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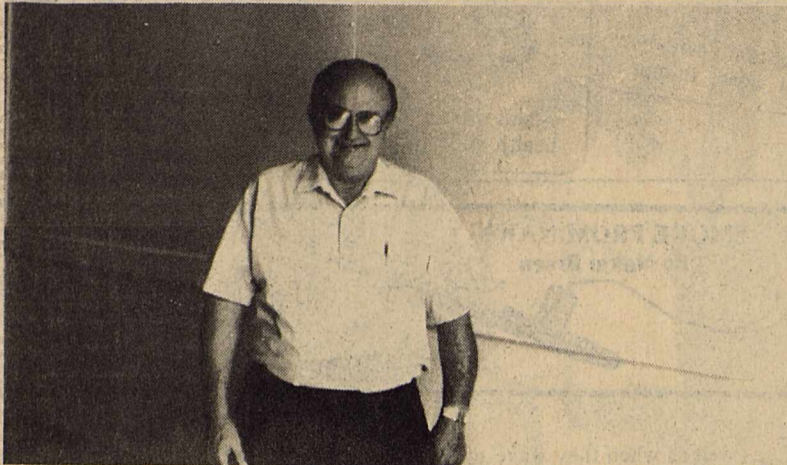
"If a man had half as much hindsight, as he has insight, he would have twice as much foresight"

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Don Simms

## New Principal Hired

by J.J. Guidry

Don Simms, formerly of Throckmorton, was hired as the High School and Jr. High principal at the last school board meeting. Mr. Simms recently started working this last week and is making preparations for the students' schedules for the upcoming school year. His wife, Mrs. Sue Simms, was also hired. She's certified in English and Business and as a counselor. She taught Business at Throckmorton and was a part-time counselor. She's unaware of what she will be teaching in Brackett.

Mr. Simms has two sons, Steve and Scott. Steve turned 19 on Tuesday, August 1 and will be a sophomore at Tarlington State. Scott is 15 and will be a sophomore here in Brackett.

Mr. Simms began his career in education at Throckmorton where he was a coach. He was then a Special Ed. counselor for 4 years at Olney I.S.D. he then went into a private business for a short time. Mr. Simms returned to Throckmorton, where he was the high school principal for the last four years, three of which he was also the elementary principal.

Mr. Simms doesn't expect any major changes this year, but possibly the following year. When asked about discipline he stated, "I don't expect any problems. I've only heard excellent things about our students." Congratulations to Mr. Simms on being hired as the new principal. Everyone is looking forward to a great year.

## Special Session of Commissioners' Court

by J.J. Guidry

The Commissioners Court held a special meeting last Thursday at 2:00 p.m. in the County Courthouse. Judge Tommy Seargeant and Commissioner Ruben Fuentes were absent. Commissioners Rose Mary Slubar and Joe Garza appointed Commissioner Bill Bizzell to preside over the meeting.

The members present were: Commissioners Bizzell, Garza and Slubar, Dolores Roney and Elizabeth Deason. Visitors included: Sheriff Norman Hooten, Deputy David Gioia, Ralph Gonzales and Jack and Huey Hawkins.

Commissioner Bizzell called the meeting to order and here are the unofficial minutes of the meeting.

**Sheriff's Car Bids**  
It was unanimously passed to purchase a 1989 Chevrolet Caprice Sheriff Sedan from Cornerstone Capital of North America Inc., for \$17,300. The purchase will be financed through the First State Bank of Brackettville. It will be repaid in three payments, \$5,766 as a down payment with \$11,532 plus interest to be repaid in two installments.

Mayor La Gioia stated that the city would like to purchase the sheriff's car for \$5,000 in two payments without interest.

**Hiring of Janitor or Janitress**  
The discussion on hiring a janitor or

janitress for Courthouse and County buildings was tabled for a later date.

**Position of Non-Paid Deputy Sheriff**  
It was moved that Sheriff Hooten was authorized to appoint a non-paid deputy sheriff and passed unanimously.

**Bond For Non-Paid Deputy Sheriff**  
It was passed that the county pay for the bond on a non-paid regular deputy sheriff.

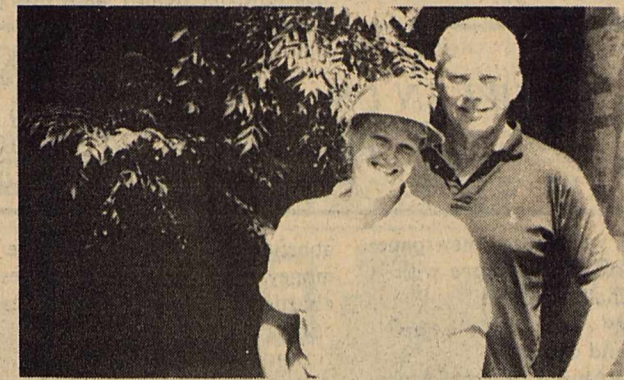
**Fireman's School Contribution**  
Adrian Reyes is requesting \$450 per man (Puda, Buantello and Hernandez) to attend fireman's school. Commissioner Slubar moved to give \$400 per man, but the motion died due to the lack of a second.

**Parks Grant**  
It was unanimously moved that the court cancel Parks and Wildlife Grant applicant to repair county swimming pool so the county will be eligible for future grants.

**Fair Housing Advertising**  
It was reported that the government mandates set up advertising and disclosures for Fair Housing if worked with grant funds.

**Advertised bids for County Agent's Truck**  
The Commissioners unanimously passed that the county advertise for bids on a truck for the county agent.

**Nutrition Center**  
Discussion for Nutrition Building for the elderly was tabled for a later date.

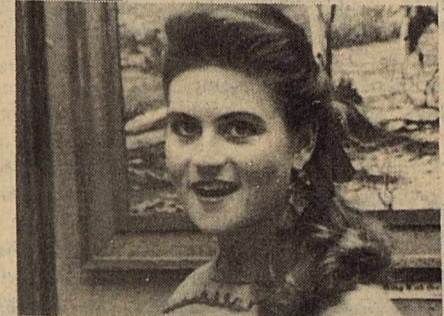


Penny Nixon and Ned Skinner

## Former P.R. Director Leaves Town in Style

After one of the greatest going away parties ever given at Fort Clark Springs, Thursday night, Penny Nixon, her roan horse, black cat and fiance Ned Skinner left for Suwanee, Georgia last Friday evening. Ned

flew in from Georgia Thursday to attend the party and to meet the many friends of Penny's. Everyone agreed that they make a great couple and we wish them all the happiness in the world.



Lashawn Wardlaw

## Brackettville's Own to Fill P.R. Director's Position

The beautiful and talented Lashawn Wardlaw has assumed the job of Public Relations Director for Fort Clark Springs.

She began her duties Monday, July 24 and is adjusting to her new job. She stated, "I feel it is a great opportunity and a great starting point because I'm learning each facet of Public Relations. As far as experience, this is great."

Lashawn graduated from Texas Tech with a degree in public relations. The native Brackettville resident was awarded Miss Rodeo Texas in 1984 and experienced her first insight to Public Relations while promoting rodeos in Texas. "I was constantly on the move, constantly going. It was

a very rewarding experience."

Former Public Relations Director for Fort Clark Springs, Penny Nixon, was also an avid horseman. Could this be a prerequisite for future applicants? Among other awards, Lashawn was named Miss Kinney County in 1983 and Miss Super Bull and Miss South Texas Longhorn.

When asked how it felt to "come home again" Lashawn replied, "I've been away 5 or 6 years. Coming back is just like learning a whole new town again," she went on to add, "I enjoy meeting all of the people."

Lashawn is the daughter of Hadley and Tulisha Wardlaw. Welcome back Lashawn, from *The Brackett News*.

## Benefit for Bill Terri

A Benefit Is To Be Held Saturday, August 5, 1989 from 3:00 p.m. til 7 at Ora's Drive Inn on Spring St. with live music.

The Benefit is for Bill Terri. The

donations will be given on B-B-Que plates. No set fee. All donations will be used for surgery and medical bills and all will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you

## Sign Up to Enjoy

## The Vanishing Texas River Cruise

Anyone who enjoys history, geology or wildlife will be thrilled to know that the Vanishing Texas River Cruise is theirs to enjoy on Thursday, October 5.

The 2½ hour cruise provides a nature trip up the historical Colorado River on Lake Buchanan. The bus will leave from the NCO Club at 8:00 a.m. and lunch will be served on the boat trip, followed with a visit to The Fall Creek Vineyard.

Waterfalls, ancient geological formations, and Indian sites are all a part of the \$50 per person trip, including the lunch. Persons must sign up before September 15 deadline and at least 40 people must make the trip in order to experience the Vanishing Texas River Cruise! Plan to come and join the fun Thursday, October 5. Hope to see you there.

For more information call Sondra Meil 563-2024 (after 1:00 p.m.) or sign up at the Adult Center.

## Tiger Tank Refurbished

by J.J. Guidry

Brackett Band students, along with Mr. Danny Potter, spent last Friday afternoon sanding the Tiger Tank.

The Tiger Tank is used to carry all of the band's instruments to the away varsity football games. Last year the Tank was driven by Mr. Sterling "Smiley" Goodloe.

Mr. John Coronado, owner of J.C. Paint and Body, painted the Tiger

Tank Saturday morning. It is the same color of the school districts suburbs. It was described as a "cream color".

Students helping out last Friday were: Seniors - Gus Garcia and Marcus Saenz; Juniors - J.J. Guidry and Rose Mary Rubino; Sophomores Emily Potter; and Freshmen Albert Coronado and Myrna Gonzales.

## "The Ransom of Red Chief": A Community Success

by J.J. Guidry

Last Friday and Saturday evening, the "Terrific Teens Theatre Group" treated the community to their presentation of "The Ransom of Red Chief". The action began at 8:30 p.m. both nights at the Fort Clark Amphitheatre. The producer and director, Ms. Marjorie Love, stated that this was a good way to "get young people excited about the theatre."

Ms. Love began the performance by introducing the setting and some of the plot, including the very mischievous Johnny Dorset, a twelve year old boy who was always creating chaos. This part was played by Matthew and Michael Benacci on alternating days.

The first scene took place at the entrance to a mountain cave in the late afternoon with Ma Griggs, played by Sandi Green, and Bill Griggs, her son, played by Lynn Floyd, entering with the kidnapped Johnny Dorset. Bill has trouble with little Johnny throughout the entire play. He gets scalped while playing "Indian" and is later Johnny's horse, Old Paint.

In the second scene, we found Mrs. Pryor, played by Cecelia Foster, Mrs. Chatterly, played by Jennifer Montgomery, Mrs. Tattler, played by Valerie Runyan, and the village children, played by Leilani Williams, Beth Kelley, Jo Lee and Sunnie Jones, Edwina Banta, Heather Corey, Michael and Matthew Benacci, on the corner of Main Street in the small town of Summit, Alabama, gossiping of little Johnny missing, but mostly of youngans courtin. Ma Griggs, who was eavesdropping, was shocked that there was no real concern that Johnny was missing.

In scene three, Ma returns to the cave to find her son tied up, while playing with little Johnny. A little later, Miss Pruitt, Johnny's governess, played by Amy Montgomery, wanders near the cave looking for Johnny. To her surprise, she finds herself also being kidnapped.

Mrs. Dorset, Johnny's mother, played by Stacey Runyan, makes her first appearance in the fourth scene. After receiving a ransom note, she plans to be sly and plans to do some "financial maneuvering" to get back her son.

