old. This helps students prepare and instructs on how to get a job and keep it.

Educational programs offered one G.E.D. courses and test paying \$2 an hour with 6 parts available and youth basic skills enlightment with 12 parts being available. Altogether MRGDC will help 38 low income people in job training and job location. For further information contact Mrs. Harrison at the Kinney County Courthouse. This program will be in effect beginning July 1989 thru June 30, 1990.

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The Brachell Henry.



Due to recent information related to me concerning certain county officials and others using my name indicating that I am in support of the proposed radioactive dumpsite near Spofford, the time has come for me to take a public stand on the issue. I do so primarily to make known to the public that I speak for myself on issues of this type. I am not trying to persuade anyone to be in agreement with me, though I do feel that the citizens of this community need to stand together on issues affecting the health and welfare of all of us who live and work in this area.

Several months ago I was contacted by Mr. Salsman, the chief representative of TexCor, Inc., asking to visit with me so as to brief me on the proposed natural radiation dumpsite near Spofford. This was the first I had heard of the proposal and therefore, I had no pre-conceived thoughts on the matter. I listened to his presentation, asking several questions so as to better understand just exactly what was being proposed for our county. One of the major points stressed by Mr. Salsman at this first meeting with me was his assurances that if there was a sizeable objection by a substantial number of Kinney County citizens to the proposal that he and TexCor would "fold up their tents and go elsewhere.'

Sometime later I was invited by Pct. 4 County Commissioner Bill Bizzell to attend a meeting at Ft. Clark to hear a presentation by a representative of the State Health Dept. concerning the type material that would be acceptable by the state for the type of license that was planned for the project. I left the meeting might be well paid for their services with far more questions in my mind about the issue than I had going in. It was at this time that I began to would be NO large labor force develop serious objections to the needed after completion. proposal.

There were just too many vague answers and entirely too much emphasis being placed on a GUARANTEE that NO health

future. However, when pressed on the issue NO such guarantees exist, only assurances that every effort would be made to "clean up the area" if an accident or spill occurred. When pressed for guarantees that no other type material would be allowable at the site referrals were made to the type license being issued. I have attended other meetings concerning this issue and have left each with a growing concern about what might be happening in our county that could affect our lives and the lives of our children and citizens of Kinney County forever more.

I, as others have, have tried hard to listen to all aspects of this proposed project with an open mind, actually looking for justification for accepting a project of this type in our county and community, I can find none.

I firmly believe that the primary driving force behind this project is the all mighty dollar, and lots of them, NOT for a large group of our citizens needing good paying jobs, but for a SMALL group of investors, landowners, and contractors who will skim the cream off the top and leave very little in the way of an economic boost to our county. By their own admission TexCor has stated that only about 25 jobs would be generated by the project at it's completion, the bulk of these would be generated by the project at it's completion, the bulk of these would be menial labor.

The high paying jobs would be held by experts in the field imported (and necessarily so) from other areas. Sure, a couple of local contractors, if awarded a construction contract. and their laborers would be working at the site until completion, but there

But even this is not my major objection to the project. The primary force behind my objections to the project is the fact that there are just TOO MANY unknowns related to problem would exist now or in the the project and even highly educated scientists admit that they do not know all the answers related to radioactivity. Too much trust would have to be placed in TexCor officials and the state and federal governments. The track record of both the state and federal governments in relation to overlooking violations of restrictions to projects of this type is less than admirable.

TexCor officials have stated that the life span for placing radioactive material in the dumpsite is twenty years, after that they will be gone, but the material will be there forever. Forever is a long, long time and locations throughout the U.S. are feeling the effects of the deterioration of containers at radioactive dumpsites with increases in cancer victims and many other health problems.

We don't want that for our community or county and all the vague assurances by company officials or state governmental representatives fails to convince me that there is not a very real danger to the health and welfare of our citizens now and generations to come if this unwanted project is allowed to be completed and put into operation in Kinney County.

I now call upon Mr. Salsman and others associated with TexCor to honor the promises they made to us that "if a substantial number of citizens object to our proposal we will fold our tents and go elsewhere." Kinney County needs and wants economic growth, but NOT at the risk, however slight, to the health and welfare of our citizens and generations to come. We don't have a problem now, so let us not take the chance of creating one.

The opinions contained in this column are, as always, my own. I am not attempting by any means to make this a political issue, the health, safety and welfare of the citizens should not now or ever be a political issue. It is and should be a community issue in the best interest of ALL of us.

THAT'S ALL!



# Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The following letter is neither dictated by, nor the established opinion of; my employers, friends or relatives.

The topic I wish to address is the manner in which individuals and organizations of this community have addressed the TexCor proposal. I have and remain an outside observer of the progress of this project and do not discuss the specifics with either side. I, therefore, state no official opinion on the project itself, but recent events encourage me strongly to address the methods utilized to mold community opinion. The statement 'a little knowledge is a very dangerous thing' applies directly to this topic.

Politics usually becomes a major factor in any matter only when knowledge is either lacking or nonexistent. Unfortunately, politics is essential to our system. Public opinion is vital but no organization should be established to form public opinion unless it is devoted to the study and finding of facts utilizing personnel who are strictly and reputably educated, trained and practicing in fields directly related to the topic of study. I would offer as a suggestion that an organization addressing this project specifically request a study from some of the following professional fields: 1. Environmental Engineer (Certified

by a State Board) 2. Geologist

Specialists in the fields of Science/Radioactivity These personnel would not have to conduct an all-encompassing design project but could be hired to establish facts about the materials to be stored, methods that are applicable as well as information on site selection factors. The professional fields mentioned above require a minimum of 4 years of intense study in these specific fields and some require a minimum of an additional 4 years apprenticeship under those with previous registrain by the state. It is foolish to believe that this type of knowledge can be gained through personal study in a time frame that is not at least as

encompassing as mentioned above. A few priorities that should be addressed in any project are:

2. Aesthetics 3. Economics

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These priorities would surely be addressed by the personnel above. Your next question would be in

### Chamber by a person or persons of the CARE organization.

I greatly resent the fact that such an organization or person of any kind would refuse me or any other person of this community the chance to learn from this speaker no matter the

topic, his personal convictions or what his investments might encumber. There is no greater method of destruction than to refuse a community the right to gain knowledge; hardly indicative of CARing. The Chamber shows that the only aspect that matches their immensity of cowardice is their great void of leadership.

Mr. Parks should pick up an issue of last week's Kinney Cavalryman and re-read his letter. Obviously this community is not committed to hearing both sides of the topic. Mr. Parks, I also would like to address your statement "Our intellectual position is based on research and analysis." I do not doubt that your "intellectual position" is based on your research and analysis but the lack of facts, findings and credentials from you or any other person of CARE leads me to question not only your research but your "astoundingly immense intellectual position". Sincerely

Thomas G. Kerr

## Letter to the Editor

"Nothing can go wrong. We'll take every precaution, and we will protect the environment. It's perfectly safe, and everyone will make a lot of money." Oil companies in Alaska, 1974.

"Nothing can go wrong. We'll use state-of-the-art technology. There is really no danger. We'll bring jobs and money to Kinney County." TexCor, Kinney County, 1988-89. Does the Exxon oil spill disaster remind you of anything much closer to home? The people of Alaska were assured, fifteen years ago, that nothing like this could ever happen. The latest technology would be used. Foolproof emergency plans would be prepared to cope with any possible accidents. Most important of all, there would be a lot of money for the local people and governments. Even federal agencies said it was absolutely safe for all concerned. It all sounded wonderful.

Now, Alaska is confronted with an oil slick as big as Rhode Island. The fishing industry in Prince William Sound is effectively destroyed for no one knows how long. Untold numbers of wild birds, aquatic animals and fish are dead or dying. Inhabitants of the area are watching as a traditional way of life, and their

livelihood, disappear along with the wildlife.

Exxon and the other oil companies made many promises. A big sales job was carried on and the industry won, in spite of reasoned protest by many Alaskans. Now Exxon says "We're sorry!" Neither Exxon nor anyone else knows how to clean up the mess. They can't put Humpty Dumpty together again. In 1974, the people of Alaska accepted a pig in a poke, to their present sorrow. The bonanza has turned into a monstrous tragedy. We, in Kinney County, are urged to accept a proposition filled with many identified perils and others as yet unknown. CARE says we should reject this proposal. The people of this region cannot afford the risks. To gain purely temporary cash advantage for a very few, we certainly should not place the future of all in jeopardy for thousands of years.

We don't want TexCor or BFI or the Texas Department of Health or anyone else to have to say "We're sorry!" at some future time, after catastrophe strikes. We don't need or want a radioactive waste dump in Kinney County.

