

The Brackett News

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

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Split Vote at Commissioners Court Puts Damper on County Pool

by Jennifer Pasanski

The Special meeting of commissioners court turned into a heated discussion concerning the grants for a swimming pool in Brackettville. City Mayor, Vito La Gioia; Judge Tommy Seargeant; Commissioners, Rose Mary Slubar, Joe Garza and Bill Bizzell and City and County Grant Administrator Charles Trost were present.

Also in attendance was County Attorney, Tully Shahan; County Clerk, Dolores Raney and County Auditor, Betty Deason.

Citizens present were; Jack Huey, Alderman, Dave Brodrick, Manuel Limones Jr., from the 63rd Judicial probation dept. and Jennifer Pasanski.

The special session was called to discuss and/or adopt budget amendment of \$24,000 to assist the City in an interlocal government contract.

The county had previously applied for a grant through the Texas Dept. of Parks and Wildlife for the amount of \$24,000 which if granted would require a match of \$24,000 by the County.

Specifications on repairs to the pool were also included in the application. The Application was denied last year and reinstated this year. Grant administrator, Trost, advised the court to cancel this grant application because it would conflict with the grant the city was applying for.

The court had previously so motioned to cancel this grant during a previous meeting.

Every year a different Kinney County governmental body receives a grant from the Texas Dept. of Commerce. The county received a grant for the Senior Citizens Center, Spofford received a grant for the underground water lines so it is now the City's turn to receive a grant.

The Mayor and Aldermen voted to use this grant to build a new city pool for the community since the present community pool is almost as expensive to repair as it would be to build a new one.

In order to get the grant approved the city would have to show matching funds to build a new pool. Without back up money the grant which would total close to \$93,000 may be denied.

This is the way elected public officials reacted to this situation.

The Mayor requested that the court allow \$24,000 to help in the application of the grant to install a new swimming pool. He explained that this agreement would allow the city to lease the pool from the county with both county and city working towards maintaining the pool. The city's responsibility would include maintenance and water the counties responsibility would be providing pumps for the pool when needed.

La Gioia stated, "We want to apply with the Texas Parks and Wildlife in conjunction with the grant from the

Texas Dept. of Commerce, if we don't get that grant we'd like to have the \$24,000 from the county in conjunction with our money to get the grant, what we're asking for is a back up to insure that we will get the pool."

At this point Seargeant recessed to check on something.

When Seargeant returned he informed the court that he had called Parks and Wildlife and that they were sending a letter recommending what they should do with the grant and the letter would arrive Friday or Monday.

La Gioia quickly replied, "This is going to be stalled."

Seargeant then stated, "My recommendation to you is to wait until Friday."

La Gioia then answered, "Your trying to shoot this thing down, we don't have time to get our grant if we don't get it approved today. We don't need Parks and Wildlife we need you as a back up, this is just political, you can keep your - - - pool. You know it is to late to wait until Friday and you've known about this for months."

Seargeant then made a motion to defer any action until Monday evening.

Garza seconded the motion.

Slubar then asked to have the floor, she stated, "I don't see any point in us not trying to fix the pool. If the city does it or whoever. We can not repair that pool because we've tried and it still sits there a big eye sore and it can't be used."

Even if we get the grant it will not replace the pool - It will not fix the pool.

I don't know why politics gets into us doing something for the community, the city is trying to help the county providing a service for the people of the community it's not costing us anything and we can put something back that is valuable to the community."

Garza then added, "I'm concerned about the \$24,000 if we come up with that will the city match it?"

La Gioia answered, "If we have to we will pull it out, we will match the \$24,000." Garza then stated, "Like I said before, we don't have that kind of money." Deason then corrected Garza stating, "We have it in building repairs."

It was then Bizzell's turn to inject his opinion he stated, "In order to get the grant we have to match it. We have to come up with the \$24,000 anyway!" Garza then replied, "But then it will be ours!", Vito added to this, "It will be the citizens pool!", Judge Seargeant stated, "No it would be Vito's pool!"

Bizzell then took charge and injected, "We had the pool for a number of years and let me tell you the results are not good at all it's a mess. I don't trust us to have the pool, if the city is willing to come in

to use this money and I know there are things they need worse. I think it is admirable for the city to come in and offer that money to fix the pool. To do this I think the interest at heart is for the kids and the people of Brackettville, Texas and Kinney County."

Shahan added, "What is the advantage of waiting for the letter from Texas Parks and Wildlife. It will cost you the same amount either way you go."

This is a public service act of what you commissioners passed. Last time in trying to get this swimming pool done. And I think it is asinine to stop right here. Whether the City or the County or Spofford put it in it's for the good of this county. You're not supposed to discriminate as to who gets the blue badge I think this is okay even if you run into next budget-your not going to have to put up money. You know what's

amazing, we can't spend money on a swimming pool, but yet you set civic center rates and then you lower them because you're losing money at the civic center anyway."

Then you turn around and lower civic center rates that the court is already losing money on, and then they gripe because they can't fix the pool that is open to the general public. I cannot believe the integrity of this court."

It's amazing they pass legislation to lose money and then when they have a gift in the amount to help the citizens of Kinney County then they don't want to do it."

Bizzell then motioned to pass the resolution to assist the City of Brackettville in the amount of \$24,000.

Slubar seconded the motion. Seargeant and Garza never swayed from the previous motion to wait for the letter from the Parks and Wildlife.

Members of the B.I.S.D. Staff Replaced

The summer of 1989 was a hectic one for school administrators at Brackett Independent School District as it became necessary to replace several members of the professional staff. Among the resignations were: Lisa McChesney - home economics - moved to Harlingen to get married; Christene Tinder - elementary teacher - her husband was transferred to Minnesota; Pete and Rachel Van Maren - coach, math and science - moved to Tivoli where Pete will coach for a larger salary increase and give Rachel a chance to stay home with Kara and the new baby; Debbie Ward - Kindergarten; Kathleen Arp - elementary teacher - moved to Del Rio; Nancy Chism - high school teacher - moved to Miles ISD as volleyball coach and English teacher; and Ken Mulligan - high school teacher - returned to El Paso as a junior high coach. Also resigning at the end of the 1988-90 school year was Lee Schermerhorn, the high school principal for the last four years.

Don Sims, high school principal. Mr. Sims comes from Throckmorton, Texas and he has 20 plus years of experience as a coach, principal and special education counselor. His degree is from Texas Christian University. He brings with him his son Scott and his wife Sue who will teach English for Brackett High School.

Sue Sims will be joining her husband, Don Sims, as a secondary English teacher at Brackett Independent School District. She graduated from North Texas State with a Bachelors in English and obtained her Masters degree from Hardin Simmons in Abilene.

Sonya Richard will teach in Jones Elementary. Sonya is a first year teacher. Her degree is from the college of Charleston. Her husband is an air traffic controller at Laughlin Air Force Base.