The final scene begins when Mrs. Dorset meets her sons kidnappers, the desperados. Mrs. Dorset complained that the ransom note was too high, but offered to take little Johnny off their hands for \$250, providing they agree to never show

their faces near the Dorset home again. They accepted and while they were leaving, Miss Pruitt leaves little Johnny to go with newest love, her kidnapper, Bill Griggs.

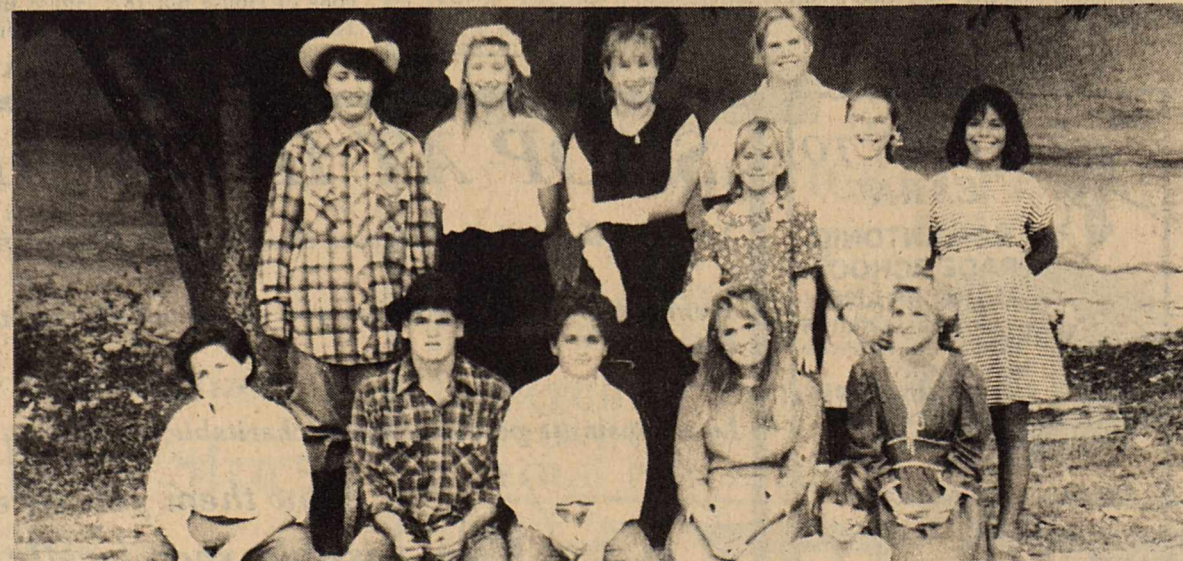
Congratulations to all these wonderful people for providing the community with such great entertainment.

Ms. Love would like to thank all the local merchants: Kinney County Land Co., Davis Hardware, Stop 'N Shop, Ft. Clark Springs Country Club, Rob's Grocery, Conoco, City Grocery & Market, McDaniel Farms, Brackett Service Center, Sagebrush Shoppe II, Ruben Fuentes (General Contractor), First State Bank, Breen Gallery, Frontier Guns, Larry's Barber Shop, *The Brackett News*, Kinney Cavalryman, Del Rio News-Herald and San Antonio Express News.

She would also like to thank the following: Harrell Floyd and Rozetta Pingent - advertising, Dot Burrows - costuming, Jewel Robinson - programs (Rosa Pena - layout), Peter Pohl - stage manager and props, John Ward - sound and lighting, Lesley Floyd and Brian Gonzales - sound, Victor Sanchez and David Green - lighting and Lisa Thompson - concession.

Sandi Green stated, "I'm real pleased to work with a nice cast. This was my third year and I've enjoyed it each time. I'd also like to thank Lynn Floyd for being such a wonderful co-star."

Jennifer Montgomery of Del Rio said, "I enjoyed traveling 30 miles each day (of rehearsals) and working with such a wonderful cast."



The cast of "Ransom of Red Chief": (Bottom Row, L to R) Mike Benacci, Lynn Floyd, Matthew Benacci, Cecelia Foster, Beth Kelley and Jennifer Montgomery. (Middle Row, L to R) Leilani Williams, Heather Corey and Edwina Banta. (Top Row, L to R) Sandi Green, Amy Montgomery, Stacey Runyan and Valerie Runyan.

## Purchase Reserve Seats Now for Football Season

Fans may purchase reserve seat tickets for the 1989-90 home Tiger football games at the Central Office beginning August 7, 1989. Deadline for season ticket sales will be Friday, August 25, 1989. Ticket prices will be \$12.00 for each seat, plus \$1.50 to

cover printing costs and seat labeling.

The tickets entitle the holder to the same seat for each of four varsity home games. Season ticket holders who wish to change or retain their current seats should contact the Central Office as soon as possible.

## Heat Stress Relief Program for Qualified Applicant

Low-income households with a medical need for cooling, may be eligible for a one-time cash benefit under the federal Heat Stress Relief Program according to Kinney County Contractors.

The program runs through September 30, 1989, on a first-come, first-served basis. The one time benefit may range from \$48.00 to \$138.00.

Applications, including a form to

verify medical need, may be obtained at the Kinney County Courthouse. The funds for the Heat Stress Relief Program are being provided under the low-income home energy assistance block grant and are being allocated on the basis of the poverty rate with each county.

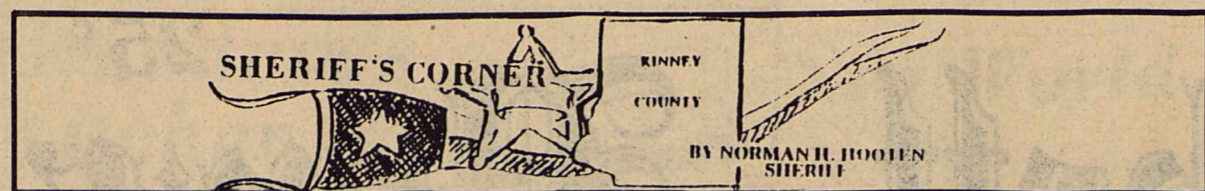
Contact County Judge Tommy Seargeant and secretaries: Esther Montoya and Elva Perez at 563-2401 at the Kinney County Courthouse.

## "Our Town" Runs in the Family

Frances Outlaw has turned over her ink pen for oil paints and brushes. She will no longer be writing the popular column *Our Town*. Frances has, however, turned the column over to very capable hands. Her husband, Warren Outlaw, has resumed the writing of *Our Town*.

Warren has been writing the column for the past several weeks. Frances got the artist bug and spends much of her time painting and maintaining

her business Frontier Gallery. Warren stays busy operating his business Frontier Guns. He is also *The Brackett News* darkroom technician. Among other interests, he makes rustic wooden picture frames. Warren also has one of the largest, if not the largest, collections of Pancho Villa portraits in the area. So if you have some news, drop by Frontier Guns, enjoy the Pancho Villa display or phone Warren at 563-9222.



The following article was given to me recently by a friend who is a strong supporter of law enforcement and one who is aware of the tough job faced by peace officers in every field of law enforcement. Kinda makes us feel good to know that somebody out there cares. Anyway, the only change I made in the article was substituting "peace officer" for "policeman" and the article is very close to the truth.

**What Are Peace Officers Made Of?**  
A peace officer is a composition of what all men are, a mingling of saint and sinner, dust and deity...Less

than one-half of 1 percent of peace officers misfit the uniform. He, of all men, is at once the most wanted and the most unwanted...He must be such a diplomat that he can settle differences between individuals so that each will think he won.

But, if a peace officer is pleasant, he's a flirt; if he's not, he's a grouch. He must be able to start breathing, stop bleeding, tie splints, and above all, be sure the victim goes home without a limp - or expect to be sued...He must know every gun, draw on the run, and hit where it doesn't hurt. He must be able to whip two men

twice his size and half his age without damaging his uniform and without being "brutal"...If you hit him, he's a coward; if he hits you, he's a bully...He must know where all the sin is and not partake...The peace officer must chase bum leads to a dead end, stake out 10 nights to tag one witness who saw it happen - but refused to remember.

A peace officer must be a minister, a social worker, a diplomat, a tough guy and a gentleman...And of course, he'll have to be a genius - for he'll have to feed and clothe a family on a peace officer's salary.



I'm glad I write for a newspaper that I do not have to agree with. I hesitate to challenge Jennifer. She is truly a very fine person, sweet, personable and capable.

However, I cannot be comfortable with myself and not challenge last week's editorial. The tired unthinking rhetoric of the pro-abortionist not only is boring, but devastatingly salacious.

The assumption that if the 1.58 million aborted fetuses had been carried to term and had been born rather than brutally destroyed, they would all have been "unwanted" children and would become "poor, hungry, abused, neglected and unloved" is a harsh statement appealing to the unthinking. In this number, there could well have another "Einstein" or a "Thomas Jefferson" or a "Lee Iacoco" a number of brilliant scientists, some great preachers, some great school teachers.

Alas, they were never given a chance because self-serving females didn't want to be "bothered" with raising a child.

The statement that, "If all anti-

abortionists would take the time and money they put into protesting abortions and use these energies for caring, nurturing, loving and financially providing for the unwanted children we already have, our country would be a much better place to live!" is inane almost to the point of being asinine.

Let's turn the coin, "If all the pro-abortionists, who professed to be concerned so deeply about these unloved, unwanted, mistreated children, would spend their time, efforts, energy and money to help these problem children, they would have less time, energy and money to promote the destruction of human life."

If "all you see is anti-abortionists wanting to be righteous rather than responsible" it goes without saying, you can see neither clearly nor deeply.

The statements about God show a marked lack of understanding of God and his way. God does judge each person but you can know that He will judge on the basis of His teaching in the Bible. A woman's rationalizing will never cause God to

vary from his word. Do you really think there is anything, anywhere in the Bible that supports abortion? Do you honestly think God, in any way, allows, condones or approves abortion? Every abortionist I know just sidesteps God and argues.

If abortionists truly want to help the world, rather than feed the fat bank accounts of the abortion mills, I have some suggestions.

Since an overabundant percent of the abortions are on unwed teenagers, why not practically approach the problem? Instead of teaching "safe sex" and teaching "sex education" from small children up, why not lay it on the line and teach "no sex before marriage". After all, with no sex, there can be no need for abortion. Don't say this concept won't work because these "kids" are going to have sex anyway.

Strangely, this concept worked wonderfully well for 200 years in this country and works splendidly in many countries of the world. Instead of approving sex outside of marriage and teaching "safe sex", why not accept the teachings of God's word and disavow sex outside of marriage.