Don Parks



George and Teresa Barber and 3-week-old daughter Sara Marie from Uvalde were in Brackettville, Saturday, April 1, visiting friends. George, a talented young artist has church in Uvalde. George has had numerous paintings on display at the Frontier Gallery in Brackettville.

Holly Graham from Devine, Texas, granddaughter of A.L. and Kee Bacon of Brackettville, has been named to the State's first team in basketball. Holly will be going to just completed a 4x8 feet mural for a Oklahoma City for try-outs for the Olympics in volleyball. Good luck Holly!

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Viola Peel from Lubbock, Texas (and Ft. Clark). As a prize, each table will have a bag of pecans with pecan-pie recipes attached. They are about the towns around Lubbock.

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Many customers and friends have enjoyed Karene Fisher back at the First State Bank of Brackettville while husband Terry has been on a tour of duty. Karene has been commuting from Uvalde the past month while working at the Bank. Karene's last day at the bank was April 3. She will spend the next two weeks with her mother, Carolyn Stein in Uvalde and then join Terry in Panama.

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Connie Rodriguez and children Jamie, Patricia and Lupe visited her father-in-law, Arnulfo Rodriguez in Rosales, Coahuila, Mexico. Family and friends enjoyed the day with a picnic at a small lake at the Palmetta Hacienda.

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Warren Outlaw returned from a brief visit with his son, Warren, Jr., wife, Janet, and grandchildren, Warren III and Heather Lee. Warren, Jr. was installed as a Master Mason, Monday, April 3.

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Bud and Annetta Bailey from Agua Dulce, Texas, were here visiting her sister and brother-in-law, Ben Pingenot at Ft. Clark Springs this past week. Annetta is a retired school teacher and Bud a retired Principal from the Agua Dulce School District. They have visited here many times and always look forward to returning.

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The Birthday Club will meet, Wednesday, April 5, at Las Moras Inn for lunch followed by card games. Hostess for this month will be

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Mary Whipkey has returned from a month visit with her son, Chief Petty Officer, Don Heady and wife Michiyo from Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Don has been stationed in Hawaii for the past 4 years, but for the past year has been on the U.S.S. Williametta. While there, Mary's granddaughter, Theresa Heady, who is stationed at McClellan Air Force Base in Sacramento, California, arrived with her son, Russell, 15-months-old. This was Mary's first introduction to her great-grandson, who has bright red hair.

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Berkley and Jeri Garrett had as their guests this past week Jeri's mother, Bo, and step-dad, Carl Burroughs from Felton, California. This was their first visit to the Fort, but assured the Garretts it would not be their last. A "Patio Party" was given for the Burroughs before they left Monday for California.

### Notice:

The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce has cancelled the Annual Chamber Banquet. Arrangements to onor Student of the Year will be innounced at a later date.

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surprised if anyone in this community has even ventured to obtain any information as to the cost of a study utilizing any one of these from Viola's backyard in Lubbock. professionals. Universities might be Speaker will be Viola, with stories willing to assist you at a more reasonable cost than others and would offer a variety of personnel from many fields. It is possible that TexCor might even assist in some of the financial obligations although I am making no commitment for them nor am I suggesting that this is an obligation they should fulfill. As I stated earlier, this would merely require that these people study the aspects of this specific project.

Many of the opinions I have seen stated in the papers are based upon innuendo and misrepresentation. Statements inferring that TexCor cares nothing about the community or that they are going to kill babies in the future are not only libellous but inflammatory and highly unethical. Many opinions are based on press stories of occurrences at other locations that may or may not be in any way similar to this project. One of the basic rules of any study, scientific' or otherwise, is that a proper frame of reference must be set so that findings are not corrupted by facts that are totally irrevelant.

I realize that you probably feel that I am very long-winded but I now wish to address the occurrence that brought me to write this letter. I wish to directly address these three entities. CARE, the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce and Don Parks. I recently became aware that a speaker of renowned stature and obviously performing a great favor to such a small community as Brackettville was scheduled and later cancelled due to pressure on the

# Just For The Fun Of It!



Alvin F. Hall

Place born - Longdale, Oklahoma. Occupation - Justice of the Peace, Pct 1 Kinney County.

Favorite food - Fried Shrimp.

Best movie you've seen lately - Old Fooler - with Henry Fonda & Glen Ford. Best book you've read lately - Texas Motor Vehicle laws and Lonesome Dove. Hobbies you enjoy - Entertaining grandchildren Working with Livestock Your friends say you're - Probably hard-headed If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go? Alaska

Secretly you've always wanted to be - Musician

If you could change anything about Brackettville, what would it be? Provide industry so people could In one word describe yourself - Workaholic have jobs

(IF DIFFERENT)

### The Brackell Hens.

# **Oil Fields and Milk Both Contain Radiation**

Editor's Note: This was submitted for publication by TexCor representatives.]

Yes, there's low-level radiation in Texas' oil fields - has been for years, industry officials say.

But no, they say, it's not a safety hazard and isn't likely to disrupt operations in the most prolific oil producing state.

Radiation in the world's oil fields has been "a matter of record since the early '30's," said Jim Martin, chairman of the American Petroleum Institute's committee on naturally occurring radioactive material. "It was discovered in Russian oil fields." The Texas Independent Producers & Royalty Owners Association says radiation "in scant quantities" is found in perhaps one oil lease out of five in this state - with maybe 50,000 of Texas' 250,000 active wells affected.

The percentage of Texas leases where it occurs to a significant degree is perhaps less than 1 percent," said a **TIPRO** official.

The amount of radiation to which oilfield workers might be exposed, said Gary Dowling, an ad hoc member of the API committee, is generally less than that found in the glow-in-the-dark face of a watch.

"The worse case scenario from exposure to the highest concentration of that radiation is about as dangerous as smoking one pack of cigarettes in a year," Martin said.

Officials say it's just another form of naturally occurring radiation including sunlight - to which humans are exposed daily. "Not only does every oil field have some radiation," Martin said, "but so does the milk you drink."

Oilfield radiation is caused by radium leached from uranium and thorium found in deep geological formations and brought to the surface with brine and mud during drilling operations. It tends to concentrate in scaly residue inside drill pipe.

That scale also is found around water treatment plants, Martin said. He said it forms when water mixes with ions to form a solid precipitate. Current interest in oilfield radiumcontamination was touched off by elevated radiation levels identified in scale on drill pipe in Louisiana.

Louisiana is the first state to adopt temporary rules for the safe handling of radium-contaminated oilfield pipe, although the state's environment chief says the tubing appears to pose almost no public threat.

That touched off speculation of possible disruption of oilfield operations in that state - enough to spark a short rise in oil futures prices at mid-February.

However, Larry Wall with the Louisiana division of the Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association says the new rules haven't hampered Louisiana operations at all.

In fact, he said, it was the oil industry itself that first brought the radiation to the attention of Louisiana officials "a couple of years ago".

"The new rule calls for testing of pipe scale," Wall said. "It places some limitations on where to store drill pipe." He said test results are reported to state officials to help them formulate "other rules in the future."

Martin said those regulations captured so much media attention in recent months because Louisiana health officials were in a hurry to put them in place without going through a public review. As a result, he said, the rules were passed by the state legislature on an emergency basis.

"There were a number of other emergency rules passed on that date, including one dealing with electronic bingo," Martin said.

He said interest in the effects of that radiation on human health has surfaced "three or four times before, starting in the 1950's.'

"Generally, the scientists who have looked at it in the past have concluded that it's not a particular concern from an environmental impact or a public health point of view." he said.

Radiation:

No Particular

**Concern** to

Environment

or Health

The only exposure of any concern is from breathing that dust or ingesting the material by eating it," Martin said

The biggest danger of that occurring, he said, is not in the field but rather in maintenance yards where the pipe is cleaned and the dust is created.

Even there, Martin said, regulations specified by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to protect workers from breathing regular dust are sufficient to guard against breathing harmful quantities of radiation.

"In Mississippi where this scale has been identified in fairly high concentrations," he said, "people who had worked for years in pipe cleaning facilities were subjected to whole-body scans to determine if there were increased radiation levels in their bodies.

'But they were found to be no different from the normal population."

Although that's not conclusive scientific evidence, Martin said, "It leads us to believe that contamination from breathing that dust is not a serious hazzard."

Still, several oilfield organizations, including the API, are now reexamining that radiation to determine if workers are in danger. They are examining, Martin said, where and at what levels the radiation is found; whether it poses a threat to the environment or human safety; and if appropriate precautions are being taken in handling that material.

More than 40,000 pieces of data, he said, show the radiation levels that

## R.E.A. Warns

## "There are no Dead Powerlines"

When an overhead power line is downed by accident or weather, it's not necessarily dead - but you might be unless you stay away from it! An electrical power line is due the same respect as a firearm. Just as there is no such thing as an unloaded gun, there are no dead power lines.

