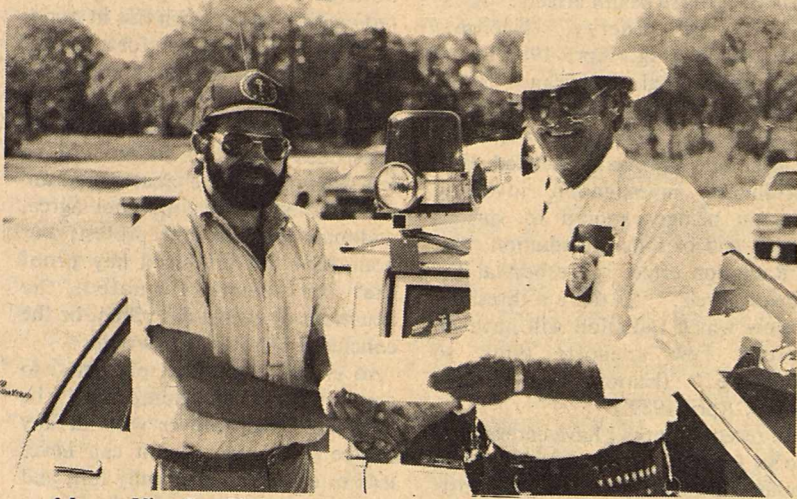


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Mayor Vito La Gioia gives City Chief Johnny Fritter a certificate of commendation and appreciation for loyal and dedicated public service.

Chief Fritter Honored

This evidence of commendation and appreciation is hereby bestowed upon JOHN S. FRITTER for his loyal and dedicated public service as CHIEF OF POLICE, in the city of Brackettville.

Your service has been held in high regard, and it is our wish on behalf of the City Council and the residents of

this Community that you receive this certificate in token of our appreciation for his many contributions to the progress of this community.

In recognition of these services rendered, this certificate is presented this April 17, 1989.

Vito La Gioia
Mayor, City of Brackettville



Deputy Sheriff David Luna, Mayor Vito La Gioia and Sheriff Norman Hooten display the jail certificate award by the State jail Inspection Agency.

County Jail Passes Inspection

by Jennifer Pasanski

The County Jail passed inspection with remarks of excellence being made by State inspector Maurice Wood. Maurice Wood from the Texas Commission of Jail Standards visited the jail April 17, and found the premises being run according to all State standards.

The two safety factors that noted attention for future upgrade of the jail were the need for a "Sally Port," which is an enclosed area enabling vehicles to drive in to a security tight area to unload prisoners. Also the need for a smoke removal system in

case of a fire was mentioned.

This is the second jail inspection since 1987 when the jail was discredited, due to the lack of proper locks on the cells. Because of this, the County was set back another five years from obtaining the Gold Certificate.

The honor bestowed from receiving a Gold Certificate would mean that the County Jail is trusted enough to be inspected once every five years. There are not many jails in the State that have obtained this honor and only three jails have achieved the ten year Gold Certificate.

Local Actors To Perform Broadway Hit

by Jennifer Pasanski

A fulfilled evening is expected as local residents perform the Broadway hit "The Curious Savage". The play first opened on Broadway in 1950, starring Lillian Gish. Local actors assure an entertaining evening consisting of a delicious Mexican dinner followed by the performance of "The Curious Savage".

The cast of actors are: "The Guests", Florence will be played by Gloria Mulligan, Hannibal will be played by Danny Potter, Fairy May will be portrayed by Jaye Potter, Jeffery will be portrayed by young actor Eden Hatch, Mrs. Paddy's role will be performed by Rose Mary

Slubar, "The Family" will be Titus played by Harrell Floyd, Samuel by Kenneth Mulligan, Lily Belle will be performed by Cindy Williams and Foethel will be performed by Julia Hatch. "The Staff" will include Mrs. Wilhel Mina as Allyson Potter and Doctor Emmett will be performed by the talented Molly Ardrey.

Tickets for the dinner theater are available at the Old Tyme Deli or from the firemen. The tickets are \$10 each.

"The Curious Savage" will be held April 29, at 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Volunteer Fire Department.

4-H Group Cleans Up

A group of 4-H students and supervisors met on HWY 90 on Tuesday, April 18, in a joint effort to clean up the highway. The 4-H group adopted a two mile stretch of highway and eight 4-H members participated in the clean up.

They were: Jamie Bader, Amy Bader, Katie Hall, Charlie Hall,

Conference At Ft. Clark

There will be an Economic Development Conference held at Ft. Clark Springs in Brackettville, Texas. Albert Bustamante, officials from

the Texas Department of Commerce and the U.S. Department of Commerce will attend to tell small

city mayors and business people what grant and loan funds are available. The conference will be hosted by Vito La Gioia, Mayor of Brackettville. Conference will be in Brackettville, Texas at the Ft. Clark Spring's Restaurant on April 28, 1989, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Child Abuse Prevention Month Receives Special Attention In Brackettville

Dear Mrs. Starzel:

I would like to give my special thanks to Mrs. Enemisia Starzel for bringing the child abuse prevention month proclamation to our attention.

Here is a copy of the proclamation on behalf of the community.

Very many thanks
Vito La Gioia
Mayor of Brackettville

PROCLAMATION

MEMORIALIZING the Honorable Vito M. La Gioia, Mayor of the City of Brackettville, Texas, to proclaim the months of April and May as "Child Abuse Prevention Months" in the City of Brackettville.

WHEREAS, over two million children are abused and neglected annually nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brackettville has the welfare of all its citizens, particularly the children, as an immediate concern; and

WHEREAS, Child abuse is one of the most pressing family, health, and social problems in our nation today, and is one of the nations most vicious problems; and

WHEREAS, Child abuse is not an isolated problem; it affects each and every one of us, as citizens, neighbors, and parents; and

WHEREAS, Child abuse crosses all cultural, ethnic, economic and

social lines; and

WHEREAS, Forty-three percent of reported child abuse in all its forms, affects children under the age of five; and

WHEREAS, Sexual abuse of children is also a problem of great magnitude. The number of child sexual abuse reports increased over one hundred percent between nineteen-hundred eighty-three and nineteen-hundred eighty-seven; and

WHEREAS, despite the rising number of reports, there is hope on the horizon. There has been a marked increase in public awareness combined with a recognition that child abuse is a total community problem which requires cooperation at all levels, public and private-home, schools, agencies, businesses and government; and

WHEREAS, there is no test of a society more important than that of how it treats its children. Children are our most precious resource; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize The Honorable Vito M. La Gioia, Mayor, to proclaim the months of April and May as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in Brackettville, Texas, and urge all citizens to be cognizant of the national and local programs being coordinated to provide ongoing protection of our children.



Pictured above are: from left to right, Mrs. Mulligan, Mrs. Enemisia Starzel, Mayor Vito La Gioia, President of the Child Welfare Board, Francis McMasters, Jean Householder and Ralph Gonzales. Mayor Vito La Gioia is handing McMasters the proclamation claiming the months of April and May as "Child Abuse Prevention Months."

City Hall Update

by Jennifer Pasanski

Mayor Vito La Gioia announced that the meter check is running smoothly. He also added that special attention was being paid to resident Agnes Fritter Vondy since she reported a fluctuating meter reading. The Mayor has been personally checking her meter every day.

Mayor La Gioia suggested that persons having problems with their bills should begin checking their meter every day and report any sudden changes. "Many residents are not familiar with their meters and don't know how to read them or how to check the amount being used," stated La Gioia. "The City is looking into the purchase of a video cassette on how your meter functions and how to read it."

The City is providing utilities gas and water and maintenance from the meter to the main line as our responsibility. "Anything past that is the resident's responsibility," stated the Mayor.

According to City officials, a small drip in the waterline running from the hot water heater can make your bill fluctuate up to 10 times the amount of usage, then go back down to normal usage the next month, then return to almost 8 times the amount of usage the following month. This up and down reading that occurs can be explained by improper readings by the meter reader. You may even have a steady reading for 9 months with the exact same water drip and have

a steady reading for 9 months with the exact same water drip and have this wide fluctuation only two months out of the 9 months.

Anyone having this type of problem should fix the drip and then check their meter every day. This is truly your only safe guard as the City meters are always correct and can not malfunction or speed up. The most that could happen is that you would be undercharged. You can never be over charged according to the meter. Over charges are refunded upon proof that your meter doesn't read the same as your bill.

"The customer always comes first," stated Mayor La Gioia. "This is our policy, let us know if we can be of assistance."

The City was turned down on the planning grant because they could only come up with 10% of matching funds. "We're working on some options at this time. The planning grant was to be used to help with streets, drainage, utilities and housing."

La Gioia requests that all persons needing or planning on building in the area, to contact City Hall first and give them time to schedule a time that City services might be needed. "If I have something on paper, I can go with that. Persons need to go through City Hall before starting their projects," added La Gioia.

The City will advertise for a City manager/administrator in the Texas Municipal League magazine.



Mr. Quick entertains the audience at the Old Tyme Deli during "Wild and Crazy Nite."

Hypnotist Amazes

by Warren Outlaw

Amazing! was the word for Billy Quick, hypnotist, who performed at the first of the "Wild and Crazy Nite" at the Old Tyme Deli and Cafe.

Mr. Quick, one of the 30 professional hypnotists in the United States, was reared in Casablanca where his father worked as a hypnotist. Stating that his father did not believe in hiring extra help, he had little Billy on the stage at an early age.

Mr. Quick retired from the Air

Force after twenty years service and is now teaching school in San Antonio. Being fluent in seven languages, he also works as an interpreter for the U.S. Postal Service.

He was assisted in his act by Justin Shockley, Stephanie Shockley, Ellis Hatch, Wendy Hooten and Barbara Matull.

A delicious meal was served by owners Sharla Oldham and Debbie Shockley and a good time was had by all.

Soil & Water Stewardship Week Observed

The West Nueces-Las Moras Soil and Water Conservation District has announced they will join in the national observance of Soil and Water Stewardship Week to take place on April 30 - May 7, 1989, according to an announcement by Mr. Bret Trant, Chairman of the district.

The theme of this year's observance is "Renewing The Living Earth". This focus is especially appropriate as our need for stewardship is vital if we are to maintain the productive capabilities of our basic natural resources of soil and water. Together we must work for the good of all to utilize, conserve and properly manage those resources in our care. Participation in Soil and Water Stewardship Week activities offers an opportunity to reflect on the nation's natural renewable resource problems and consider actions to resolve them or reduce their impact.

The West Nueces-Las Moras SWCD was organized in 1956 for the purpose of offering farmers, ranchers and the local community a voluntary conservation technical assistance program through which individuals could seek and request conservation assistance to meet their individual land's capabilities and needs.

"Basically it is the district's responsibility to provide technical assistance when requested relative to proper soil use and treatment, erosion control



Bret Trant and Judge Tommy Seargent.

practices, solve drainage problems and assist farmers and ranchers with crop, range and pastureland management," said Mr. Trant.

The National Association of Conservation Districts has sponsored Soil and Water Stewardship Week in the United States since 1955, in cooperation with the nation's nearly 3,000 soil and water conservation districts. Informative material on the Soil and Water Stewardship Week theme each year is distributed through local conservation districts to clergymen interested in participating in the celebration.

