

County Agent Hired at Commissioners Court Meeting

by Jennifer Pasanski
Commissioner's Court met in regular session May 8, 1989, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting went as follows:
The meeting was called to order and a quorum was established. The Minutes of the April 10, meeting were read and approved. April 1989 bills and officer's reports were examined and approved.

County Agent Hired

After several weeks of deliberation, commissioners decided to hire Allen McWilliams for the position of County Extension Agent. Martin Kelso, County agent for Uvalde County was at Court to represent McWilliams.

He stated, "McWilliams has a wide range of knowledge and works well with young and old alike. I believe he will be a real asset to this community." McWilliams will take up his position the first of June.

Construction Bids

Awarded and Received

Sealed bids were presented to the Court and opened as in accordance with the law. Judge Tommy Seargeant provided the commissioners with blue envelopes to be presented to all parties interested in applying for bids. He said that if all bids were in the blue envelopes, that would insure that the bids would not be opened by mistake.

Six bids were presented to the Court, in blue envelopes. One bid was opened from AAA Roofing for repairs on the Courthouse roof. This bid was for \$4,300. This bid was tabled for further discussion.

Three bids were opened for repairs on leaks in the Civic Center roof. Bidding was Earl Baker at \$2,063, AAA Roofing at \$9,600 and Gilbert Gallegos at \$2,485.

Commissioners contacted Baker and Gallegos and interviewed both of them separately. After the interview, the commissioners awarded Baker with the contract, as it was the lowest bid submitted.

They also added that time was the essence in this project as the Civic Center has recently developed a leak in the roof and they were concerned that a rain might ruin the recently installed \$15,000 ceiling.

One bid was submitted by AAA Roofing for repairs on the Courthouse gutters. This bid was \$4,200. It was tabled for lack of information.

Another bid concerning repairs on the Swim Park roof was submitted by AAA Roofing at the cost of \$2,800 for repairs. This bid was accepted by the Court.

New Xerox Copier Approved

A new Xerox copier was approved for the County Clerk's office. Line items were adjusted from the clerk's budget to pay for the cost. This item was necessary as the old copier was repeatedly breaking down and all

County records and certified records go through the copier.

Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance
It was decided by the Court to meet with a Blue Cross Blue Shield representative and discuss life insurance policies as Commissioner Garza requested that the company clarify why they had accepted life insurance payments, when they didn't offer life insurance.

Commissioner Bizzell felt that the Blue Cross Blue Shield policy on health coverage was sufficient and that many employees had already built up premiums with the company. He also felt it would be better to locate another company that offers life insurance than to completely change companies.

Purchases Approved

Purchases made by County Judge, County Treasurer, County Auditor and County Clerk were approved.

Trailer Purchase Rejected

The purchase of a maintenance trailer from Tim Ward at the cost of \$200 was rejected.

Sale of Old Deputy Sheriff's Vehicle
The commissioners approved the sale of the old deputy sheriff's car at the Sheriff's auction.

Lease of Davis Building Discussed
The lease of a building to house medical services offered by Middle Rio Grande Development Council was discussed. The commissioners had planned to meet with Lloyd Davis to discuss leasing the Davis building across from the bank.

Commissioners felt that it would be more cost effective at this time to lease a building rather than build a new one. This discussion was tabled for further investigation.

Law Books

The budget was amended for the purchase of Law Books for the office of County Attorney Tully Shahan.

Radio Purchase

For Constable Juarez
The budget was amended for the cost of \$668 for a communication radio for Constable Juarez. Money for this came from a refund check from the ambulance service.

Kinney County Resolution on Water Passed

Commissioner's Court passed a resolution opposing House Bill 2771. The resolution explained that Kinney County did not want to be included in any underground water management plan, other than its own.

Commissioners rescinded the motion that had previously passed stating they would join with the Edwards/Real water district.

Tully Shahan informed the Court that in passing this resolution, our State Representative Dudley Harrison would have this information when meeting with State Legislatures.

Citizen Reports Water Well Contamination

by Jennifer Pasanski
Leonard H. Mahefky, local resident, reported to Mayor La Gioia and *The Brackett News* that his well water supply was contaminated with petroleum hydrocarbons.

Mahefky first noticed the foul odor of petroleum when he drilled a water well to water his apple orchard. "When the water was first pumped, the stench was so strong that it made me sick to my stomach," Mahefky stated. "I would never water my trees with this. It would probably kill them," he added.

Mahefky then paid \$65 for a water test from the S.A. testing laboratory. The results concluded his suspicions. The test revealed that petroleum hydrocarbons were indeed present. The amount present was not indicated on this test.

Mahefky believes that further attention to this problem is essential. He supplied *The Brackett News* with the following information pertaining to hydrocarbon poisoning: From "The Merch Manual of Diagnosis and Therapy,"

Every year the ingestion of petroleum distillates (e.g., gasoline, kerosene, paint thinner) and halogenated hydrocarbons (e.g., carbon tetrachloride, ethylene dichloride) is responsible for more than 25,000 poisonings in children under 5 years old.

Clinical Course -
Symptoms and signs relate chiefly to the respiratory system, GI tract and CNS. Initially, the victim coughs and chokes, even with only one small taste. Cyanosis, breath-holding and persistent coughing may then occur. Older children may complain of a burning sensation in the stomach and vomit spontaneously. These symptoms include lethargy, coma and convulsions. These effects are usually dose-oriented.

In animal experiments, hydrocarbon in the respiratory tract is 140 times more toxic than hydrocarbon



"I can smell it already," stated Mayor La Gioia. La Gioia was referring to the strong stench of

Petroleum Hydrocarbons. Well contamination was obvious at Mahefky's residence located

between the Texas Highway Dept. and R.E.A. just off Highway 90.

in the GI tract. If these findings were applied to humans, death could occur with 350 ml in the stomach of a child or with only 2.5 ml in the lungs.

Mayor La Gioia and Publisher Jewel Robinson, along with news editor Jennifer Pasanski followed Mahefky to the location of the well.

The stench of petroleum was apparent the minute the well was turned on.

Mayor La Gioia promptly contacted the Texas Health Department and the Texas Water Commission. Investigation into this matter is presently being conducted. Mahefky resides on

Hwy 90 between the Texas Highway Department and R.E.A.

The Brackettville water supply is tested regularly twice a month and according to last month's report, no hydrocarbons were found in the city water supply.

Election Results

City Councilman Louis Dimery held on to his seat in Place 1. Dimery ran against write-in candidate Ralph Gonzales. Dimery took 192 votes and Gonzales took 110.

Also Dave Brodrick defeated Ray Robinson for Place 3 councilman by a vote margin of 177 to 115.

In the Kinney County School Board election, incumbents Zach Davis and Beth Ann Smith held firm their positions with 253 votes going towards Davis and Smith receiving 169 votes. Newly elected School Board member was *The Brackett News* Publisher Jewel Robinson.

Butch Senne was beat by Robinson with a one vote margin, as Robinson received 136 votes to Senne's 135. Tony Frerich received 116 votes and Clyde Justice 66 votes.

Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament Cancelled

Beginning a new fiscal year, the Chamber of Commerce for Brackettville and Kinney County, held its first regular meeting in the Board Room of the Fort Clark Springs Association Headquarters at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 4.

Including newly elected Board Members, ten of the twelve Directors were present. In addition, a small representation of non-board members participated in the proceedings, with members at large having a voice on major topics.

Jim Runyan, President of the Chamber, opened the meeting with general remarks stressing the importance of a team effort and the need for priority action to promote a better business environment for the county. Members appeared to be in agreement that the Chamber should strive to serve the economic interests of all persons by promoting a healthy business climate. This should encourage progressive expansion of trade and commerce and induce new industry to locate in Kinney County.

Agreement was reached on the need for greater participation by individuals and businesses in support of the Chamber's effort on behalf of its members and all residents of the county. Members who have not been regular in attendance at meetings or who are behind schedule on payment of dues will be encouraged to become current in their involvement with the Chamber.

A standing Membership Committee was established for the purpose of increasing active membership for greater benefits on business and economic needs.

Another standing committee was created for Commerce and Industry with the objective of stimulating local trade and commerce, and to explore avenues by which compatible new business and industry could be imported into the county. Enhancement of the general economic base is the aim of this committee.

Some discussion took place on the impact of the proposed radioactive waste facility near Spofford. No Chamber position was taken on the controversial subject. A majority of those present voted to postpone further discussion on the matter until the June meeting. It is hoped that a

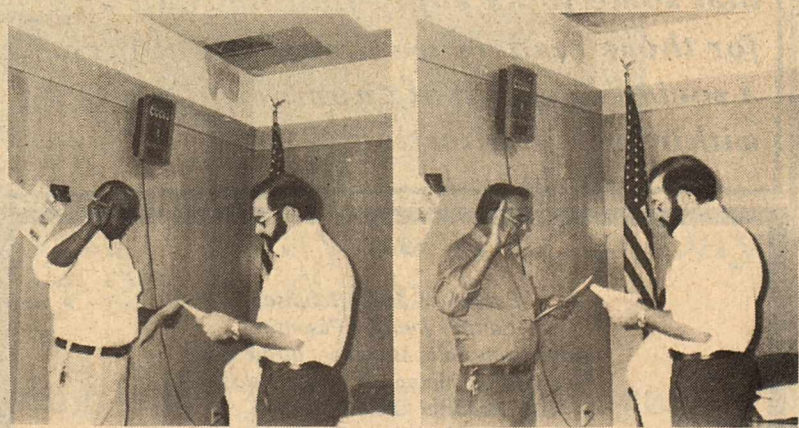
large number of Chamber members will be present then to consider if a representative viewpoint is advisable with respect to the opposition the project has received from various sources since its inception last fall.