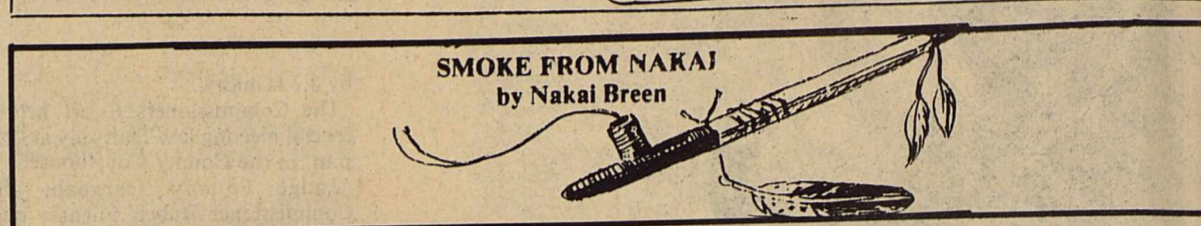
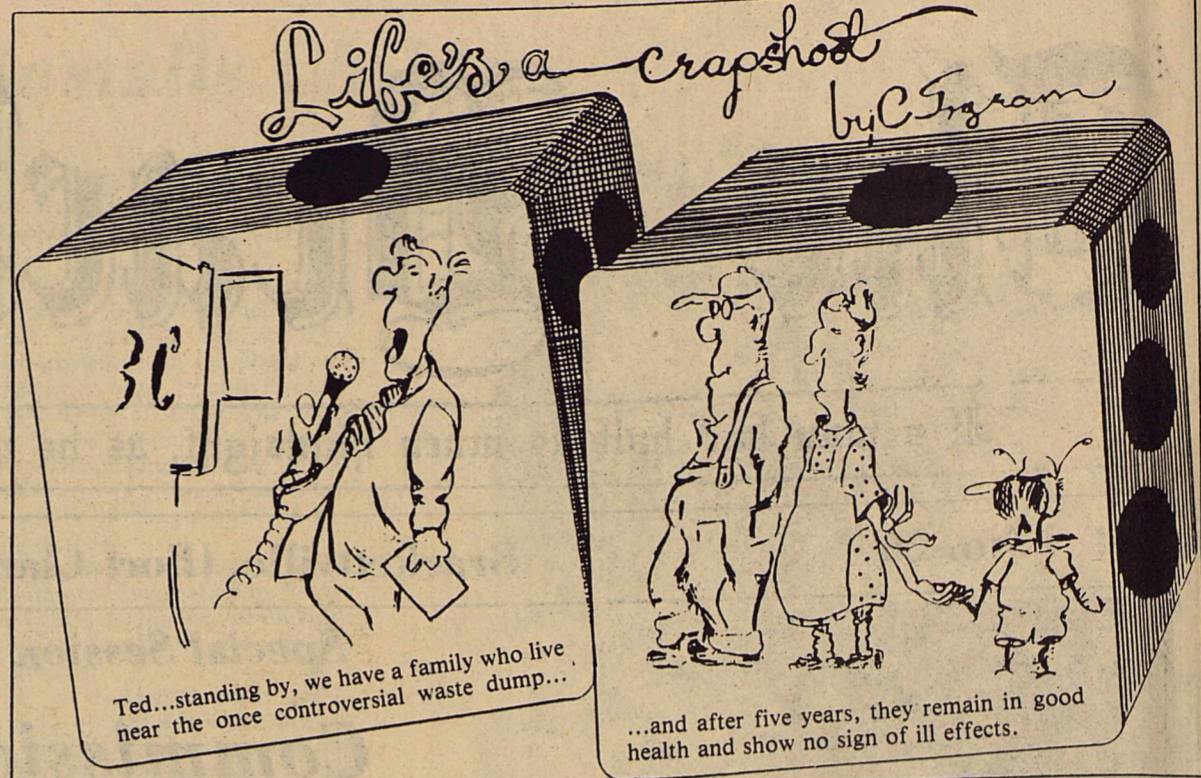
The real problem is America has come to look upon sex as a game, a play thing. We've forgotten that the purpose of sex is reproduction. The human species is the only one to look upon sex as a pleasurable game and incidentally a vehicle of reproduction and no place has this come to be more a reality than the United States. Being concerned about the 1.58 million unwanted may have some merit. I'm not sure, a better placed concern would be the present and future results of the very thing the abortionists promote.

I agree to the principle of each person making her own choices, but let me remind you, when we make choices we pay the price of the decision. When a woman engages in sex she has already made the choice. If she becomes pregnant and aborts, she has made a choice for a baby whose life has already begun. Say what you will, an abortion is the killing of a potential human being who might have been a great person and a blessing to the world.

I daresay, any person born in this world would be happy to be raised by his mother, regardless how "unwanted". You know and I know that when a woman has an abortion, she does not risk her life. You are right, whether an abortion is because of a teenage pregnancy, an out of wedlock pregnancy, a pregnancy where a baby would interfere with the "good life" of the mother or just because the woman doesn't want to be bothered.

God will and does judge. All the problem is not solved when the door of the abortion mill closes behind the patient, the "hangover" lasts a lifetime.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Townsend, I respect your right to your opinion. It is fine that you do not agree with me. There are many things you write that I don't agree with either. There is one thing in particular I would like to address. I never said that God or the Bible endorsed abortion. I said that only God could judge others fairly.)



**Se Oh**  
The ancient ones were good storytellers.

I used to love hearing my grandmother tell us stories about the blessing of the wild brothers. The Creator called all the animals to come to the edge of the river so they could be blessed. So he asked the four legged ones, "What sign can you show me so I will be able to know that you have received my blessings?"

So the four legged ones, the ones with horns and the bears and wolves were the first ones to be there. The four legged ones kneel to go to sleep

as well as when they wake up in the morning. The bears shake their heads up and down, the wolves howl. The ones with wings tilt their heads up when singing and build their nest round as a symbol that represents the roundness of the Creator.

The ones with fins come out of the water ever so often to greet the Creator. The two legged ones, we pray with our hands up to him.

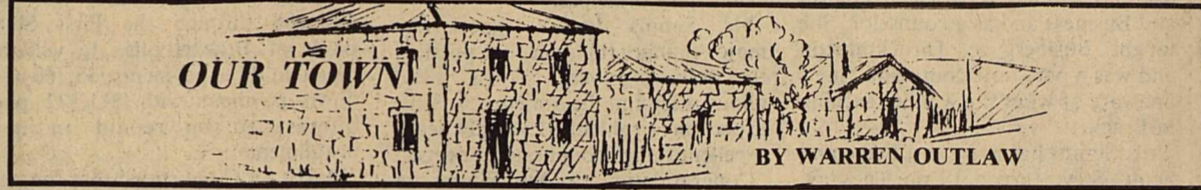
The Creator told the wild brothers to live in harmony and enjoy life to always be clean. It was said that the mourning dove went to the edge of the river and washed her little feet and rubbed and rubbed with sand

until her little feet were bleeding and they were in so much pain that that is the reason their feet are red and they coo so sad.

The swallows presented the Creator a beautiful gem so that is why they migrate to distant lands to bring back a gem, so they build their nest out of mud in the belief that a gem is hidden in the mud.

The red bird is said to have been white but he loved the Creator so much that he flew so high in search of the Creator that the sun burnt him, so that is why he is red.

Ahoce Nakai



Mr. and Mrs. Raul Luna and son Steven Ray from Dallas, Texas had a one week visit with Raul's mom Marita Reschman, sister Ernestine Talamantez, brother Hector Luna and relatives.

Lucille Minnitti will be leaving Fort Clark Saturday for a one month visit to Iowa. Lucille has been visiting with daughter Charlotte and Bee Sweet.

Daughters of Gerald and Catherine Gallion are enjoying a vacation with their parents. Pat Gallion who teaches school in Cincinnati, Ohio and Ava Schmeck, granddaughter Kristina age 5 and grandson Jason age 7 from Scott Air Force Base. During their stay they have visited Ciudad Acuna and spent a lot of time in the pool at Fort Clark.

Jon Banta from Cannon Air Force Base Clovis, New Mexico, came in to pick up son Jon Jr. and daughter Edwina and take them back to Clovis for a month's vacation.

James and Barbara Sargent from San Antonio paid a two day visit to Roland and Rosalie Boysen.

Some days you just can't do anything right. Last week we gave Bernie Sweet a wrong last name and misspelled wife Rickie's name. Our apologies.

Congratulations to the cast, crew and Director Marge Love for an outstanding performance of "The Ransom of Red Chief" at the Fort Clark Amphitheatre last Friday and

**Correction**

In last week's Community View, Valerie Montoya was stated as saying "I'm all for it" to the question: "How do you feel about the recent amendment legalizing the burning of the American flag?"

Obviously there was a misunderstanding and Valerie wishes to retract that statement. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Saturday night. We would also like to thank all the folks who attended making the play so successful. It's good to see a community supporting their young folks.

Whitney Ward of San Antonio had a three day visit with his Dad John Ward. Whitney assisted his Dad Friday and Saturday night at the play.

Bob and Cathy Conrey are enjoying an extended vacation in Yuma, Colo. They are planning on returning to Fort Clark around the middle of September.

Been Somewhere-Going Somewhere Having Visitors  
Call Warren 563-9222 or 563-9350



The legality of the Tax/Collector's donation of salary back to the county has been under investigation for the past several months by *The Brackett News*. Several concerned citizens approached *The Brackett News* expressing concern that it was illegal and discriminatory in the avenue that a person unable to donate their salary may not have as much advantage in obtaining the position as someone that was financially able.

After writing the Attorney General Jim Mattox about this issue, our reply showed clear evidence that it was in fact unauthorized.

We then contacted County Attorney Tully Shahan by phone and asked that he bring this matter up at Commissioner's Court.

The agenda posted that week included this item in the executive session. Since executive session is not public information, we had no way of knowing the outcome.

After court, we were informed that it was in fact authorized (this information was provided by Shahan). We then sent a letter to him, as required by the Freedom of Information Act, asking for all information he may have on the issue of salary donation by county officials.

We promptly received a reply and a copy of House Bill 187. House Bill 187 passed during the recent

legislative session, did in fact authorize salary donation.

We then contacted Robert Lemon of the Texas Department of Counties and asked how this House Bill might affect the Attorney General's opinion.

We were then informed that anything proceeding this Bill was not authorized and no provision for such a decision was made previous to the Bill.

Wednesday afternoon, County Attorney Tully Shahan clarified the actions taken by the court.

He explained that upon appointment to the position of County Tax Assessor/Collector Tim Ward offered to do the job at no cost to the taxpayer. It was later realized that the salary of a County Auditor may not exceed the amount allowed or paid by the County Tax Assessor/Collector.

County Auditor Betty Deason had not agreed to donate her salary, therefore, the court was positioned to set a salary for Tax Assessor/Collector to be donated back to the county.

County officials realized that the opinion of the Attorney General did bear weight. They were also aware of the pending House Bill 187.

With these facts in mind and with a savings to the taxpayers, Commissioners motioned in favor of accepting the salary donation of Tax Assessor/Collector.