Regina Marshall is assigned to Jones Elementary. She has a degree from Southwest Texas State University and her spouse is in the Border Patrol.

Walter Johnson will be in Jones Elementary. His degree is from

Block Grant Committee appointed by Governor Bill Clements

AUSTIN - Governor Bill Clements today announced his appointments to the State Community Development Block Grant Review Committee for terms ending Jan. 1, 1990.

The state committee, which includes 12 county and city officials from the units of government eligible to participate in the state-administered program, reviews regional applications for federal block grants. These federal grants are typically used to finance public facilities and provide housing assistance.

The committee oversees the administration of the block grant program for the state. Grant

Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. He is also a minister in a local church. Walter and his wife have three children.

Rebecca Hubbard will teach physical science and coach volleyball and junior high sports. She is a graduate of Texas A&M University and has teaching fields in Biology and Political Science.

Pauline Hilliard will be the new librarian. Her degrees are from Texas Women's University and Ohio University. She is certified in Linguistics, Business English and Learning Resources. She has college teaching experience, as well as many years experience in the public schools.

James Day is a first year teacher from Sul Ross State University. He has a degree in English and physical education. He will coach various sports in addition to his teaching duties. He will be bringing his new wife to Brackettville with him.

Donna Lanier has three years experience. She has a degree from Texas A&M University with a teaching field in math and special education. She will also be cheerleader sponsor for 1989-90.

Karen Crumley has returned to Brackett Independent School District after a four year retirement. Her degree is from Texas Tech University and she will teach junior high math and high school chemistry. Karen's husband is James Crumley, the local Soil Conservation Service Representative.

Melody Carroll joins her husband, David, who taught Vo Ag at Brackett High School last year. She will teach Kindergarten and has a degree from Southwest Texas State University.

Kathleen Carr will teach special education in junior high school. Her degree is from Sul Ross State University.

Charles F. Taylor comes from Angelo State University. He will teach government and history. He and his wife and two children will be moving to Brackett this week.

Gloria Benacci, a long time Brackett resident, has earned a degree from Sul Ross State University. She will be teaching first grade in Jones Elementary.

recommendations by the panel are made to the Texas Department of Commerce.

The new appointees are: Fredericksburg Mayor Boyd K. Harper; Linden Mayor Robert Demming; Cameron County Judge Tony Garza; Bee County Commissioner Susan Stasny; Woodville Alderman Billy Rose; Mason County Commissioner Fritz Landers; Woodway City Councilwoman Anne Bergman; Bell County Judge Robert Shoemaker; Pampa City Commissioner Richard Pete; and Albany Mayor Wayne Hogan.



Gloria Benacci, pictured above, and Don Parks, photo not available, received top honors upon college graduation.

Parks and Benacci Receive Cum Laude Honors

At Alpine, Texas, on Thursday, August 17, Sul Ross State University held graduation ceremonies for 168 students who finished work on bachelor and master degrees during Summer 1989. 139 completed studies at the main campus at Alpine, and 29 at the Uvalde Center. Of the 168 students, 10 graduated with honors denoting high scholastic achievement.

Summer 1989 graduates included two from Brackettville. Gloria Benacci, Bachelor of Arts in English, earned the only summa cum laude honor in the entire group of 168. Don Parks, Bachelor of Arts in Communication, was one of four who finished with cum laude honors.

This attainment of scholastic excellence by two so-called "non-traditional" students is an important

demonstration that it is never too late to return to education. In ever-increasing numbers mature people are turning to college campuses across the nation to undertake studies interrupted in earlier times by career, family, or other demands. These students are considered "non-traditional" because they have not gone directly from high school to higher education.

Sul Ross University's enrollment recently included 52% nontraditional and 48% traditional students. These figures are today normal at a great many colleges and universities. Higher education is no longer the province of only the young. Older people join and often lead in student bodies and in classroom pursuits, and are welcomed by administrations, faculties and other students.

B.I.S.D. Adopts A Record Budget of \$2,680,954

On Wednesday, August 16, 1989, Brackett Independent School District Trustees adopted a record budget of \$2,680,954. Most of the nearly \$300,000 increase was due to salary increases and benefit increases for District Personnel. The beginning salary for a first year (no experience) teacher at the Brackett Independent School District is \$18,200 for 183 days. A teacher with 20 years of experience and a Masters degree will make \$29,700 for the same 183 days.

Also included in employee benefits for the first time is a District contribution of \$55.26 per month toward employee health insurance. This is the first time that the District has been able to contribute.

After a year of chaos with three different insurance carriers, Bob McCall, Superintendent, said, "We were looking for stability." That stability was possible only with a contribution by the District. Other major items in the budget include:

1. Updating student computer labs and development of a technology plan.
2. Word processing equipment for business education.

3. Contingency money for classroom air conditioning.
4. Aluminum bleachers for the football field.

5. Initial funding for a high school baseball program.
6. Purchase of a new school bus to retire a 1972 Dodge Van.

Reductions in the number of aides and secondary personnel were used to keep the budget increases as low as possible.

Despite the record budget, school property taxes will not increase in 1989-90. The Board of Trustees set the tax rate at .8571 cents per \$100 of valuation. Seventy-three will be assessed for Maintenance and Operations and .1271 cents will be dedicated to retiring the bonded indebtedness of the District.

This rate is the same as the rate for 1988-89, although falling property values would have allowed the trustees to increase the rate significantly. Superintendent McCall said, "We are really pleased that we can maintain a steady tax rate for 1989-90. Many districts in our area and around the state are going to raise taxes 20% or more just to stay in business."

New Tax Rate at B.I.S.D. Reflects No Increase

In a Monday, August 21, 1989 meeting, the Brackett Independent School District Trustees set a tax rate of .8571 cents for the 1989-90 school year. This rate reflects no increase over the 1988 tax rate, and in fact is a net decrease in the rate needed to generate revenue for school district operations.

"We have tried to hold tax increases to a minimum in the past year, but

we have had to go up. The administration and the trustees agreed that we would try to leave the rate the same this year." Bob McCall, Superintendent of Schools, stated. Voting for the tax rate were President - Jimmy Bader, Zack Davis - Secretary, Beth Ann Smith - Vice President, Lingo Sandoval and Eloy Garcia. Absent and not voting were Jewel Robinson and Diane Bravo.

Frerich Receives Leadership

Training Through FFA Camp

In an effort to develop leadership abilities of Future Farmers of America (FFA) members, the Area VII Association and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo sponsored an FFA Leadership Camp. Some 10 FFA members gathered at Camp Buckner near Burnet, Texas, on July 25-27, 1989.

Attending the Camp from Brackett High was FFA member Bonnie Frerich, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Frerich and granddaughter of Mrs. Eleanora Frerich of Brackettville.