The Board recognized the necessity for cancellation of the Chamber sponsored Golf Tournament which was to take place on May 6-7, on the Fort Clark Springs course. An insufficient number of golfers registered for the event to make it

profitable.

The meeting ended on a positive note with agreement that a good start had been made but that much work remains for the Board and Committee members. The President emphasized again that maximum attendance with constructive input by all the members is needed in June to deal with new priorities for expanded membership and enhanced trade and commerce in the county.

Councilmen Sworn In



Louis Dimery again takes oath of office.

Dave Brodrick takes oath of office.

by Jennifer Pasanski

City Council met in regular session May 6, at 4:30 p.m. Two aldermen were sworn into office. Incumbent Louis Dimery was sworn into place one. Dimery ran against write-in candidate Ralph Gonzales. Dimery took 192 votes as Gonzales took 110.

New Council member Dave Brodrick was sworn in to replace the councilman George Burks as he stepped down from office. Brodrick ran against candidate Ray Robinson. Brodrick took 177 votes as Robinson took 115.

Discussed and passed was the rezoning of residential property to commercial. This decision allowed the new business "Mary's Outreach Maner" to begin development.

The price of tire dumping at the city landfill was reduced from \$1.50 to .75 for tires sizes 14-16. The need for a new sewer plant and lift station was discussed. This will need attention according to the Health Department, as the present lift station is caving in. This discussion was tabled for further information.

Hobbs Receives P.O.W. Medal

The newly awarded medal for P.O.W.'s was presented to the family of Lawrence Hobbs. Hobb's is the brother of local resident Nakai Breen.

"We feel this is a great honor and that officials should present this medal formally to our mother. She is not feeling well right now and still grieves over my brother's death, but as soon as she is feeling better, we hope that she receives the medal officially," stated Nakai.

Staff Sergeant Lawrence Hobbs enlisted in the armed services at the age of 17. He then decided to make a career out of the military. He began serving in active duty during World War II, and saw his first action in the Alution Islands in Adack and Attic.

He was captured in 1951 during the Korean War and remained a prisoner for 3 years. Before he was captured, he was a robust man weighing over 200 lbs. By the time of his release, he weighed between 85 and 90 lbs.

Friends and P.O.W.'s that were with him came forward and told how he would give up his rations for others during their imprisonment. They later nicknamed him flaco, meaning skinny one.

Upon his release, Lawrence returned to his home in Eagle Pass where a parade was waiting to honor him. He was also honored with a key



Nakai Breen is pictured here holding the P.O.W. medal

awarded to her brother Lawrence Hobbs.

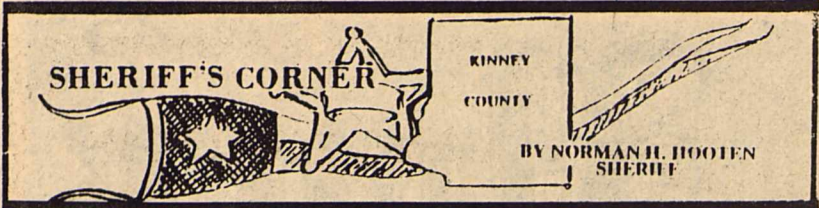
to the City presented by the Mayor and an automobile. He was a highly decorated soldier and had at that time, many medals. Two of them being purple hearts.

After his release, Lawrence was disabled - never to return to the service again. He suffered numerous ailments associated with his imprisonment.

He lived 20 years after his release and died seven years ago.

The P.O.W. medal presented is bronze with an eagle in the center, symbolizing the United States and American spirit. It is surrounded by barbed wire and bayonet points symbolizing the hope that upholds the spirit of the prisoners of war.

On the reverse side it states, "Awarded to Lawrence Hobbs, for honorable service while a prisoner of war". The shield is from the Coat of Arms of the United States of America.



OPEN LETTER TO 1989 GRADUATING SENIORS OF BRACKETT HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulations on your completion of 12 years hard work and study!
 All of us in Brackettville and Kinney County are proud of your accomplishments over the past years culminating in your graduation from Brackett High School.
 As you prepare to enter another very important phase of your life, some of you may have plans to further your education by attending college, some may enter the military to serve your country, and others may decide to obtain jobs and possibly start families of your own. Whatever your individual decisions may be, you all have one thing in common that will link you together for the rest of your lives. You will be 1989 graduates of Brackett High School!
 By the combined efforts of your hard work and study and the

compassionate assistance and support of teachers, families, and friends who care for your personal welfare, you have obtained the first primary goal in your life and that is an accomplishment of which you should feel proud.
 I am proud of you as are all of us in Kinney County and as you enter the adult world and go your separate ways, I want you to know that you have a friend who cares for you. Should the need arise, do not hesitate to call upon me. We don't have all the answers. No one ever does, but by working together, families and friends can often come up with workable solutions to problems or important decisions.
 Be proud of who and what you are! Be proud of your accomplishments, and be proud that you have proven to yourself and the world that you can set and achieve personal goals!
CONGRATULATIONS & GOOD LUCK
 Your friend,
 Norman H. Hooten
 Sheriff, Kinney County



Pictured above from right to left are: Michelle Melancon, Laura Lee Ballew, Lisa Marshall and Jamie Bader as they perform in the "Babes in Toyland" recital.

"Babes in Toyland"

by Jennifer Pasanski

The dancers of the Beverly School of Dance presented "Babes in Toyland", a recital, starring graduating senior, Shay Bolner as Contrary Mary. The presentation began with a Solo performance by Jo Lee Jones as she entertained the audience with two hit songs, one being "My Favorite Things."
 Scene one began in the Village Square in Mother Goose Village. An engagement party for Tom-Tom Piper and Contrary Mary was in progress. Village Square performers were: Shay Bolner, Laura Vasquez, Laura Rubio, Lisa Hale, Leslie Fernandez, Frances Schaper, Lisa Bolner, Brandy White, Melissa Salas and Claudia Tijerina. Mother Goose was played by Brandy White.
 The Twinkle Stars were played by Ashley Smith, Beth Ballew, Laura Marshall, Amanda Ward and Amanda Davis.
 These actresses also portrayed many other characters throughout the program.
 New actresses appeared in the latter part of scene one as Barnaby and his sailors met to plan their evil deeds. Gypsies in this scene were: Michelle Melancon, Laura Lee Ballew, Jamie Bader, Lisa Marshall, Jessica York, Patricia Lopez, Sunni Jones and

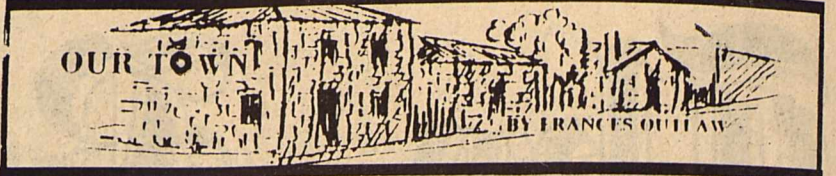
Molly Montalvo.
 Scene two was titled the "Forest of No Return". This scene began with Tom-Tom's return as the heroes and heroines set out to restore order to their village. First they ventured to the Forest of No Return and find Bo-Peep and the lost sheep. New faces in this act were: the Trees, Samantha Perez, Katy Hagler, Heather Cory, Lindy La Mascus, Brandy Meeks and Jo Lee Jones.
 After a 15-minute intermission, the play opened with scene three where the trees had become friends. They show the travelers to the forest, who then discover a wonderful surprise city - Toyland. They then decide to visit with the beautiful toys, not knowing that Barnaby and his soldiers are waiting in hiding for them. As the play progresses, goodness prevails and all is well in Toyland.
 Credits were announced to choreographer, Beverly Matzig, teachers, Beverly Matzig and Janice Foster, scenery, Mona Meck, Kathy Bader and Mrs. Cory.
 On the very important persons list, Kathy Bader was recognized for making sure that the recitals looked beautiful, Jamie Ballew for making sure that everything was in order and St. Andrews Episcopal Church for the use of their parish hall.

Unsung Hero

by Joe Townsend

There is a woman in our area who has shown remarkable dedication to her responsibility as an attendant on the ambulance. She took the necessary training to be well equipped for her task.
 I know personally of one time when an ambulance and doctor were needed on an emergency. This woman finally arrived with the ambulance and explained she was delayed because she couldn't find

another attendant. On another occasion, when neither a nurse nor doctor could be found, this woman arrived and literally saved the life of the patient.
 Finally, the ambulance arrived and the driver explained he could find no other driver. This woman, though at the time not listed as an attendant, went with the patient to Del Rio to the hospital. Truly Rosa Baker is an Unsung Hero.



Penny Nixon Public Relations for Fort Clark Springs gave a speech for the District Rotary Convention at the Plaza Hilton in San Antonio Saturday, May 6. This was supposed to be the last speech of the season, but Penny was drafted into making four more.
 Agustin G. Garcia, Sr. wife Helena and son Guadalupe G. Garcia from Mundelein, Illinois, are visiting for a week with Nelson and Mary Tinder. Agustin is a native of Brackettville and enjoyed visiting with many friends and relatives here.

A group of ROTC students from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos under the direction of Captain Clay toured Alamo Village Tuesday, May 9, studying the battle tactics of the Alamo, followed by a tour of Fort Clark. They were accompanied by Charles G. Downing who gave a lecture on the Horse Cavalry.
 Happy Birthday to Penny Nixon who will hit the "Big 30" Friday, May 12. Friends are planning on helping her celebrate the event with a lawn party.