**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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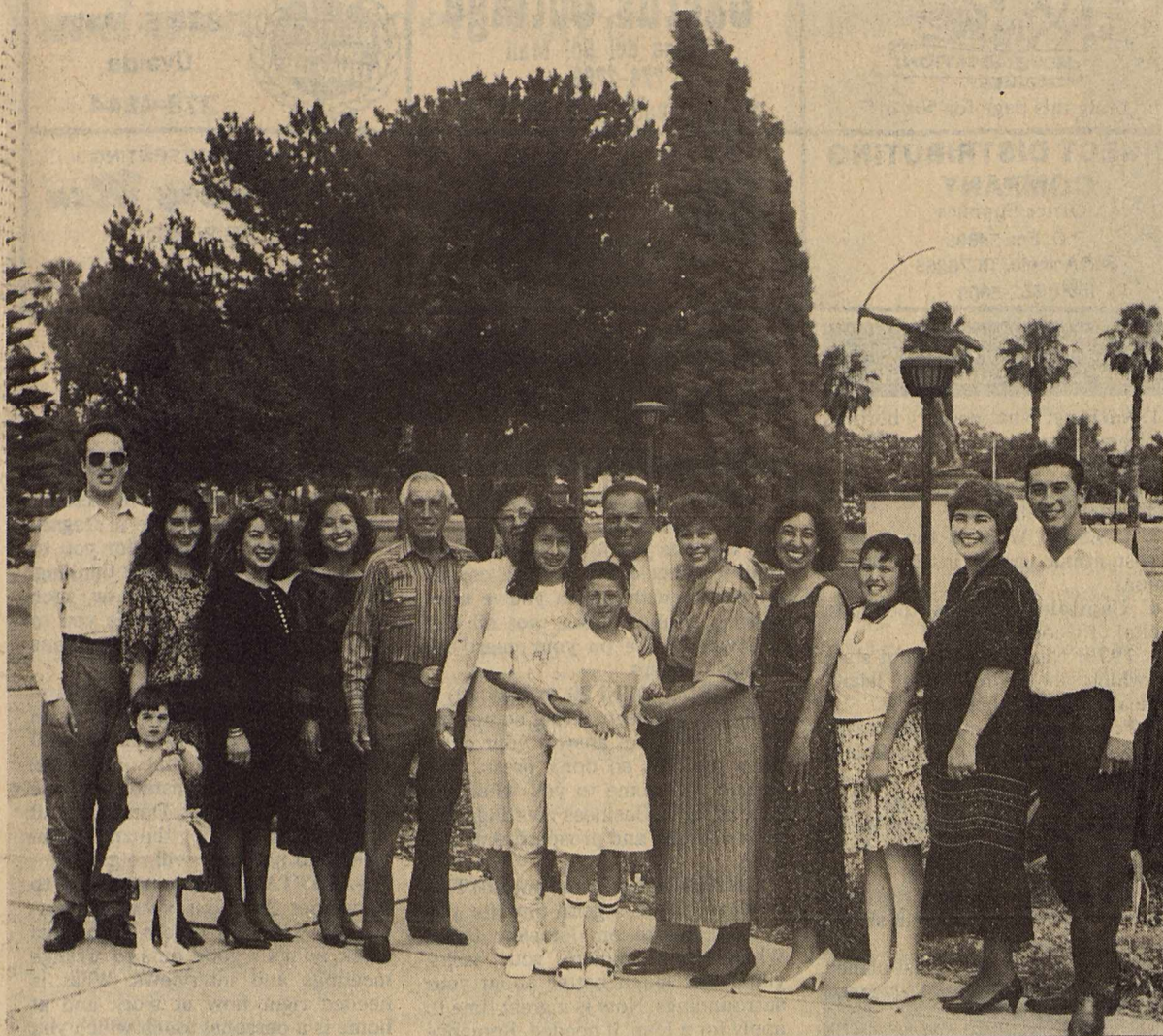
Your Brackettville businesses work hard to provide products and services for you.

Remember that every dollar you spend out of town takes \$7.00 out of Kinney County.

Local business people support charitable activities in the community.

Show them you care!  
When possible, shop locally -- and feel good about helping your neighbor!!

# Eleanor Martinez Graduates With Honors



The Martinez family salute their mother Eleanor upon graduation from college. (Left to right) David Markman, his wife, Alice Martinez-Markman and daughter Roslyn, Olivia Martinez-Herrera, Mary Ann Martinez, Juan C. Martinez, Eleanor Martinez, Jose Naimo, his daughter Angelica and son Phil Naimo and his wife Juanita Martinez-Naimo, Sylvia Martinez, Monica Aroya, Paulita Martinez-Aroya and Hector Martinez.

The children of Eleanor Martinez are very proud to announce her recent graduation from Compton Community College in California with an Associate of Arts Degree in Education. She is a native of Brackettville, daughter of Julio and Paula Martinez and wife of Juan Martinez, who is also a native of Brackettville.

Eleanor relocated to California and raised a family of seven children. Five of her daughters are school teachers, one of her daughters is a nurse and her youngest son is a pre-law major in college.

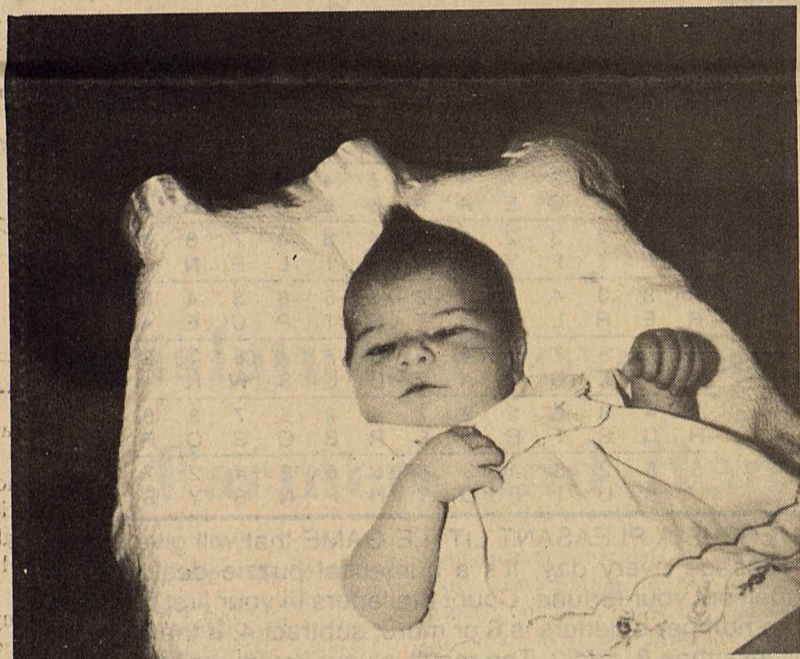
After forty years, Eleanor decided to return to school and accomplish her longtime dream of becoming a school teacher.

Eleanor graduated in June 1989 with highest honors in a class of two

hundred and five and is currently a pre-school teacher for Compton Community College.

WAY TO GO ELEANOR! It is never too late to fulfill your dreams.

## Finally, It's a Girl!



Kelli Christine Montgomery

The stork finally arrived at the home of Larry and Susie Montgomery on July 26.

Kelli Christine Montgomery arrived at 12:36 p.m. weighing in at 8 lbs. 2 oz. and 21 inches long.

The stork must have taken its time with Susie's mother in mind, as the baby was delivered on Nickie's birthday.

Kelli is welcomed by her brother Tyler and maternal grandparents Curt and Nicki Shattuck.

Paternal grandparents are Kermie and Maria Hessig of Minnesota.

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## THE GRAPEVINE



BY GUS GARCIA

Well, band practice started on the first of this month, and it seems that a good band will perform for the mighty Tigers of BHS.

Pvt. Jose G. Herrera will visit our fair town for two weeks. While here, he'll catch up on old times and visit old friends, as well as family and his sister who works at *The Brackett News*. Then he's off to Germany, where he will be stationed with the Army.

Speaking of the Army, for all those who want to know how Sonny (my brother) is doing, I haven't got a single clue, but from what I hear, he's doing okay.

Have you guessed who "GRANDMA" is yet?? NO!?!?!? Well, get on the ball! She hasn't revealed her true identity. She will when her husband finds out who she is first, but before that you'll just have to keep on guessing! Here's a hint: When You wish upon a star.

Welcome...to Lashawn Wardlaw from the staff of *The Brackett News*. Best wishes and good luck.

Birthdays! Birthdays! Birthdays! Seems as if someone is having one. A very Happy Belated Birthday to Kristen Johnston on the 2nd.

Happy Birthday to Evan Kalka on the 6th.

Clinton Brown will celebrate his 6th birthday on the 8th.

Happy Birthday to Sylvia Meyer on the 6th of August from Melinda, Melissa and me.

Happy Anniversary to Dottie and Melvin Crownover on the 4th.

Dixie's daughter, Terri, will soon be off to the land of bliss and happiness. You see, Terri will marry James Day of Midland, Texas. The marriage will take place at St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton Catholic Church in Odessa.

After a nice honeymoon in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, they plan to make Brackettville their home.

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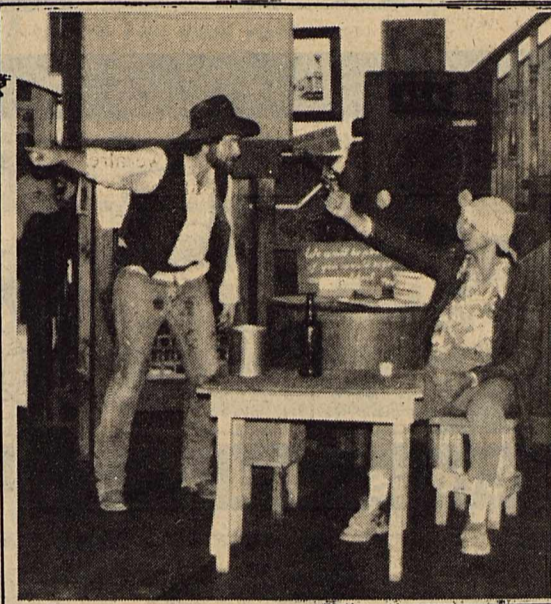
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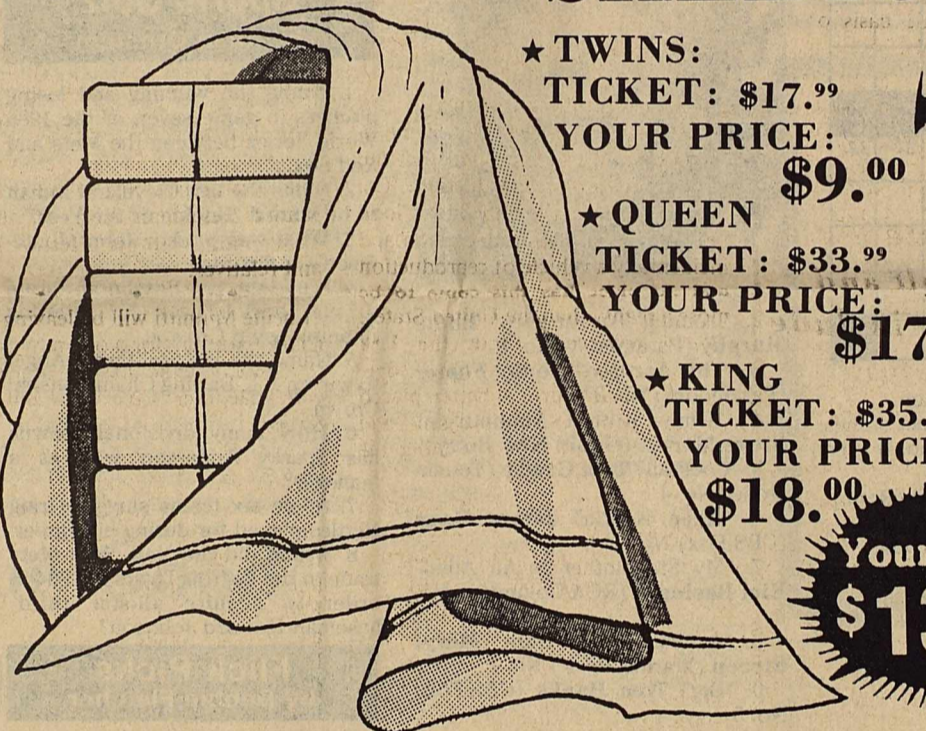