The FFA members received leadership training in several areas including leadership responsibilities,

professionalism in the workplace, and the psychology of winning. Mr. Jay Eudy, Program Director for Agriculture Education in Texas from the Texas Education Agency in Austin, was keynote speaker at a banquet held Wednesday, July 26, 1989. His speech was focused on the theme of the Camp, which was "Full Speed Ahead".

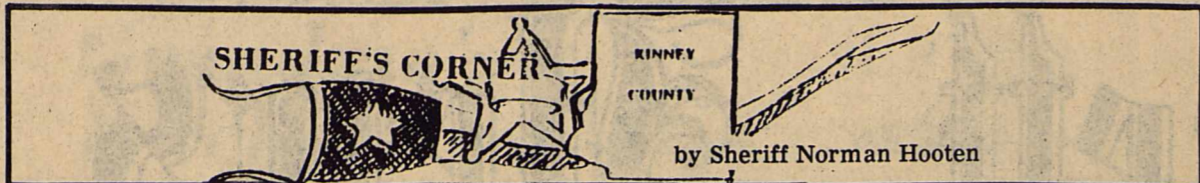
Recreational and devotional activities were also held throughout the three day camp. Bonnie says that she feels it was a successful experience that will help her as a Chapter and District FFA officer this coming year.

Case Settled Out of Court

The lawsuit involving North American Towns of Texas, Inc. and 11 plaintiffs from Fort Clark Springs concerning the flood of '87 ended with an out of court settlement.

The settlement was kept in strict confidence due to continuing litigations.

The only information available was that the plaintiffs were satisfied with the settlement.



One of the most significant maladies that affects law enforcement (and government in general) is that age old curse of politics. As long as political pressure has the power to affect the decisions made and actions carried out by public servants we will never experience a truly fair and just system of government, including law enforcement. Political pressure interferes with all forms of government, from the local grass roots level to the ultimate high in Washington D.C.

The long standing, though not necessarily accepted, claim is that "justice is blind", a tragic comedy in these days and times. All too often "justice" is for sale to the highest bidder, depending on who you are, how fat your bank account is, or who you know.

And, we have the politically based "reverse discrimination" policy in effect so often these days whereby violent criminals such as rapists, murderers and child molesters are given years and years of trials and appeals primarily because of the color of their skin or their minority status in society so that the politicians won't be criticized and condemned for convictions of larger numbers of minorities than whites. In the meantime, the victims of crimes committed by criminals of all colors, races and creeds are caught in the middle, victimized by both the criminal, and in a very real sense, the criminal justice system. Why is this allowed to happen? Politics, my friend, politics.

It is a common known fact among law enforcement officers, that the crime rate is higher and more violent among the less affluent of our society, the color of skin has nothing whatsoever to do with the inclination to commit a crime. Frustration, lack of hope, drugs and environment have much to do with the crime rate among the less fortunate of our society. Yet, you might ask, what about the violent and cruel crimes sometimes committed by "rich folks"? The answer to that is that as

long as we have people, we will have crime. And as long as we have to deal with the human brain, we will have to deal with the criminal mind.

We hear so much these days about the cruelty and inhumane use of the death penalty and that "the death penalty is not a real deterrent to crime". It seems that the champions of the cause to abolish the death penalty have somewhere along the line lost sight of the victims of the crimes that justify the use of the death penalty. What about their civil rights?

What about their right to be safe in their own homes or automobiles? What about the right of a young girl to walk down the street without being kidnapped, raped and brutally murdered? The death penalty, at least in my opinion, is not designed to be used as a deterrent to crime so much as it is designed as the ultimate punishment for those of our society who murder and maim their victims and ruin the lives of surviving family members.

Why should that criminal be allowed to live in basic comfort, at taxpayers expense, for the rest of his life? To put it bluntly, it makes me want to throw up to see the candlelight vigils outside a prison when convicted kidnapper, murderer or rapist is put to death for his crimes against a victim already in their grave who died a cruel death at the hands of this person who the bleeding hearts have "adopted". Politics, my friend, politics.

We turn around 180 degrees and see "white collar" criminals receive light slaps on the wrists for crimes involving the theft of sometimes millions of dollars. Often even if they are convicted, they are given light sentences or probation. If sent to prison, they are often sent to "country club" type facilities with week-end passes. Yet, the poor man who robs a store to get money to feed his family might spend years in prison for stealing \$100. Politics, my friend, politics.

But, behind every dark cloud there

is always a silver lining and even at its worst, our system is still the best in the world. All we can do is just keep trying and doing the best we can with what we have to do with. I stongly believe that even with all the weak links in our system, justice will prevail in the end, somehow.

THAT'S ALL!

From the MailBag!

Dear Jewel:

Will you please, through your paper, express all our thanks to the great number of people who were so kind to us and made our visit to Eric and Frances McMaster in Fort Clark Springs, during July, even more enjoyable. We can certainly vouch with the statement "Texas, the Friendly State".

We have returned to a much lower temperature, here in Northern Ireland, with even hail stones yesterday. Since our return, there has been plenty of rain and we wish we could send you some in exchange for a little of your heat.

I have sent a copy of our local paper "The Spectator" by surface mail so you should get it sometime. Again many thanks and regards to all our new friends.

The Toy Family
Bangor
Northern Ireland

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We love your newspaper!

The Fritter Family

Dear Gus:

Congratulations Gus!!! The new and improved Brackett Drum Major. At least now I know dreams can come true. Thanks for *The Brackett News*, not only did I enjoy reading it, so did my parents. Congratulations again and hope to see you soon.

Love
Anna Parker

Editorial

by Jennifer Pasanski

During the afternoon hours of the regular session of Commissioners Court, August 14, Commissioners opted to approve a motion they had previously rescinded that morning.

During the morning hours, Commissioners met opposition when a group of concerned citizens expressed their disapproval that the Commissioners motioned to spend \$30,000 to repair the county barn.

Commissioners Garza, Fuentes and Slubar voted to rescind this motion. Bizzell did not.