Fort Clark Arts will sponsor a two-day seminar at the Fort Clark Art Studio Friday and Saturday May 12 and 13. The instructor will be Ardet Haecker from San Antonio and the fee will be \$25 for both days.

We will all miss Hoagy and Pat Nelson who are leaving for Granby, Colorado, May 15. Hoagy will work part-time as marshal and starter at the Grand Lodge Golf Course, while Pat will be employed part-time at the local bank. Hoagy and Pat will return to Fort Clark this fall.

Tommy and Jean Seargeant were visited by their nephew George Seargeant of Culpepper, Virginia, last Saturday. George was in Austin on a business trip and came out to visit friends and relatives for a day.

A family reunion for the descendants of Charles Franklin and Laura Anne Howard of Carrizo Springs was an all day affair Saturday, May 6, at the new barbeque area in Fort Clark Springs. It was attended by over 80 relatives from all parts of Texas. Out of the 13 children in the Howard family there is one son Harvey Howard from Woodboro, Texas, two daughters; Bernice Hages from Bourne, Texas, and Lena Popham of San Antonio, Texas, remaining.
 Also two daughter-in-laws; Ruby Howard of Odessa, Texas, and Marble Howard from McCamey, Texas. The reunion was organized by Howard and Bille Wakefield from Carrizo Springs. This was their 7th reunion at Fort Clark.

Resolution Passed

WHEREAS, Kinney County has approximately 5,000 acres of land that is irrigated; and,
 WHEREAS, Kinney County only has a small fraction of the Edwards Underground Aquifer in its boundary; and,
 WHEREAS, Kinney County does not want to be included in any underground water management plan other than its own.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Kinney County strongly opposes House Bill 2771 and any amendments that include Kinney County within said bill.
 Entered this the 8th day of May, 1989.

Rose Mary Slubar, Commissioner Pct. 2
 Ruben Fuentes, Commissioner Pct. 3
 Bill Bizzell, Commissioner Pct. 4
 Tommy Seargeant, Kinney County Judge

Correction
 Correction: the article on "Parents are the key to preventing illiteracy" that ran in the April 27 issue. Mis-informed that funding was provided by the Moody Foundation - It should have read "the Meadows Foundation" was providing funds for our ENRICH-PLUS program. We apologize for this error.

Joe N. Garza, Commissioner Pct. 1

Thank You

I would like to thank all of you who voted for me for school board trustee. I will fulfill my duties as trustee to the best of my ability.
 Thank You,
 Jewel F. Robinson

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I want to add one thought to the many received by you concerning the radioactive waste dump that TexCor proposes to build at Spofford. The whole idea of DUMPING is primitive, indicating that our scientists can do nothing better than dump poisonous material wherever they are allowed to by unsuspecting

citizens.
 What a travesty! Until our geniuses, who produce radioactive waste, can spend the time necessary to learn how to recycle it or neutralize it, the whole business of dumping should be put on hold. Let the promoters find another way to make money.
 Richard Crow
 Fort Clark Springs

PROVERBS 24:23

Further Sayings of the Wise
 These also are sayings of the wise:
 To show partiality in judging is not good:
 "Whoever says to the guilty, "You are innocent" — peoples will curse him and nations denounce him.
 But it will go well with those who convict the guilty, and rich blessing will come upon them.
 An honest answer is like a kiss on the lips.
 Finish your outdoor work and get your fields ready: after that, build your house.
 Do not testify against your neighbor without cause.
 Do not use your lips to deceive.
 Do not say, "I'll do to him as he has done to me; I'll pay that man back for what he did."

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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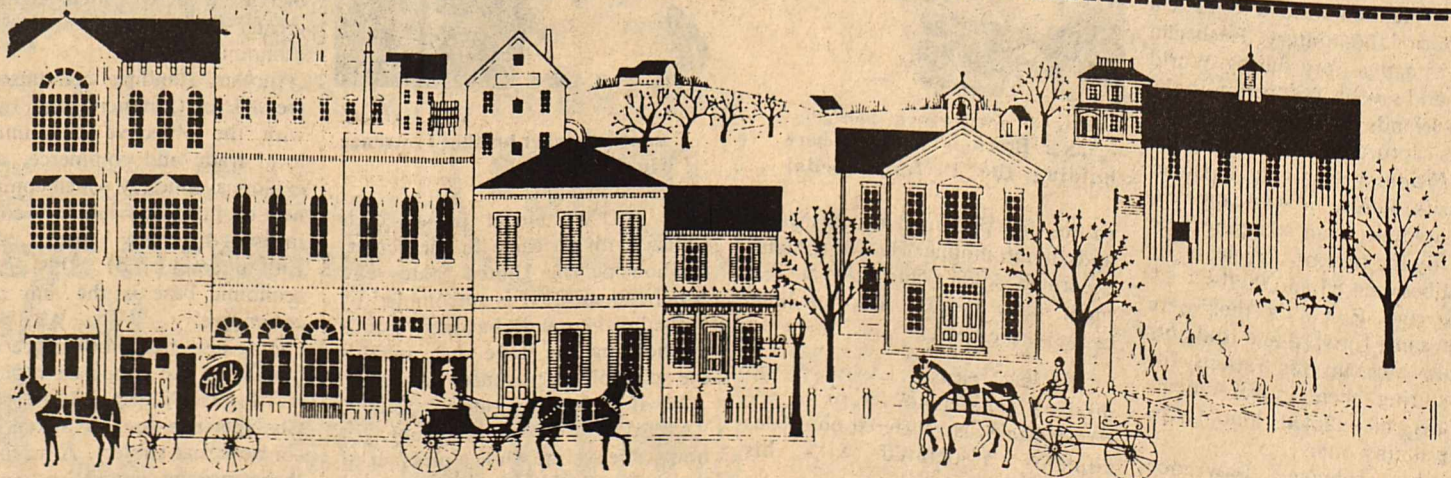
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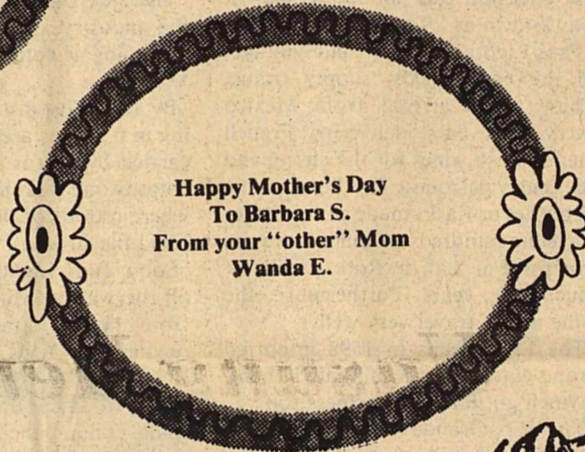
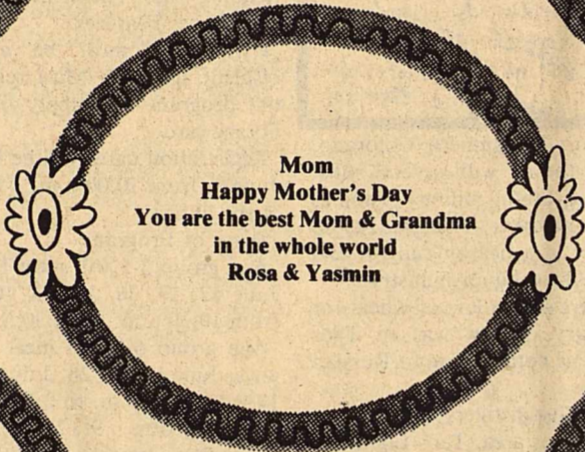
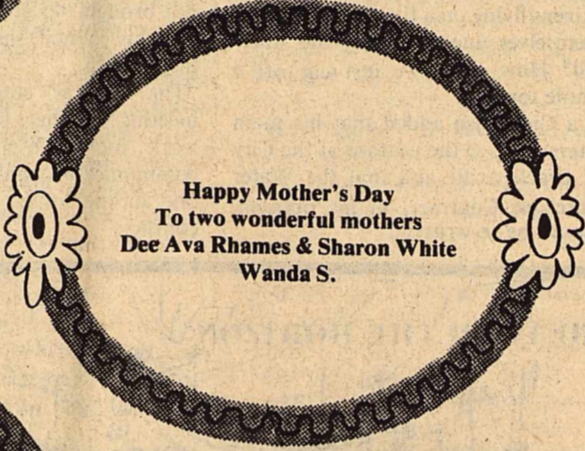
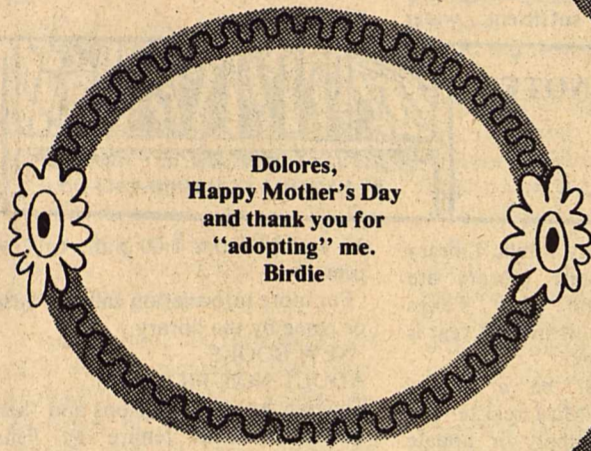
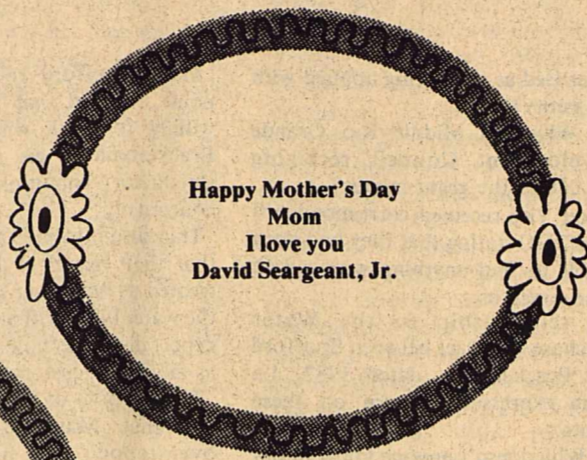
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Grandma's Kitchen

Good Morning!