Information and materials for the 1989 observance of soil and Water Stewardship Week can be obtained in this area from The First Baptist Church, St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, The Community Church, St. James Episcopal Church and St. John Baptist Church. (Proclamation on page 2)

Big Bash At Ft. Clark

Former cavalry troopers, a former Texas governor and the controversial swords of famed Indian fighter Lt. John L. Bullis will all be at Fort Clark Springs in Brackettville on Saturday, April 22. The events are part of the annual Ft. Clark Trooper's Reunion, which this year features a special state historical marker dedication ceremony for Ft. Clark's Commanding Officer's Quarters, or "Wainwright House."

The public is invited to hear former Gov. Dolph Briscoe of Uvalde speak during the 2:00 p.m. dedication ceremony in front of the historic home where Ranald S. Mackenzie, Jonathan M. Wainwright and John Wayne once lived. Governor of Texas from 1973 until 1979, Dolph Briscoe will be introduced during the ceremony by James T. "Happy" Shahan of Brackettville's Alamo Village movie location. The Commanding Officer's Quarters will be open for a public reception following the 2:00 p.m. ceremony, sponsored by the Brackettville Lions Club.

Also, for one day only, the swords presented to Lt. John Bullis in 1882 by the citizens of Kinney County and then-Western Texas will be on display from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Fort Clark Old Guardhouse Museum. The ornate gold and silver sabers created a controversy over a month ago, when the San Antonio

Museum Association refused a temporary loan at Fort Clark Springs, even though the swords were in a box, stored in the basement of the Witte Museum. The museum association reversed their stance, and will send the swords with two of their security guards on Saturday morning. The Bullis swords display was made possible by area ranch owner and businessman, Mr. Sterling C. Evans of Castroville.

Trooper's Reunion Committee Chairman Ron Buckles reports he has received a record number of responses from cavalry troopers planning to return to Ft. Clark this weekend. The public is invited to join the troopers, primarily from the 5th and 112th Cavalry Units, at a 5:30 p.m. barbeque and an 8:00 p.m. dance at Fort Clark Springs. The \$4.00 per plate barbeque will be held at the new barbeque area near the front of the 2,700-acre residential/recreation community. The dance, featuring Bullit Beard and the Texas high Caliber Band, costs \$7.50 per couple, or \$4.00 per single, with set-ups available. The dance begins in Town Hall at 8:00 p.m.

For more information:

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The 63rd Judicial District Court convened in the courthouse Monday, April 17, with District Judge George Thurmond presiding. A Petit Jury panel of 103 Kinney County residents and voters were called in to be qualified to serve as jurors in cases requiring jury trials during the April-October 1989 term of the court. Several of the prospective jurors were excused however, after claiming exemptions allowed under the law. The jury panel was excused after being qualified and asked to report back to the District Courtroom on Monday, April 24.

Some of the more important criminal cases heard before the court on Monday are as follows:

Cause #1716 - State of Texas vs. B.R. Guerra - Guerra was charged with Aggravated Possession of Marihuana and the charges against her were dismissed in a plea bargain agreement reached in Cause #1717 - State of Texas vs. D. Robles - also Aggravated Possession of Marihuana.

Robles and Guerra are sisters and as Robles was the driver of the car in which over 200 pounds of Marihuana was found she pled guilty to the charge and received a 5 year prison term in TDC for her crime. Robles remains free on bond to allow her time to put her personal affairs in order before being transported to TDC by Sheriff's Department officers. Robles, a 24 year old Del Rio resident, is the mother of 5 small children.

Cause #1714 - State of Texas vs. Victor Sandoval - Sandoval was charged with Forgery and pled guilty to the charge after extensive consultation between prosecutors, defense attorneys, the defendant and the victim. He will be sentenced by Judge Thurmond on Monday, April 24. It is anticipated that Sandoval will receive a probated sentence with restitution to the victim as part of that probation.

Cause #1718 - State of Texas vs. John Ray Rodriguez - Rodriguez is charged with Manslaughter in the death of Lauriano Estrada on Christmas Day 1988 in a motor vehicle - motor bike accident on East Spring Street in Brackettville. At his arraignment, Rodriguez was ordered by the Judge to obtain the services of an attorney and report back to the court on Monday, April 24, ready for trial. Rodriguez remains free on bond.

Cause #1721 - State of Texas vs. Ruben Reyes - Reyes is charged with Possession of a Prohibited Weapon on a Premise Licensed to sell Beer

and Wine. This charge stemmed from allegations by a local tavern owner that Reyes pulled a pistol on her after he was told the place was closing and he could purchase no more beer. Reyes was appointed an attorney at county expense because of his inability to pay for one himself. He is a resident alien from Mexico and remains in jail at this time in lieu of \$5,000 bond.

A juvenile case was also heard before Judge Thurmond and the young offender (16 years old) was charged with Assault Causing Bodily Injury in an accident in which he allegedly followed two Brackettville girls one night harassing them and finally hitting one of the girls in the face with his fist. After hearing the evidence in the case, Judge Thurmond sentenced the youthful offender to one year probation and ordered him to stay away from both girls involved in the incident.

Our annual jail inspection was also held on Monday, April 17, by Inspector Maurice Wood of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. I will touch briefly on this as it is covered elsewhere in this week's issue.

We were given a Certificate of Compliance and retained our certified status at the completion of the inspection with Inspector Wood praising the cleanliness and order of the jail. He also praised Jailers/Dispatchers Elida Estrada and Bobby Guidry for their professionalism and job knowledge, after they demonstrated policies and procedures of jail operations in emergency operations in case of a fire in the jail. The simulated fire drill involved their outlining step by step procedures to be implemented in case of a fire, which included entering the cell-blocks with an Air-Pak to verify that all prisoners were out of danger of the fire.

Inspector Wood suggested that we consider installing an overhead smoke removal system and an enclosed sally-port to be used in loading and unloading prisoners at the rear of the jail. The Jail Commission cannot force us to comply with these suggestions as the county jail was an existing facility prior to the forming of the Jail Commission but both suggestions are in the interest of jail safety and security and will be discussed with commissioners court after thorough research as to cost and need is completed.

This is our 2nd annual inspection since we lost our certification in late 1987 due to a faulty cell door and

lock system. You may recall that we held a bond election in order to obtain funding close to \$100,000 for the installation of a new cell door and lock system in 1988. We were re-certified in 1988 and are once again on our way towards the sought after "Gold Certificate" issued by the Jail Commission to jails that have passed five annual inspections with no break in the certification when we lost our certification due to the faulty cell door and lock system. Once a county jail has obtained a "Gold Certificate" it is then inspected only once every five years. Inspector Wood related that there are very few jails statewide that have received a "Gold Certificate", I would like Kinney County to be one of these.

I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and gratitude to Mayor Vito La Gioia for his interest, concern and assistance in helping us maintain our electrical and plumbing systems at the jail. He was on hand during the jail inspection and assured Inspector Wood that ongoing repairs and replacement of needed parts to those systems were being conducted. Based on his assurances, Inspector Wood accepted our efforts and passed us. Mayor La Gioia has worked closely with us over the past few months in our attempts to clear up existing problems with these systems. We are experiencing particular problems with the plumbing, especially the sewer system. This problem will also be addressed before the commissioners in the upcoming fiscal year after a completed survey as to costs, etc.

Those folks who would like to be sheriff should come on down and live with one of these county jails for awhile, they might then realize that "it ain't all chicken, there's some feathers there too."

THAT'S ALL!

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

For the past several months, you have faithfully communicated the sentiments of many readers, who have a real and understandable concern over the proposed installation of a radioactive waste facility in our unique county. It is creditable that you have not editorially taken a stand for or against the proposal, nevertheless you have provided a forum for dialogue on the pro-and-con of the issue.

Without the debate that has transpired, citizens of the county could well have become the uniformed beneficiaries of whatever real or imagined consequences that such a facility would eventually reveal as our heritage. We would have had to live with it to eventually know the true consequences, good or bad. Now, we have a choice beforehand.

With your help, sufficient views, for and against, have been presented for our consideration so that we seem ready and able to conclude the matter with decisive action, to move forward to allow the waste site, or to close the door on it as an ill-conceived idea. Hopefully, your publication will be instrumental in putting this issue to rest so we can move forward on some universally acceptable developments that will without doubt, benefit our economy, environment and social structure. Everyone is a winner when controversy is replaced with cooperation!

Please feel free to publish the enclosed writing as my contribution to restore good-will and a return to unity of purpose, in spite of any differences that may remain on the issue. Above all, democracy in action, according to majority cocensus, should be our yardstick!

R.C. Hirsch
Member, Chamber of Commerce
Resident, Ft. Clark Springs

I agree with other correspondents writing that there are opinions on opposite sides of most issues, including the TexCor-BFI proposal for a dump for radioactive waste in Kinney County. I have, however, been around awhile and do not recall encountering the idea that no one is entitled to form an opinion except as a result of locally sponsored laboratory or field research. Heretofore, it has always been my belief that knowledge may be legitimately and properly obtained from qualified authorities through their published papers, articles and essays.

I have also sometimes relied upon the useful nature of some of the information to be gained from attending lectures or sermons or courses of study. I suspect that most ministers would be offended if their congregations considered it necessary to verify the scriptures by going to Israel to examine the empty tomb. Builders, too, tend to rely on the published tables and performance characteristics of materials and design basics, instead of repeating the tests from which these were developed.

I guess I am in the same position as TexCor when that entity recently submitted a Houston Post article to you for reprint. The apparent source of the article, a Mr. Jim Martin who is employed by the American Petroleum Institute, is entitled to his point of view which could be predicted since he is spokesman for the industry which creates the pipe scale dealt with in the article. Mr. Martin cites several sources, but in no way rules out the possibility that health problems may be produced by pipe scale radiation.

Of course, the article does not deal with uranium mill tailings, or with the other waste materials which would be placed in the TexCor dump. Mill tailings, which exist presently in Karnes county in huge amounts, are described as "...lakes of radioactive dirt and sulfuric acid." (Texas Senate Committee on Health Services - Feb. 1, 1989.)

It is certainly to be expected that opinions will vary on nearly any subject. In even the most learned scientific circles one can find individuals on every side of this question of radioactivity and its effects. All agree, however, that ionizing radiation (Alpha, Beta, Gamma, and X-ray) damages living cells. "Any radioactive track can, in principle, deposit enough energy to cause a mutation." (Dr. Arthur C. Upton, Chairman New York Univ. Dep't. of Environmental Medicine.) Disagreement exists about the

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I am confused about a news item in the April 13, 1989, issue of *The Brackett News*. Headlines on the front page claimed "250 to 300 names dropped from voter registration list." These names are ineligible voters still on the list. That figures to about 20% of the entire voter list in Kinney County, or about one person in five.

I'm not surprised that some names are ineligible because of the transient society we have. I am surprised at the enormous amount. Last fall, several "concerned citizens" asked for a purging of the voter list. We were called a few names and assured that the list was as pure as it could be, that the letter of the law was being followed. Either that statement was not true, or an awful lot of people have registered since then and now are no longer eligible, or the 250 to 300 names now being purged are wrong. I know what I believe!!!

Now the question arises; how many of the purged names voted during the last few elections???

Still concerned,
Glen Seaver, Jr.