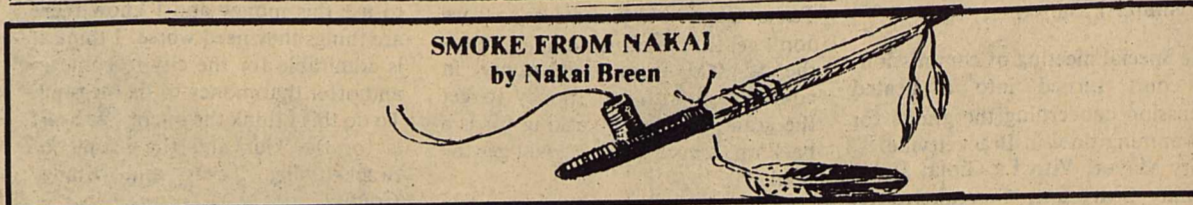
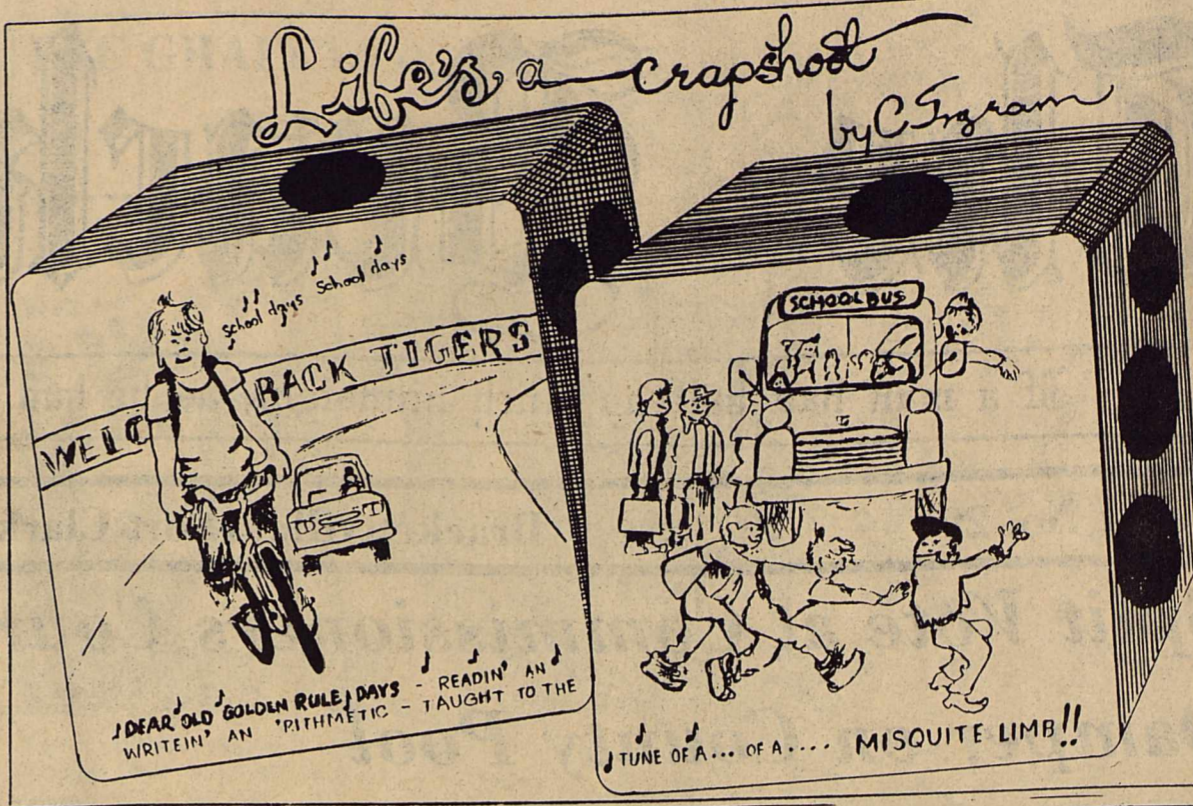
The crowd left the meeting as did *The Brackett News*.

Commissioners then re-opened the discussion to repair the county barn with Commissioner Bizzell leading the discussion.

"We need to fix the building. Cut the cost to \$15,000 to \$20,000 and get bids on all the materials. Get people that know how to fix it. It's gonna be people that get up there and work and with the road department." (No motion was made to bid the labor.)

Slubar then motioned to go with repairing the county barn. Fuentes and Bizzell voted in favor with Garza voting against.

The previously rescinded motion passed to repair the county barn with a cost not to exceed \$20,000.



Se Oh

The Third Removal

The Chickasaw removal began in the spring of 1873.

The Chickasaw tribe were small in number. They were six thousand in all. The Chickasaw this time were told that they could bring some belongings. So they loaded their

ponies with as much possessions as the horses could carry.

The horses numbered 7,000 in total. Their rallying or departing point was Memphis. The people walked because the ponies were all loaded. The journey on foot to Oklahoma was a weary one, no time to sleep or rest until nighttime.

They were eaten up by ants, mosquitos and other kind of biting insects. The Chickasaw, too, fell to the hardships of all kinds of sickness and hunger, so death was a constant companion.

Aho
Nakai



Happy Birthday Saturday, August 19 to Irene Blair. Irene has just been released from Val Verde Memoria Hospital where she underwent surgery on her knee. We wish her a speedy recovery.

and his aunt Alice Seargeant over the weekend.

bridge games.

At their regular meeting August 2, the Fort Clark Arts announced that there would be an art show at the NCO Club Saturday, September 2 and Sunday, September 3. The hours will be from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will be 4 artist showing their work there. The public is invited to come by and view the paintings.

10 year old Patrick Whipkey from Sacramento, CA is in Brackettville spending a two week vacation with his grandmother Mary Whipkey and visiting with his great aunt Jackie Taylor. Patrick is reported to be enjoying his grandmother's cooking more than anything else.

Bob and Joan Lindley, from Indianapolis, IN, have moved to Ft. Clark. Bob retired from Union Carbide after thirty-one years of service and is really enjoying the leisure life here. Joan is enjoying the

Tony Brixey, from Anchorage, Alaska, will be in Brackettville August twenty-fourth to help his sister Jackie Taylor celebrate her 80th birthday.

Been Somewhere - Going Somewhere Having Visitors
Call Warren 563-9222 or 563-9250

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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BETWEEN US



BY JOE TOWNSEND

Sometimes I think we have become too sophisticated. There was a time when men, guilty of some crimes, were tied to a stake and publicly whipped with a horse whip.

If we still did this, rather than putting them in pastel colored rooms with so many square feet with TVs, libraries, exercise yards, etc. we may have less crime. At any rate, if we still did publicly horse whip men, I have a prime candidate for first in line.

In recent weeks, I know of several dogs that have been poisoned. I had a small Sheltly worth about \$300 who seldom was out of the house, never barked nor left my yard. Some fiend poisoned her.

I know of a Toy Bull dog and small black dachshund who never bothered anyone, did not go into neighbors yards nor did they keep people awake barking and yet, some fiend poisoned them.

I really can't think of a suitable punishment for such a sub-human character. If some child had picked up the poison, it would have been fatal. Of course, this possibility wouldn't disturb one who would do such a dastardly deed.

To see these pets die such a painful death, makes me want to stuff some of the poison down the throat of the

scoundrel - not enough to kill him, but enough to give him a dose of the pain and the headache he's given to the pets and their owners.