A downed line that seems dead may be reenergized by a lightning strike on the line, contact with other power lines or interaction with another source of electricity somewhere back down the line. This may happen without warning or opportunity to break contact.

High voltages may be transmitted

have been found are lower than what we are exposed to in this part of the country through sunlight, naturally occurring elements in Earth's crust, dental x-rays and smoke detectors.

Texas officials are watching Louisiana's attempts to deal with the issue but are not contemplating any action of their own at the moment.

A pending request from Amoco Production Co. for permission to dispose of a filter material that picked up low-level radiation from some saltwater that was being re-injected downhole is "the first case I'm aware of where we've gotten involved in the disposal of radioactive material," said Brian Schaible at the Texas Railroad Commission. Environmental groups at the state and federal levels don't seem to be much concerned at present.

Officials contacted at the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington weren't aware of the situation. And a lobbyist for the Sierra Club in Austin said, "It's not an issue that I've seen."

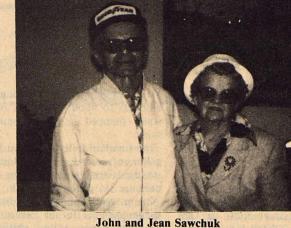
Dowling said officials at a conference of state radiation control program directors were asked last year if there is enough evidence to warrant regulation of such naturally occurring radiation.

"They indicated there is not evidence of a public health problem," he said. "We don't see any broad-based national initiative regulation."

through materials other than metals. A wooden pole, a fiber rope or other normally non-conducting materials may carry an electric current if they become wet or soiled. The loose ends of the conductor may also energize the wiring, plumbing or steel supports of structures, metal fences, telephone or cable television systems, and vehicles. Green tree limbs will conduct electricity.

Given the wrong set of circumstances, a current will go to ground in you. Don't give it the chance! Handle it safely by not handling it at all. Keep others away and give your electrical utility a call.

(This helpful hint was provided by REA.)



**Couple Travels 1950 Miles** to Brackettville Annually

John and Jean Sawchuk have traveled about 1950 miles to Brackettville to spend the winter for several years now. The couple reside in Saskatchewan, Canada, and travel south to keep out of the cold weather.

John and Jean live in the mobile home they drive. "With no car here, we walk everywhere, it's good exercise and keeps us healthy," stated Jean.

Jean, a very pretty 76 year old, added, "We like it here in Brackettville because it's handy to get to the post office, bank and store and we've made a lot of friends here." When asked why they chose

Brackettville as their summer home, Jean said it was because her brother. Edwin, and his wife, Nancy Franson, live here. The Sawchuk's plan on returning to Canada beginning their trip April 9.

They plan on visiting Garner Park on the way back to their beautiful home in Canada. The couple have 2 daughters and 9 grandchildren, whom also live in Canada.

**Full-power Operating License** 

## Granted to C.P.L.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission today voted unanimously to authorize a full-power operating license for Unit 2 of the South Texas Project electric generating station. Unit 2 becomes the second nuclear unit in the state to receive permission to operate at full power. Unit 1 of the 2,500-megawatt plant in Matagorda County received its final operating license a little over a year ago and was placed in commercial service in August 1988 "Receipt of a full-power license at

this time keeps Unit 2 right on theschedule set back in 1982 by the project constructor and manager." said Tom Schockley, president and chief executive officer of Central Power and Light Company. "This is a credit to the men and women who have worked so long and hard in building the plant."

Unit 2 has been undergoing preoperational testing since December 16, when it received a low-power license. The low-power license also authorized the loading of nuclear fuel into the reactor.

With receipt of the full-power license, the unit will be tested at gradually increasing amounts of power before being declared in commercial operation.

"With commercial operation anticipated in June, we expect Unit 2 to soon join the first unit in contributing to the state's energy independence. The nuclear plant will provide a reliable source of power for the future economic growth of South Texas," Shockkley said.

CPL owns 25.2 percent of the plant along with Houston Lighting & Power Co., project manager; and the cities of Austin and San Antonio.

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# Water Conservation **Is Efficient**

servation is not the same as rationing. It is the efficient use of this natural resource, according to a spokesman with the Texas Water DevelopmentBoard.

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J.D. Beffort of Austin said recently that by the year 2000, usage will exceed current available water supplies if conservation is not practiced. The TWDB is responsible for water and wastewater planning. throughout the state.

Beffort spoke to a group of County Agents-Home economics with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The agents were attending a Home Water Quality and Conservation Training session at the Ruble Center here.

The training was held in order to familiarize Extension agents with water quality materials. The agents will use these materials in order to train citizens of their community.

The TWDB is not only addressing the problem of water conservation in the home, but other areas as well, he said.

Problem areas being examined by the TWDB and other agencies are the High Plains and the Houston areas, where residents and businesses are already drawing more ground water than is naturally replenished, Beffort said.

Also being examined are ways to conserve fresh water in bays and estuaries. Redfish and shrimp are dependent on fresh water for survival and Texas is dependent on these industries, he added.

Solutions to Texas' water problems are to protect the water quality, increase water supplies and the efficient use of water, he explained. All efforts at water conservation could fail, however, if it is not practiced in the home, he said. Residents can find ways to cut down the water usage in their homes.

For example, in the average household, the toilet accounts for about 40 percent of the water used. Baths take another 35 percent. Laundry uses about 14 percent and water used in the kitchen is about 11 percent.

> Southwest Texas **Pecans** Discussed

UVALDE, Texas - James Williams The inspector is licensed by the USDA and is paid by that agency. of San Juan, Texas, discussed the

SAN ANTONIO - Water con- Water for cooking and drinking only amounts to about 5 percent of the water pumped into the home, he said.

> The standard toilet uses from 5 to 7 gallons of water every flush. Industry standards are now set that the toilet only use 31/2 gallons per flush. On a year-round basis, interior usage accounts for 65 percent and exterior usage takes about 35 percent. Beffort acknowledged that these numbers will flip-flop a little in

the summer when lawns demand extra moisture. Some tips he gave for conserving water in the bathroom include: •A toilet leak can waste lots of water. Put a small amount of food

coloring into the tank. If the color trickles into the bowl, there is a leak and repairs are needed. •Water required to flush some

toilets can be reduced with toilet dams. Use caution with quart plastic bottles filled with water or similar instruments as they can drift and cause problems in the tank.

•Never use the toilet as a trash basket for facial tissues, etc. Items carelessly thrown in could clog the system and adds to the sewage disposal problems.

•Urge family members to take showers instead of tub baths. Showers, especially those fitted with flow restrictors or low-volume heads, usually use less water than a bath. Plug the tub during a shower and compare the water used with that for a bath. Limit shower time to two minutes or less.

•Turn off shower water while you apply soap to body, or lather hair and massage scalp.

•Turn off water while you shave, brush teeth or wash hands.

Other speakers on the program included Drs. Susan Quiring, Extension housing specialist, and Ann Beard, Extension clothing and textiles specialist.

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Space probe sends back baffling photographs!

By RAGAN DUNN • A Soviet space probe has photographed a Wild West town complete with horses, wa-

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VESTOWN FOUND ON

This article ran April 11, in the "Weekly World News" magazine. Hey, Happy! Next Time You're on Venus,

## How About Giving "US" the Exclusive?

Happy Shahan is used to seeing himself and Alamo Village in newspapers, magazines, on television, and in the movies for the last 40 years. But when he picked up a copy of the 'Weekly World News' for

April 11, 1989, nothing could have prepared him for seeing himself riding horseback in a western town on Venus!

According to the article, these photos were sent back to earth by a Soviet Space Probe. Could there possibly be a space probe floating around Alamo Village? After questioning the employees, it was determined that no one had seen the space probe and it had not signed in in the guest book.

Mr. Shahan has contacted the newspaper and will keep you

informed on the status of the space probe

We feel that this gives us valuable information for future use. Now we know that for future travel to Venus that we will not have to purchase a new wardrobe for the trip. Happy Shahan is getting the Village

ready for the summer season, which will begin Memorial Day weekend and run through Labor Day



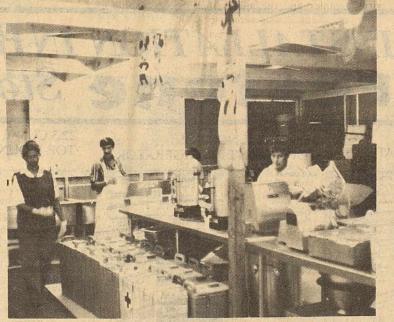




weekend. There will be live entertainment of eight shows daily. Come on out and bring your friends and relatives. However, we can not guarantee that you will be able to see the Space Probe...or any Venusians. For more information contact

Happy Shahan (512) 563-2580 P.O. Box 528 Brackettville, Tx 78832

**Rosa Baker Volunteers For Massive Feeding** Program



washed down with 20 crates of milk, with 50 cartons per case, for a typical Brownsville refugee camp breakfast. "They don't go hungry there," Rosa said. "There are lots of fresh vegetables and fruit, too. They're

ocean last weekend. Well-known in this area for her cool head in emergency paramedic situations, Rosa became interested in learning Red Cross disaster procedures after working during the flood of 1987. She took two courses in Red Cross disaster management offered in Del Rio, and placed her application with the Red Cross office in San Antonio in February. She was called to duty on March 2, and arrived in Brownsville on March 7, to help open and run the kitchen. When Norma Jean Russell left, it was Rosa who was left in charge to order food and oversee preparation during the hectic delivery schedule necessary to feed tons of food each day.