Soil & Water Stewardship Week Proclamation

WHEREAS, the well-being of our people depends upon the production of ample supplies of food, fiber and other products of the soil; and

WHEREAS, the quality and quantity of these products depend upon the conservation, wise and proper management of the soil and water resources; and

WHEREAS, our people have a mutual interest in the soil and water and share the responsibility of conserving and managing these resources properly; and

WHEREAS, soil and water conservation districts provide a practical and democratic organization through which landowners are taking the initiative to conserve and make proper use of these resources; and

WHEREAS, soil and water conservation districts are carrying forward a conservation program in cooperation with numerous agencies and countless individuals;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tommy Seargeant County Judge of Kinney County, in full appreciation of the value of soil and water to the public welfare, and desiring to honor those who protect it, do hereby designate the week of April 30 to May 7, 1989 as *Soil and Water Stewardship Week* in Kinney County, Texas.

IN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION WHEREOF, I hereby affix my signature this 19th day of April, 1989.

Tommy Seargeant
County Judge of Kinney County

Letter to the Editor

duration, the extent and the expanded effect of this radiation. A growing body of opinion holds that "There is no safe threshold for radiation exposure." (Linus Pauling, Nobel Prize Chemistry, Nuclear Physicist.) Most significant for the current discussion is "Any amount of unnecessary radiation exposure, however small, has some increased risk of adverse health effects." (U.S. Dep't. of Energy, National Geographic Mag., April 1989.)

Of great local significance is the opinion of Dr. John Gofman, co-discoverer of U-233 and of Plutonium. He has concluded after prolonged investigation involving human beings exposed to various levels and periods of radiation, that "Radiation effect is steepest at the lowest levels." "Is there a threshold below which radiation will have no effect? Few scientists think so anymore." (National Geographic Mag., April 1989.)

In recent months I have endeavored to set forth my opinion clearly, as do other correspondents and columnists in these pages. I have pointed out long-accepted facts relating to radioactivity, and to its sources, its duration and its short and long term effects on living organisms, especially the young. I have called attention to regulatory failures and concealments by governments which, coupled with human error and with corporate misbehavior, have generated an awful procession of health hazard exposures to defenseless people throughout the nation and the world.

I have indicated that reliance on today's promises has never been and can never be any guarantee for the future. I have called attention to predictable unreliability extant in even the most advanced technologies and in the materials utilized. I have discussed the fact that scientific "truths" change constantly, and that real human tragedies (Thalidomide babies, e.g.) have resulted from

public reliance on those so-called truths.

In the above process, I have demonstrated that this local controversy is not local at all, but instead is a part of a perilous problem which is global in extent. No on-site study, however intensive, can negate or by-pass the basic uncertainties, problems and dangers involved in the whole subject of radioactive waste. With this in mind, I can see no justification for a project which will introduce into a populated area a huge quantity of waste materials which are admittedly so hazardous that they should not be left where they were created and are now located. Critics may not agree, and may ridicule and protest, but none have yet produced any proof that the scientists quoted, the situations or events described, or the conclusions drawn are wrong.

No evidence has been presented to assure that this dump will be absolutely and forever without any degree of danger, that it can never leak or otherwise physically fail, and that no human being will ever sicken or die as a result of its existence. In the absence of such evidence, prudence dictates against creation of the dump. The whole populace should never be placed at risk for the economic benefit of a very few. Only a fool submits to unnecessary risk, and only the uncaring will request such submission.

None of this is new. Centuries ago an English poet wrote: "No man is an island, intire of it self; every man is a peeces of the Continent, a part of the maine; if a Clod be washed away by the Sea, Europe is the lesse, as well as if a Promontorie were, as well as if a Mannor of thy friends or of thine own were. Any mans death diminishes me, because I am involved in Mankinde. And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls. It tolls for thee." John Donne, 1573-1631.

Don Parks

PLEASE REMEMBER that we attempt to include something for everyone within the pages of our paper. We realize that that some folks enjoy finding fault and for those readers we thoughtfully include a socially acceptable number of errors within our publication.

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Letter to the Editor

For over nine months, the controversy over the wisdom or desirability of the norm radioactive waste facility (or, waste dump) has percolated and filled the editorial pages of our local newspapers, the Kinney Cavalryman, and more recently, *The Brackett News*. The issue has brought written views into print from many who have never been so involved. That the issue is of great concern to many, is quite obvious, and rightfully so, as it relates to our future.

The subject is becoming somewhat shop-worn as interesting news. It has now been objectively discussed in emotional, economical and scientific terms to the point that there seems little more to be said. Analytical dialogue appears to have run its course, because recent letters to the editors appear to be gravitating toward the undesirable lower level of questioning one's character or motives. The time has come, when we should all look at the evidence as best we can, and render a verdict based on our judgement of what is perceived to be right or wrong in the matter, as it may affect the future of our people and property. Decisive action should follow comprehensive dialogue!

The will of the majority is the cornerstone of our democratic formula for resolving controversial issues that confront us. The success of this concept relies on the acceptance of the verdict by those who are identified with the minority faction. Those in the majority camp must assume a greater responsibility for positive action and results on developments that clearly are in the best interest of all. When the system works in this fashion, the outcome is generally more favorable to both sides. Only then, can a spirit of cooperation prevail, and progress be realized on sound developments that will benefit most of the citizens of our county.

Now then, consider the evidence at hand. What is the majority view? In a recent press release, Senator Judith Zaffirini, who represents our collective interests, declared that an "overwhelming" majority of our representative organizations, and residents have registered clear opposition to the waste facility. She concluded this after many months of investigative review and discussion. This public stand by her cannot be brushed aside as inconclusive or inconsequential.

Then, we know of fourteen

resolutions passed by duly elected representative bodies that have been published in opposition, to include our own county commissioners court, the city council, and the Fort Clark Springs Association board of directors. On the other hand, the Brackettville Chamber of Commerce postured in favor of the project, but then adopted a neutral stand, after realizing that they seemed to be out of step with the people.

The "CARE" organization, created of necessity to speak for those who are not involved in government, other than as taxpayers, and voters, produced a petition with nearly 1400 signatures indicating opposition to the dump. This came about mainly from local contacts, with most rural

residents not on record with their views.

By comparison, the evidence indicates a clear minority in favor of the project. No major organization, other than the promoters, have voiced approval of it. What overriding evidence can be produced to change our perception of overwhelming opposition to the dump?

Finally, the question must be asked: "What statistical or factual evidence has been presented in all that we have heard or read that any kind of radioactive waste dump will truly benefit the surrounding economy, property values, environmental conditions, or the sense of well-being and progress in the area?"

The promoters, with the help of

The Purpose of the Chamber of Commerce

by R.C. Hirsch

In the Rules and By-laws as now written, the purpose, or mission of our Brackettville Chamber of Commerce, as stated in Section 2, is to advance the Commerce, Industry and General Welfare of Kinney County. Section 3 reinforces this statement when it emphasizes that eligibility for membership in the organization is based on an interest in the "economic well-being and the wealth and prosperity of Kinney County."

Economic well-being and general welfare are rather broad terms but it seems that they apply to all persons who reside in the county, or who may have an investment in real estate or a business enterprise. It also appears reasonable to understand that whatever action the chamber takes must be governed by a realization that majority interests must be served and satisfied. Representing the will of the majority is usually the most certain assurance of acting on behalf of the beneficiaries for their general well-being and economic concerns. This must include consideration for environmental factors.

In the recent confrontation between CARE representatives, some of which are also members in good standing of the Chamber, it appears that the Chamber initially violated its own rules on the right of members to attend both regular and special meetings. Article 6, Meetings, Section 2, states that each member should be notified 10 days in advance of called meetings, and informed of

the business to be considered. Section 5 states that every member shall be entitled to speak on any subject brought up for consideration, in addition to having the right to vote.

It may also be true that some representatives of CARE expected too much if they were not Chamber members, and yet demanded admission to the meeting to voice their concerns over the planned speaker. As members, they were acting on their stated rights.

As for the Chamber's action in cancelling the annual banquet, that action was not necessary. It appeared to be a sad overreaction that manifested itself when the board realized that its choice of speaker represented a conflict of interest in the county-wide controversy over the proposed radioactive waste dump. The choice of speaker was unfortunate in this case as opponents who appear to constitute a clear majority of the people residing in the county, did not see how this served the general well-being or economic interests of most of the people. The Chamber could have replaced the speaker without cancellation of the annual banquet. This action was not requested by the opponents to the speaker.

It is hoped that our Chamber will strive to live up to its adopted purpose, on behalf of all of the people, which is most often assured when the majority will is recognized and acted upon. To this end, communication must be improved.

some who may or may not have a direct or indirect financial interest, have painted a rosy picture devoid of negatives. The CARE group has done much to educate us on the detrimental aspects. They have also presented case histories of similar facilities in other locations with very disturbing evidence of sorry negative consequences. The promoters have not been able to refute such documented cases, have they?

The challenge is this, to the advocates of the waste dump, show us one instance, one example, one such facility, that has a proven track record as an economic boon for the community at large, where such an operation has existed for more than five years. Convince us that state and federal authorities are supervising hazardous waste storage facilities to assure local citizens of permanent safety, normal economic growth, and a healthy environment. At this point, you seem to lack such evidence. Why should we take a chance on adverse results on the basis of your promotion which is in your financial interest but doubtfully in ours?

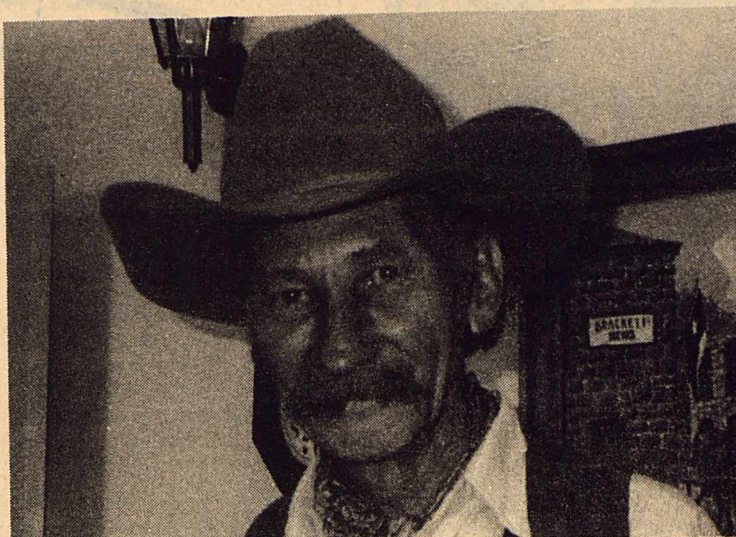
In conclusion, sufficient doubt has been created in the hearts and minds of a majority of Kinney County residents and surrounding areas, that a radioactive waste dump not be imposed on us by a minority with financial gain as their prime motive. This issue can only be laid to rest when the promoters realize they have erred and they bow out with grace and respect for our wishes.

As a newly elected member of the board of directors, Brackettville Chamber of Commerce, it is my sincere hope that positive action will be taken by the newly composed board to induce new business and small industry of an acceptable variety to make their home in Kinney County. We must build on our present assets: enhancement of tourism and our hunting activities, expansion of our retirement and family recreation complex at Fort Clark Springs, and an enviable environment offering clean air and water supply. We have a good beginning for a healthy economy in the future without taking chances on the quality of life.

It will be my personal goal to represent the personal ambitions of the majority to the best of my ability, on the highest plane of integrity and moral responsibility that divine guidance brings.