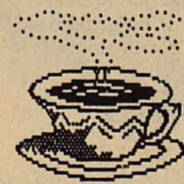
If anyone would identify this

callous, crude, poor excuse for a human, I would do everything I possibly could to see the individual behind bars. I'd rather see the scum horse-whipped publicly.

Happy 18th Birthday
Melissa & Melinda
from
Mama, Dan & Memo

Pauline Goodman
Charles Downing
LTC (ret)
Curtis L. Utterbach
Here are wishes for a speedy Recovery!
GET WELL SOON!
The Brackett News.

LOVING THE TASTE!
LAS MORAS INN RESTAURANT



FORT CLARK SPRINGS
THE PLACE TO DINE

WEEKLY LUNCH SPECIALS

Aug. 24, Thursday
Beef-n-Noodles
Salad
Bread
Dessert

Aug. 25, Friday
Fried Catfish
French Fries
Cole Slaw
Bread
Dessert

Aug. 27, Sunday
Roast Beef
Chicken & Wine Mushroom
Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy
Vegetables-Rolls
Desserts

Aug. 28, Monday
Meatloaf
Mashed Potatoes w/ Brown Gravy
Vegetable
Rolls
Dessert

Aug. 29, Tuesday
Chicken Ala King
w/ Noodles
Salad
Roll
Dessert

Aug. 30, Wednesday
Spicy Topped Baked Potatoe
Salad
Roll
Dessert

Saturdays-Regular Menu
Steaks, Sandwiches, Mexican Food,
Salad Bar

Rise and Shine!
Begin the day with a great breakfast-
7:00AM-10:30PM

Friday Nights, Buffet
Mexican Style!
5:30PM-9:00PM

Sunday Buffet
11:AM-2:00PM



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Consignments Welcome - We will SELL for you:
Trailers, Farm equipment, Boats, Vehicles, Furniture, Antiques, Etc.

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Golf News

By Les Roper

The good folks who live around the golf course or just close to it were entertained Saturday night by live country music from the club house and if these people think it sounded good from a distance, they should have been on the dance floor right beside the band. Dan Peterson and Company, a country and western band from Del Rio, were hired by eight of our club members to help celebrate one of the biggest and best birthday bashes I have ever attended.

The eight Leo's were Dean Adams, Charlie Rose, Bobby Derrickson, Carl Spray, Jim Bussey, Don Moore, Clem McKelvy and Herby Voracek. They all chipped in and shared the expenses for this party and, believe you me, it was some kind of a success. Malcome Forbes might have had Liz Taylor and all of the famous people from Hollywood at his birthday bash at Morocco, but we had the cream of the crop from Fort Clark Springs and that is a plus on anyone's invitation list.

Can you believe the summer is nearly over and our Winter Texans will be migrating back home in just a few short weeks. We have heard that some of our friends are planning on getting together and traveling back to Fort Clark in a caravan with one major stopover in Las Vegas. There is a slight chance that some of our permanent residents might make the trip to Las Vegas and meet our prodigals for an early reunion. Could be a lot of fun, couldn't it?

If the good people of Brackettville and Fort Clark would like to visit the golf course next Friday and observe the most enthusiastic and excited bunch of competitors they could ever hope to see, then they are invited to do so. That is the day of the Couple's Tournament tees off and this bunch of players act as if this is the first tournament of the year. It is very well organized and you will seldom hear any kind of disenchantment from anyone.

Andy and Avis Anderson hosted this week's play and as usual, they dispatched the teams out to play as evenly matched as possible. After 4 hours of intense play, Reuben Warren's team finished with the lowest round of the day. Reuben, Robbie and Ruth Robinson, and Vickie Nichols posted a net score of 39.75 and with this kind of play they claimed the first place check. There was a tie between two teams for 2nd place with a net score of 41 and they were Charlie Smith, Luella Johnson, Lynn and Tom McNew and also, Jim Bussey, Mary Lee Trollinger, Odette

Mills and Harlon Hunter. After a little bit of fellowship that included some good natured ribbing the players retired to their homes making plans for next week's play. Robbie and Ruth will host next week's play. Ralph Viestenz and his team of chargers are beginning to make a route of the men's summer league with their superior play. Ever since the bell sounded, starting round one, this team has dominated the leader board with their very steady team play. Their team effort is the key and they should be commended for never letting this kind of thinking desert the players.

Ralph sat this week out but he sent his team into battle headed by Jim Bussey, Jerry Adams, Dan Isenberg and H.C. Williamson. Bob Derrickson's team finally moved out of the cellar into third place and Reuben Warren and his "maulers" remained in second place. The cellar is now occupied by Captain "Whatshisname" and his pitiful group of hackers.

Team standings now are:
 Team # one
 Ralph Viestenz 9.0 points
 Team # two
 Reuben Warren 7.0 points
 Team # four
 Bob Derrickson 5.5 points
 Team # three

Captain "Whatshisname" 4.5 points
 The Dallas Cowboys have their own Dallas Cheerleaders and they are very proud of them but not nearly as proud as we are of our own "Fort Clark Sweethearts" who make up the Ladies Golf League. This bunch of "Sweeties" had their usual day of golf this past Tuesday and "good times" was the name of the game. They played 18 holes of golf, took the best nine holes, and then subtracted 1/2 of their handicap and after their computer did not self destruct, they declared Luella Johnson the winner with a low score of 27.5.

Mae Roper, the little hard working president of the Women's Golf Association, finished second with a net score of 31. This format used today was so complicated that my typewriter developed gas from the effort that was made to put it in writing. I had to pick this little IBM up and "burp" it over my left shoulder before it would resume typing. "No matter what, I just can't stop lovin' them ladies."

Words of Wisdom:
 Every speaker has a mouth,
 An arrangement rather neat.
 Sometimes it's filled with wisdom,
 Sometimes it's filled with feet.

Dinosaur Display Leaves lasting Impression

AUSTIN - A meat-eating dinosaur attacking a much larger plant-eating dinosaur is the dramatic scene greeting visitors to the museum and interpretive center at Dinosaur Valley State Park near Glen Rose.

The scene from prehistory is a mural enlarged from an oil painting rendered by Nola Montgomery of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Interpretation and Exhibits Branch.

The mural and various other exhibits give visitors an impression of what might have occurred during the period when dinosaurs left the footprints that can be seen in the Paluxy River which runs through the park.

"I painted 'Images of Dinosaurs 1986' to help tell the story of the fossilized trackway," Montgomery said. The original painting is on display at the department's Austin headquarters building.

Paleontologists believe the park is one of the world's foremost dinosaur study sites because the fossil tracks have led to a number of new findings. The tracks apparently establish that dinosaurs of that period were not slow and sluggish; they were not confined to aquatic habitats; their tails were held high rather than dragging, and that plant-eating dinosaurs traveled together.

Montgomery's painting also has been featured on television in "The Great Dinosaur Hunt," and now appears as the cover of a new children's book on Texas dinosaurs, "Dinosaur Days in Texas."