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possibilities of grading South Texas pecans at a recent meeting here.

Williams, supervisor of grading for Texas and New Mexico for the Texas Federal Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, was a guest speaker at the South Texas Agricultural Resources (STAR) horticultural task force spring meeting. About 35 producers met at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center.

Presently, growers in several other states are grading their pecans, as well as other tree nuts, according to Dr. Loy Shreve, horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Uvalde. The Extension Service works in cooperation with the STAR task force.

"This places Texas pecans at a disadvantage in the market," Shreve said.

Williams told the group that if South Texas pecans were to "wear" the U.S. Department of Agriculture shield, the nuts would have to undergo a continual grading process during the packing season.

"As long as the (packing) plant is operating, there must be an inspector on the premises," Williams said.

Inspection procedures for in-shell pecans included retrieving and thoroughly mixing a representative sample, and checking the sample for size of nuts and external and internal defects, he said.

"If pecans do not meet our specifications, we'll take it out of the bag and take the shield off," the grader added.

In order to meet requirements of USDA inspection, the plant operator must have adequate working facilities for the inspector to work and the plant must be clean and sanitary, he said.

Additionally, the printer's proof of labeling on the container, which includes the USDA shield, must be approved by the USDA administration. The plant operator also must have the identification of the packer or package in a code on the label and the date of packaging on the label.

The date of packaging may be in code or it may be written out. Williams suggested that the latter choice be used so that the consumer would be assured of freshness when the pecans were purchased.

The packer must submit an invoice stating the quantity of containers printed with the shield and submit pre- and post-season inventories of bags or containers with the inspection label, he said.

Williams suggested that several growers might want to form a cooperative in order to pay for the USDA's fee. "It's the best way to use our services," he added.

The Texas Federal Inspection Service is a totally self-supportive agency through user fees, he said. 'We don't cost the taxpayers one penny," Williams added.

Several growers who attended the meeting expressed concern that the shield should be an assurance of quality.

Williams said pecans with the shield were meeting grading standards at the time of inspection.

"What somebody does to it after we inspect it, we can do nothing about,' he added.

"We are only involved at the time we inspect and grade it. We have no regulatory control," he added. He suggested that if a consumer does have problems with rancid pecans, they should complain to the retail outlet it was sold from.

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Eye

## Screening

**Test Will Be** 

# Available

There will be an eye screening for any with vision impairmant by personnel from The South Texas Institute of Eye Surgery, April 14. It will be at the Nutrition Center. There will be no cost. There will also be available blood pressure checking. The South Texas Institute of Eye Surgery is unsurpassed in the quality of service rendered. A number of people from Brackettville and Ft. Clark Springs have been successfully treated at the clinic. Any person whose vision is fading or impaired is urged to attend this screening. The screening is sponsored by the Rotary Club and the Ministerial Alliance. For more information call Joe Townsend 563-2158.

by Penny Nixon

Emergency Medical Technician Rosa Baker of Fort Clark Springs returned on Monday, April 3, from three weeks as a volunteer kitchen manager for the massive feeding program for Central Americans at the INS refugee camp in Brownsville. Rosa managed a staff that fluctuated between 27 and 35 Red Cross staffers and volunteers who fed the refugees three times daily.

She worked in a kitchen designed, built and opened in 9 days by Red Cross Staffer Norma Jean Russell, the lady assigned the task of replacing the Holiday Inn catering staff in feeding the refugee camp.

UVALDE, Texas - Consumers will be able to enjoy South Texas apples this summer without the worry of hazardous levels of pesticides. "Growers of high-density apple

trees in South Texas do not now use Alar, nor have they ever used it," according to Dr. Loy Shreve, horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Alar, a chemical used to enhance the red color and to prevent early dropping of apples, is suspected of causing cancer. Actress Meryl Streep is urging that American fruit, especially apples and apple products, be banned and schools across the country have taken apples from cafeteria menus.

Growers in the fledging South Texas apple industry have never found a use for a "stop-drop" chemical or a color enhancer. Dr. Shreve said. "Our growers have never been able to grow enough apples to meet public

demand," Shreve said.

well cared for.

Volunteers were taken from the ranks of Nicaraguans, Guatemalans and El Salvadorians in the camp to cook and flavor the food to the refugee's tastes. "The Guatemalans liked a lot more vinegar in their meat and food. And they all liked a lot more sugar in their cold drinks and coffee. We were supposed to cook meals according to their taste and customs," she said.

But there weren't that many volunteers among the shy refugees. 'There were a lot of people there, and not that many volunteered," she said. Many of the volunteers for trash pickup and other small duties came from the children in the camp. There are between 200 and 300 school age children in the shelter's 1078 inhabitants, according to Red Cross Director Gene Nunley in a March 30, Brownsville Herald news story

It was the kids, naturally, that caught Rosa's heart. So when husband Earl, a construction contractor, arrived to fetch Rosa in Brownsville with "a little fishing money" for a weekend getaway, they went instead for a Wal-Mart shopping spree and bought a soccerball, football, basketball, badmitton set and croquet set for "the littler kids", as Rosa said. A special 9-yearold named Oscar was placed in care of the loot. Rosa and Earl walked the beaches instead of fishing in the

Her diverse kitchen crew included college students, a 40-year-old Guatemalan mother, and Red Cross reserve staff called in from as far away as Puerto Rico. Red Cross disaster volunteers can work shifts of up to three weeks before being sent home. If a Red Cross volunteer works three designated disaster shifts, they become eligible as reserve staff members who are paid for their efforts. Red Cross reserve staff members can be called at any time to work a disaster in any part of the world.

Rosa must complete one more shift as a non-paid volunteer before she qualifies as a reserve staff member. But as her last three week's efforts prove, Rosa isn't in it for the money. "These are people, people who need help and appreciate what you're doing. It's a challenge," she said. "And I like a challenge."

# **Texas** Apples Are Far Superior

"Texas apples are far superior to apples imported from the Northwest or anywhere else. Their sugar content is about 30 percent higher than imported apples. It makes them taste better," he said.

Rosa took control of the kitchen

duties when Russell finished her three

week shift, and managed the

preparation, feeding and cleanup

operation until completing her

"It was fantastic. I'll go again if

they call me, because it was really

worthwhile. Feeding people is really

something worthwhile, and they

'The average day often started at

3:00 a.m. and finished at 9:00 p.m.,'

Rosa said, "but you don't feel tired

when you're enjoying your work."

The morning's work started with

frying 9 cases of eggs, at 30 dozen

eggs per case. About 300 pounds of

sausage was prepared, along with

more than 1000 tortillas. It was

volunteer shift on March 30.

appreciated it," she said.

"Some growers have kept apples in cold storage for months and still haven't found a need for it (Alar)," he added.

"And if the public demands a red apple, we even have varieties which will suit that need," he said. Most of the apple growers who grow their apples in high-density orchards use only dormant oil spray which is approved by organic growers, to control scale insects. Producers plant 605 to 2,420 trees per acre in a high-density orchard,

the horticulturist explained. "This is made possible by using dwarfing rootstocks which keep the trees quite small. Outlook Good

The outlook for Texas-grown

apples is great, Shreve said. Recent cold weather did no or little harm to developing fruits.

"So far we've had no losses reported in the Hill Country, or the area north of Highway 90," he said.

Varieties recommended by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service for that area are Molly's Delicious, Granny Smith, Adina, Red Delicious, Golden Delicious, Mutsu, Jersey Mac, and many varieties commonly grown in the rest of the United States.

Apple trees in the Hill Country should reach full bloom by the last week of March or the first week in April, he said.

### "Low-chill"

varieties are recommended for the area south of Highway 90, he said. These varieties require 200 to no more than 500 hours of chilling weather of 45 degrees Fahrenheit during the dormant season. Varieties recommended for that area include Anna, Slor, Ein Shemer, Maayan, Elah, and Michael, all developed in Israel, and Dorset Gold, developed in the Bahama Islands, he said.