I hear that some of you out there are asking, "Who is Grandma?" Well, that's who I am, Grandma. I am the mother of 4 children and they gave me 8 grandchildren. The oldest will soon be 20 and is planning on getting married next year. And then, oh my God! I'll be a Great Grandma.

I got married at 17 and for nearly 23 years, as - let's call it - we were diplomats for Uncle Sam. We traveled, saw the world and every state in the Union while raising our children. Then came the time our fathers passed away, so we raised both our mothers. For over 18 years we were a 3 generation household. Now, that isn't easy 'cause I was always in the middle.

Now in our golden years, our problems are all behind us - like grown up - and are very independent and on their own. This gives us the chance to be the kids we didn't have time back in the 40's and that's just what were doing.

I got involved in Halistic Health and found out how little I really knew on what's healthy for me. Now - yes - I will punch on staying healthy 'cause I've learned it the hard way and next to loving God, staying healthy is #2 on my list. I refuse to - as they say - get old. To be old you have to think and act old. How's that? Now you've heard all you're going to hear about me until I hear something about you. I've got to get on to some serious subjects.

Did you know that about 1/3 of all us senior citizens have a condition that causes our blood pressure to be reduced severely when we rise from a sitting or a lying position. The effects of this disorder are easily prevented, but the problem is often undetected. Make sure that your doctor checks your blood pressure in both the sitting and standing positions. You have to see that he does this, or else you'll never know.

I want to say one more thing about myself. 1 1/2 years ago I weighed nearly 200 lbs. By getting involved in Halistic Health, I've lost 60+ lbs. and have kept it off. With all that weight, I suffered with constant headaches, depression to joint problems, and probably a few more I wasn't aware of. I found the answers to a few age old questions I'd had all my life, but now I am a new person and as long as you'll listen, I'll be talking, so keep in touch.

I'm sure some of you remember the old bar soap called OCTAGON. My Grandma used it. I found it back east on my last visit. You can bet it brought back some old memories, so I bought a dozen bars. I'm down to my last few bars, and I want to tell you, it's just what it says - a famous all-purpose soap. It doesn't smell pretty, but it dissolves grease fast as lightning, cleans cabinets, stones and woodwork. It's made by Colgate-Palmolive Co. The only place I've seen it in the past 20 years is in small country stores in N.C. It's one of the old household necessities that's fading out to newer, weaker, more expensive products. As long as I can find this beautiful product, I'll never

be without it again. Here's a great healthy Chili Non-Carne.

- 3 yellow onions, chopped
- 2 green peppers, chopped
- 1 tsp vegetable oil
- 3 cups cooked pinto or kidney beans
- 3/2 cups tomato puree
- 6 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 TBS blackstrap molasses
- 2 TBS chili powder
- 2 tsp cumin powder
- 1 tsp basil
- 1 tsp oregano
- 1 tsp cumin seed
- 1 tsp tamari
- 1/2 tsp marjoram
- 1/2 tsp thyme

In a large pot, saute onions and peppers in oil, adding a few drops of water if necessary, to prevent sticking. Stir in beans and remaining ingredients and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, stirring occasionally, for 30 to 45 minutes. Serve with whole wheat bread, corn bread or tortillas or as a taco filling. Makes six to seven cups.

My thought for the week - Most fishermen find that there are two periods when the fishing is good: before they get there and after they leave.

Big Hugs & Special Love
Grandma



Se Oh Mother's Day will be celebrated Sunday for all the mothers of all races.

The Grandfather Chief gave us our first mother - the mother of baby Jesus. Light was born to us and then he taught us to love and honor our own mothers.

The second mother is our own mother that the Creator helped create us. The mother is the center pole that holds the lodge. When that pole falls, the whole lodge will topple down.

We're the little tree that comes from that pole, so it is from the main

pole that we are taught the way of life and every sunrise is a lesson we learn from her.

Some of us had soft mothers, others strict mothers, but yet I know that among all the mothers there is not one that didn't want the best for her off shoot. So let us give the mothers their honor in her day.

Give her the roses now that she can smell and enjoy. So from the bottom of my heart, may all the grandmothers, as well as mothers, have a great day. Happy Mother's Day!

With love
Nakai

HOT FIESTA

Plaza del Sol Mall 10th Anniversary
HOT FIESTA CAR GIVEAWAY

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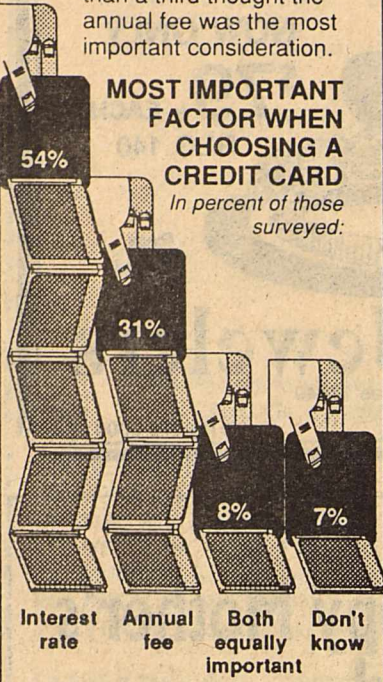
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Spofford Water Grant Gets Unexpected Attention

by Jennifer Pasanski

A group of Spofford residents met with Mayor Vito La Gioia at his request, to discuss the water grants that had been applied for by the Mayor and City Council of Spofford through Middle Rio Grande Development Council. The meeting took place at 7:00 Thursday evening, May 4, at the Herndon residence.

Mayor La Gioia had written a letter to the Texas Department of Commerce questioning the method that Middle Rio Grande Development used to obtain and apply for the Spofford water grant. La Gioia also expressed concern over the Water Purchase Contract between the City of Brackettville and the City of Spofford. The main concerns of the Brackettville Mayor were:

1. Why was the grant application published in the Uvalde newspaper and not locally?

2. Why was the grant applied for twice, once with the FmHa and then again with TDC, and why was it

advertised as only being applied with one entity?

3. Why was Middle Rio Grande Development Council receiving \$14,048 of the grant money?

Later Vito received correspondence from TDC stating that they had been unable to find anything wrong with these concerns.

In relationship to the Water Purchase Contract between Spofford and Brackettville, dated 1987, La Gioia expressed concern on these points:

1. Why doesn't anyone know about the 50-year contract that states that Spofford can purchase water from Brackettville for 50 years without ever receiving a rate increase separate from that of Brackettville?

2. What should we do if the City of Spofford (that consists mainly of citizens living on a fixed income) find themselves unable to pay the water bill? How could we just cut off a whole town?

La Gioia also added that his main interest was in the welfare of the City of Brackettville and that the Water Purchase Contract, in his opinion, should be re-written.

Many Spofford residents, at this point, implied that they would be willing to work with the City of Brackettville to get the contract in satisfactory condition for all parties concerned.

They also informed Mayor La Gioia that they would be expected to be treated as any other customer and if the water bill ran diligent, they would expect disconnection from the service as any other customer would.

The majority of the citizens present felt that Mayor La Gioia had overstepped his boundaries by presenting the "letter of concern" to the TDC because he had acted without consent of his councilmen in a formal meeting. La Gioia defended himself by stating that he as a citizen could express concern on any issue and that although this discussion was not brought up at a formal meeting with his council, they were aware of his concern.

The general conclusion of the meeting was that, both cities should work more closely together and communicate openly and freely to one another, thus, avoiding further conflicts.

GREEN THUMB



Water is the critical element in growing from now through September. We cannot depend on rain to keep lawns and ornamentals green and healthy. Water is very expensive, so it is necessary to water with care.

Established trees usually make it well without much watering. Younger trees and ornamentals need water regularly, generally once a week.

The best way to water these is to let the hose run a pencil size stream for overnight or through the day. Flower beds need water more regularly. During the coming weeks, flower-beds will need watering at least every other day.

It's important to water enough without wasting water. Slow watering is always preferred since it gives the water time to soak in. Too often, spraying water on the beds gives a false sense of sufficient water

because the top will be very wet and we get the idea the bed is well watered when in reality, only the upper part is wet, while the roots do not have water.

When watering the lawn, a normal sprinkler, set for two hours, should be sufficient, but should be repeated twice a week. To let a sprinkler run all night or all day in the same spot will waste expensive water. Any watering you do will not equal a little rain, but don't let a small rain deceive you. The time it lasts is limited.

When plants or grass begin to look dry and pale or begin to curl, you have already waited too long.

I'm not going to settle the issue of where to water. There are arguments for watering early morning and also late afternoons. It really makes so little difference. Don't bother; water when it's most convenient, but water.

LIBRARY NOTES



The Kinney County Public Library and the Texas State Library are co-sponsoring the 1989 Texas Reading Club. The theme this year is "Creatures Features."