The dramatic attack depicted by Montgomery's painting may have actually occurred at the Glen Rose site. R.T. Bird, who brought the Glen Rose trackway to the attention of the scientific world in 1940, made a detailed study of the tracks and concluded that it revealed an actual attack by a carnivorous theropod on a herb of sauropods.

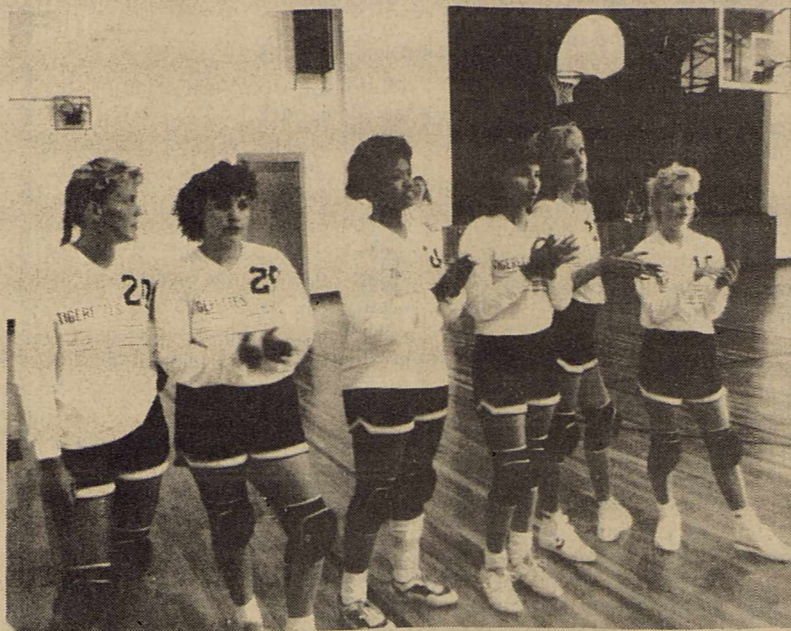
To render a scientifically accurate painting, Montgomery consulted vertebrate paleontologists, examined dinosaur skeletons and became familiar with the trackway itself.

"Dinosaur Days in Texas" also focuses on Texas dinosaurs and includes the work of state park artist Aaron Morris. The Morris recon-

structions interpret the current scientific perception of Texas dinosaurs.

The book is available from the Hendrick-Long Publishing Co., P.O. Box 12311, Dallas, Tx 7525, (214) 358-4677. The price is \$14.95 plus eight percent tax and \$1.50 shipping for one book, 50 cents for each additional book.

The park is located about 60 miles southwest of Fort Worth. The exhibit is open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors can follow a trail to the fossil trackways. Overnight campsites are available, as well as picnic areas and a group pavilion. For reservations call (817) 897-4588. To reach the park take U.S. Highway 67 to FM 2005 west of Glen Rose.



Tigerettes show team spirit before a game; Left to Right- Lisa

Frerich, Vivian Luna, Dorothy Ward, Yvonne Luna, Stephanie Ahrens, Shelley McDaniels.

Tigerettes Drop First Games

by J.J. Guidry

The Tigerettes volleyball teams dropped their first games of the year last Tuesday. Both JV and Varsity are 0 - 1.

The girls JV had a good 3 - 0 lead at the beginning of the match, but a tough Leakey team came back to win 15 - 3. They lost the second game 15 - 8.

The Varsity started off slow as they lost the opening game 6 - 15. They

came back to win the second game 15 - 7. The third and deciding game was very close, as the Leakey girls won by a two point margin. The final reading 6 - 15, 15 - 3, 13 - 15.

The girls are off until Labor Day weekend when they travel to the Utopia tourney.

(Reporter's Note: The District 31-AA football preview has been delayed until next week's issue.)

Tigerettes Defeat Eagle Pass

by J.J. Guidry

The Tigerettes traveled to Eagle Pass last Monday to scrimmage in a four team round robin set competition. Other teams competing included: Eagle Pass Varsity A, Eagle Pass Varsity B and Carrizo Springs.

The teams faced each other in 30 minute games, in which they switched sides at the halfway mark.

The Tigerettes faced Eagle Pass A first. Score wasn't kept for the first half, but the Tigerettes won 13 - 9 in the second half.

In their second match, the girls faced Carrizo Springs. The girls led 15 - 13 at one point, but Carrizo came back to win 28 - 15. Vivian Luna had 3 aces for the Tigerettes.

The girls defeated the Eagle Pass B varsity in the third round. The final score read 29 - 14.

1989-90 B.I.S.D. Schedule

•First day of school - Aug. 28, 1989; last day of school - May 24, 1990.

•Teacher Inservice and work days; Aug. 21 - 25, Jan. 15, May 25, 26.

•Holidays: Independence Day, July 4; Labor Day, Sept. 4; Thanksgiving, Nov. 23-24; Christmas, Dec. 21-29; New Year's Day, Jan. 1-2; Stockshow Friday, Jan. 19; and Spring Break, April 9 - 13.

•Early dismissal days (2:30 p.m.): Homecoming, Oct. 13; Thanksgiving, Nov. 22; Christmas, Dec. 20; and last day of school, May 24.

•High school graduation: Thursday, May 24, 1990 at 9 p.m., Tiger Stadium; 8th grade graduation: May 24, noon, auditorium.

•Grading periods: first six weeks; Aug. 28 - Oct. 6; second six weeks: Oct. 9 - Nov. 17; third six weeks: Nov. 20 - Jan. 12; fourth six weeks: Jan. 16 - Feb. 23; fifth six weeks: Feb. 26 - Apr. 6; and sixth six weeks: Apr. 16 - May 24.

Are You Ready?!?!?

by Gus Garcia

Are you ready for the social event of the season? A margarita and fashion show is scheduled for Sept. 7th at 7 p.m. at the Ft. Clark Springs Golf Club.

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you after you see the hot fashions that will be at peak season. With men in mind, a fun time will be had by all.

Tickets are still available by calling 563-9204, 9219 or 9403. Fashion garments are courtesy of "Jean's" of Brackettville.