The first set of blooms set by some Annas, Maayans, and Dorset Golds did suffer freeze damage, but the second crop of blooms has not been injured yet, he said.

"At this stage, it looks like a good crop on the low-chill apples," Shreve added.

Fresh Texas-grown apples also will be featured at the second annual Medina Apple Festival, scheduled for July 30, in Medina, Texas, Shreve said

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# Grandma's Kitchen

Hello - I was sitting here the other day thinking, which I seem to do a lot of lately, and so I reread the paper. I loved the article on being a Senior Citizen.

But, they forgot something, when I was a youngster, Mama's kitchen was the most important and best smelling place in the house. In fact, ours had 3 big cook stones and big enough to have a party in.

Now a-days, kitchens are not much bigger than a walk-in-closet, and back then when you baked a cake, you didn't pour it out of a box. Guess that's why I love recipes, it reminds me of the good-old-days. So the thought came to me, maybe everyone else would like to share a bit

of chit-chat and get a new recipe too. If so, please let me know, I'd love to hear from you and share one of your recipes.

Zucchini is so good and looks so pretty, let's start off with some delicious:

**Zucchini Pancakes** 2 cups grated zucchini

1/2 tsp baking powder 1 egg 1/2 tsp salt 1/2 cup flour Combine ingredients and mix well. Drop by tablespoon onto hot grill or cast iron fry pan. Cook 2 minutes medium each side until brown. Serve plain or with hot tomato sauce. These are good with a meal, as a vegetable, or for just a snack by themselves.

Now we all know the best way to end a column is to give you something to think about during the week. Ralph Waldo Emerson's definition of success so impressed me that I'd love to share it with you: To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and affection of children, to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends, to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others, to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition, to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived, this is to have succeeded.

Thank you and love from Grandma

# Anne Ferris Maker of Dolls

Anna Ferris, 88, of Austin, Texas, has been making sock dolls for many years. First these dolls were donated to her church guild in Austin for the annual bazaar. The dolls' faces are embroidered so there is nothing that small children can pull off and put in their mouths. Also the hair is sewn by machine so that it does not come off easily, and the little handmade clothes are carefully finished.

Besides donating dolls to the church bazaar, Anna has made many dolls for her grandchildren and greatgrandchildren as well as for sale. They are on sale at the Old Bakery on Congress Avenue in Austin close by the state capitol, and she receives many repeat orders at her home. Recently, Anna has added clown

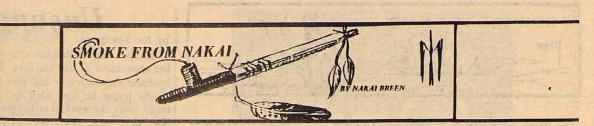
bean bag dolls to her repertoire.



Jarret, Anne and Courtney.

After buying one filled with beans she decided to improve on the filling, so she used a very small bean which is not heavy enough to hurt a small child if he is hit. Anna's relatives at Fort Clark

Springs in Brackettville are Thelma Adams, stepdaughter, Susan Harrison, granddaughter, and Courtney and Jarrett Harrison, great-grandchildren. All of them enjoy Anna's fine craftsmanship.



Se Oh Readers:

This sunrise I will tell you the story of how the Indian discovered the mirror. My grandmother used to tell us this story:

One day an Indian went out to the trading post to trade some hides for coffee and on his way to the trading post, he met a fur trader and the fur trader told the Indian, 'I will trade all your hides for this beautiful spirit catcher. You can capture anyone you want with this here beauty." So the Indian said yes and the trade was made. On his way back home the Indian stopped to take a look in the mirror. For the first time he saw himself and since he was a young and strong man, he thought it was a strong spirit and he said I will keep him so he can help me with the hunts and traps.

When he arrived home, he never told his wife about the mirror, but

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instead he took it into the woods behind his lodge. So every morning he would go into the woods and he would pick the mirror up and he would talk to the spirit in the mirror. He would tell him all the happenings of the day (not knowing that it was

him in the mirror). Until his wife got suspicious and she followed him one morning and she saw what he was doing. She waited for him to leave so she could see who he was talking to. When he left, she picked the mirror up and she saw a beautiful woman. She was really shocked that her husband was seeing another woman and he even brought her spirit any time he needed to talk. to her.

So she went and told her mother that she wanted a separation from her husband because he was seeing a beautiful young girl. She went on to tell the mother where she saw this

other woman, so the mother said, take me to the spirit. Maybe I will recognize her, so on they went into the woods. Finally, arriving at the secret place, the wife took the mirror and the old mother saw herself and she said, But daughter, she is so old and ugly. Need you be jealous. The young wife said, but the spirit I saw was young and beautiful. So they said, maybe he had two women. One for his needs and the old one to be the keeper of his fire.

At that time, both of them looked in the mirror and saw themselves and in back of them was the husband standing. And what part does this young man play in his life. The young husband accused the mother and wife of having an affair with his spirit helper.

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Virus in Spinach Was Workshop Topic

of California, Berkley.

UVALDE, Texas = Viruses that are reducing Winter Garden spinach yields were the subject of a workshop March 16-17.

Organized by Drs. Mark Black, plant pathologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, and Frank Dainello, horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, the workshop drew experts in the field of spinach production and to plant viruses to study the problem.

"Winter Garden spinach producers lost more than \$4 million in the 1988-89 season from several viruses," Black said following the workshop. "Unless these losses are corrected, spinach may not be an economical crop to grow. We're taking steps to keep the spinach industry viable in the Winter Garden," he added. Taking part in the workshop were Howard Scott, plant pathologistviruses, University of Arkansas, Fayetville; Jay Schafer, spinach and carrot breeder, Alf Christianson Seed Co., Mount Vernon, Wash.; Lynn Brandenberger, research assistant in horticulture, University of Arkansas; Ted Morelock, spinach breeder, University of Arkansas; and Jim Correll, plant pathologist, University

Also participating were Tim Kinkel of Crystal City, vegetable researcher with del Monte Corp.; Jim Duffus, plant pathologist-sugar beets and lettuce, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Salinas, Calif.; and Paul McLeod, vegetable entomologist, University of Arkansas.

Attending the workshop from Uvalde were Richard Kinzer, vegetable and cotton consultant; Doug Bradham, director of field operations for Frio Foods Inc.; Dr. J.W. "Bill" Holloway, director of research for the Texas Agricultural

from each other and from vegetables that could carry the viruses, delaying planting in the fall until October or when summer vegetables are plowed under, and control of broad leaf weeds around fields, he explained. Overwatering and root knot nematodes only make virus symptoms worse.

Long range plans for improving the resistance in spinach varieties to this virus complex and the aphids that carry two of the viruses were made. "Efforts will include screening plants for resistance at breeding facilities in other states, as well as in

Experiment Station; Jose G. Pena, Extension economist-management; and Drs. Black and Dainello.

The group toured spinach fields in the area that represented the damage done by a complex of several viruses to spinach yields and quality in recent years.

Viruses of concern include beet western yellows virus, cucumber mosaic virus, tomato spotted wilt virus and beet curly top virus. Carriers of these viruses include aphids, thrips and beet leaf hoppers, Black said.

Preventative cultural practices that must be considered by our growers include separating spinach fields field plots at the Uvalde Experiment Station," Black said.

"The expertise that Drs. Duffus and Scott provided has saved us years of work," he explained.

"Their willingness to visit the area and to continue helping as we work through these problems will benefit growers all over the Winter Garden.' Contact:

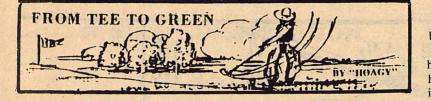
Dr. Mark Black Extension plant pathologist Telephone: (512) 278-9151











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On Wednesday, March 29, Ralph Viestenz turned the gavel over to Bill Bizzell, the newly elected President of the Fort Clark Springs Golf Committee. Hugh McKelvy was elected Vice President. Helen Miller is the new Secretary/Treasurer.

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Other members of the new committee are: Barb Miller, Vicki Nichols, Eileen Voracek, Les Roper and Jerry Adams. Mae Roper, President of the Ladies Golf Association and P.M. Moore, President of the Men's Golf Association (P.B.G.A.) are invited members of the Golf committee. Sondra Miel is the handicap chairman for all the members and is also a member of the Golf committee.

In the initial committee meeting, President Bizzell placed emphasis on the importance of a good working relationship with North America Towns of Texas (NATT). He also encouraged more social activities at the clubhouse.

As a result of the first meeting, a farewell to "Winter Texans" party is planned for Saturday, April 8, at 8:30 p.m. It's being called "Hit The Road Dance" with live music. Setups popcorn and "assorted nuts" are being provided, B.Y.O.B. Monday, March 27, golf action on

the par 3 course awarded the following winners for first place and a bonus birdie on hole #1.