Participants must be a county resident age 3-12. Must register for the program and apply or update library card.

Registration dates will be May 15 - June 9, from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the library.

Dates of Program:

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Age group 9-12 will meet Thursdays, June 15, 22, 29, July 6,

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BEYOND THE HORIZON

In Taos, New Mexico, in 1847, a few months after the United States had seized New Mexico from Mexico, "aguardiente de Taos" (meaning "burning water"), was the best distilled spirits available. But to the buckskin clad mountain man it was known as "Taos Lightning".

Taos Lightning was of late vintage, of the early 1600's supply trains. These trains arrived from Mexico every three ears, delivering French and Spanish wines for the clergy and the gentry patrons. This liquor came in bottles or flasks made of tin. After traveling hundreds of miles it was as expensive as Lafitte Roth's child of much later years. Furthermore, the wine didn't travel very well.

The Franciscans in 1598 imported grape cuttings and cultivated them, laymen got into the business too.

The Rio Grande Valley soon had lots of vineyards from El Paso to north of Santa Fe. By 1840, the grape was the biggest single item in El Paso economy.

At the Isleta Pueblo south of Albuquerque, the vats at the vineyard was made of bullhide. The juice was squeezed from the pulp by the feet of peons; aged sixty to seventy days and was favored over Claret imported from France.

In El Paso, stills produced a grape brandy that was known the eight hundred mile length of the Santa Fe Trail as "Pass Whiskey", and sold for two dollars a gallon.

Back in the States, the Indians were already forbidden alcohol. Still liquor was the most profitable item in the Indian trade. This liquor was smuggled past military checkpoints in false bottom wagons.

Bents Tort in southern Colorado, perfumed the air with several stills. The United States military Thomas L. Smith and other Americans set up a distillery in a nearby canyon and began the Taos liquor industry.

There were grown lots of wheat for the industry. Wheat was to Taos Lightning as potatoes are to Russian Vodka.

By 1846, five distillers were operating in the Taos area. Taos Lightning carried by burros in kegs of hollow cottonwood was shipped to Santa Fe where crowds of drunken volunteers filled the streets.

Soon Taos Lightning was flowing all the way to Montana. Canadians from the Ft. Laramie Region made regular pack trips to Taos for Taos Lightning.

Like today's dope pushers, the traders diluted their product as much as five hundred per cent. Some added red pepper, black gun powder and tobacco juice. When an Indian got his hand on good whiskey, he wouldn't drink it because it wasn't strong enough.

New Mexico imports its liquor today, except for a few vineyards in the Bernalillo area.

Taos Lightning is just a memory. We wonder if New Mexico wines might someday again delight the soul of man.

BETWEEN US

I heard a man recently bragging that he had killed three snakes that day. I asked what kind they were and he just laughed and said it didn't make any difference, they were snakes. To many people a snake is a snake and should be killed.

There is little reason to kill a snake unless it is a poisonous variety. There are only two poisonous snakes in this area; rattlesnakes and coral snakes.

A rattlesnake, no matter how large, is not an aggressive snake and will usually strike only in self defense. Knowing there is little danger of being bitten by a rattler, I nevertheless, kill any I come across. The coral snake is very poisonous. It is a beautiful snake. It is small, seldom growing to eighteen inches. It is brilliantly colored with stripes of red, yellow and black. There is an old saying to use to identify a coral snake.

"Red and yellow kill a fellow, red and black venom lack." If red and yellow stripes are side by side, it is a coral snake and deadly poisonous. One almost has to invite a coral snake to bite, however. He has no fangs. His jaws have teeth, much like sandpaper, and the mouth is very small. To bite, he must have a thin area like between the fingers or the lobe of the ear, which he can get in his mouth and gnaw. Knowing this, I still kill any coral snakes I can.

Other snakes all serve a useful purpose. If you have chickens, you wouldn't want a chicken snake around because he'd eat the eggs. Generally, snakes help control rats, mice and insects. Some snakes are good insurance against rattlesnakes. This is true, especially of the Blue Indigo, which grows to great lengths, sometimes to ten feet. It is a very docile and tame snake, but important in control of rattlesnakes.

When you see a snake, don't panic and kill it. Thank God for the mice, rats and insects he eats and wish him well.

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Sports Quiz Answers

1. Ricky Jordan; 2. Greg Jefferies; 3. Montreal Expo pitcher Randy Johnson at 6'10"; 4. 56 shutouts; 5. 284 victories; 6. Milwaukee Brewer Teddy Higuera; 7. Atlanta Braves; 8. Darryl Strawberry 545

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FROM TEE TO GREEN

May 1, 1989, a turnout of twenty-four players enjoyed a "Florida Scramble" on the par 3 course. Two teams tied for first place with par scores of 26. They were:

Tom Faulkenberry
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Mae Roper	(65)
Marty Isenberg	(67)
Barbara Miller	(68)

Friday, May 5, a turnout of twenty-four players enjoyed the Couples League. A four person two best balls event was held and winners were as follows:

1st Place	(113)
Jim Bussey	
Willie Null	
Betty Inman	
Fred England	
2nd Place	(116)
Robby Robinson	
Ruth Robinson	
Harlan Hunter	
Jan Chism	
3rd Place	(119)
Charlie Smith	
Luella Johnson	
Mary Britton	
Ray Kurtz	

Don't forget the Putting Tournament, Saturday, May 13, at 5:30 p.m. at the Golf Club. Bring your putter, hamburger patty and drink. Let's have a good turnout.

Link Deposit Loans Distributed

(AUSTIN) - Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower and State Treasurer Ann Richards announced here that nine new Linked Deposit loans totaling nearly \$1.3 million have been approved for agricultural diversification projects in Amarillo, Austin, Bryan, Eden, Harlingen, Stonewall, Thorndale, Vidor and Wharton.

"These nine Linked Deposit loans will be used to finance such projects as aloe vera production, catfish processing, ostrich ranching and honey marketing. They will generate over \$3.6 million in new annual agricultural sales and create over 120 new jobs in these local communities," Hightower said.

"The Linked Deposit program is a small but important step toward a more diversified and stronger Texas agricultural economy," Richards said.

Hightower also joined with Jay Anderson, chairman of the Texas Agricultural Diversification Board, to announce the 16 recipients of another \$200,000 in matching grants for projects in Abilene, Austin, Dallas, Denton-Sanger, El Paso, Encinal, Kingsville-La Feria, Prairie View, Roby, San Angelo, San Antonio, Sweetwater, Temple, Vernon and Waco.

"These grants of \$10,000-20,000 each will be matched with nearly \$600,000 in local resources. Examples of the funded projects include research into cañola oil production, a farmers market expansion, formation of a quail hunting cooperative and development of the cashmere wool industry. These 16 projects have the potential to generate nearly \$750 million in new economic activity for Texas," Hightower said.

Added Anderson, a rice farmer from East Bernard, "These 16 recipients were selected from among 79 applicants. They were evaluated on the basis of their practicality, prospects of quick, favorable results and on the sincerity and competence of the applicants."

The Linked Deposit and Matching Grant programs were authorized by the Texas Legislature in 1987 and approved by voters, in the form of a constitutional amendment, later that same year.

Linked Deposit loans approved to date have carried an average fixed interest rate of 9.99 percent for the borrower. During that time, the commercial market rate for the same type of loans would average a floating 12.75 percent.

Recipients of the nine latest Linked Deposit loans are:

- Edes Custom Meats of Amarillo, owned by William Melvin Edes, will receive a \$125,000 Linked Deposit loan for expansion of his small meat packing plant and retail sales market. The loan, provided by Greg Burgess, vice president of the First National Bank of Amarillo, will allow for additional equipment and improvements on the facility.

- The Side's family-operated Rainbow Lake Aquaculture Company of Austin has been approved for a Linked deposit loan of \$150,000. The loan will be financed by Paul Holubec, commercial loan officer at Cattleman's State Bank of Austin.

- Paul and Merrill Bonarrigo, owners, of Messina Hof Wine Cellars of Bryan, have been approved for a Linked Deposit loan of \$250,000 for the expansion of their winery. The loan will be financed by Mervin Peteres, president of First City Texas Bank of Bryan.

- Commanche Springs Ranch of Eden owned by Joe and Nancy Green has been approved for a Linked Deposit loan of \$98,000 for the expansion of an Axis deer operation for sale of breeder stock, trophy hunting and venison meat. The loan will be financed by Larry N. Upshaw, president of the Eden State Bank.

- William Lee, president of Aloe Corp in Harlingen, has been approved for a Linked Deposit loan of \$157,000 for the expansion of an aloe vera production and processing operation. The loan will be financed by Allen J. Wyse, vice president at Alamo Bank of Texas in Alamo.

- Ned E. Simes, president of Grape Creek Vineyard, Inc. of Stonewall, has been approved for a Linked Deposit loan of \$60,000 for the expansion of vineyards into a winemaking operation. The loan will be financed by Don L. Morgan, president of Security State Bank and Trust of Fredericksburg.

- McQuary Ostrich Ranch of Thorndale is doubling its breeding capacity with two Linked Deposit loans totaling \$100,000 from the Citizens National Bank of Milam County.

- An \$85,000 Linked Deposit loan has been approved for Kenneth and Gretchen Horn, owners of Southern Gold Honey Company of Vidor, for increased honey production. Funding for the expansion has been provided

by James E. Burns, president of Vidor State Bank.