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Your friends say you're - *Impossible.*

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

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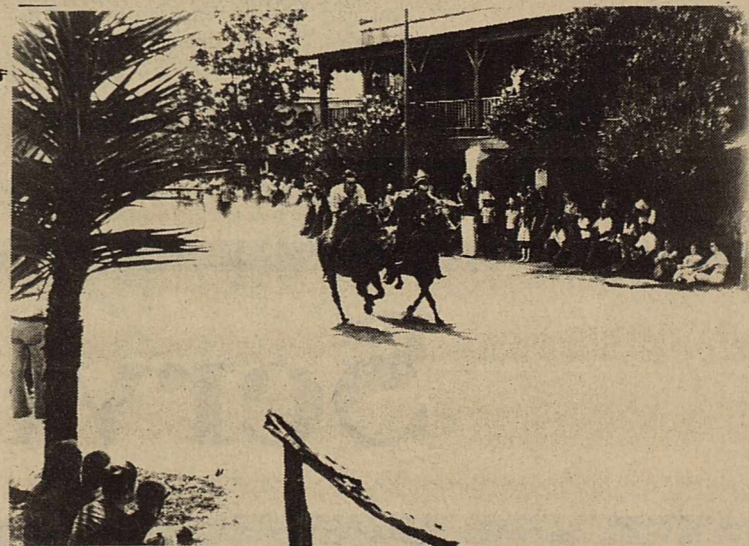
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"The Lights of Summer Nights"

SAN ANTONIO - As the grand finale of every summer evening at Sea World of Texas in San Antonio, fireworks, lasers and special effect lighting illuminate the sky in a dynamic production, "The Lights of Summer Nights."

Choreographed to an original music composition, "Lights" concludes the marine life park's nightly "Summer Nights '89" entertainment program, which runs through Labor Day.

"The show is a multimedia event that stimulates many emotions within an eight-minute period," said Denise Wine, show producer for Sea World of Texas. "It's a composite of four vignettes, all carefully balanced and timed with specially produced music."

Each night, over 300 firework shells, two powerful argon lasers and imaginative special effect lighting combine with the music to produce over 200 flashy effects in a dramatic nighttime spectacle.

"The Lights of Summer Nights", sponsored by the San Antonio Light, originates from the islands on Sea World's Water Ski Lake at 10:15 p.m. every day except Saturday, when the show starts at 10:50 p.m. Guests can watch the show from the 3,500-seat Water Ski Stadium or from any point along the shoreline of the 12-acre lake.

"The biggest challenge of designing 'Lights' was making it a 360-degree show, staged consistently around the lake area," Wine said. "Also because we wanted the audience to be able to sit close to the show, we had to be extremely conscious of safety factors. Two months of research went into planning the show."

Each show is run by eight members of Sea World's Entertainment Department: three pyrotechnics personnel, laser operation, lighting technician, audio engineer, safety officer and stage manager.

The four-part production opens with special effect lighting to create an ethereal feel, followed by fireworks and laser beams to speed up the tempo. The pace slows down for the second vignette, which highlights laser animation of Sea World's marine life on large screens. Fireworks take center stage for the fast-moving action of the third segment. For the finale, all the elements come out in full force.

In all, 101 layers of pyrotechnics fill the sky, including eight variations of mines, seven kinds of shells, three different candles and assorted cake effects. The lasers slice through the darkness to dazzle the audience with three types of beam effects: a mirror beam that bounces off the sound towers around the lake; a spider-

looking effect featuring 21 beam patterns; and a scanned effect in the sky of geometric shapes.

The lasers also create blazing animation on three giant transparent screens, from spinning dolphins to penguins waddling to killer whale Shamu doing a bow. The six animated figures originated from 850 frames drawn by an artist.

The main island in the middle of Sea World's ski lake serves as the show's nerve center and headquarters, with a specially constructed magazine bunker, pyrotechnics control booth and laser control booth. It also is the focal point of the show.

Because "Lights" was designed to be run by computer, Sea World installed a sophisticated computer system in each control booth. The computer for pyrotechnics sends commands to light the fireworks electrically, while the computers for the lasers select each laser's effects.

Time codes synchronize everything - resulting in a spectacular effect that could not be accomplished manually. Exact timing is the essence of this highly technical show.

"It took a lot of testing to get everything just right," said Bob Zaborski, supervisor of pyrotechnics at Sea World of Texas. "When designing our fireworks production, we had to strike a careful balance between art and safety. Not only did we strive to have the jazziest show possible, but we worked hard to ensure the safety of our guests, employees and animals."

Over the course of a summer, Sea World will shoot off more than 14 tons of fireworks. Sea World's pyrotechnics staff uses 220 lbs. of fireworks nightly, all carefully placed in an elaborate field by hand. It takes several hours for the five-person pyro staff to set each show. Before show time, they go through a series of checklists to make sure the field is properly loaded and correctly wired. Every show is run by at least two state-certified "shooters" for Class B fireworks on the Water Ski Island. One person remains at the controls, and another mans the "wind point", serving as the safety officer to make

decisions to stop, turn or adjust the show if needed.

"Because the wind can change dramatically in the course of a show, it is necessary to have a person gauging weather conditions at all times," Zaborski said. "We can adjust our shooting boxes with the wind, turning them 360 degrees."

The shooting boxes also make it possible to load a second show in case further adjustments have to be made.

"We designed different variations of 'Lights' to work around ever-changing technical and weather conditions," Wine said. "We have a wind show, where we step down a little, a pyrotechnics-only version, a one-laser show, and a laser and special effect lighting show without fireworks."

"We are very safety conscious and disciplined because even our smallest aerial, a 2-inch shell, can cause a lot of damage," Zaborski said. "The laws are very tough for Class B explosives, with fines for violations running up to \$10,000. A lot of people don't realize how dangerous fireworks are. You need a lot of experience to handle fireworks properly."

Sea World of Texas is licensed by the city, state and federal governments to stage a nightly fireworks and laser display.

For more information on Sea World of Texas, call toll-free (800) 422-SWTX or, in San Antonio, 523-3611.

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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

Monday, August 21 - 7:00 p.m.

Beta Sigma Phi Meeting Ft. Clark pool Picnic to follow meeting

Tuesday, September 12 - 7:00 p.m.