Tom Faulkenberry

Stan Sommers Lou Sofaly

Beginning April 3, the starting time for the par 3 Florida Scramble will be 9:00 a.m.

On Wednesday, the "Red Tees" provided the winners in a blind draw. Those winners were:

Central Power and Light Company

residential customers paid among the

lowest electric rates in Texas during

1988, according to the company's

"CPL had the lowest residential

rates of the nine investor-owned

utilities in Texas for 1,000 kilowatt-

hours of electricity for seven months

during 1988," Kevin McMahon,

The report also highlights major

activities for the company during

1988, including the commercial

operation of the first unit at the

CPL's manager in Del Rio, noted.

published annual report.

**CPL** Customers Have

The Lowest Rates

(134 Net) 1st Place Gordon Lundquist Lee Herron (136 Net) 2nd Place Ralph Viestenz J.E. Meil

**3rd Place** Lou Schlatterrer

**Bill Koons** The Couples League on Friday saw a nice turnout of 58 people. The winners in a 4-Person Scramble are as follows:

(36.5 Net) Gene & Tweet O'Hair Dave & Virginia Russell 2nd and 3rd (Tie 41.25) Jim Stafford Othella Germer

Lee & Eleanor Herron (41.5 Net) Also with

**Bob Derrickson** Shirley Stevenson Andy & Avis Anderson

Someone told me to put WD-40 on my golf bag zippers to free them up. It really works great! Be careful not to spray what's on the inside of the pocket. Upcoming events for the golf course and clubhouse are:

April 8 - Hit The Road Dance April 22 - Club Scramble

April 29 - Border Patrol Tournament (the course will be closed from 8:00 a.m. until the completion of the tournament, approximately 1:30 p.m.)

May 6 & 7 - Brackettville Chamber of Commerce Tournament (2-man scramble) "We'll get back to you later with more details."

My thanks to Mary Lee Trollinger for her reporting of the Spring Fling. Sounds like the ladies hard work was rewarded by good weather and a lot of fun

defend against future fluctuations in

our energy supply." On March 28,

1989, Unit 2 was granted a full-power

operating license from the Nuclear

Regulatory Commission. It is

scheduled to begin commercial

Preparing for a rate request to

recover its investment in STP was

one of the major activities of 1988

PUCT February 15, of this year. As

outlined in the report, the company's

filing requests a four-step rate relief

for CPL. The case was filed with the

operation in June.

### **Unsung Heroes** She established a great interchange

by Joe Townsend There is a lady in Brackettville who has spent most of her life here. Her husband was born here and they live in the house he was born in. For many years she worked at the bank. She next was Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber had been dormant for years. When it was resurrected, lack of funds made it impossible to pay much to a Secretary or to employ one for many hours each week. This person did a most outstanding job. She handled the Frontier in a fashion which so it begin and grew beyond dreams.

## "Children's Church " Available

Hero

First Baptist Church begins an interesting "Children's Church" at 11:00 o'clock this coming Sunday morning.

Any child through age 12 may attend. And of course, it's free. Puppets will be a part of the program. Bible stories will be told.

Children love old and new choruses LIBRARY NOTES

Who can describe the possible

side-effects of the medicine you're

taking? Who knows what books to

take to the beach? How much of

Who do you turn to when you need

your taxes went to road repair?

THE GRAPEVINE

Spring Break had us all last week.

Here's what some people did over

"I went camping at Amistad Lake

"I went to Ingram Park Mall and

shopped ... and shopped ... and

Cynthia Rocha

Janie Armendariz

Melinda Sandoval

in Del Rio and cut my toe."

their Spring Break.

shopped.'

"Nothing."

mailing addresses?

them?

and songs. Therefore, happy singing will be a part of the children's church.

with other Chambers as well as the

South Texas Chamber of Commerce.

She led in a community betterment campaign. The Scrapbook she

prepared won an outstanding award

as well as a monetary reward. She

went to work for the post office and

soon could no longer serve the

Chamber. Soon the office was

closed, the Chamber faded and the

Frontier Fair died. This lady

transferred to the post office in Del

Rio and is now postmaster there.

Surely, Orlean Riley is an Unsung

Vacation Bible School. First Baptist Church believes this special children's program will be a great time in the life of very child who wants to attend.

BY CYNTHIA GUILFORD-FALCON Library Week, April 9-15, focuses on When you want to invite national celebrities to a company sponsored benefit, who can uncover their

> Library Director Cynthia Guilford says, "We want businesses and organizations to know they have a reliable source of information, someone they can consult without paying a fee. And families with young children, students and adults professional expertise."

> "I went to Abilene with my mom

As for myself, I lounged in the sun,

Good luck to the cast and crew of

"Dear Papa," the one-act-play that

and took advantage of the time.

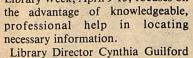
and got back Easter Sunday.

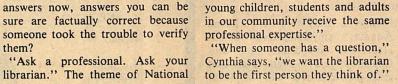
"Cleaned the yard."

GUS GARCIA

Lea Anne Carle

Anonymous





in the area! The activities will be something like

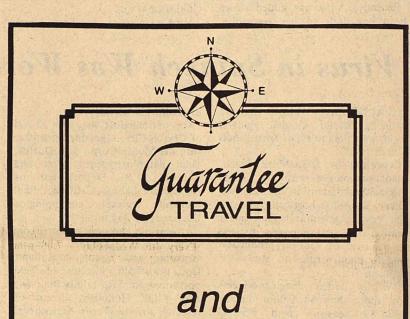
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GRACIAS

La familia de Jorge H. Perez desea dar las gracias a todos aquellos que mandaron flores, trajeron comida y compartieron nuestro dolor.

South Texas Project Electric Generating Station, preparing for a rate case, and improving customer service. At the end of the year, the company was serving almost 540,000 customers in 44 South Texas counties.

According to the report, the average annual residential use of electricity by CPL customers increased 5 percent, from 10,369 to 10,925 kilowatt-hours. The rising cost of natural gas, the company's primary generating fuel, caused the price of a kilowatt-hour to increase slightly from 5.90 to 5.97 cents.

The CPL report states that for the fourth quarter of 1988, CPL had a net loss of \$3.3 million, compared to net income of \$42.6 million for the same period in 1987. Net losses in November and December 1988 were the first since the fuel crisis in the early 1970's.

The Public Utility Commission of Texas' delay in issuing a decision regarding an accounting procedure caused the losses, according to the report. However, CPL notes a PUCT order granting the company's request for deferred accounting would allow CPL to recover most of the costs it could not recover during the last months of 1988.

Significant activity was recorded on both STP units during 1988.

"Throughout the year STP achieved one milestone after another, culminating in the commercial operation of Unit 1 in August and fuel loading of Unit 2 in December," said Tom Shockley, CPL president and chief executive officer. "When STP Unit 2 begins commercial operation later this year, STP will place us in an excellent position to

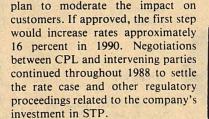
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BIRTHDAY

Raquel

Franklin

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Schockley pointed out in the report that a reorganization and early retirement program reduced the company's work force by 11 percent in 1988. The company also implemented new programs that centralized operations, allowing the utility to serve customers more efficiently, he said.

"These efforts translate into savings for our customers," Schockley noted. "Even with the proposed rate increases our rates are expected to remain competitive within the state into the 1990's and beyond."

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to Fort Clark Security Guards Kim Stien and Keith Seavers for all the help you gave to my daughter Jessica when she fell off her bike. Also thank you to Lolly Hernandez, Sandra Samaniego and Stephanie Shockley. Your kindnesses are appreciated.

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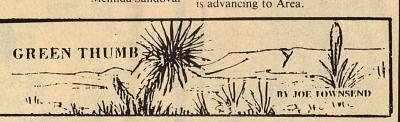
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These birds feed on the average of every twenty minutes. It's amazing to watch them. Often there will be a male who is totally a bully. He will chase all birds away. To watch the hungry birds, try to dart in while he chases another. It's fun to watch. You will need to put your feeder where there are no cats to be seen.

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Cats in view will keep birds away. Once your feeder is established, birds will return year after year. These birds will be with you until fall. Their departure will be largely determined by the weather. When time comes to go, these birds that need food every twenty minutes, will flock together

and start south. Their first stop is in the Swamp land of South Louisiana. The next stop is the Everglades of Florida. Their destination is South America where they will overwinter. When the weather looks good, they will return. Next year in late February or into March, the first scouts will be seen checking out the feeders.

It is important to remember that ants love this sweet water. You must keep ants away or you will lose the birds. These exotic birds can give hours of enjoyment with a minimum of care.