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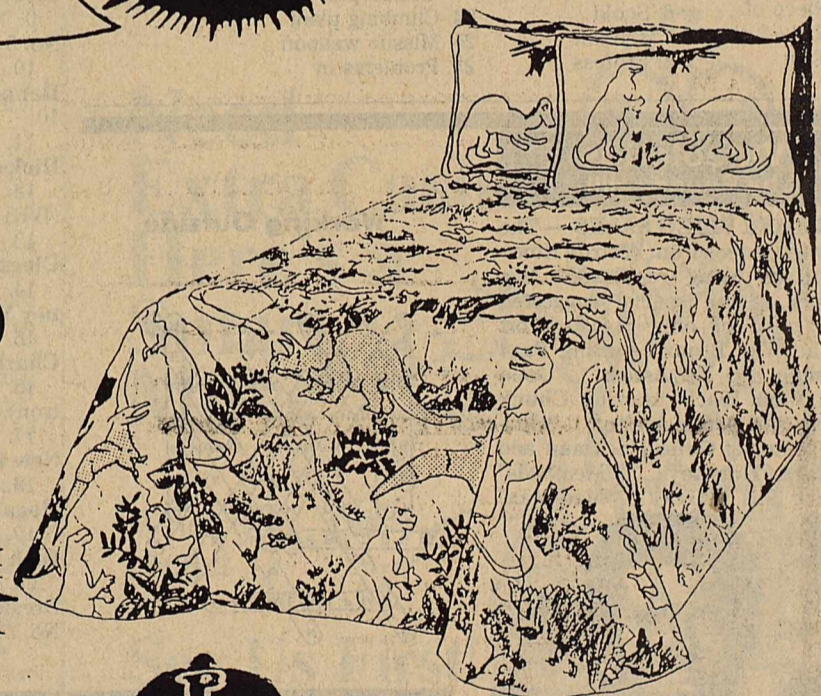
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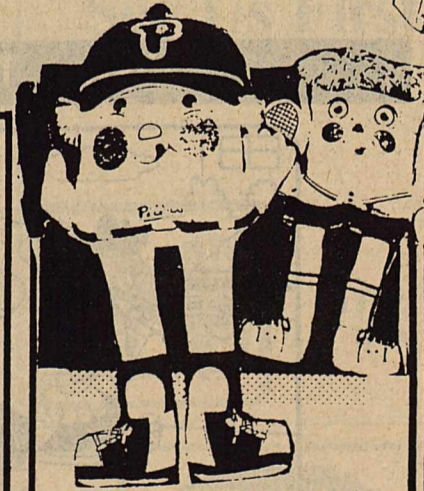
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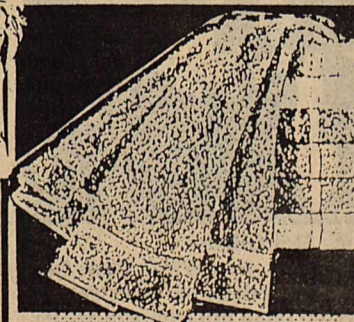
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## Yard and Garden Care

by Alan McWilliams

Summer always brings lots of problems around the home. Problems with insects, turf grass and ornamental or fruit trees are especially prevalent this time of year. We are still receiving quite a few calls about yellowing in grass and trees.

Symptoms of the iron chlorosis are generally a yellowing of the green foliage due to failure of chlorophyll to develop normally. The chlorosis occurs in plants where and when iron is not available to them. This lack of iron may be due to a deficiency or to the iron being unavailable because of alkaline soils. In either of these cases, iron supplied by ferrous sulfate or iron chelates will be beneficial.

Ferrous sulfate can be applied as a foliar spray at the rate of two teaspoons per gallon of water plus a spreader sticker. The spray should be applied in the late afternoon to avoid leaf burn and should be repeated in about 10 days if the yellowing does not subside. The iron sulfate can be used as a soil fertilizer. Apply to trees and shrubs in a circle just inside the furthest spread of the branches. A five foot shrub requires about a fourth of a pound, and trees should have a three-fourths of a pound for each inch trunk diameter. In highly alkaline soils, such as ours, the foliar spray may be a little more effective.

**ROSES**

Changing the subject a little, the care you give your roses in August will go a long way in producing flowers in October. Most importantly, be sure your roses are

getting plenty of water. A good thorough soaking at least twice a week, if there is no rain, should provide moisture they need. Try to water in the morning and keep the water off the leaves.

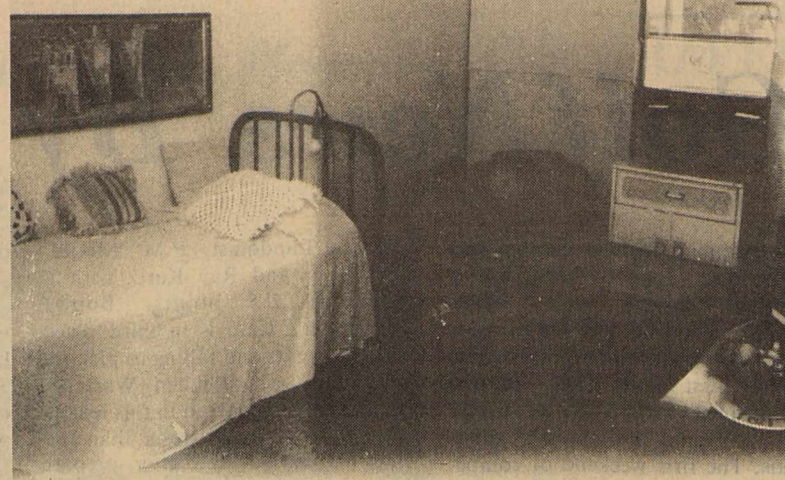
Next, give the roses a feeding of a 10-15-5 fertilizer. Spread around the bases of the plants and work lightly into the soil. In order to produce more blooming wood, cut the plants back about one-third. Prune as you would in the spring but just not as severely. This will leave you without any bloom during September but October blooms should more than make up for it.

**TOMATOES**

Have you got tomato problems? Few or no fruit development with healthy plants can occur for a number of reasons.

1. Extreme temperatures - the blossoms drop off without setting fruit when night temperatures fall below 55 F or day temperatures rise much above 90 F.
2. Dry soil - blossoms are produced when the plants do not receive enough water.
3. Shading - few blossoms are produced when tomato plants receive less than 6 hours of sunlight each day.
4. Excessive nitrogen - high levels of nitrogen in the soil promote leaf growth at the expense of blossom and fruit formation.

If you encounter any problems that you just can't figure out, bring a sample by the office and I will do my best to help solve the problem.



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## Mary's Outreach Manor

Mary's Outreach Manor is looking better than ever! All the rooms are filling fast with new and used items. The kitchen area has great appliances that possibly work better than when first bought, because Joe, Mary's husband, repairs a lot of the appliances.

furniture can all be found in the living room. In the clothing part of the store, there are many unused articles of clothing, even a local artists original designs on shirts.

Great items at great prices are the making of a great consignment store. There is also a terrific handyman who can fix almost anything.

### Spotlight Review

## Hold On! Read This!

**HOLD ON!** This is one column you won't want to miss because it is written just for you - A CONSUMER! Yes, you are that too, as we all are! In the language of economics, we all are consumers of what our world produces for our needs and pleasure. Have you ever thought of the time and expense you invest in spending your consumer dollar! Plenty, you can be sure. Seriously, is there anything you can do to reduce the cost? Most assuredly! Now that we have your attention, read on. You'll be glad you did!

historic establishment has been around since 1957, having been started by Vera Nash thirty-two years ago as a general store stocked with household items. Today, Vera's daughter, JEAN SEARGEANT owns and operates the store as a ladies fashion outlet, with an excellent variety of items to satisfy the tastes of her most particular customers.

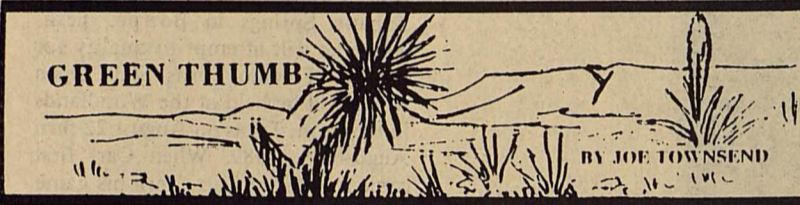
On entering the store, one is impressed with orderliness and the uncrowded arrangement. There is room to browse without getting lost or confused. Ladies attire is primarily for street wear but a generous assortment of scarves and accessories offer creative combinations distinctive from what one can find in discount stores. Semi-formal selections for special occasions adorned by eye-catching costume jewelry is another option. For the more casual moment, Wrangler jeans for children and women along with Keds tennis shoes and Charm Step footwear serve the purpose nicely.

Your Kinney County Chamber of Commerce has launched a new special consumer service called "SHOP BRACKETTVILLE" and this column is to tell you about all the many fine small businesses that are at your doorstep to serve you. In this column, we hope to acquaint you with them so you can be one smart consumer who really saves time, energy and cash. We will identify the business and the owner, tell where they are located, and what products or services they provide. Then it is up to you to investigate and discover to your satisfaction that you can be the winner by shopping locally for most of your wants and needs.

In addition, a large display of beautiful greeting cards, both humorous and sentimental, will meet every occasion. Boutique items, potpourri, and baby gift sets, some handcrafted, fill the need for recognition of someone on any special day, and these can be gift wrapped without charge or you can obtain your own wrapping supplies from Jean.

This week, we are featuring as our first business, a neat and delightful place to shop, JEAN'S NASH DRY GOODS store, located at 103 Spring Street near the First State Bank. This

There is more, such as lingerie, Hanes pantyhose, large brim hats, sweatsuits, t-shirts, belts, toiletries and surprisingly, Fieldcrest brand linens. Truly, a marvelous selection of quality merchandise. Ladies, make this store a must on your next shopping spree in town.



Generally, count about ninety days from planting date to production. This means you generally need ninety days before first frost. First killing frost usually comes around mid-December. I have seen one in mid-October and one in mid-January, but mid-December is usually a close call.

especially head lettuce, is an excellent fall crop and will grow into the winter. Collards, cabbage, brussel sprouts, cauliflowers, broccoli and carrots will grow on through winter.

You can grow squash, green beans, turnips, radishes, tomatoes and any of the cabbage family. Lettuce, So you're thinking about a fall garden. If not, why not? Many times, a fall garden does better than a spring garden in this area. Certainly it could hardly do worse than spring gardens this year. You can grow many vegetables in a fall and winter garden.

Mid-August or early September is a deadline on beans and tomatoes. Others that will stand frost and cold can be planted then or later. Remember, it takes lots of water in hot weather.

Prepare your soil well, fertilize your rows, plant and water. Leafy vegetables may be troubled by insects so you may need to dust with Seven dust or some light insecticide.

Growing vegetables is not only an interesting investment of time, but gives vegetables whose flavor and edibility far outweigh what you buy at the supermarket.

## Legislature Proved to be Good for Farmers and Ranchers

(AUSTIN) - "Despite all the ruckus over TDA's Sunset fight, this session of the Legislature proved to be a good one for the farmers, ranchers, entrepreneurs and others in rural Texas who are working to build a new, prosperous and sensible agricultural economy," Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower says.

"From expanding two innovative financing programs that help Texans diversify our agricultural production to approving a new research fund that will help Texas producers adapt dryland farming and conservation techniques pioneered in Israel, legislators provided new tools that will allow farm families to reap greater profits while also doing more to protect the soil and water of our state. In addition, the Legislature authorized two new programs that will allow the bounty of Texas agriculture to more easily reach the millions of low-income Texans in need of food assistance," Hightower said.