R.C. Hirsch

Just For The Fun Of It!



"Bud Breen"

Place born - Eagle Pass, Texas.

Occupation - Western artist.

Favorite food - Muendo.

Best movie you've seen lately - *Culpepper Cattle Company*.

Best book you've read lately - *Ride the Wind*, by Cynthia Ann Parker.

Hobbies you enjoy - *Getting out in the country*.

Your friends say you're - *Lonely Brain*.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go? *Teton Mountains*.

Secretly you've always wanted to be - *An eagle*.

If you could change anything about Brackettville, what would it be? *The bickering that goes on here for nothing.*

In one word describe yourself - *Nervous wreck*.

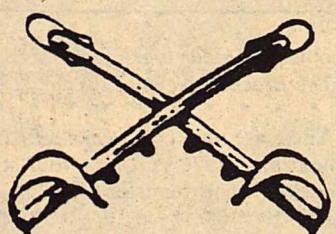
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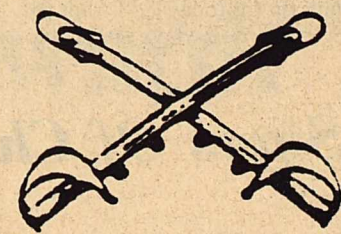
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May 6, 1989

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to attend the Dedication Ceremony for the

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Featuring former Governor Dolph Briscoe

Saturday, April 22 at 2:00 p.m.

Fort Clark Springs Historic District

Tour the house where John Wayne stayed following the ceremony

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One Day Only, Saturday, April 22

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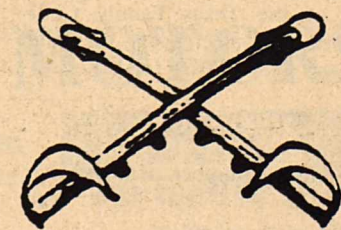
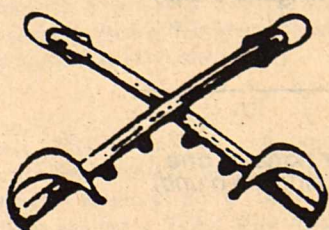
8:00 p.m. Trooper's Reunion Dance

\$7.50 per couple

Town Hall

\$4.00 per single

Bullit Beard & Texas High Calibur Band





Donald Van, a Cherokee Indian was one of the Goon-gah dancers at the Medicine Wheel festivities.



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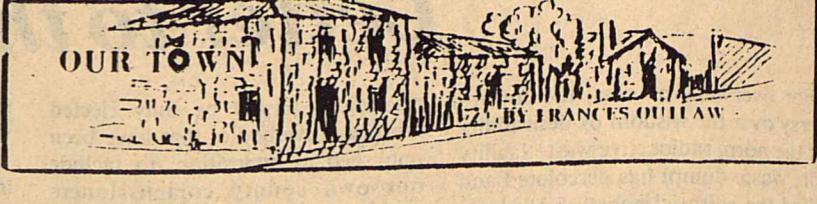
Missed you last week, but I was very busy preparing the Sacred Grounds to have my Medicine Wheel. This year the Wheel was a beautiful sacred wheel, it was a very spiritual wheel. We prayed to Jesus, we prayed to the Great Mystery and we asked for blessing and healings, not only for the ones that were there, but for the whole universe. We asked to unite us in love and in peace. Many people of all walks of life were there. From MD doctors, to writers, anthropologists, priests, ministers and my brother, a full-

blooded Cherokee was my backup. They were all there in prayer with us. We camped out Friday night and Saturday we had the main ceremony. Sunday we had the closing ceremony with cleansing and healing with prayers. Our flowering tree, that represents Jesus, the tree of life, was planted. Our fire was lit. It represents eternal life on any path that we might take. Food was great and I asked the Great Mystery to give me two sunny days and he answered my prayer.

Aho
with good medicine
Nakai



Jack Batiste from Alabama Tushatta was one of the ceremonial dancers during the Medicine Wheel celebration.



The Ladies Luncheon was held at Las Moras Inn Wednesday, April 12. The theme "Kentucky Hillbilly" was carried throughout, starting with a life-size poster by Patty Barnett, table decorations by Don and Pat Parks. Each table was named after a community in Kentucky, such as Buzzard Gulch, Possum Trot, Monkey's Eyebrow, etc. Ruth Cue introduced our guest speaker, Don Parks, as a Kentucky Senator from Christian County. Don entertained the ladies with a story about Luke Pratt (running for Sheriff), a bull and a dog named Lucky.

The beautiful flower arrangements, given as door prizes (arranged by Nelda Archer), were won by Marsha Clausen, Helen Contwell and Evelyn Hunter. Hostesses were Ruth Cue, Bea Kauffman, Frances Taugner, Marg Geze and Pat Parks. A fun time was had by all, and as usual, the food served by the Las Moras Inn was delicious. The luncheon was followed by a game of cards.

Penny Nixon, Public Relations Fort Clark Springs, attended a State Travel Counselors seminar in Houston, Wednesday, April 12, thru Friday, April 14. The Travel Counselors are the people who man the Tourist Bureau throughout Texas.

Fort Clark Springs was featured in a slide show video about what's new around the state. Penny reports that the drive to and from Houston was beautiful, due to all the wild flowers in bloom.

A church group of 20 from San Antonio was hosted by Mrs. Barbara Neuman this past weekend. The group was given a tour of Fort Clark by Charles Downing, followed by a barbecue in the evening.

The Colorado County Bus Tours from Houston, with 22 passengers, toured Fort Clark and Alamo Village Saturday, April 15. The group enjoyed, as guest speaker, Miss Charles Wilson, who spoke of her Seminole heritage. They remained overnight and left Sunday for Big

Dedication ceremonies for a Texas Historical Building Marker and Medallion for the Commanding Officers Quarters (Wainwright House) at Ft. Clark will be held Saturday, April 22, at 2:00 p.m. Guest speaker will be Dolph Briscoe, former Governor of Texas. The Bullis swords will be on display at the Museum from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the same day.

The Fort Clark Arts will host an Open House Saturday, April 22, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

The featured story on the John Bullis swords by Penny Nixon, Public Relations, Fort Clark Springs, published by *The Brackett News* April 6, was picked up by local newspapers in Uvalde, Hondo, Castroville and Bandera.

Ben and Rosetta Pingnot are enjoying an extended visit from their daughter, Polly, from Austin.

Warren and Frances Outlaw enjoyed a visit over the weekend from old friends Hector and Cecilia Ramos, their children Andrea and Dustin from Harlingen. The Ramos were returning from El Paso after attending graduation exercises for their son, Hector, Jr., who had completed basic training at Fort Bliss.

Agustin and Janet Garcia of Highland Park, Illinois, have spent the past week visiting friends and relatives in Brackettville and Del Rio. Agustin's dad, Agustin S. Garcia, was born and raised in Brackettville and then moved to Chicago, Illinois.

The Garcia's visited with cousins Nekon and Maria Dolores Tinder, Frank and Licha Sanchez, aunts and uncles Miguel and Consuelo Talamantez, Tomas and Coleen Gomez. Agustin has purchased property here and is looking forward to spending more time in Brackettville.

Grandma's Kitchen

Hi! Come on in, have a cup of coffee. Will someone please tell me what's happened to ole Mother Nature? One week it's so hot, you go swimming and get a sunburn. and the next you're freezing your buns off. This is not the usual Texas Spring. In fact, we'd already turned off our heater. It didn't take long though, to find a solution. We just shut all the doors and lived in - you guessed it - my kitchen - with the oven on, which I took full advantage of and did some fancy cooking. I don't do much of this anymore - just the two of us - but last week was the exception. Also in that cold, the Monday morning scramblers had their annual cook-out. A very nice get-together and some beautiful people showed up. I noticed quite a few faces I'd never seen before. The food was delicious. All we lacked was HOT coffee. Thank goodness for the bonfire we huddled around. The smell of the fire was almost better than the food. I found another new product that might interest you. It's sugar-free Swiss Mocha, made by Hills Bro's. only 40 calories - this one makes all those other sugar-free drinks take a back seat. There's a great article in the last Modern Maturity about the oldest and best diet for all of us. It's called the "Slower than Molasses diet", but the only one that actually works and keeps the weight off. Be sure to read it, then pay attention to what it says. My health tip for today is - I want to make everyone aware how important

foods like black figs, dates, raisins and almonds and when you get those hunger-pangs, keep those around all the time to snack on. You'd be surprised how good you start to feel in a few days. In Va. Beach, Va, there's a motel-restaurant that has the skull and cross bones on all their sugar bowls and salt shakers, and says "use at your own risk." What a great idea - might make us think twice each time we reach for them - those are the worst things to put in our bodies. I didn't need it, but I bought myself a craft book with the prettiest knitted doily in it. I hadn't made one of those in years. This one was so nice and big, it caught my eye. One of these days, after I finish some of my on-going projects, I'm going to make that doily.

Here are a few household hints: Has your plastic wrap lost its cling? Just moisten the rim of the container and the plastic wrap will stick just like you always thought it was supposed to. To remove a spot out of a permanent press garment, simply rub a little white toothpaste on the stain and rinse. Repeat until the stain is out.

When your kitchen drain gets sluggish, last thing at night, put about 2 TBS baking soda in the drain and pour enough vinegar over it to moisten the soda and let it sit overnight. Next morning your drain is fresh and clean and not a bit sluggish.

For a safe version of pin the tail on the donkey for small children's parties, draw a big bunny rabbit, using scotch tape on cottonballs, and play pin the tail on the bunny.

Here's some delicious Bran Muffins I made last week - were they ever good!
1 cup bran 1/2 tsp soda
3/4 cup oat flour 3/4 cup buttermilk
1/2 tsp salt 1 egg
1/4 cup honey 1/4 cup vegetable oil
or molasses 3/4 cup raisins
Mix bran, oat flour, salt and soda. Add honey, buttermilk, egg and oil. Mix until all is moistened. Fold in raisins, spoon onto greased muffin tins. Bake at 425° for 20 minutes.

Did you know: a passion for justice can so distract a man, can so confuse him, that he may become no more than a rag, flapping in a dozen diverse winds. Have a safe week and hug somebody
Special love
Grandma



Now is a critical time for trees. They need first to be fed. Remember, the feeder roots generally go out to the drip line of the tree. This is the outer limit of the foliage of the tree. If plant stakes are used, they should be driven into the ground at intervals around the tree about halfway between the trunk and the drip line. A faster and better way on the short term and for quicker response is root feeding. The Ross Root Feeder is the best of the line. It has a tube which can be pushed down in the ground about halfway between the trunk and drip line. The feeder has a container for a tablet of extra strength fertilizer and is attached to a hose. When the water is turned on, it courses through the container of the tablet and gradually dissolves the tablet, thus feeding and watering the roots at the same time. This should be done at intervals around the tree. Now is the time to carefully check ash trees. They are often hosts to mealy bugs. This can be spotted

easily because the leaves curl tightly under, sheltering the white bugs. If these are seen, the tree should be sprayed with any good insecticide. If leaves of the ash begin to turn brown, either partially or totally, the tree should be sprayed with any good fungicide. If the fungus is not controlled, it will spread to the entire tree, and even to other trees, and can cause the tree to lose its leaves. It is wasted effort and money to spray trees for web worms or army worms before they are seen. These are the offspring of a moth that lays eggs on the underside of leaves and which ultimately hatch. A close watch of trees will tell when the very small worms begin to eat the leaves and form webs. They can first be seen when a seemingly healthy leaf begins to turn color to a gray green and then brown, as the minute worms begin to feed. That is the time to spray with an insecticide. Established trees (four years or more) need a minimum of care, but do demand care.