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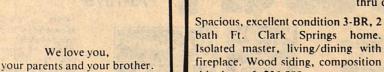
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April 6, 1989,

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# **Resolution set in Eagle Pass**

WHEREAS, the Eagle Pass Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to the socio-economic growth of the City of Eagle Pass, Maverick County and that of our region which includes Kinney County; and

WHEREAS, the future growth and prosperity of the City of Eagle Pass, Maverick County and that of our region which includes Kinney County is directly linked to the current overall regional attractiveness; and WHEREAS, it is essential to the well being of this area's inhabitants, both human and other, that any possible cause and effect upon the fragile ecological or socio-economic base be seriously considered; and WHEREAS, inhabitants of this region are against any and all efforts to secure a location within this region for the purpose of disposal or any form of storage of TOXIC and/or RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCE OR MATERIAL regardless of strength or radioactive level; and

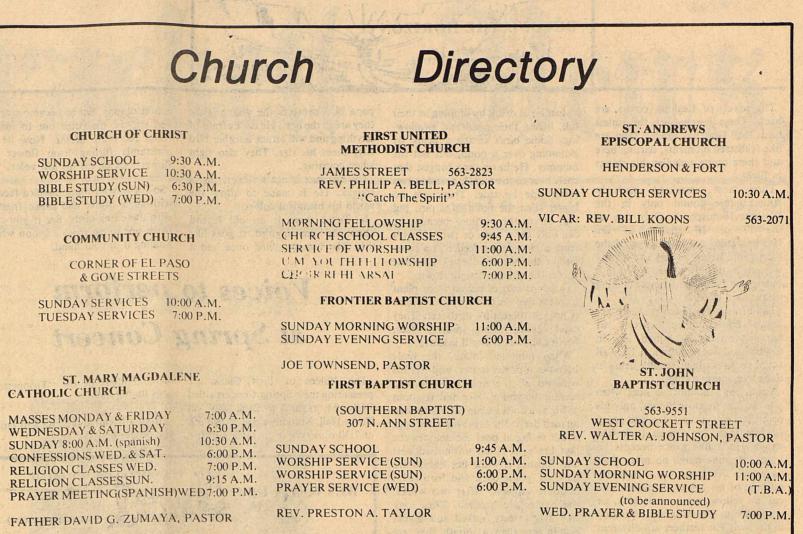
WHEREAS, any benefit, economic or otherwise, no matter how great or influential, will shrink when compared to the potential health hazards and economic backlash

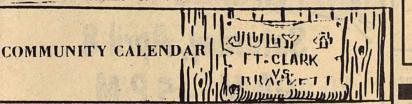
associated with TOXIC OR **RADIOACTIVE DISPOSAL SITES** OR PROCESSING FACILITIES; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT **RESOLVED** that the Eagle Pass Chamber of Commerce is unanimously in oppostion to any present or future planned development, in any form, of disposal or storage sites or facilities of TOXIC OR RADIO-ACTIVE SUBSTANCE OR MATERIAL within our region which includes KINNEY COUNTY, STATE OF TEXAS.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Eagle Pass Chamber of Commerce requests any action or activity by any private, public, or governmental entity promoting the disposal or storage of TOXIC OR RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCE OR MATERIAL, cease immediately. ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Eagle Pass Chamber of Commerce, in meeting assembled, on this 8th day of March, 1989.

Arthur L. Pine Michael Miller **Executive Director** President





Every Thursday - 7:00 p.m. Civil Air Patrol - Cadets (13-21 yrs.) Tower building east side of Uvalde airport Call George Fear at 278-8192 for info

Every 1st & 3rd Thursday-6:30 p.m. Lions Club - Las Moras Inn

Every 2nd & 4th Thurs. - 7:30 p.m. Kinney County Kickers - square dancing Ft. Clark NCO Club

Saturday, April 8, 1989 - 10:00 a.m. Community Council Meeting Madge Belcher Keys, Speaker FCS Town Hall All FCSA members welcome Every Sunday - 1:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge Ft. Clark NCO Club

Every Sunday thru April 23 -7:00 p.m.

Survey of Revelation (last book of Bible) First Baptist Church

Monday, April 10, 1989 - 7:30 p.m. The Voices of Fort Clark

Every Monday - 8:00 p.m. A-A

Slator Hall, James St.

Every Monday - 8:00 p.m. Al-Anon

St. Andrews Episcopal Parish Hall Every 2nd & 4th Monday-7:00 p.m.

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Call Bob Price at 278-2014 for info. Every Tuesday - 7:00 p.m.

**Duplicate Bridge** Ft. Clark NCO Club

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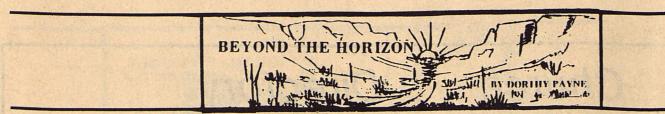
Every 4th Tuesday - 6:30 p.m. Shriners - social hour followed by

Every 4th Wednesday - 7:00 p.m. VFW & Ladies Auxiliary Post 8360, Fort Clark Springs NCO Club - covered dish supper at 6:00 p.m.

Res. 512 278-3423 Bus. 512 278-4121 meeting at 7:30 p.m. - Las Moras Inn







The jewels of flashing colors are back. These jewels are the tiniest birds that God has made. They are like feathered moments, darting here and there doing unbelievable things in flight.

These most remarkable birds in America are found only in the Western Hemisphere. Only one of the 17 or 18 species of the Hummingbird are found east of the Mississippi River, so they are mainly western birds. They have sifted into our region from the tropics, coming up through Mexico.

The ornithologists tell us there are about 500 different species of hummers, most of which live in Central and South America. They all act alike, the only difference being in their size and markings.

You'll see a hummer is near when you see him jet close to you, only his propellers are on his sides, and going so fast they don't even look like wings. He is like a bee because he hums. He may weigh no more than an ounce. He looks like a butterfly because of his colors. Sometimes he can be yellow, green, red, blue, or gold, always gleaming and changing in the sun. His feathers are different than other birds because they retract the rays of light like the peacock.

The male is conceited and always preening. A hummer can't walk around because his feet are only made for perching. Hummers can learn to drink sugar water while you hold the spoon in your hand.

Most birds drink by dipping in their bill, lifting their head and swallowing. Some birds snatch a drink by skimming over a pond, but not the hummer. He has a long tongue that curls over to the middle forming two tubes side by side. These are no bigger than the point of a pin, but that serves the purpose because he can only get a drop or two of sweet from a blossom or feeder at a time. Unlike the bee, he doesn't store the

nectar, he guzzles it right down. This bird carries pollen from plant to plant like bees and wasps. Nectar is not all these tiny birds eat. They catch gnats, flies, spiders, bees, beetles and other small insects.

When hummers mate, the male becomes a proud loafer, and lets his wife do all the nest building and raising the young. Her nest is about as big as a dolls teacup, no more than an inch deep. She lays two white eggs about as big as peas. Sometimes she lays her eggs in an unfinished nest and finishes it while her babies are hatched, going back and forth with building supplies. After two weeks, the babies are hatched. They look like ugly insects, naked and black, but in less than a month they are beautiful.

The mother feeds her babies digested food for about three weeks until the baby birds fly about and start to suck nectar entirely on their own. Some scientists say that the papa bird sometimes actually helps the mother feed their young. The

Aurelio Perez of Big Lake, Texas.

Surviving daughters are: Rosa Perez

of San Antonio, Maria Perez

Campbell of Sand Point, Idaho, and

Surviving grandchildren are:

Evaristo Perez, Eloy Perez, Jr., Jose

Luis Perez, Jr., Josue Perez, Aurelio

Perez, Jr., Erica Vanessa Perez, Amy

Perez and Sara Melissa Perez.

Surviving brothers and sisters are:

Edmundo Rodolfo and Genaro

Perez; Oliva Olgin, Rosenda Olveria

and Casimira Sauceda. Also

surviving are numerous nieces and

Out of town family and friends

attending services came from Idaho,

San Antonio, Waco, Beaumont, Big

Lake, Eagle Pass, Del Rio, Villa

Acuna and Zacatecas, Mexico.

Elva Perez of Brackettville.

papa bird protects the young while they are in the nest. He isn't afraid of anything and will attack another bird fifty times his size. They also fight when courting.

The hummer is not a singer, just a squeak. He is made to show the world his beautiful colors.

In Texas there is an old legend about the hummingbird. It goes like this; The hummingbird once had a

beautiful song, but he became greedy and choked his voice out to make room for more nectar. Now he is constantly flitting from flower to flower looking for his lost voice.

So fill up your hummingbird feeder with sugar water and make friends with these tiny birds. See if you can teach one to eat from a spoon while holding it in your hand.