- Crawford Boyd of Boyd Olde Oaks Ranch near Wharton will receive a \$247,000 Linked Deposit loan to expand his top grade breeding and foundation stock operation of buffalo, Longhorn cattle, ostrich, emu and llama. The loan will be financed by a veteran lender to the state program, William H. Harrison, Jr., president of The First National Bank in Eagle Lake.

Applications for Matching Grants are reviewed and approved by the six-member Agricultural Diversification Board, whose membership includes:

- Anderson, chair, a rice and corn farmer from East Bernard;
- Mary Lou Grier, vice chair, a mohair producer and rancher from Boerne;
- Walter "Pinkie" Harpool, a fertilizer and seed retailer from Denton;
- Ben Mathers, Jr., a rancher from Canadian;
- Dr. Freddie Richards, director of the Institute of International Agribusiness Studies at Prairie View A&M University; and
- Commissioner Hightower.

Latest recipients of Matching Grants are as follows (with the amount of local assistance included in parenthesis):

- The relocation and expansion of the Big Country Farmers Market with the assistance of the Abilene Economic Development Company - \$10,000 (\$10,000);
- Research at The National Wildflower Research Center in Austin - \$10,000 (\$24,000);
- "Useful Wild Plants of Texas Encyclopedia" based on 18 years of data collection at the Department of Botany at The University of Texas at Austin - \$10,000 (\$25,000);

- Test plantings near Amarillo to determine the best forage and turf grass seed varieties to create a seed

production industry for that area. The research will be directed from the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Dallas - \$10,000 (\$19,500);

- Promoting the dairy goat industry, a cooperative effort between the Texas Dairy Goat Producers Association of Sanger and The International Dairy Goat Center at Prairie View A&M - \$10,000 (\$18,000);

- A hydroponic greenhouse specialty vegetable demonstration project for small acreage farmers and vocational training for productive employment and good work habits for disadvantaged youth at the El Paso Center for Children, Inc. - \$11,000 (\$30,000);

- Funding for the Encinal Tannery Project in the La Salle County Enterprise Zone, sponsored by the Community Services Agency of La Salle, Maverick and Dimmit counties \$20,000 (\$32,500);

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- The expansion of a quail hunting cooperative with assistance from the Fisher County Economic Development Commission in Roby - \$15,000 (\$30,000);

- The development of a cashmere industry in Texas, a collaborative effort within the Texas A&M University System through the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in San Angelo and Prairie View A&M University - \$15,000 (\$30,000);

- A feasibility study organized by the San Antonio Community Development Council to develop a contemporary agribusiness industrial park on the west side of the city - \$10,000 (\$25,000);

- The West Central Texas Agribusiness Incubator will use funds to further Sweetwater's People for Progress efforts to provide specialized professional assistance for low-income, minority and other start-up businesses involved in food and fiber production and processing - \$15,000 (\$52,000);


- A project to publish a production guide and validate a computer model to test appropriate cultivar and management practices to grow sweet lupines as a new protein crop for fine texture soils in Southeast and Central Texas. The research will be conducted at The Blackland Research Center of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Temple and at test plots in Beaumont and Eagle Lake - \$12,000 (\$26,000);
- Demonstrating plantings at the Texas Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Chillicothe - Vernon to determine the right variety and cultural practices to introduce canola as a new edible oil and livestock feed crop for the High Plains - \$15,000 (\$21,000); and

- The Business Resource Center in Waco will extend its consultation and management advice to Falls, Bosque, Hill, Limestone and Freestone counties. The Center will further assist agribusiness entrepreneurs seeking help to establish production of catfish, herbs, containerized native trees and hydroponic vegetables - \$15,000 (\$170,000).

Alice Reynolds is administrator of TDA's Linked Deposit loans and Matching Grants programs and can be reached at (512) 463-7624.

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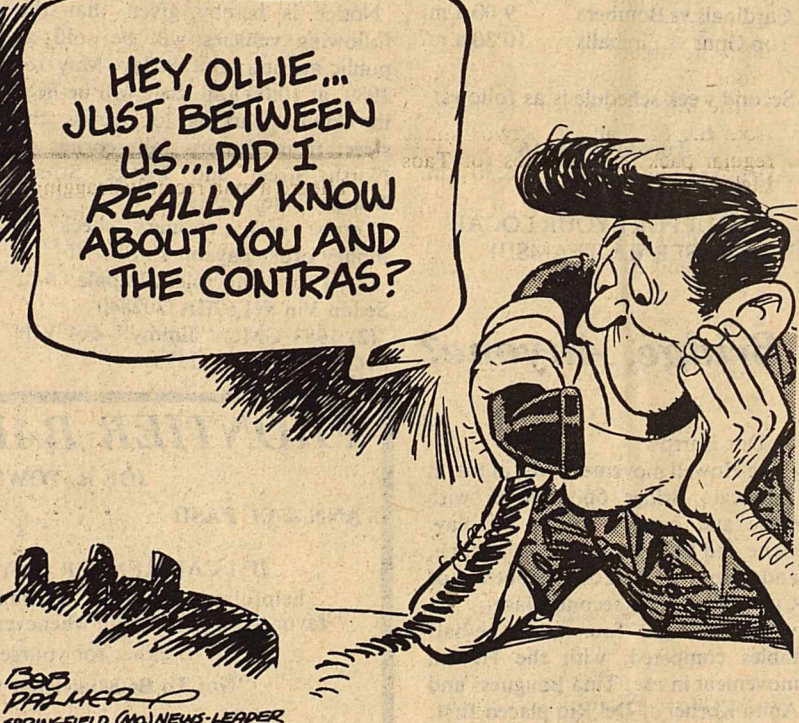
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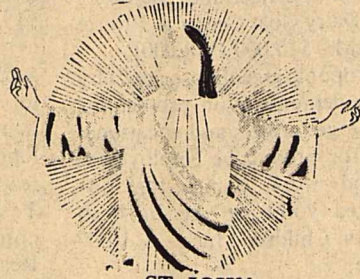
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SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 A.M.
 SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.
 SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE (T.B.A.)
 (to be announced)
 WED. PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY 7:00 P.M.



Sandra Hernandez, Astros team mate, leaps safely to third base.



SAFE! Manuel Ramon slides into third base then scores one for the Cubs.

Enthusiastic Start For Little League

by Martha Smallwood

During the opening ceremony for the 1989 Little League / T-Ball season, President Bruce Sciba was first introduced. All the teams participating this year were called onto the field and introduced with their respective coaches.

The National Anthem was then sung by Judy Burks and Kandace La Mascus. Mr. Steven Mills, Jones Elementary Principal, pitched the first ball of this 1989 season. Announcers were Harold Floyd and Bill Herman.

ASTROS VS CUBS

The ASTROS team outscored the CUBS in the first game of the season, 28-4. Making the runs for the ASTROS were Jorge Rodriguez, Lupe Rodriguez, Juan Hernandez, Jr., Becky Payne, Matthew Foster, Luis Guajardo, Rocky Aguirre, Susie Hernandez, Sean Burks and Demitres Williams.

For the CUBS, scorers were Domingo Villarreal - 2, Wendy Goodloe - 1, and Manuel Ramon - 1. Second baseman Domingo Villarreal hit a solo infield homerun in the bottom of the third inning.

Jorge Rodriguez was the ASTROS pitcher all the way, while the CUBS used rookie Joey Avila, Frank Valenzuela and Michael Meyer, also a rookie.

Umpiring behind the plate was Lingo Sandoval. While Eloy Garcia and Severo Martinez umpired first and third bases respectively.

First week schedule is as follows:

Friday, May 12

Lions vs Cubs 5:30 p.m.
 Rams vs Cowboys 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 13

(T-Ball)
 Cardinals vs Bombers 9:00 a.m.
 Top Guns vs Fireballs 10:30 a.m.

Second week schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, May 16

Astros vs Lions 5:30 p.m.

GO SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BASEBALL TEAMS!!!

Bridge, Anyone?

by Dot Burrow

The Howell movement was in use at Duplicate Bridge on Sunday, with three and one-half tables in play. Gene and Mary Britton led the pack, and Roy and Lou Gibbens of Campwood took second place.

Tuesday night four and one-half tables competed, with the Howell movement in use. Tina Bauguess and Anita Korbel of Del Rio placed first. Joyce Bell of Del Rio and Martin Sheets were in second place.

CPL Offers New Service

Central Power and Light Co. has started a special service designed to assist elderly and handicapped customers who live alone. The service, Third Party Notification, provides these customers with an additional reminder when their electric service may be disconnected.

"If you have a friend or relative who lives alone and for some reason has trouble keeping up with all the details of operating a household, Third Party Notification can help," said Kevin McMahon, CPL area manager.

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The third party can be a relative, friend, neighbor, clergy or private agency. To participate in the program, the CPL customer and the third party sign an enrollment form available at any CPL area office.

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The service is useful to those CPL customers who live alone and are elderly, disabled or ill. Customers who spend a great deal of time away from home may also find it practical.

"The Third Party Notification program, by itself, does not prevent disconnection of electric service. But it does bring in a helping hand to help resolve a problem or find a way to pay the bill," McMahon said.

There is no charge for CPL's Third Party Notification service.

Commodities Distribution Scheduled

The Community Council of Southwest Texas, Inc., will be distributing commodities on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 16 & 17, 1989, at the Community Council office at 310-A East North St. (Sunshine Food Co-op, Bldg.) down the street from Ray's Grocery Store in Brackettville. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BAG!

All numbers will be served thru the front of the building in the Brackettville office. FIRST COME FIRST SERVED.

If you are not an applicant authorized representative and you are picking up commodities for someone, you are required to bring a dated authorized permission statement every time you pick up for any participant.