Department; the chief of groundwater conservation at the Texas Water Commission; the director of the Institute for International Agribusiness Studies at Prairie View A&M; one person appointed by the governor to represent consumers and an agricultural producer appointed by the governor.

economic growth are being stimulated through new food and fiber processing ventures, expanded direct marketing channels, and diversification into new consumer-oriented cash crops.

"While I disagree with Governor Clements that government-by board is either efficient or effective, I'm sure that the members of the pesticide board that he created will try to do their best under the very difficult circumstances established for them. It's now a public board, and the public itself will have to judge whether they are getting more protection as a result of the Governor's action - or less," Hightower said.

"Through TDA's implementation of the Linked Deposit and Diversification Grant programs, 54 projects - ranging from aloe vera and ostrich production to catfish processing and development of the cashmere wool industry - have been approved for funding. These 54 projects alone have the potential to pump an additional 12 billion into the Texas economy and create approximately 21,000 new jobs for our local communities," Hightower said.

Much of the attention during the legislative session that adjourned May 29 focused on TDA's Sunset bill (SB 489), legislation to continue the operations of the agency until 2001. On June 2, Governor Bill Clements announced he had signed SB 489, which retains an elected agriculture commissioner.

Hightower praised the leadership of State Representative Lena Guerrero of Austin, who sponsored TDA's Sunset bill in the House, and House Agriculture & Livestock Committee Chairman Dudley Harrison of Sanderson, who was instrumental in the Sunset issue and in passage of the other bills that were vital to the agency.

"As part of the emphasis on diversified, environmentally sound agriculture, TDA has co-sponsored the Texas-Israel Exchange Demonstration Farm on the campus of Laredo Junior College to show how this approach to profitable agricultural production is possible in semi-arid regions of Texas. Legislation passed this session will build upon the project's success by creating a special fund to help finance joint Texas-Israel research and training in innovative water conservation techniques, intensive crop production practices, and special environmental applications across the state.

The bill also creates the Agriculture Resources Protection Authority to hear appeals on pesticide cases. The Authority may also enact new pesticide rules, but it cannot amend an existing pesticide regulation "either directly or by implication, in a manner that would make the rule less protective of the public health and safety than the rules that were in effect on May 1, 1989."

Two of the bills will allow TDA to provide new financing and technical assistance to both producers and processors under legislation that was originally authorized by the Legislature in 1987: the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority and the Texas Agricultural Diversification Program.

"The Legislature has also allowed TDA to do more, through its successful Farmers Market program, to help the neediest in our society obtain fresh, nutritious food. Eligible senior citizens and low income women and children will be able to purchase some of their fresh produce at TDA-assisted farmers markets across the state. In addition, passage of an amendment to the Texas Good Faith Donor Act will make it easier to glean fields of produce that is destined for local food banks or church pantries," Hightower said.

The agriculture commissioner will chair the Authority, which has eight other members: the director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station; the dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences at Texas Tech; the dean of the University of Texas School of Public Health at Houston; the director of environmental epidemiology at the State Health

## Invasion of Sargassum

**PALACIOS** - An invasion of sargassum, popularly known as seaweed, may now be on the wane along Texas' coastal waters.

and other game fish. But the floating rafts offer opportunity to many anglers who catch dolphin (dorado), crevalle jacks, cobia (ling), tripletail and other game fish that are attracted to the floating structure.

Biologist Jim Dailey of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Palacios Field Station said the floating weed has been more prevalent in offshore waters this summer than anytime in the past 20 years.

"Sargassum supports a whole chain of organisms, many of which depend entirely on the weed for their existence," Dailey said. "A large array of fish, shrimp and other animals come to the mats to feed."

"This definitely has been an exceptional summer for sargassum, similar to an invasion in 1965," said Dailey. "However, it appears that much of it has washed ashore by now and less is being seen offshore."

Sargassum originates in the famous Sargasso Sea, an area in the Atlantic where solid mats of the weed can cover several square miles. Chunks of the mat can be broken off by storms, then carried into the Gulf of Mexico by wind and currents, Dailey explained.

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# Golf News By Les Roper

The lightning flashed, the thunders crashed and out of the west a "booger" dashed. It was Mrs. Young's bellowing, bowlegged, boy, Bob, roaring into the winner's circle of the first Fort Clark Putting Tournament with a putter hotter than Lorraine Lundquist's pinto beans. The first weekend of competition saw Bob turning back opponent after opponent and advancing to the finals with no defeats. Friday night, he continued his winning ways and conquered the entire field of putters claiming the distinction of being the first winner of the annual Putting Tournament. His name will be recorded in the record book as such. However, you can safely bet that Bob will be back next year to defend his title since Fort Clark is not only his favorite place but the site of his future retirement home.

Finishing second was your writer and believe me, folks, I putted way over my head to place as high as I did. Some of our very best putters fell by the wayside early in the contest but I can assure you it does not reflect on their putting ability. In third place was Herb Voracek and he too putted well the entire tournament.

In the ladies division of the putting tournament we had a major upset. All of our golfers will readily admit that Pat McKelvy is probably the most consistent putter on the Fort and this includes her male counterparts. She has proved this point on numerous occasions. However, Luella Johnson, the petite little lady golfer with the nerves of steel rose to the occasion and turned back the challenge of Pat with a little magic of her own. Luella's deadly putting sent Pat down in defeat but not without a struggle. After the contest was over, Pat had nothing but praise for her conqueror and exhibited the kind of sport she is with a big friendly smile and a very humble attitude. Luella accepted her new found fame as Queen of the Lady Putters like a real champion and she promised that she would be back next year to defend her title.

The men's PBGA kicked off their new 12 week summer league last Wednesday with four teams teeing off against one another. As in the early league, some of the players were a little bit hazy on the format but as play progressed it began to clear up. It appears the new format will prove to be every bit as popular as the earlier summer league.

Jumping out to an early lead the first week was the team of Ralph Viestenz, Jim Bussey, Jerry Adams and Dan Isenberg with 3 points won. In second place was the team of

Gordom Lundquist, P.M. Moore, Les Roper and Ray Kurtz with a score of 2.5 points. Bobby Derrickson's team is in third place with 0.5 points and failing to pick up any points was Reuben Warren's team. The point spread in this league is going to be much closer than the first league, so we better prepare

ourselves for a lot of changes in the standings from week to week. The weekly Couple's Tournament was held this past Friday and it was hosted by Charlie Smith and Luella Johnson. A very enthusiastic bunch turned out and enjoyed 18 holes of golf and fellowship. Crossing the finish line first with a low net score of

39.25 was the team of Bob and Jane Young, Alice Seargeant and H.C. Barker. There was a tie for second place with a low net score of 40.50 between the team of Sam and Jamie Heninger, Tom McNew and Betty Inman and Reuben Warren, Vickie Nichols, Jason Brumfield and Mary Britton. The host for next week's tournament will be Bob and Jane Young and they have already invited everyone to come and participate.

We have to apologize for not reporting the results of our monthly scramble due to the information and the results not being passed on to me. I tried to locate them but no one seems to know where they were. Sorry winners, for not being able to put your name in the paper this week.

Six of our most colorful golfers will be making the trip to Sonora, Texas this weekend to play in the Three Man Summer Scramble. This group will be headed by Roy Dyer, our most dominant player and his son, Walter, who is just a notch behind his Dad. The third player will be George Bumgarner, one of our tougher playing retirees. The second team will be headed by the one and only, Doc Cruise, the cuddly and ever popular Charlie Rose, and Jerry "Fat Boy" Adams, who proclaims himself to be the greatest fisherman in the west. We expect great things from these two teams and we give them our 100% support in this competitive venture.

This coming week our club pro, Karl Chism, will be traveling to Tapatio Springs in Boerne, Texas where he will attempt to qualify for the Lee Trevino Texas State Open which will be held at the Woodlands in Houston, Texas on August 22 thru August 25, 1989. When Karl first came to work at Fort Clark his game was one of the best in this area but his work schedule has prohibited him from keeping in shape and he has experienced a deterioration in many areas of golf. However, with a lot of help from Jan, his faithful wife, Karl is beginning to see light at the end of the tunnel once again. Everyone is pulling for Karl and we wish him the very best in his quest for a berth on the starting lineup.

The Ladies Golf Association met on Tuesday with 13 ladies in attendance. The game they played was low net and coming out on top was a pair of talented beauties with a low net score of 65 each. Luella Johnson and Avis Anderson both turned in equal performances but Luella proved to be luckier with the score card payoff. In third place with a net score of 66 was Lorraine Lundquist, our own little Pinto Bean Queen.

Words of Wisdom: Never pray for money. The Lord is our Shepard, not our banker.



Bob Young with his winning putter and plaque.

## Veteran's Post

by Freddy Groves

**VA MOVES ON POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER:** The Department of Veterans Affairs is setting up 23 specialized clinical teams to treat vets with post traumatic stress disorder at VA medical centers in Boston, Mass.; Canandaigua, N.Y.; San Juan, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mountain Home, Tenn.; Baltimore, Md.; Charleston, S.C.; Gainesville, Fla.; Jackson, Miss.; Hines, Ill.; Chicago (West Side), Ill.; San Antonio, Texas; Battle Creek, Mich.; Minneapolis, Minn.; Denver, Colo.; Kansas City, Mo.; Seattle, Wash.; Boise, Idaho; Los Angeles, San Francisco, Calif.; Dallas, Texas; Albuquerque, N.M.; and New Orleans, La. The teams will work

with other VA treatment programs. PTSD symptoms include recurrent thoughts of a traumatic event, reduced involvement in work or outside interest, hyperactiveness, anxiety, and irritability. Some 15-20 percent of male Vietnam theater veterans are affected by PTSD. (No study results yet on PTSD in nurses who served under similarly hazardous and stressful conditions.)

P.S. One military type said he opposes a memorial to Vietnam-era women vets because it would mean also having to erect one to the K-9 corps. When I was in service, we'd say someone expressing such logic was sitting on his brains! (Those weren't exactly the words we used, but this is a family publication.)

## Over 200 in Attendance at Local Play

by Marjorie Love

With over 200 people in attendance at the two performances of "Ransom of Red Chief", by O'Henry, the "Terrific Teens", of the Old Quarry Society, did an excellent job in their performance, last weekend. So many people helped to make it a success and I thank you all!

There was much charm, not witnessed by the audience that evening. "Opening night, music has begun, houselights are dimmed, the moment is now! My entrance. Will I remember my lines?" There are jitters for all actors and actresses when it comes time to perform. Their goal, and pleasure is the loud sound of laughter, and the applause. Oh! That wonderful applause.

It was many long hours, and weeks, of memorizing lines. The constant prodding, and cajoling, of the Director. "Emote." "Know your lines till you can say them in your sleep!" "Project your voice, don't depend on the mike, as it might fail you." "Watch for your cue." "Enunciate." All this and more.



Above is a picture of the cast of the play "Ransom of Red Chief". The cast did a wonderful job. They're pictured here after a curtain call by Director Marj Love. The cast includes (L to R) Sandi Green, Lynn Floyd, Matthew Benacci, Cecelia Foster, Jennifer Montgomery, Valerie Runyan, Amy Montgomery, Stacey Runyan, Mike Benacci, Heather Corey, Edwina Banta, Sunnie and Jo Lee Jones, Beth Kelley and Leilani Williams.

Always pretending a part, without the aid of props or costumes, usually not until the final rehearsal night. The time did at last arrive, and they were "Stars" for the two evenings, and they loved every minute of it. They will carry the memories all through their lives.