# Voices to perform at Spring Concert

and the "Troops".

The Voices of Fort Clark are with numbers by the "Troopettes" presenting their Spring Concert titled "Give My regards to Broadway" at Town Hall, Monday night, April 10,

Bring a friend and come and enjoy at 7:30 p.m. We're in for a surprise the program.



How big is your God? How big is Jesus Christ to you? Do you feel that you must defend either by killing anyone who says something that casts reflection on your God or your religion? It really is an absurd question, isn't it!

This is the crux of the situation with the author of Satanic Verses. The teaching of Mohammed encourages the "faithful" to kill all who are not Moslems. He taught that the more "heretics" a Muslim killed, the better chance he would have to spend eternity basking in the lushness of a beautiful oasis attended by beautiful dancing girls.

The proclamation of the Khomeni is totally within the teaching of Mohammed. If one reads the Korau, he can better understand the present attitude of Iran and its leadership. It is as the "Book" says it should be.

Think what would happen if every person who says something derogatory about God or Jesus Christ were to be killed. If everyone who takes the name of God in vain were killed. much of the world would be almost depopulated. Does this mean Christians and those who give allegiance to God love Him less than the Muslim bigot? Does this mean our God expects us to stand in His defense even to killing those who

tall and untouchable against any who would attack. Having to take in hand the defense of one's God or Book of Faith gives moot testimony to the humanizing of so-called eternal and spiritual verities.

Maybe if Mohammed had been crucified and had risen from the dead, He would hold a higher place in the entire realm of human relationships. I don't want a God or a book or a prophet I feel compelled to defend. Thanks! I'll stay with my God, my Bible, my Jesus Christ, and let the basis of my faith defend me and handle enemies of the faith in keeping with the teachings of the Bible.

After all, if "the gates of hell shall not prevail against" His church as it grows and expands, the puny pronouncements of any one man deserves no recognition. To have to kill to defend any part of faith in our God bemeans God far more than any "Satanic Verses" could do.

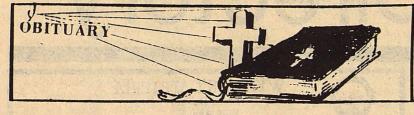
> What a report card.

# **Patient List From** Val Verde **Memorial Hospital**

Patients admitted to Val Verde Memorial Hospital from March 23-28, 1989 are: Minerva Avalos, Dionisia Soto, Henry A. Gallard, Margarita R. Cedillo, Josefina Flores, Elvira Menchaca Sayer, Dan W. Lloyd, Sheila Jones, Elva Alicia Rodriguez, Catalina Leal, Norma Hernandez, Macie Louise McKaskle, Kirby D. Stone, Rosa Maria Veliz, Antonio L. Gonzales, Georgia Hagler, Linda Molina, Virginia Salazar, Maria Luisa Gonzales, Faustino R. Sandoval, Margarita Sanchez, Charles Reinschmidt, Pheobe Lampson, Reece F. Bivins, Sidney Humphreys, Epifanio Lumbreras, Jeanie Lynn Rohde,

Sotelo and Aurora Ortega. Patients discharged from Val Verde Memorial Hospital from March 23-28, 1989 are: Josefina Solis, Wilburn Van Landingham, Chester W. Patrick, Harold L. Scott, Elihue W. Adams, Marcial H. Sanchez, Sonia Leticia Ceja, Camillus D. McDaniel, Clara Saenz, Mildred Dobson, Guadalupe G. Hernandez, Luz Contreras, Juanita Garcia, Dorothy M. Hensarling, Evelyn A. Robertson, Zayda Zulayka, Josefina Flores, Willie Edwards, Elva Alicia Rodriguez, Lorenza Zuniga, Juanita Hernandez, Jose Delgado Rojas, Sara Chapa, Norma Hernandez, Rosa Maria Veliz, Francisco G. Lopez, Juanita Diaz, Maria D. Rodarte, Cynthia Sharp and Faustino R. Sandoval.





### Jorge H. Perez

Jorge H. Perez, long time Brackettville resident, passed away March 28, 1989 at Val Verde Memorial Hospital, Del Rio, Texas. Perez, age 62, was ranch foreman at the Corazon Ranch, Kinney County for over 30 years. He was born in Zacatecas, Mexico, April 23, 1926.

Funeral Services were held at Templo Elim Church, Brackettville, at 2:00 p.m., March 30, 1989, Rev. Armando Pinales officiating. Burial followed in Brackettville under the direction of Don's Funeral Chapels, Del Rio, Texas.

Jorge H. Perez is survived by his

wife Sara G. Perez of Brackettville. Surviving sons are: Jose Luis Perez, Jesus Perez and Jorge Perez, Jr., all of Brackettville; Eloy Perez and

### Jorge H. Perez

nephews.

Brackettville de muchos anos expiro el dia 28 de Marzo, 1989 en el Val Verde Memorial Hospital. Perez, 62 anos, capataz de el rancho Corazon, en Kinney County mas de 30 anos. Nacido en Zacatecas, Mexico el dia 23 de Abril, 1926.

Servicios del funeral en la Iglesia Templo Elim, Brackettville, a las 2:00 p.m. dia 30 de Marzo, 1989 con el ministro, Armando Pinales. El entierro, conducio en Brackettville, bajo la direccion de Don's Funeral Chapels de Del Rio, Texas.

Sobrevivientes: su esposa Sara G. Perez; hijos e hijas: Jose Luis Perez, Jesus Perez y Jorge Perez, Jr., de

Jorge H. Perez, residente de Brackettville. Eloy Perez y Aurelio Perez de Big Lake, Texas. Rosa Perez de San Antonio, Maria Perez Campbell de Sand Point, Idaho y Elva Perez de Brackettville. Nietos y nietas: Evaristo Perez, Eloy Perez, Jr., Jose Luis Perez, Jr., Josue Perez, Aurelio Perez, Jr., Erica Vanessa Perez, Amy Perez y Sara

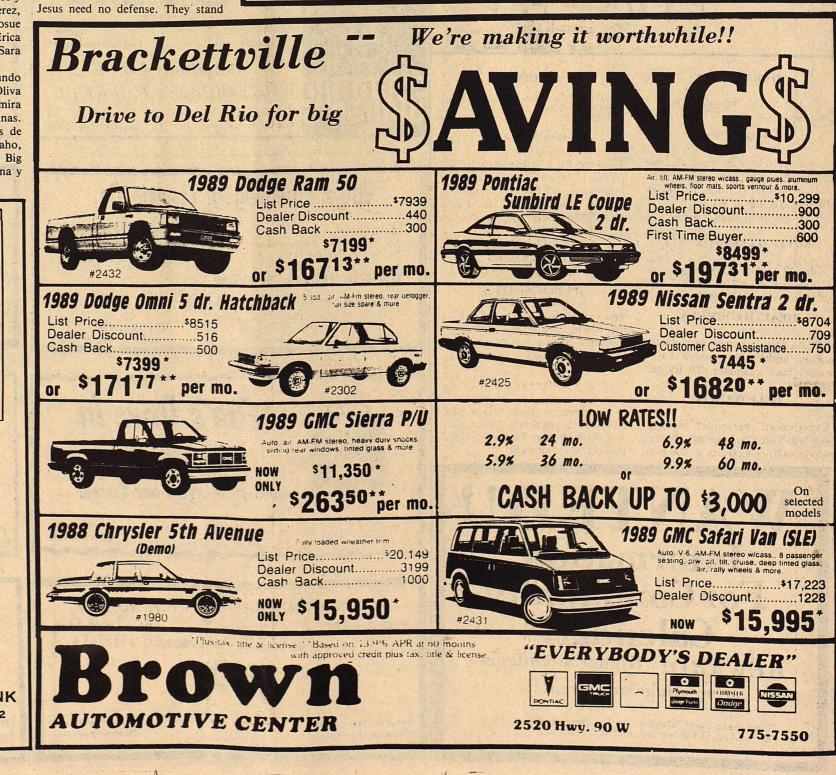
> Melissa Perez. Hermanos y hermanas: Edmundo Rodolfo y Genaro Perez, Oliva Olgin, Rosenda Olveria y Casimira Sauceda. Varios sobrinos y sobrinas. Muchos familiares y amistades de fuera del pueblo vinieron de Idaho, San Antonio, Waco, Beaumont, Big Lake, Eagle Pass, Del Rio, Acuna y Zacatecas, Mexico.

question or criticize His son Jesus? Certainly not!

Mohammed was a belligerent bigot who taught violence and murder. Jesus taught love and "turn the other cheek." It's unconscionable to think Jesus ever would expect his followers to kill all who oppose Him. In fact, He Himself refused to do harm to his enemies, even to allowing them to crucify Him.

What's the difference? God and





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