Happy belated birthday to Reuben Sandoval. Drummajor, twirler and flag corps try-outs will be on the first week of May. The public is invited to attend. The FHA is sending 8 members to the annual State Convention in Houston, Texas. Have fun guys! Go for the Gold UIL-ers, as you compete in Victoria for the Regional

contest. Good luck from I.B.N. (The Brackett News). There are only two weeks left until the prom. Have YOU got your stuff together? This reporter has! Driver's Ed starts Monday. Good luck drivers! Julie Lopez recently had a Quinceanera to celebrate her 15th birthday.

Signs Of Child Abuse

The Family Code requires any person "having cause to believe that a child's physical or mental health or welfare has been or may be adversely affected by abuse or neglect" MUST report the case to any local or state law enforcement agency and to the Texas Department of Human Resources. Section 34.03 specifically provides that any person reporting abuse or neglect is immune from civil or criminal liability as long as the report was made in good faith and without malice. Good faith means the person took reasonable steps to learn facts readily available and at hand. Without malice means that the person making the report did not intend to injure another person or violate another's legal rights. Failure to report a case of child abuse or neglect is a class B misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment of up to 180 days and/or a fine of up to \$1,000.

How To Report

If you know of a case of physical abuse, neglect, or sexual abuse of a child, you should report it by contacting your nearest local or state law enforcement agency. You should also telephone one of the following: •The nearest Child Protective Service Office of the Texas Department of Human Resources (listed in the phone book). •The 24-Hour Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-252-5400

The law also requires DHR to furnish a form for reporting child abuse to be completed within 5 days of your phone call. Anonymous reports, while not encouraged, will be received and acted on in the same manner as other reports. Section 34.07 of the Texas Family Code provides that all reports of child abuse are CONFIDENTIAL. What To Look For There are a number of signs that indicate a child may have been abused. Physical Abuse, Common indicators of physical abuse include: •Frequent injuries such as bruises,

cuts, black eyes, or burns, especially when the child cannot adequately explain their cause. •Frequent complaints of pain without obvious injury. •Burns or bruises in an unusual pattern, which may indicate the use of an instrument or a human bite. Cigarette burns may be seen on the face, arms or palms. •Aggressive, disruptive and destructive behavior. •Passive, withdrawn and emotionless behavior. •Lack of reaction to pain. •Fear of going home or seeing parents. •Injuries which appear after the child has not been seen for several days. •Wears unseasonal clothes which may hide injuries to arms or legs.

Neglect, Common indicators of neglect include: •Obvious malnourishment. •Lack of personal cleanliness. •Habitually dressed in torn and/or dirty clothes. •Obvious fatigue and listlessness. •Unattended for long periods of time. •Needs glasses, dental care or other medical attention. •Beds or steals food. •Frequently absent or late to school. Sexual Abuse, Common indicators of sexual abuse include: •Physical signs of sexually transmitted disease. •Evidence of injury to the genital areas. •Pregnancy in a young girl. •Difficulty in walking or sitting. •Frequent expressions of their own or other children's sexual involvement with adults. •Extreme fear of being alone with members of the opposite sex. •Engages in sexually suggestive or promiscuous behavior. •Knowledgeable about sexual relations. •Reports sexual assault.

Remember, abused children need help. So do adults who are abusers. The first step towards breaking the cycle of abuse is to report cases of child abuse to the agencies which are trained and equipped to handle such problems.

LIBRARY NOTES

Science-collecting, exploring, interpreting and applying knowledge about our world and ourselves is a thrilling pursuit, one seemingly made for curious kids. But too often, young people lose that initial delight in discovery. The eagerness to know is blunted by teaching techniques and subject matter that can be less than challenging, or too tough, or just plain boring. NATIONAL SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY WEEK is an opportunity for you to become more aware of the importance of science and technology in our lives. Parents, with your help, young people can be stimulated to begin the path towards becoming tomorrow's scientists, researchers, engineers, teachers and innovators. Their curiosity can be converted into skills for the future. There will be feature displays set up



in the library and also student activity sheets available for your child. New Books Adult Fiction Star by Danielle Steel Rainbow in the mist by Phyllis Whitney A paper mask by John Colle First ladies by Catherine Breslin Adult Non-Fiction Seoul Calgary 1988 Olympics Wintering by Diana Kappel-Smith The educator's guide to Texas school law by Frank Kemerer The fatal shore by Robert Hughes Dial an expert by Susan Osborn Looking Forward To Seeing You Soon at the Kinney County Public Library

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CITY OF BRACKETTVILLE, TEXAS
(CIUDAD DE BRACKETTVILLE, TEXAS)
MAY 6, 1989 (6 de mayo de 1989)
OFFICIAL BALLOT
(BOLETA OFICIAL)
INSTRUCTION NOTE: (NOTA DE INSTRUCCION:)
Vote for the candidate of your choice in each race by placing an "X" in the square beside the candidate's name. You may vote for a write-in candidate by writing the name of the candidate on the line provided and placing an "X" in the square beside the line.
(Vote por el candidato de su preferencia en cada carrera marcando con una "X" el cuadro al lado del nombre del candidato. Usted puede votar por un candidato que está elegible para recibir votos por inscripción escrita por escribir el nombre del candidato en la línea provista y marcando con una "X" el cuadro al lado de la línea.)
Alderman, Place 1 - Vote for none or one
(Concejal, Lugar 1 - Vote por ninguno o uno)
 LOUIS DIMERY

Alderman, Place 3 - Vote for none or one
(Concejal, Lugar 3 - Vote por ninguno o uno)
 DAVE BRODERICK
 RAYMOND ROBINSON

Gonzales Grocery Store Withstands Time



Emilio Gonzales constructed Gonzales Grocery Store in 1906.

by Jennifer Pasanski

Nestled back in the east side of Brackettville, a piece of history remains virtually untouched. The Gonzales Grocery Store is still family-owned and operated and still carries a full line of grocery supplies since 1906. As your feet touch the hardwood floor, you may find yourself wondering, for a brief moment, if you have somehow traveled back in time to another era.

Mary Gonzales, operator, keeps the business running closely to the theme set by her Grandfather, Emilio, Sr. and her father, Emilio, Jr.

"I keep the business the way it is for sentimental reasons," stated Mary. One thing hasn't changed much through the years. The store still stocks a wide variety of merchandise.

Gonzales Grocery carries everything from metal suitcases to kangaroo shoes. To list a few of the items the store offers: dairy products, cold cokes (in returnable bottles), dresses, raincoats, toys, TV dinners, dishes, pans, paint, blue jeans, mops, brooms and shoes! A whole section of the store is dedicated to shoes!

Some recently stocked, others in boxes, yellowed with time, the boxes show signs of age, but the shoes inside have proven the test of time and are fashionable again. There is a pair of little boy's shoes available. They are made desirable in hard-bound leather with buckles like that of a cowboy belt buckle. Any young boy would feel proud in those and they sell for \$6.99.

Emilio Gonzales began selling groceries from his home around the beginning of the 1900's. He enjoyed greeting friends and always had what is called "pilon" (candy) for the children. In 1906, he erected the present building and added many items including; a feed store and gasoline pumps, he still handed out "pilon" to the children and at one time had a full shelf of penny cookies. Mary recalls visiting the store while her grandfather ran it. As a young girl, she wasn't allowed any of the sweets until after supper. "I guess it paid off," Mary stated, "not one of us have gotten cavities, but at the time it was hard to wait until after supper."

After her grandfather's death, Emilio Gonzales Jr., Mary's father, bought the grocery store, along with everything else offered. A full line of furniture was added and Mary and her brothers and sisters helped out when needed. Emilio Jr. was a hard worker and devoted to the store, but when the children went off to college he decided the furniture, feed store and gas pumps had to go. They were too much for him to handle alone, along with all the other items the store stocked.

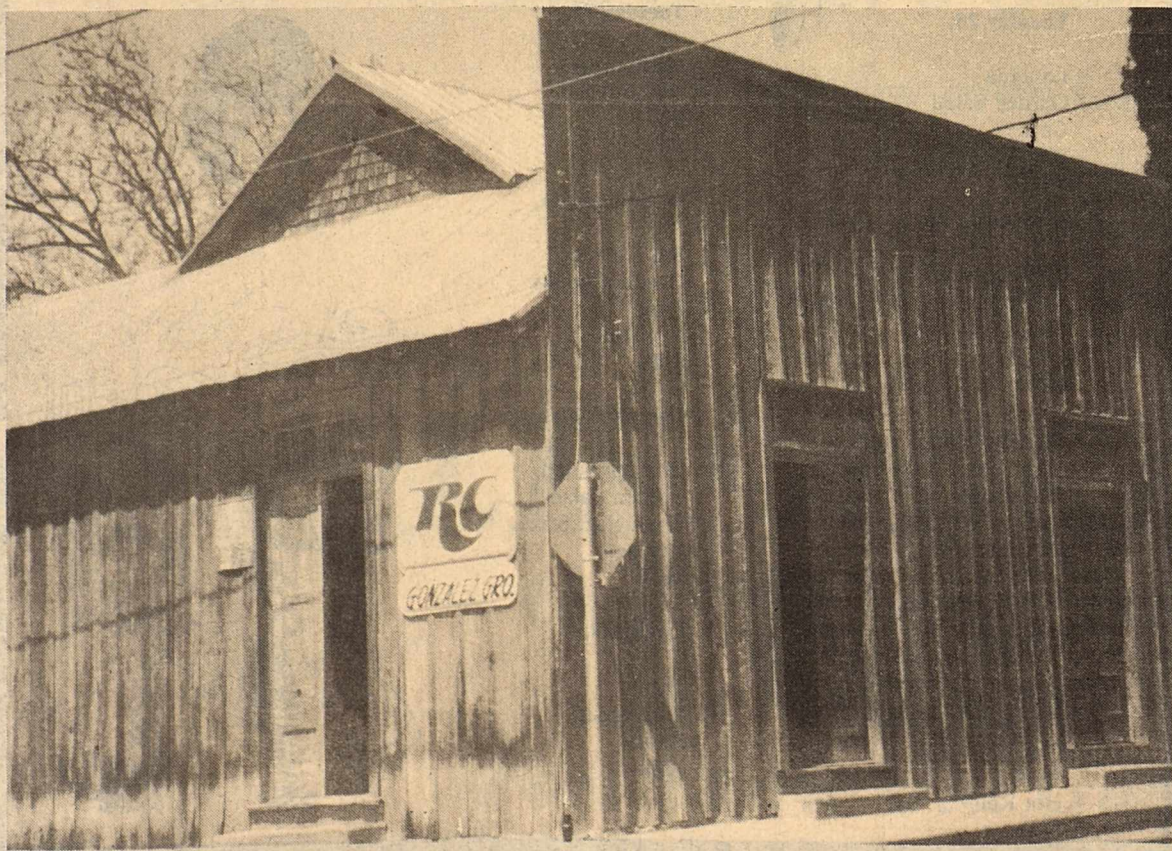
"Dad worked at the store until his last day," Mary stated, "he was 80 years old." After his death, Mary's daughter bought the business. "I enjoy it here," Mary stated, "it's peaceful and it's home."