Rules for participation in the program are the same for everyone without regard to age, race, color, religion, sex, handicap, national origin or political belief.

Vehicles To Be Sold At Public Auction

Notice is hereby given that the following vehicles will be sold at public auction on Tuesday, May 16, 1989, at 10:00 a.m. Sale will be held in County parking lot across the street from County Jail, corner of North Street and Fritter Street, Brackettville, Texas.

Terms: cash, cashiers check or money order payable to Sheriff
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(3) 1985 Ford LTD 4-dr Sedan VIN #2FABP43FX127046

Vehicles #1 and #2 were seized and forfeited under the provisions of Texas Controlled Substances Act, Art. 4476-15, Sec. 5.03 through Sec. 5.08. Vehicle #3 is surplus County equipment.

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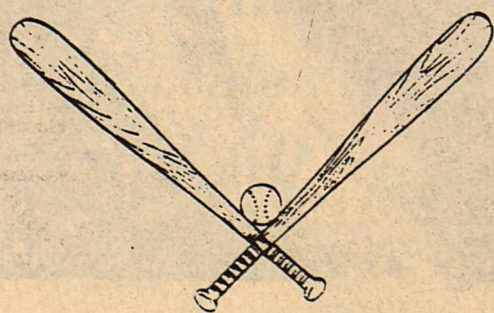
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Little League & T-Ball

HOME	VISITORS	DAY	DATE	TIME
ASTROS	VS LIONS	TUESDAY	MAY 16	5:30 p.m.
COWBOYS	VS RAMS	FRIDAY	MAY 19	5:30 p.m.
LIONS	VS CUBS	FRIDAY	MAY 19	7:30 p.m.
BOMBERS	VS CARDINALS	SATURDAY	MAY 20	9:00 a.m.
FIREBALLS	VS TOP GUNS	SATURDAY	MAY 20	10:30 a.m.



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Brackett I.S.D. School Menu

BREAKFAST

"LINE A"
 Monday 15,

Fish Sand
 French Fries
 Lettuce & Tomato
 Fruit
 Milk

Tuesday 16,

Pizza
 Garden Salad
 Green Beans
 Fruit
 Milk

Wednesday 17,

Corn Dog
 Tator Tots
 Fruit
 Apice Bar
 Milk

Thursday 18,

Chalupas
 Lettuce & Tomato
 Spanish Rice
 Fruit
 Milk

Friday 19,

Chicken
 Mashed Potatoes
 Pumpkin Pie
 Biscuits
 Milk

"LINE B"

Monday 15,

Baked Potato
 Bacon & Sour Cream
 Cheese Chunks
 Fruit
 Hot Roll
 Milk

Tuesday 16,

Chef Salad
 Fruit
 Crackers
 Milk

Wednesday 17,

Hamburger
 Hamb Salad
 Fruit
 Milk

Thursday 18,

Shaved Ham
 Sliced Cheese
 Bread
 Lettuce & Tomato
 Milk

Friday 19

Taco
 Taco Salad
 Fruit
 Milk

Monday 15,

Scrambled Eggs
 Hash Browns
 Toast
 Milk

Tuesday 16,

Cereal
 Toast
 Fruit
 Milk

Wednesday 17,

French Toast
 Fruit
 Milk

Thursday 18,

Cereal
 Toast
 Juice
 Milk

Friday 19,

French Toast
 Fruit
 Milk



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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The Middle Rio Grande Development Council is accepting applications for the following part-time or full-time temporary position(s).

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Location: Classes will be located in Uvalde.

How To Apply: Mail resume or application to: Middle Rio Grande Development Council, c/o Personnel Director, P.O. Box 1199, Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834. Applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m., May 29, 1989.

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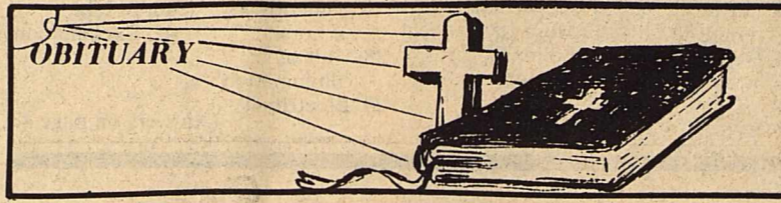
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Val Verde Hospital Reports

Patients admitted to Val Verde Memorial Hospital May 5-7, 1989.
Cynthia A. De Luna, Deanna Goodspeed, Florence H. Vipond, Guadalupe A. Ramirez, Maria M. Rangel, Rosario Mauricio, Genoveva A. Boone, Juanita A. Patino, Ruby L. Ross, Juanita V. Coronado and Ermilia Perez.
Patients discharged from Val Verde

Memorial Hospital May 5-7, 1989.
Erminia Vega, Stephanie Hill, Sandra H. Bonnet, Bruno Almaguer, Della I. Matthews, Rosa Ofelia Camposano, King Schuster, Catalina C. Gonzalez, Rosalba G. Gomez, Keith Fleckenstein, Cynthia A. De Luna, Deanna Goodspeed and Maria M. Rangel.



OBITUARY

Lenora Hetherington
Texas, and Mary Hammerton of Eugene, Oregon. Also twenty grandchildren and twenty great grandchildren.
Burial was held at Rockport, Texas. Memorial mass was held Wednesday, May 10, at St. Mary Magdalene in Brackettville, Texas.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, May 11 - 6:00 p.m.
Powder Puff Football Game
Tiger Stadium

Thursday, May 11 - 7:00 p.m.
Theater Workshop - all ages
Ft. Clark Town Hall

Thursday, May 11 - 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

Thursday, May 11 - 7:30 p.m.
Kinney County Kickers - square dancing
Ft. Clark NCO Club

Saturday, May 13 - 10:00 a.m.
Ft. Clark Springs
Community Council
Guest Speaker - Curtis Smith
FCS Chief of Security
Topic: Study of Bylaws
Town Hall - Ft. Clark Springs

Sunday, May 14, 11:00 a.m.
Children's Church
First Baptist Church

Sunday, May 14 - 1:30 p.m.
Duplicate Bridge
Ft. Clark NCO Club

Monday, May 15
Preceptor Theta Sigma Chapter of the Beta Sigma Phi meeting
Fort Clark Springs

Monday, May 15 - 8:00 p.m.
A-A
Slaton Hall, James St.

Monday, May 15 - 8:00 p.m.
Al-Anon
St. Andrews Episcopal Parish Hall

Tuesday, May 16 - 7:00 p.m.
Duplicate Bridge
Ft. Clark NCO Club

Thursday, May 18 - 12:00 noon
Rotary Club - Las Moras Inn

Thursday, May 18 - 6:30 p.m.
Lions Club - Las Moras Inn

Thursday, May 18 - 7:00 p.m.
Theater Workshop - all ages
Ft. Clark Town hall

Thursday, May 18 - 7:00 p.m.
Civil Air Patrol - Cadets (13-21 yrs.)
Tower building east side of Uvalde airport
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Friday, May 19 - 9a.m.-4p.m.
Driver's license renewal
Kinney County Courthouse - upstairs

Saturday, May 20 - 12:00 noon
Experimental Aircraft Association meeting following "dutch lunch"
Del Rio Airport

Monday, May 22 - 7:00 p.m.
Civil Air Patrol
Tower building east side of Uvalde airport
Call Bob Price at 278-2014 for info

Tuesday, May 23 - 6:30 p.m.
Shriners - social hour followed by meeting at 7:30 p.m. - Las Moras Inn

Wednesday, May 24 - 7:00 p.m.
VFW & Ladies Auxiliary
Post 8360, Fort Clark Springs
NCO Club - covered dish supper at 6:00 p.m.

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Students and Faculty of the Head Start center Celebrated Cinco de Mayo. The students dressed in Mexican fashion and

entertained parents with songs and dances. The students were also taught the meaning of Cinco de Mayo.

Brackett I.S.D. Students Qualify For U.I.L.

Brackett I.S.D. has qualified 2 students for the University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet, May 4 - 6 at the University of Texas at Austin. Qualifiers include: Kelly Hall - 1st Accounting and Fidel Hernandez - 1st Shorthand.

The students earned eligibility by placing first, second or third at the UIL regional meet, held at Victoria, Texas, on April 21.

"Reaching the State level of academic competition shows determination and preparation on the part of the contestant and sponsor," Dr. Bailey Marshall, UIL director said. "Students who compete at the UIL State Meet represent the elite in their field. The development of the skills to handle the intense competition and the attainment of knowledge required to achieve this honor will benefit the contestant far beyond the high school years."

Contests range from headline writing to Lincoln-Douglas debate,

calculator applications to accounting. Of the million and a half students who participated in UIL activities in 1987-88, over one-half million students competed in one or more of the 19 general academic contests.

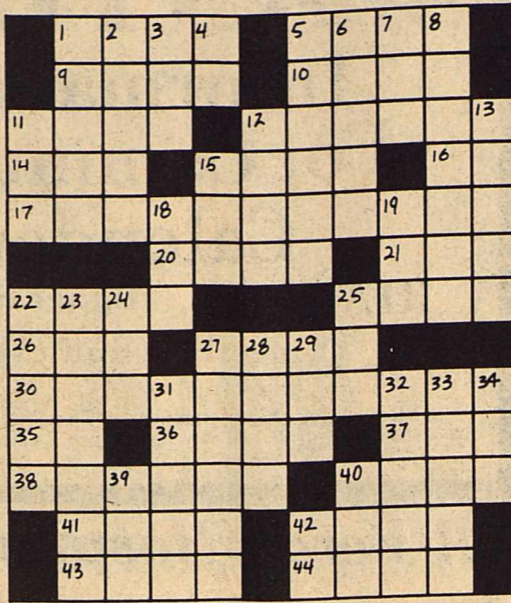
In participating at the State Meet, students qualify for Texas Interscholastic League Foundation scholarships. During 1988-89, the TILF awarded more than \$437,000 in scholarship grants to 336 college students who competed at the UIL State Academic Meet. In 1989-90, the TILF expects to award an estimated 350 new and renewed grants, valued at approximately \$460,000. The TILF funds are made possible through grants from foundations, individuals and families. The TILF has over \$1,800,000 in endowed funds.