Theatre Workshop will continue each and every Thursday evening, 7 - 9 p.m., at F.C.S. Town Hall. All ages are welcome. We may change to Monday evenings during school, to accommodate the students if necessary. Any questions, please phone Marjorie Love, 3-9543.

## This Week in History

This week in 1815, the United States flotilla finally ended piracy by Algiers, Tunis, and Tripoli on Aug. 6 ... In 1916, the United States bought the Virgin Islands from Denmark on Aug. 4 ... In 1945, the U.S. dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, on Aug. 6 ... In 1951, tariff concessions by the U.S. to the U.S.S.R., China, and all Communist countries were suspended on Aug. 1 ... In 1965, a new Voting Rights act was signed on Aug. 6 ... In 1973, a Delta Airlines DC-9 crashed while landing in a fog at Logan Airport in Boston, Mass., killing 89 people on July 31 ... In 1977, President Jimmy Carter signed a new act to create a cabinet-level Energy Department on Aug. 4 ... In 1980, Hurricane Allen ripped the Caribbean and Texas killing 272 people (Aug. 4-11) ... In 1985, a Delta Airlines jumbo L-1011 crashed at Dallas-Ft. Worth, Texas airport, killing 133 in a severe thunderstorm on Aug. 2.

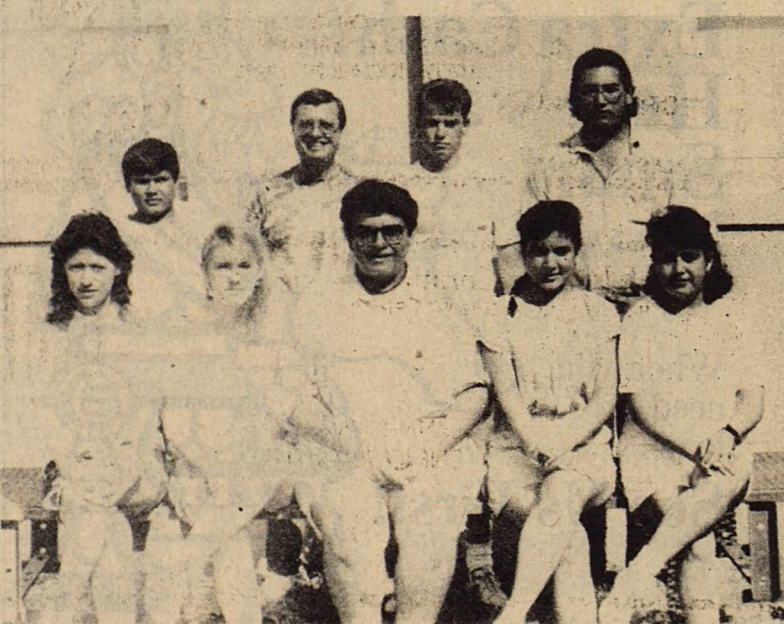
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**  
 Billy LaGioia  
 From J.J. & Rose

## Unsung Hero

by Joe Townsend  
 There is a man here who has been here many, many years. He has raised a fine family, losing one son in the service of our country.

He is a hard working, dependable man. He has fixed himself and family a nice home. He is a quiet man, always on the move. He has served Ft. Clark Springs well for many years.

He is liked by all who know him and respected as an honorable man of integrity. Surely, Juan Avila is an "Unsung Hero".



1989-90 Band Council Officers: (Top Row, L to R) Anthony Rubino (7th Grade Rep.), Danny Potter (Director), J.J. Guidry (Reporter), and Marcus Saenz (Sgt. of Arms). (Bottom Row) Myrna Gonzales (Freshman Rep.), Cecelia Foster (Sec./Treas.), Gus Garcia (President), Rose Mary Rubino (Vice President), and Mary Duran (Sophomore Rep.)

## Elected Band Officers

by Gus Garcia

A terrific band season is under way with the newly elected officers as their leaders and guides. New officials are: President - Gus Garcia; Vice-President - Rosemary Rubino; Sec./Treasurer - Cecelia Foster; Reporter - J.J. Guidry; Sergeant at Arms - Marcus Saenz; Sophomore Representative - Mary Duran; Freshman Representative - Myrna M. Gonzales; 8th Grade Representative - Hannah Reschman; and 7th Grade Representative - Anthony Rubino.

Big plans are in store for the "Fighting Tiger Band", parades, trips, as well as halftime

performances and contests. Tiger Band President, Gus Garcia stated, "The band is on its way to bigger and better things. From now on, we're (the band) putting on the full power and pulling out all stops!"

The band's daily practices are hard and tough on the members. Practices are from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m. If you have a chance, stop by and meet with the band members and director, Mr. Potter. The band also plans on making their own band shirts. They are going to tie-dye their own black and gold shirts at tie-dye parties. Good luck Tiger Band from The Brackett News!

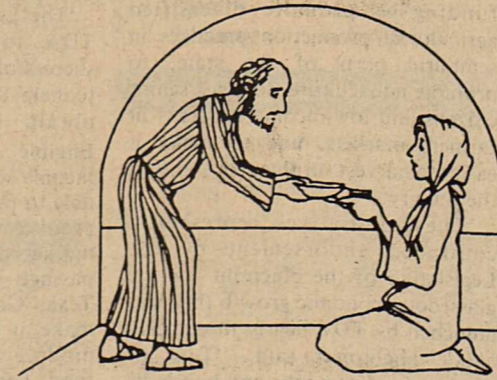
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 — Matthew 5:7

Christianity is based on two main qualities — faith and morality. In the Beatitudes that Christ taught His disciples, the stress was on the morality. God expected from those who believed in Him and the favor He would show to those who followed His guidance. The word Beatitudes derives from the Latin word "beatus" meaning "made happy." Jesus' contention was that those who practiced the virtues He set forth would achieve a sense of inner well-being. Certainly, no one could fault those who evidence mercy, righteousness, purity, meekness or peacefulness in their character. For such, God reserves a special blessedness.

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**Band Practice Begins**

by J.J. Guidry  
The Fightin' Tiger Band met for the first time last Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m.  
The Brackett Band Director Danny Potter began by explaining what he expected of all the members of the band. He is following disciplinary rules.  
The band then elected officers. They make up the Band Council and make many important decisions concerning the band. They are also a part of student council.  
The 1989-90 band officers are: Gus Garcia - President; Rose Mary Rubino - Vice President; Cecelia Foster - Sec/Treasurer; J.J. Guidry - Reporter; Mary Duran - Soph. Rep.; Myrna Gonzales - Fresh. Rep.; Hannah Reschman - 8th Grade Rep.; and Anthony Rubino - 7th Grade Rep.

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

- Thursday, August 3 - 6:30 p.m.**  
Lions Club - Las Moras Inn
- Thursday, August 3 - 7:00 p.m.**  
Kinney County Chamber of Commerce Meeting  
Ft. Clark Springs Assn. board room
- Thursday, August 3 - 7:00 p.m.**  
Theater Workshop - all ages  
Ft. Clark Town Hall
- Thursday, August 3 - 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, August 4 - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
Driver's license renewal  
Kinney County Courthouse - upstairs
- Sunday, August 6 - 11:00 a.m.**  
Children's Church  
First Baptist Church
- Sunday, August 6 - 1:30 p.m.**  
Duplicate Bridge  
Ft. Clark NCO Club
- Monday, August 7 - 8:00 p.m.**  
A-A  
Slaton Hall, James St.
- Monday, August 7 - 8:00 p.m.**  
Al-Anon  
St. Andrews Episcopal Parish Hall
- Tuesday, August 8 - 7:00 p.m.**  
Duplicate Bridge  
Ft. Clark NCO Club
- Tuesday, August 8 - 7:00 p.m.**  
Masonic Lodge - Lodge building
- Thursday, August 10 - 12:00 noon**  
Rotary Club - Las Moras Inn
- Thursday, August 10 - 7:00 p.m.**  
Theater Workshop - all ages  
Ft. Clark Town Hall
- Thursday, August 10 - 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
- Monday, August 14 - 9:00 a.m.**  
Commissioners Court  
Kinney County Courthouse
- Monday, August 14 - 4:30 p.m.**  
City Council Meeting  
City Hall
- Monday, August 14 - 7:00 p.m.**  
Civil Air Patrol  
Tower building  
East side of Uvalde airport  
Call Bob Price at 278-2014 for info
- Saturday, August 19 - 8:30 p.m.**  
Public Dance - live band  
Del Rio VFW Post 8552  
1307 E 1st St, Del Rio 775-2712
- Monday, August 21 - 7:00 p.m.**  
Beta Sigma Phi Meeting  
Ft. Clark pool  
Picnic to follow meeting
- Tuesday, August 22 - 6:30 p.m.**  
Shriners - social hour followed by meeting at 7:30 p.m. - Las Moras Inn
- Wednesday, August 23 - 7:00 p.m.**  
VFW & Ladies Auxiliary  
Post 8360, Fort Clark Springs  
NCO Club  
Covered dish supper at 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, August 24 - 7:30 p.m.**  
Kinney County Kickers  
Square dancing  
Ft. Clark NCO Club
- Thursday, August 31 - 7:30 p.m.**  
Bass Club Meeting - contact Pete Bland 563-2335 for information  
VFW building, Del Rio

**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.

**Bridge, Anyone?**



by Dot Burrow

Three and one-half tables played a Howell movement at a Duplicate on Sunday afternoon. Joyce Bell of Del Rio and Martin Sheets took first place. In second place Trudy Harber and Norma Gould tied with Gene and Mary Britton.

Six tables were in play Tuesday evening. In the North-South position Flo Stafford and Helen Lynch were winners, with Trudy Harber and Norma Gould placing second. East-West was won by Anita Korbel of Del Rio playing with Tina Bauguess. In second place were Herb Voracek and Walt Bauguess.

**Mini Concert by Templeton Sisters**

All this summer the three Templeton sisters have been performing at Alamo Village. Mary, Carol and June will do a medley of gospel songs at 7:00 o'clock on this Sunday evening at the local First Baptist Church. The public is encouraged to hear and meet this gifted trio Sunday night at the local First Baptist Church.

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# Grandma's Kitchen

Now I know my column is being read. I'm going to get serious and start right out with a delicious fig loaf, which will lead me into (I feel) the greatest food of all.

**Whole Wheat Fig Loaf**  
 1 egg  
 1 tsp salt  
 1/4 cup honey  
 1/2 tsp ginger  
 3 tsp baking powder  
 1 1/2 cups milk  
 2 TBS softened margarine  
 1/2 cup granulated sugar  
 1 cup all-purpose flour  
 2 cups whole wheat flour  
 1 cup black dried figs, finely chopped  
 Cream together margarine, sugar and honey, beat in egg, stir in milk and whole wheat flour. Sift together remaining dry ingredients, add to milk mixture and combine well. Fold in figs, pour into a greased 9 x 5" loaf pan. Bake below oven center at 350° for 60 to 70 minutes or until loaf tests done. Let stand in pan 10 minutes, turn out onto wire rack, cool.

Every single person I've talked to around here about the black fig, was just like me several years ago, they'd never heard of them. So strap on your seatbelts and I'll fill you in on my research and give you some valuable information that may change your habits. In Genesis 3:7, Adam and Eve used the fig leaf for aprons. In 1 Samuel 25:18, it's mentioned as one of the favorite articles of food.

It was also an important part of commerce. If the trees did not produce, it was a sign of divine favor. I only know of two varieties of figs, but there are many varieties in Palestine. The young fruit appears in spring before the leaf buds appear. In Song of Solomon 2:13, it says if the fruit is not on the tree when the leaves appear, no fruit will be borne.