Mary pictured behind the counter at Gonzales Grocery Store.



The rustic atmosphere at the Gonzales Grocery Store portrays the setting of an era long passed.



The Gonzales Grocery Store as it stands today.

Disposal Company Faces Charges

[Editor's Note: This news article appeared in the Del Rio News-Herald and in the San Antonio Light.]

GALVESTON (AP) - A state district court jury recommended civil penalties totaling more than \$3 million against a Texas City waste disposal company and two individuals for illegally dumping dozens of toxic chemicals into an earthen pit.

Assistant Attorney General Brian Berwick said he believed the penalty was one of the largest ever recommended in an industrial waste case filed by state agencies in Texas.

The Texas attorney general's office had accused Malone Service Co. of dumping the chemicals into the 40-foot-deep pit that was ordered closed in 1980 after officials concluded it was contaminating ground water at the site.

Informants and company documents indicated that the company continued to transfer waste materials to the site, said Susan Ferguson, assistant director of hazardous and solid waste for the Texas Water Commission.

More than 30,600 tons of hazardous waste was shipped to the site in 1985 alone, and more than half of that tonnage was classified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as extremely hazardous, officials said.

BETWEEN US

How do you like living in God's great flower garden? Recently, as I drove from San Antonio, I counted seventy-six different kinds of flowers in bloom. This is, in many ways, a special year for wild flowers. From the large buttercups and wild primroses that greet the early morning, to the hardly wild yellow daisies that bloom so profusely through the heat of the day into the cool of the evening.

The day is filled with a myriad of floral beauty. To see in many places a blanket of a mixture of colors is entrancing. It is indeed a beautiful sight to see a blanket of bluebonnets with here and there a patch of Indian paint brush.

In one place, there is a wide area of bluebonnets, Indian paint brush and the fragile beauty of the Brown Eyed Susan liberally sprinkled. It is indeed a beautiful sight. Someone has said, "A weed is a misplaced flower."

As a boy in Oklahoma, I saw my mother triumphantly point to

gallardia growing in her flowerbed. She had worked hard and long to accomplish this. Now I see them growing wild in profusion - called Indian blanket.

There is a large wild morning glory, larger than a teacup and sky blue. It is a beautiful sight to see a mass of these. The purple of the wild verbena is striking and sometimes blankets a pasture. The regal Spanish Dogger serves as a tremendous accent to the entire landscape. The deep red of the wild hollyhock is fascinating. And just to think this is all God's handiwork; neither planted, cultivated nor watered by man, this flora adds so much enrichment to the tedious hours behind the wheel of an automobile.

Efforts have been put forth and millions of dollars spent to "Make America Beautiful" and yet, God dwarf's man's attempts by sprinkling our part of the world with outstanding beauty in the multiplicity of wild flowers. Thank you God!



Julia Maria (Julie) Lopez

Mr. and Mrs. Ignacio Lopez proudly presented their daughter Julia Maria (Julie) Lopez to the Community last Saturday, April 15, during her Quinceanera. Julie was born on February 14, 1974. She is in the 8th grade at Brackett Junior High, and is active in both track and flag corps.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ignacio and Hermelinda Lopez. Maternal grandparents are Rodolfo and Julia Gonzalez.

Relatives attending, traveled from Del Rio, Mexico, Eagle Pass, Big Lake, San Antonio, Iraan and Wisconsin.

Crime Stoppers Programs Across Texas

Over 400 law enforcement officials, media representatives and Crime Stoppers volunteers from the 191 Crime Stoppers programs across Texas met in Austin on April 19, for the first Texas Crime Stoppers Conference.

The three-day conference, which is being held at the Wyndham Southpark Hotel, is being jointly sponsored by the Texas Crime Stoppers Advisory Council, the Texas Crime Stoppers Office in the Governor's Office, the Texas Crime Prevention Institute at Southwest Texas State University and Austin Crime Stoppers, Inc.

A highlight of the conference will be the first Texas Crime Stoppers awards banquet on April 21, at 7:00 p.m. The keynote address will be given by Governor William P. Clements, Jr., who created the Texas Crime Stoppers Advisory Council during his first term. The governor will present the awards for the outstanding law enforcement program coordinator and Crime Stoppers board member of the year. The conference will include training seminars on Crime Stoppers legal

issues, newspaper and radio program development, television reenactments and a special address by Greg B. MacAleese, who created the first Crime Stoppers program in 1976.

Tips to Crime Stoppers programs in Texas have led to the arrest of 34,392 suspects, with 48,029 cases cleared and \$338,132,352 worth of stolen

property and illegal narcotics seized. Local programs are formed as non-profit corporations, and cash rewards donated by the community are offered in return for tips that lead to the indictment of suspected criminals. The media regularly help publicize the details of unsolved cases.

Bulletin

Jim Runyan announced to *The Brackett News* that the papers have been signed towards the purchase of 3.01 acres of land. Fifty to fifty-five border patrol agents are expected to be employed once the 8,000 ft. building is completed.

Contract funds to complete the facility are in Washington as of this date.

Oops!

Mr. Jim Runyan, we apologize for misspelling your name in the April 13 issue.

[And all you guys out there teasing him, you'd better stop or we'll send Grandma after you.]

PRAYER TO ST. JUDE

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever.

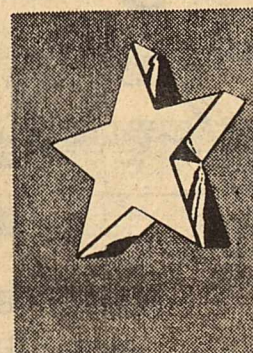
Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for us. St. Jude worker of miracles pray for us.

St. Jude help the helpless situations pray for us.

Say this prayer 9 times a day for 8 days and then publish. Your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised.

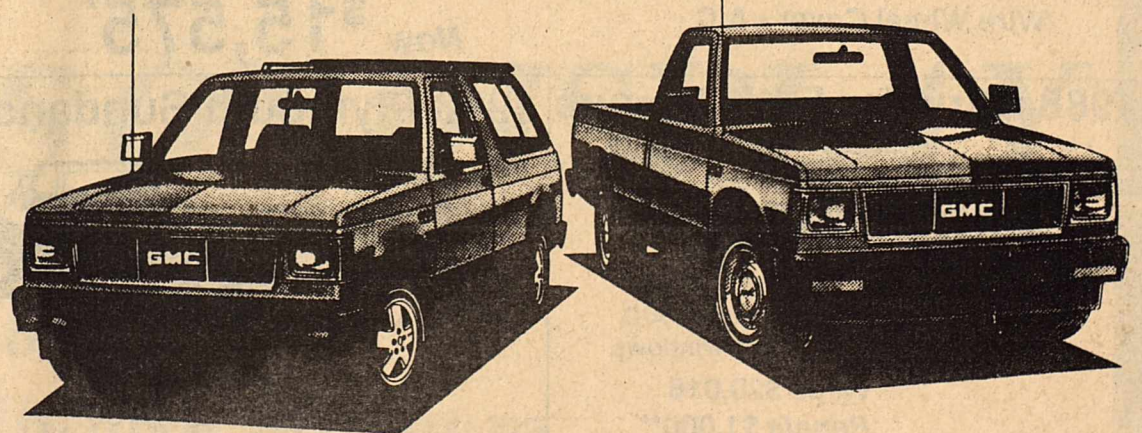
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 BIBLE STUDY (WED) 7:00 P.M.

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 WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY 6:30 P.M.
 SUNDAY 8:00 A.M. (spanish) 10:30 A.M.
 CONFESSIONS WED. & SAT. 6:00 P.M.
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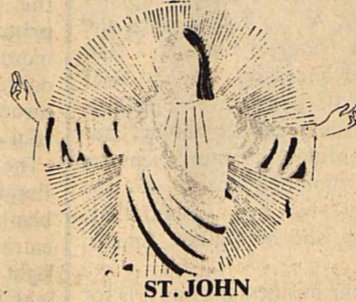
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 SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.
 SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE (T.B.A.)

(to be announced)
 WED. PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY 7:00 P.M.

Major Texas Events

Here is a listing of some major Texas events provided by the Texas Department of Commerce.

April 15 - 22
 Neches River Festival
 Week-long water-oriented festival that includes a boat regatta, boat races, fishing rodeos; art, boat, flower and model airplane shows; water ski show; coronation and Queen's ball.

Neches River Festival Office
 745 N. 11th St., Suite 200
 Beaumont 77702
 (409) 892-5124

April 25 - 30
 Legends of Golf Tournament
 Celebrities and pro golfers, 50 years and older, recapture the good old days at one of Austin's plush golf courses. Golf clinics presided over by "legends". (Always last full week in April.)

Legends of Golf
 2510 Onion Creek Parkway
 Austin 78747-1699
 (512) 282-4430

April 20 - 30
 Buccaneer Days

Fiftieth annual fun-filled event based loosely on early history of the area. Early celebrations recreated the landing of Alonzo Alvarez Pineda, the Spanish explorer who discovered Corpus Christi Bay in 1519. Now a mayor's proclamation declares the city to be under pirate rule - then the fun begins. Numerous events include sailboat regattas, fireworks, music festival, parade, model airplane contests, art exhibits, pageant, archery, chess and handball tournaments, jazz and symphony concerts. The Bay provides a perfect setting for dazzling fireworks displays along the bayfront. Coronation and ball at Bayfront Plaza is social highlight of the year.

Buccaneer Commission, Inc.
 P.O. Box 30404
 Corpus Christi 78404
 (512) 882-3242

April 29 - 30
 Brazos River Festival
 Dating back to the turn-of-the-century when cotton was king, Cotton Pallace Pageant recreates Waco's heritage, climaxed by crowning of the Queen. The following day marks the opening of the Brazos River Festival on the grounds of historic Fort Fisher Park. Historic homes tour, art show and auction, refreshments and entertainment in old-fashioned gardens, children's events (pony rides, puppet shows, games), international foods, music, fun-run.

Chamber of Commerce
 Drawer 1220
 Waco 76703
 (817) 753-1505; (817) 772-3080

Once upon a time in the 16th Century village of Scarborough, Old King Cole proclaimed a magnificent festival to herald the coming of spring. Today, more than four centuries later, the village of Scarborough magically appears once a year for a brief season of springtime fun, food and festivities. Merchants and craftsmen display their wares. Players, musicians, jugglers, magicians and more than 400 costumed characters perform throughout the village. Entertainment, games of skill and chance and food and drink of all kinds about.