For more information, contact Lee Schermerhorn or the University Interscholastic League at (512) 471-5883.

King Crossword

ACROSS

1. Harvest
5. Streetcar (Brit.)
9. Marine fish
10. Immense
11. Covers
12. Becomes grave
14. Keel-billed cuckoo
15. Lassie
16. Music note
17. Of terrestrial magnetism
20. Like ashes
21. Soak flax
22. Like ebony
25. County in Scotland (poss.)
26. Unexploded bomb
27. Revolve
30. Glass houses for tender plants
35. Half an em
36. Aquatic bird
37. Open (poet.)
38. Go
40. Toward the lee
41. Slight color
42. Home for bees
43. Little children
44. God of war (Gr.)



DOWN

1. Backbone
2. Means of communication
3. Signs as correct
4. Hebrew letter
5. Full of thorns
6. Monetary unit (Russ.)
7. Grow old
8. More joyous
11. Loiter
12. A deep breath
13. Denominations
15. Fuel
18. Equip with men
19. Attempt
22. Bordered
23. American novelist
24. Poem
25. Breathes violently as a horse
28. Unit of illumination
29. Electrified
31. Antelope (Afr.)
32. Find the answer to
33. Fencing swords
34. Diocesan center
39. East Indian herb
40. Breeze
42. Exclamation

(Answers on page 4.)

Sports Quiz

by Alan Ornstein

1. Who was the Philadelphia Phillies' number one draft pick in 1983?
2. Who was the New York Mets' number one draft pick in 1985?
3. Who is the tallest player in the major leagues?
4. How many shutouts did Bob Gibson have during his remarkable career?
5. How many victories did Ferguson Jenkins have during his illustri-

ous career?

6. Who finished second to Minnesota's Allan Anderson in earned run average during the 1988 season in the American League?
7. Since his retirement, for what team does former veteran pitcher Don Sutton broadcast baseball games?
8. In 1988, who led the National League in slugging percentage?

(Answers on page 4.)

Endangered Species Receive Economic Boost

AUSTIN - Increased funding of the federal Endangered Species Act in the current fiscal year has allowed the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department to expand its emphasis in endangered species programs through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS).

Officials said the department will receive \$256,000 for 29 projects across the state. "This represents five percent of the federal allocation for this program nationwide," said Larry McKinney, acting director of the department's Resource Protection Division. "This is a significant step in helping the department meet its responsibilities for endangered species."

Mike Spear, regional director of the USFWS Southwest Region, noted that the high level of funding recognizes the large number of endangered plants and animals in Texas, and reflects a joint state - federal commitment toward their recovery. The state must match federal funds on a 25 percent state, 75 percent federal ratio.

McKinney noted that the responsibility for administering programs relating to endangered species has been assigned to the Resource Protection Division. "The objective of this new 'endangered resources' program will be to ensure coordinated department action to protect endangered resources and to

ensure full consideration of these resources whenever an activity might adversely affect them," McKinney said. "The expanded program and funding should allow us to better support research and conservation efforts for these valuable resources."

The department's endangered resource efforts will include work conducted by all divisions in the department on a variety of animal and plant species. McKinney noted that the thrust of these projects varies, but most include basic research on the life history and ecology of individual species such as the Devils River minnow, golden-cheeked warbler and puzzle sunflower, or applied research on reintroductions and habitat management for species such as the Comanche Springs pupfish, Texas snowbells, black-capped vireo, Attwater's greater prairie chicken and red-cockaded woodpecker.

Other projects in locations such as the San Marcos River and the East Texas longleaf pine forests focus on areas that support a variety of endangered species. Other projects assess the effects of collecting and sale of rare cactus species, and establishment of a rare plant education program.

Information about endangered species can be obtained by calling the toll-free TPWD number, 1-800-792-1112, or by calling (512) 389-4586.

Fish Conservation Reports From Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

Paddlefish Restoration

SAN MARCOS - Almost a half - million tiny paddlefish have been released in specially-prepared ponds at two state fish hatcheries, representing the first step in a recovery process for the endangered fish initiated almost two years ago by Dr. Gary Matlock, director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Fisheries Division.

Regional Fisheries Director Pat Hutson, who is headquartered at the department's A.E. Wood Hatchery at San Marcos said the department recently obtained some 335,000 paddlefish eggs from the Missouri Department of Conservation. The fertile eggs were incubated and hatched at the new hatchery facility at San Marcos, then stocked as fry into five outdoor ponds at San Marcos and six ponds at the Jasper State Fish Hatchery.

A second shipment of 200,000 fry was brought in from Missouri this week, and stocked at San Marcos.

Paddlefish, which are not classified as endangered in some other states including Missouri, are one of Texas' most unusual and misunderstood fish. They use their broad, flat snout to stir up bottom sediments. They feed on microscopic plankton throughout their life, according to Veronica Pittman, research biologist at the department's Heart O' the Hills Research Station at Ingram.

The young paddlefish will be reared to eight- to ten-inch size and then stocked in selected river systems, mainly in East Texas, Pittman said.

Biologists are uncertain why paddlefish, once fairly abundant in Texas rivers, have declined. Pittman said that declines in water quality and dam construction may have been contributing factors. Paddlefish also have been subject to commercial harvest, as their eggs are prized for use as a caviar-type product and their meat is considered excellent table fare.

Missouri biologists obtained paddlefish eggs by catching mature, 40- to 60-pound, paddlefish in gillnets set in Table Rock Lake. Eggs are removed from the female fish through a small incision in the fish's belly. The eggs then are fertilized with milt stripped from the male fish. Both parent fish then are released alive.

Juvenile Red Drum

ROCKPORT - Juvenile red drum spawned during fall 1988 apparently survived the February 1989 freeze that killed thousands of fish in East Matagorda and Aransas Bays.

Biologist Larry McEachron said about 22,000 reds were killed in each of the two bays during February. "Because only red drum over 12 inches long were seen, it was unclear whether the 1988 year-class had survived," McEachron said.

"However, the bag seine catch rate at East Matagorda Bay was the highest on the coast, followed by Aransas Bay."

McEachron said smaller fish killed by cold water temperatures are sometimes not seen because they are either eaten or fail to float to the surface.

In addition to bag seine data for the smaller fish, gill net surveys indicate red drum and spotted seatrout in the larger size classes are present in good numbers in East Matagorda Bay. "We collected quite a few trout and reds in the four- to five-pound class, which is pretty encouraging for fishing prospects," McEachron said. He added that East Matagorda is scheduled to receive stockings of red drum fingerlings and spotted seatrout fingerlings and fry this year.

Spanish Mackerel

AUSTIN - The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has closed federal waters to the commercial harvest of Spanish mackerel until July 1.

NMFS officials said the commercial harvest quota of 2.85 million pounds established for the Gulf migratory group of Spanish mackerel was reached during early April.

The closure affects waters of the exclusive economic zone (EEZ), from nine to 200 nautical miles off the coast. Both sport and commercial fishing for king mackerel in the EEZ off Texas is closed until July 1.

Hybrid Stripers

ROCKWALL - Recent gill net surveys by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department indicate Lake Ray Hubbard northeast of Dallas continues to be an excellent lake for hybrid striped bass.

Biologist Bobby Farquhar said crews collected an average of 10 hybrids per net, compared to only four per net the last time the lake was surveyed in 1987.

Hybrid stripers are produced in hatcheries by crossing female striped bass with male white bass. They do not usually reproduce in the wild, but grow fast and are hard-fighting sport fish.

The 22,700-acre lake has been stocked with hybrid stripers each year since 1985. "Hybrids stocked in 1987 are now between 15 and 18 inches long, which indicates it takes about two years for fingerlings to reach legal size in Ray Hubbard," Farquhar said. Anglers are allowed to retain five striped bass or hybrid stripers in the aggregate per day, with a possession limit of 15, and only those longer than 18 inches may be retained.

Farquhar said pure stripers stocked in 1986 now range between 21 and 34 inches in length.

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Record Harvest During 1988-89 Public Hunt

AUSTIN - Hunters participating in public hunts on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Type I wildlife management areas harvested a record 1,911 white-tailed deer during the 1988-89 season. The harvest total for the 1987-88 hunts was 1,444 deer.

Herb Kothmann, public hunt program leader, said 2,443 hunters took 1,157 deer during either-sex hunts, while antlerless-only hunts attracted 1,867 hunters who harvested 730 antlerless deer and spike bucks. A total of 492 archers took an additional 24 deer.

Participants for the Type I hunts mailed applications to the department and were selected by public drawing. The Type I Hunting Opportunities book which describes

the 1989-90 Type I hunts for javelina, feral hog, alligators and pronghorn antelope and includes the necessary applications will not be available until August. Contact the department at the end of July to request a copy when available.

Kothmann said more than 8,000 hunting permits were offered for restricted hunts, and hunts were conducted on some 410,800 acres across the state. "We feel that we operated at capacity for the acreage we had available, and for the time period we had to work with," said Kothmann.

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