In Matthew 21:18, 21 and Mark 11:13, 14 it tells about drying and pressing the figs into cakes and was a very popular food. Mention is made of the medicinal use of figs made into poultices. In II Kings 20:7 and Isaiah 38:21, Isaiah told them to "take a lump of figs - and they laid it on the boil, and he shall recover."

Now you know, every time you eat a fig, you're enjoying a fruit with a long, rich heritage. I found, throughout the Bible, there's plenty of information on the fig. The Egyptians praised them in art, the Romans held them sacred, and the Spaniards brought them to California in 1769, where it found a home as sunny as the one it left. The fig is rich in nutrition and in dietary fiber, also an excellent source of important minerals such as calcium, potassium, phosphorus and iron.

You can get the black fig at GNC in the mall, and if they're out, which they usually are, then demand they order a larger supply next time. If you keep a full jar of them handy to snack on, they're not very pretty, but they are delicious and you'll be doing your body the best favor it's ever had.

Now I want to give you a recipe I tried when I first discovered the black fig. It's so good you'll want to keep them on hand for a breakfast, or in-between snack.

**Fig Muffins**  
 1/2 cup whole germ  
 1/2 cup all-purpose flour  
 1 tsp baking powder  
 1/2 cup honey  
 1 cup chopped figs  
 1 tsp salt  
 1 cup whole wheat flour  
 1 TBS grated lemon peel  
 1/4 cup soft margarine

Stir together flours, wheat germ, baking powder and salt. Set aside. Cream together margarine and honey, beat in egg, stir in milk, lemon peel and figs. Add to ingredients and mix just enough to blend. Evenly distribute batter among 12 (2 1/2 inch) greased muffin cups. Bake at 375° about 20 minutes or until muffins are lightly browned and test done. Carefully remove muffins from pan and serve warm. Makes 12 muffins.

My thought this week is, is not any worse than the husband who cooks from the dining room table.

Now get out there and get your hug and remember I love you.  
 Grandma

## Sea World Installs Children's Rides

SAN ANTONIO - Barely a year old, Sea World of Texas has again added to a long lineup of marine animal shows and family attractions with the installation of six children's rides at the Boardwalk and Baseball Games Center.

The new additions are the Kiddie Train, the Pirate Ship, the Ferris Wheel and three pint-sized rides: the Mini Himalayas, the Mini Enterprise and Bees and Bugs.

"We have completely transformed an area adjacent to the Boardwalk and Baseball Games Center near our 12-acre Water Ski Lake," said Dan Sargent, vice president of merchandise. "This addition offers added value to guests visiting Sea World. Besides, it provides an additional taste of our sister park in Central Florida, Boardwalk and Baseball."

Although geared to younger guests ages 3 to 11, adults also can enjoy three of the rides - the Ferris Wheel, the Kiddie Train and the Pirate Ship, Sargent said.

The Mini Himalaya features a snowy backdrop of Sea World's costumed characters like Sham the killer whale and Pete and Penny Penguin. Lively music adds an upbeat flavor to the popular ride which zips around on a circular track.

The Kiddie Train is a brightly painted miniature replica of a locomotive and rail cars of yesteryear. Youngsters riding the four-car express can ring the engine's brass bell or enjoy riding in the coal car, passenger car or caboose.

Bees and Bugs enables kids to take to the air on the wings of their favorite insect. Young riders can

control the bugs' up and down movement. Pint-sized pilots enjoying the Mini Enterprise can choose from helicopters or space vehicles for their flights.

The Pirate Ship rocks riders to and fro, while the 40-foot-high Ferris wheel, overlooking the ski lake, accommodates both the young and the young-at-heart. Prior to its debut at Sea World of Texas, The Ferris Wheel was featured in several Hollywood productions: the movies "1941" and "La Bamba" as well as an episode of "Cagney and Lacey" among others.

Installation and operation of the six new rides is being handled by Racam Amusement Group Inc., of Phoenix, one of the best-known ride operators in America.

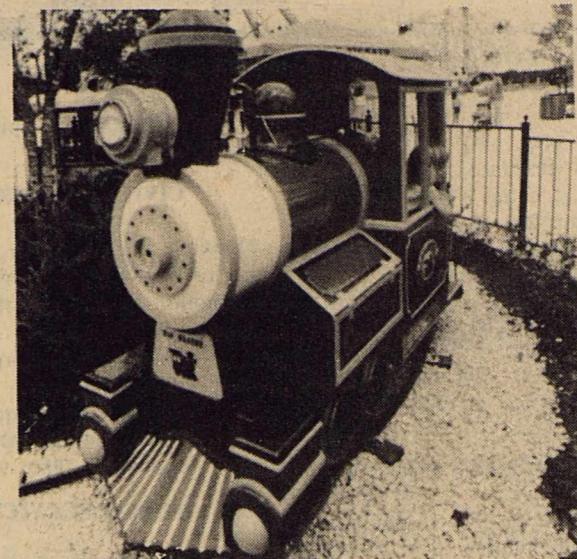
"In the past year, many guests enjoying the Boardwalk and Baseball Games Center have suggested Sea World add children's rides to the area," Sargent said. "Our new relationship with Racam Amusement Group is in response to that consumer demand."

Later this year, a carousel will be added to complete the area, Sargent said.

The six Boardwalk and Baseball rides will be open daily during park hours, weather permitting. Guests can enjoy unlimited riding with the purchase of a wristband or purchase coupons for individual rides.

The Boardwalk and Baseball Games Center currently features 18 midway games as well as a video arcade.

Sea World of Texas, the world's largest marine life park, is located in northwest San Antonio, 16 miles from downtown off State Highway 151. Information is available toll free at (800) 422-SWTX or, in the San Antonio area, at 523-3611.



**RIDING THE RAILS - The Kiddie Train, one of six new rides at Sea World of Texas' Boardwalk and Baseball Games Center, takes youngsters on a delightful journey through a one-acre amusement area. Other additions are the Ferris Wheel, the Pirate Ship, the Mini Himalaya, the Mini Enterprise and Bees and Bugs. The new rides offer a taste of Sea World's popular sister park, Boardwalk and Baseball in Central Florida. Sea World of Texas, the world's largest marine life park, is located in northwest San Antonio. Information is available toll free at (800) 422-SWTX or, in the San Antonio area, at 523-3611.**

## Texas Hunting Report

AUSTIN - Texas followed a nationwide pattern of modest gains in sales of hunting and fishing licenses during fiscal year 1988, according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The number of paid hunting and fishing license holders, the numbers of licenses, permits and stamps sold, and gross expenditures by sportsmen for licenses increased across the board in Texas during 1988 over the previous fiscal year.

Similar figures were reported by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, indicating that hunting and fishing license sales nationwide increased some seven percent. The number of paid hunting and fishing license holders also increased slightly over 1987, the federal agency said.

In Texas, the numbers of resident and nonresident hunting and fishing license holders each increased by approximately one percent. A total of 1,202,781 persons purchased hunting licenses in 1988, compared to 1,190,075 in 1987. The number of fishermen purchasing licenses increased from 1,878,278 in 1987 to 1,897,041 in 1988. The number of nonresident fishing licenses and stamps increased by 1,270 during the period.

Sales of Texas' General Nonresident (\$200) hunting license increased by 451 licenses, and in revenue by \$117,964. However, this gain was offset by reduced revenues resulting from establishment of a new Nonresident Five-day Small Game License in 1988. The five-day license was purchased by many hunters who formerly were required to have the \$75 Nonresident Small Game License which was valid for the entire fiscal year.

White-tailed deer hunting continued

to be the most popular activity on the Type II areas, with 16,325 hunters harvesting 2,932 deer during the season. In 1987-88, a total of 11,109 deer hunters bagged 1,896 deer.

The department stocked approximately 2,000 whitetails on Type II areas during the past two winters in an effort to bolster populations.

A large portion of the Type II acreage is in the popular squirrel hunting area of East Texas. An estimated 7,070 squirrel hunters took more than 62,200 squirrels this year, up from a harvest of 44,802 by 5,162 hunters the year before.

The addition of more tracts containing mourning dove habitat apparently helped increase the dove harvest from 9,085 in 1987 to 24,500 this year.

The quail harvest, however, reflected generally lower quail populations, dropping from 25,055 in 1987-88 to 17,155 this year. The harvest decline occurred despite higher hunter numbers, from 2,122 to 3,125.

Also taken during the open seasons this year were 217 feral hogs and javelinas, 378 pheasants and 2,894 furbearers.

The survey also showed that approximately 9,799 persons used Type II areas for activities other than hunting. Scouting accounted for the largest number, at 5,382, followed by nature observers, 3,338, camping at 2,422 and fishing, 2,019. These totals do not reflect the nonconsumptive activities of and additional 2,000-plus individuals who purchased the Type II limited use permit.

Texas hunting and fishing licenses and stamps expire each year on August 31. New licenses will be available from department offices across the state and from retail outlets during August.

## Design Standard Should Lower State Utility Bills

AUSTIN - Governor Bill Clements today announced updated design standards for new state office buildings that could cut energy consumption by as much as 25 percent per year. The new design requirements apply to all building construction projects now undertaken by the state.

"These new design standards will translate into significant savings, not only for state agencies but for Texas taxpayers," the governor said.

"Texas demand and deserve a state government that is as cost-effective as possible. Energy efficiency must be a part of that goal."

The Texas Energy Conservation

Design Standard is based on a model developed by the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers, and was adapted to Texas climate conditions to optimize energy savings.

The new designs include higher insulation levels; more efficient heating and air-conditioning equipment; and improved lighting techniques, such as better use of natural light. The standard will be administered by the Governor's Energy Management Center. It replaces one in existence since 1977.

The state's utility bill is typically more than \$200 million a year.



In Kansas in the summer of 1867, the ninth and tenth regiment of the U.S. Cavalry was begun. When they were organized, their orders were to pacify the Indians and scout around the new settlements in the southwest. The only thing different about these soldiers, they were black men.

The territory they were to spend a quarter of a century serving was half the size of Europe. They were to face well-mounted Comanches, Kiowa and fierce Apache warriors. They were furnished horses and equipment made up of Army cast offs. Their forts, where they were stationed, were very isolated and vermin infested such as Fort Stockton and Fort Conco in Texas.

Their quarters were overcrowded, the bread was sour, they were given lard for butter, the beef smelled and the coffee was almost as weak as water. The locals resented black troopers in damn yankee uniforms and their white officers in the beginning resented serving with them.

In spite of all these disadvantages, their morale was high and desertion

was the Army's lowest. The troopers began to get a reputation as Indian fighters. The tribes called them "Buffalo Soldiers" because of their curly hair. This name was given in respect and the troopers accepted the name. Therefore, the figure of the buffalo became the main character in the regiment's coat of arms.

Eleven Buffalo Soldiers earned medals of honor. One First Sergeant Moses Williams, Company I, Ninth Cavalry, rallied some fellow soldiers and saved the lives of three fellow soldiers in a running fight of three or four hours under heavy fire of a large party of Indians. The other medal of honor winners did similar deeds.

General John J. Pershing, a United States Commander in World War I, went to a reunion of the tenth in 1921. In his speech he praised the Buffalo Soldiers and said it had been an honor to have been a member of the organization.

While having been associated with the Buffalo Soldiers, Pershing had picked up the nickname of "Black Jack" Pershing.

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