(Sat.-Sun. and Memorial Day)
 Scarborough Faire
 P.O. Box 538
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 (214) 937-6130

Brackett Independent School District Accepting Bids

Bakery Products

The Brackett Independent School District is accepting bids for bakery products for the school year 1989-90. Please bid on the following items:

- 1 1/2 # White Sandwich Bread
- 1 1/2 # Hamburger Buns - 60 ct
- 6" Hot Dog Buns - 12 ct
- Flour Tortillas - 25 ct
- Corn Tortillas - 50 ct
- Chalupa Shells - 200 ct
- Taco Shells - 200 ct
- Tortilla Chips - 6 lbs

Please submit your bid on the above mentioned items by 4:30 p.m. on May 5, 1989. All bids are to be clearly marked BAKERY BID, and addressed to Brackett Independent School District, Bob McCall Superintendent, P.O. Box 586, Brackettville, Texas 78832.

products for the school year 1989-90. Please bid on the following items:

- 1/2 pt Homogenized milk - paper ctn
- 1/2 pt Lowfat Homogenized milk - paper ctn
- 1/2 pt Lowfat chocolate milk - paper ctn
- 1/2 pt Lowfat chocolate milk - paper ctn
- Ice cream novelties, small (Prize per dozen)
- Ice cream novelties, large (Price per dozen)

Please submit your bid on the above mentioned items by 4:30 p.m. on May 5, 1989. All bids are to be clearly marked DAIRY BID, and addressed to Brackett Independent School District, Bob McCall, Superintendent, P.O. Box 586, Brackettville, Texas 78832.

Dairy Products

The Brackett Independent School District is accepting bids for dairy

Insurance

Brackett Independent School District True Group Medical Plan. Brackett ISD will pay a portion (up

to 100%, to be determined by the Board of Trustees) of employee premium for the medical plan. The employee will be responsible for any life insurance coverage premiums. Pre-existing conditions must be addressed as a limited \$5,000 and/or full take over. Policy Specifications: Bids must address the following alternatives for deductible and coverage:

Deductibles: One will be selected by the Board of Trustees.

- \$100.
- \$300.
- \$500.
- \$750.
- \$1,000.

Benefit Percentage: Employee out of pocket expenses.

- 100%
- 80% of \$2,500.
- 80% of \$5,000.
- 80% of \$10,000.

Maximum Lifetime Benefit:

- \$1,000,000.
- \$2,000,000.
- Unlimited

Coverage: As per Schedule of Benefits with the following exceptions to be considered as options. The Board of Trustees may elect or reject these items. Effects on the premium must be a part of the bid.

- Psychiatrics
- PCS Card
- No AIDS coverage

Bids must be presented to reflect premium differential between a Standard Medical Plan and a 12/12 Contract.

Bids must be received by May 26, 1989. Address bids to: Bobby D. McCall, Superintendent Brackett Independent School District P.O. Box 586 Brackettville, TX 78832 (512) 563-2491

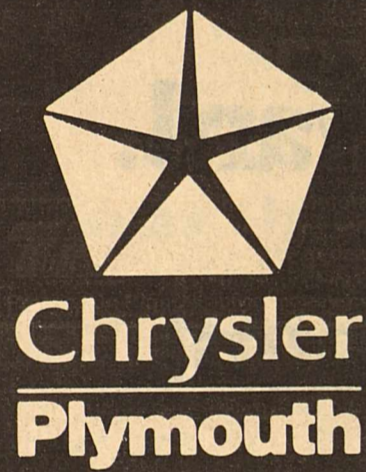
Bridge, Anyone?

by Dot Burrow

Duplicate Bridge was played at the NCO Club on Fort Clark Springs on Sunday afternoon. Because of the small crowd - three and a half tables - the Howell system was used. First place was won by Gene Britton and Tina Baugess. Coming in second was the team of Norma Gould and

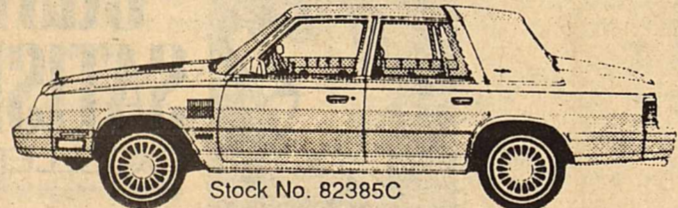
Trudy Harber.

Tuesday night, five tables were in play. Winning North-South were Tina Baugess and Anita Korbel of Del Rio in first place. They were followed by Vernon and Betty Ebert. The East-West pairs were led by Joyce Bell of Del Rio and Martin Sheets. In second place were Alice Sargeant and Dot Burrow.



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Brackettville I.S.D. School Menu

"LINE A"

Monday 24,

BBQ Sand
 Cole Slaw
 Veg. Beans
 Pickle & Onion
 Milk

Tuesday 25,

Lasagna
 Garden Salad
 Corn
 Garlic Bread
 Milk

Wednesday 26,

Chicken Salad Sand
 Veg. Soup
 Fresh Veg. Stix
 Fruit
 Milk

Thursday 27,

Nachos
 Pinto Beans
 Garden Salad
 Fruit
 Milk

Friday 28,

Hamburger
 Macaroni & Cheese
 Peas & Carrots
 Fruit
 Hot Roll
 Milk

"LINE B"

Monday 24,

Chef Salad
 Fruit
 Crackers
 Milk

Tuesday 25,

Hamburger
 Hamb Salad
 Fruit
 Milk

Wednesday 26,

Baked Potato
 Cheese Chunks
 Fruit
 Hot Roll
 Milk

Thursday 27,

Chicken Salad
 Garden Salad
 Fresh Veg. Stix
 Crackers
 Milk

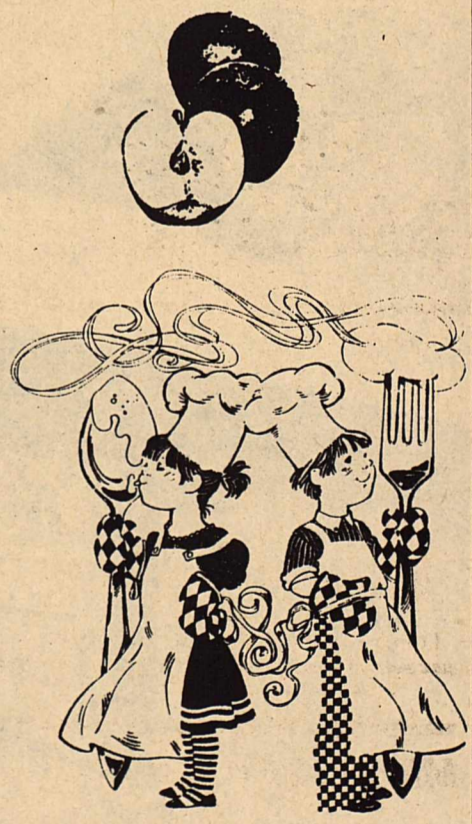
Friday 28,

Taco
 Taco Salad
 Fruit
 Milk

BREAKFAST

Monday 24,

Hash Browns
 Biscuits
 Gravy
 Milk



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The pastor of the First Baptist Church will bring a message to young people, children and adults at 11:00 o'clock Sunday morning.

The Children's Church group will enter the auditorium a few minutes after the morning service begins and give a brief example of what they are learning and doing each Sunday.

Everyone will remain together for the Sunday morning service along with all the parents and other visiting

Oleta Townsend Elected "Woman of the Year"

by Joe Townsend

The Preceptor Theta Sigma chapter of the Beta Sigma Phi met for regular monthly meeting at Ft. Clark Springs Monday, April 17. The ladies enjoyed dinner together. It was announced that Oleta Townsend had been elected "Woman of the Year" by the chapter.

The program was Founders Day Celebration. There were eight members and one visitor present.

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WANTED!!

Information For Community Calendar.

REWARD: Higher attendance at meetings and events!

Please leave event schedules at *The Brackett News* office (507 S. Ann St.) so we can publish a calendar.

Self-Esteem Seminar To Be Held

The local First Baptist Church hosts Tim Salladay on Saturday as he leads a seminar on "The Biblical Principles of Self Esteem."

Mr. Salladay is a native of Brackettville where his father served for many years with the Border Patrol.

An ordained Baptist minister, Mr. Salladay is a graduate of Baylor University, the Baptist Seminary of California, and the McGrane Self-Esteem Institute of Ft. Worth/Dallas.

The seminar is open to high school youth and adults. It begins at 10:00 a.m. and closes at 3:30 this April 22.

Any youth who has interest in attending should contact Lee Floyd or Melissa Meyer. Adults who do not regularly attend First Baptist Church and who wish to attend may contact Carol Salladay or Debbie Ward.

Art Show & Sale

An Art show and Sale will be held by Fort Clark Arts on Saturday, April 22, from 1:00-5:00 p.m. at the Art Center. We welcome visitors to drop by and view the excellent work being done by our members.

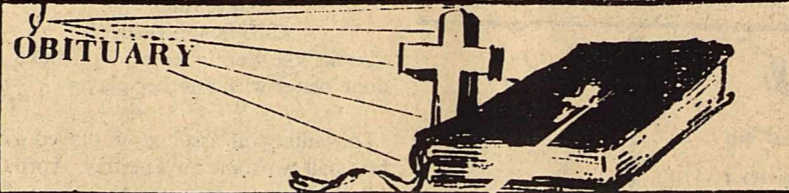
V.F.W.

To Elect Officers

The V.F.W. and Ladies Auxiliary Post 8360 Fort Clark Springs will hold its election of officers at the regular meeting April 26, at 7:00 p.m. at the NCO Club.

There will be visitors from Del Rio V.F.W. Post 8552. This includes district officers, so everyone make an effort to be there.

A covered dish supper will be served at 6:00 p.m.



Arthur Raymond Cramer

Arthur Raymond Cramer passed away April 11, 1989. He passed away while visiting Fort Clark Springs. He is a resident of California. Arthur was born October 31, 1907, in Bellingham, Washington.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 19, at 10:00 a.m. at the Greenwood North Cemetery in San Diego, California.

Survivors are: wife Margaret Cramer of California and daughter Natali Finch of Brackettville.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Thursday, April 20 - 6:30 p.m.**
Lions Club - Las Moras Inn
- Thursday, April 20 - 7:00 p.m.**
Theater Workshop - all ages
Ft. Clark Town hall
- Thursday, April 20 - 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
- Saturday, April 22 - 10:00 a.m.**
Seminar - "The Biblical Principles of Self Esteem" First Baptist Church (See story this page)
- Saturday, April 22 - 1-5:00 p.m.**
Art Show & Sale
Fort Clark Art Center (See story this page)
- Saturday, April 22 - 2:00 p.m.**
Dedication ceremony for Commanding Officer's Quarters - Wainwright House
Fort Clark Springs (See ad page 3)
- Saturday, April 22 - 9-5:00 p.m.**
Bullis swords on display
Old Guardhouse Museum
Fort Clark Springs (See ad page 3)
- Saturday, April 22 - 5:30 p.m.**
Barbeque
Fort Clark Springs (See ad page 3)
- Sunday, April 23 - 11:00 a.m.**
Children's Church
First Baptist Church (See story this page)
- Sunday, April 23 - 1:30 p.m.**
Duplicate Bridge
Ft. Clark NCO Club
- Sunday, April 23 - 7:00 p.m.**
Survey of Revelation (last book of Bible)
First Baptist Church
- Monday, April 24 - 7:00 p.m.**
Civil Air Patrol
Tower building east side of Uvalde airport
Call Bob Price at 278-2014 for info
- Monday, April 24 - 8:00 p.m.**
Al-Anon
St. Andrews Episcopal Parish Hall
- Monday, April 24 - 8:00 p.m.**
A-A
Slator Hall, James St.
- Tuesday, April 25 - 6:30 p.m.**
Shriners - social hour followed by meeting at 7:30 p.m. - Las Moras Inn
- Tuesday, April 25 - 7:00 p.m.**
Duplicate Bridge
Ft. Clark Club
- Wednesday, April 26 - 7:00 p.m.**
VFW & Ladies Auxiliary
Post 8360, Fort Clark Springs
NCO Club - covered dish supper at 6:00 p.m. (See story this page)
- Thursday, April 27 - 12:00 noon**
Rotary Club - Las Moras Inn
- Thursday, April 27 - 6:30 p.m.**
Lions Club - Las Moras Inn
- Thursday, April 27 - 7:00 p.m.**
Theater Workshop - all ages
Ft. Clark Town Hall
- Thursday, April 27 - 7:30 p.m.**
Kinney County Kickers - square dancing
Ft. Clark NCO Club
- Thursday, April 27 - 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
- Friday, April 28 - 11-4:00 p.m.**
Economic Development Conference
Las Moras Inn (See story page 1.)
- Monday, May 8 - 9:00 a.m.**
Commissioners Court
Kinney County Courthouse
- Monday, May 8 - 4:30 p.m.**
City Council Meeting
City Hall
- Tuesday, May 9 - 7:00 p.m.**
Masonic Lodge - Lodge Building
- Monday, May 15**
Preceptor Theta Sigma Chapter of the Beta Sigma Phi meeting
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Adrian Reyes, new Fire Chief in charge thanks the public for all their support.

Reyes Elected Fire Chief

by Jennifer Pasanski
Adrian Reyes was elected as V.F.D. Chief. "It's an honor and I feel they must have confidence in me to lead them," stated Reyes. He also added, "I don't do it all alone, I've got all my officers that support me."
Adrian was elected Fire Chief at the April 5 meeting. He stressed the need of funding to keep upgrading fire fighting equipment and to train newcomers into the department.
"The two areas I will strive to maintain are to get more people certified and work more closely with City and County," Adrian said that he would like to thank the public for all of their support. "We couldn't do anything without public support and we've had tremendous support over the last few years."

CPL Pays Kinney County Ad Valorem Taxes

Central Power and Light Company's share of support to the taxing entities within the company's 44-county service area amounts to \$27 million for 1988, making the company one of South Texas' largest ad valorem taxpayers, according to Floyd Anderson, the company's tax manager.
Of the \$27 million total, approximately 50 percent went to school districts with the balance being distributed among other taxing entities such as city and county governments and water, drainage, fire, hospital and road districts.

According to Kevin McMahon, CPL manager in Del Rio, CPL paid \$20,154 in ad valorem taxes in Kinney County. Major recipients include the Brackettville Independent School District receiving \$10,319 and county government receiving \$6,976. Two cities in Kinney County also realized \$1,912 in taxes from CPL with the other taxing entities receiving the balance.

In addition to ad valorem taxes, CPL supports local governments by payment of gross receipts tax and sales tax, where applicable.

Four Tracksters Will Compete In Regional

Brackett High School, while competing in Cotulla, will be sending 4 tracksters to the Regional Competition in Crystal City.
Sheri White, a senior, will compete in the 100m and 400m competition. In District she placed 2nd in both the 100m and 400m, beating out other competitors from around the district.
Placido Samaniego, also a senior, placed 2nd in the shot put category, which advanced him to Regionals. He also placed 6th in the discus competition. Manny Pena, also a senior, placed first in the 300m hurdles coming out on top. He also advanced to Regionals.
Another Regional athlete is Armando Talamantez, a junior, who advanced by clinching the first place

spot in the 110m high hurdles.
In the Junior High division, a new school record was set by John Ingram, Lynn Floyd, Adrian Pena and Chris Kelley by running a 48.38 time in the 400m relay to win the 1st place spot.
In the 100m dash, John Ingram won first place. In the 200m dash, Adrian Pena won first, Chris Kelley won 2nd and John Ingram won 4th.
Adrian Pena also won 2nd in the discus and 6th place in the shotput. Lynn Floyd also won 5th place in the shotput.
On the tennis scene, Wendy McDaniel won 3rd place in the singles category by beating a competition from Uvalde for the 3rd place spot, with a score of 6 - 1, 6 - 0.



Justin Shockley, Stephanie Shockley, Billy Quick, hypnotist, Ellis Hatch, Wendy Hooten and Barbara Matull are pictured above after participating in the "Wild and Crazy Nite" at the Deli.

The Goon-gah

by Nakai Breen
The Goon-gah Dance is a very special dance that is performed by the Kiowa tribe to honor their warriors of ancient times and our soldiers and veterans of today. The dance utilized the "Red Wolf" legend wherein a lone Kiowa warrior was given the dance and songs by the red wolf.
It is said that the Ohoma or Warrior Dance was performed after a meritorious victory. The Kiowa say that the Dance was passed down to them by the Cheyenne.
The Dance starts with an opening song, a charging song, a feast song, a tail feather ritual song and a mourning song. The Goon-gah Dance is what non-Kiowas call the Gourd Dance.

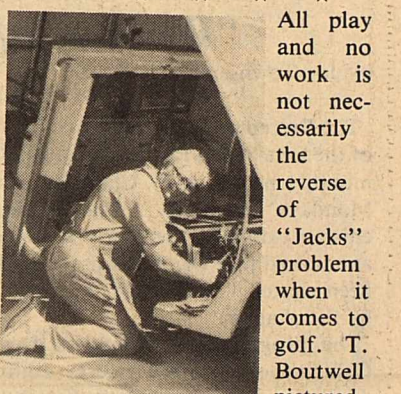
FROM TEE TO GREEN



Thirty scramblers enjoyed a barbecue at the picnic area after golf on the par three course Monday, April 10. They were treated to hamburgers and beer on a chilly, but fun day. The winning golfers were:
1st Place (26)
Howard Peck
Harold Kauffman
Eileen Voracek
Ron Frisby
2nd Place (27)
Bob Barnett
Ted Thactcher
Doris Eckenroth
Don Herron
3rd Place (28)
Vern Ebert
Dave Blair
Cliff Schoolfield

place went to Bob Miller, Pat Nelson and the Russells.
Charlie "Dilly" Dillahunt lofted a 7 iron shot from the number 11 tee into the hole for an ace on Friday, April 14. His wife Elizabeth, Ruth and "Robbie" Robinson were witnesses to the remarkable feat. This was Charlie's third hole-in-one in a forty year golfing career. He made the first two aces on a couple of different courses in Denver, Colorado, Park Hill and Willis Case. "Dilly" was a corporate pilot for Shell Oil Company and he retired in 1976 after a twenty-seven year flying career with that company. The Dillahuntys also enjoy fishing, hunting and RVing.
In fact, by the time this article is printed, they will be on their way into their summer travels. They are headed for Alexandria, LA, Ft. Smith, ARK and then to Branson, MO, near Springfield, for some fishing on Lake Tanneycomo. "Happy trails" to the "Dillys" and don't stay away too long Charlie, you owe us a party.

It bothers me to read on the back of the score card where it says "Keep carts sixty feet from the green," and then watch someone on a large tractor with a gang mower on a rainy day mowing right up to the collar on the green. How do we establish whose right it is, or isn't, to tear up the golf course?
The dates for the ladies golf tournament in May have been changed to Memorial Day weekend, May 27 and 28, 1989.
The members monthly golf tourney is scheduled for April 22, at 9:00 a.m. The sign up deadline is 5:00 p.m. Friday, April 21. A 4-person "Florida Scramble" is the format.



All play and no work is not necessarily the reverse of "Jacks" problem when it comes to golf. T. Boutwell pictured here "bending" wrenches and looking for a "bigger" hammer is trying to get "Old Bessie" ready for the next tee time.

BEYOND THE HORIZON



As the poet says:
Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.
There are oak trees living in America that were living long before the time of Christopher Columbus. We say a man is grown at twenty-one and old when he is eighty.
But the grand old oak doesn't begin to fruit until it's about twenty years old. Then it goes right on producing seeds every year or two, through floods, droughts, hurricanes and diseases.
The oak tree is an ancient symbol of strength and sturdiness. It doesn't take much care, but gives lots of shade and beauty, furnishes food for birds, squirrels, deer and other creatures, furnishes fine lumber for builders and is the favorite home for such fairies and elves that make up American folklore. So take off your hats to the grand old oak, "Monarch of the Forests."
The oak grows faster than the hickory, walnut, maple or elm and will thrive anywhere it is not too dry, not too swampy or in the water's edge.
Although there are about three hundred different species of oaks, there are really only two classes. One is the white oak, whose wood and bark are of a light color. The other is the black oak, with wood and bark a darker color. The white oaks all bloom and bear acorns in one season, while the black oaks need two years to grow their acorns.
All oaks have very tiny flowers and their pollen is carried from blossom to blossom by the wind, which is

necessary before acorns can grow.
All acorns of all oaks are born in scaly cups. Some acorns are sweet and Indians and trappers have long enjoyed them. The old legends in story books say elves and fairies curl up and sleep in the acorn shells, and fairies used them for drinking cups.
Generally oak trees are not considered an evergreen, but the live oaks sometimes keep their leaves as long as five years. The ancient Greeks and Romans believed the oak was the first tree to grow on earth.
Even though oaks are not considered evergreens, the Romans made their oak leaf clusters, crowns or necklaces when they wanted to honor someone. This was the highest honor they could pay their athletes. Roman soldiers were also honored with oak leaf crowns.
Some oaks produce a chemical called tannin which is used in tanning animal hides for leather. And don't forget the rough bark of the oak trees make them easy to climb for children.
The white oaks produce better lumber, because it is such hard wood. In Texas, the post oak makes good furniture. The pin oak grows the tallest. It's called pin oak because it has short sharp twigs clustered on its branches. Its acorns need two years to mature and are so bitter even the squirrels won't eat them.
In spite of the elements and insects that infest oak trees, there are some trees that are known to have lived more than one thousand years.
The charter oak at Hartford, Connecticut, is the most famous oak.

According to the history books, in 1687 the Connecticut colonists had a charter or paper with governmental privileges. One day the royal governor came and demanded the charter in the name of King James II of England. It happened at night and suddenly someone blew out the lights. When they were relit, the charter had disappeared. The governor was in a rage, but the charter could not be found. Finally in 1689, two years later, it was found in the hollow of a great oak tree nearby. Its provisions were renewed and the oak tree was cherished until a storm destroyed it in 1856.
Old "Ironsides" the "Constitution" was a frigate built of white oak. It was called "Ironsides" because its hard wood sides would turn aside cannon balls.
Texas independence was born beneath another historical oak near the San Jacinto battlefield.
On Fort Clark are many oaks including one near the 49ers in which a picket pin is embedded in its trunk. It's anyone's guess who put it there and why.

Looks like Vern's team might have done better with another player.
The ladies golf association played a best ball twosome on Tuesday, April 11. Winning scores were as follows:
1st Place (29)
Helen Miller
Marge Adams
2nd Place (30)
Pat Nelson
Mary Lee Trollinger
3rd Place (31)
Mary Britton
Mae Roper
The ladies enjoyed Shirley Gilliland's nice "Hole-in-One Party" after golf.
On Wednesday, April 12, the men played a two best ball four-man team format. Coming in first with a score of 109 were:
Bob Miller
Don Herron
"Dilly" Dillahunt
Herb Voracek
The Friday mixed couples league had the additional excitement of a hole-in-one by "Dilly" and a near miss by "Robbie". They just happened to be playing with their wives in the same foursome. In spite of those supreme efforts they were nosed out of first place by the Lundquists and Staffords. Third

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