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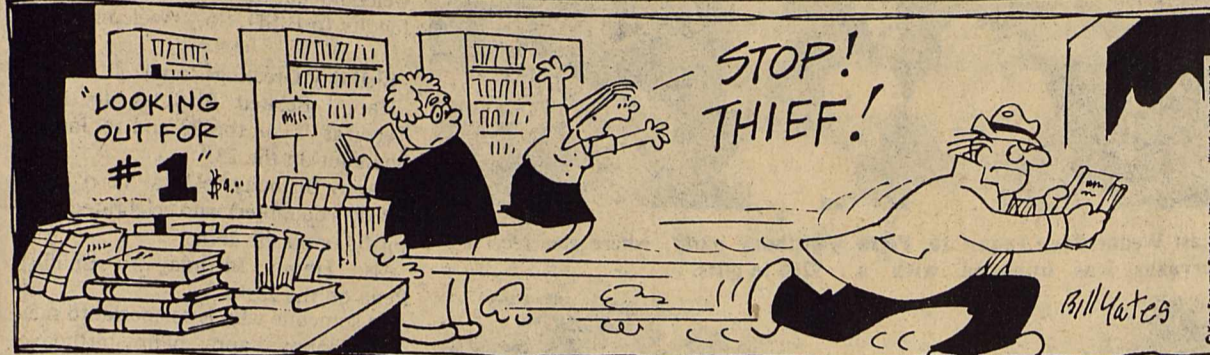
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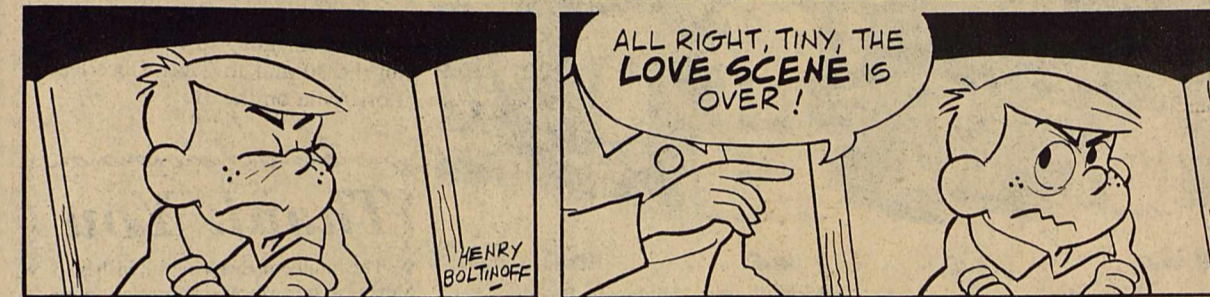
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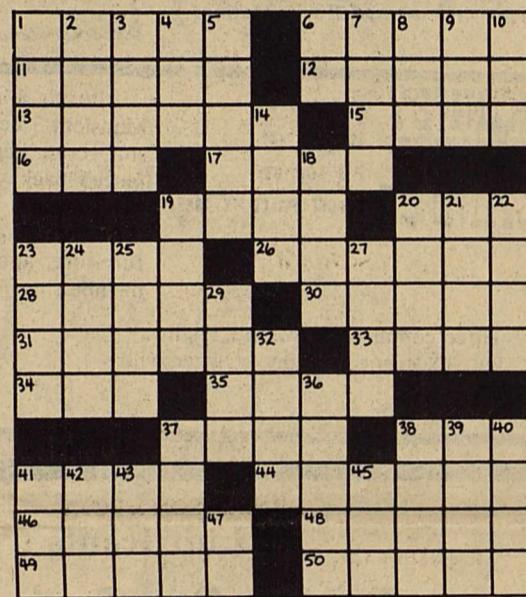


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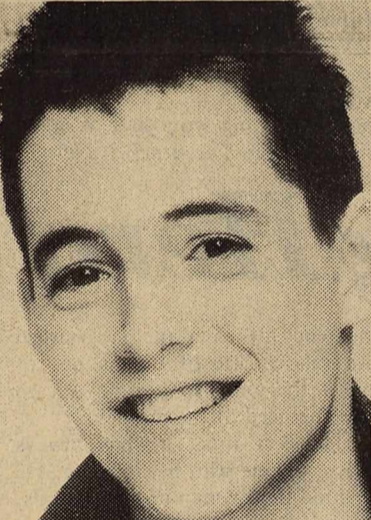
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- Shield
 - Place of worship
 - Think
 - Artless
 - Temper (colloq.)
 - Afternoon receptions
 - Malt beverage
 - Franchise
 - Close to
 - Resort
 - Quote
 - Small arboreal mammal
 - Ascend
 - Sounds, as bells
 - Loose cloak
 - Scope
 - Nail
 - Chief
 - Mineral spring
 - Medieval story
 - Gold coin of Greece
 - Similar
 - Lasso
 - A crane or heron
 - A shade of brown
- DOWN**
- An independent passage (mus.)
 - Precious stone
 - Climbing plant
 - Remnant
 - Female of the ruff
 - Indefinite article
 - Tardy
 - Bind
 - Polynesian drink
 - Property (L.)
 - Wander
 - Snare
 - Hatching place
 - Heavenly
 - body
 - Goddess of volcanoes
 - Apparent ends of Saturn's rings
 - Arrived
 - Asiatic kingdom (var.)
 - Prong
 - Peruse
 - Italian island
 - Goddess of discord
 - Cavities (anat.)
 - Manufacture
 - Pierce with a dagger
 - Man's nickname
 - Sandarac tree
 - Cutting tool
 - A wing
 - Disease of sheep
 - Point
 - Erbium (sym.)



Top Video Rentals

- "Twins" starring Arnold Schwarzenegger and Danny DeVito (MCA) Last Week: No. 1
- "The Accidental Tourist" William Hurt (Warner Bros.) No. 4
- "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" Steve Martin (Orion) No. 3
- "Dangerous Liaisons" Glenn Close (Warner Bros.) New Entry
- "Coming To America" Eddie Murphy (Paramount) No. 2
- "Alien Nation" James Caan (CBS-Fox) No. 8
- "Cocoon: The Return" Don Ameche (CBS-Fox) No. 6
- "The Last Temptation of Christ" Willem DaFoe (MCA) No. 5
- "The Accused" Jodie Foster (Paramount) No. 7
- "Torch Song Trilogy"



Matthew Broderick (RCA/Columbia) No. 14

- "Big" Tom Hanks (CBS-Fox) No. 10
- "Cocktail" Tom Cruise (Touchstone) No. 9
- "I'm Gonna Get You Sucka" Isaac Hayes (MGM/UA) No. 18
- "Deepstar Six" Greg Evigan (IVE) No. 11
- "Everybody's All-American" Dennis Quaid (Warner Bros.) No. 13
- "Gorillas In The Mist" Sigourney Weaver (MCA) No. 16
- "A Cry In The Dark" Meryl Streep (Warner Bros.) No. 12
- "My Stepmother Is An Alien" Kim Basinger (RCA/Columbia) No. 15
- "Heartbreak Hotel" David Keith (Touchstone) No. 19
- "The Boost" James Woods (HBO) New Entry

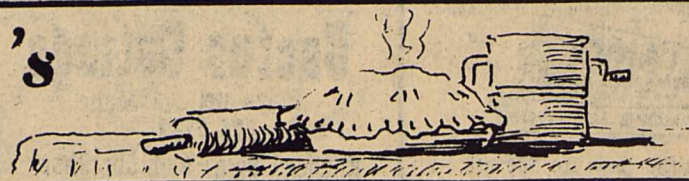
Top 10 Movies

- Turner & Hooch starring Tom Hanks
- Jason Takes Manhattan
- Lethal Weapon 2 Mel Gibson
- Batman Michael Keaton
- When Harry Met Sally Billy Crystal
- Licence To Kill Timothy Dalton
- Honey, I Shrunk The Kids Rick Moranis
- Peter Pan
- Dead Poets Society Robin Williams
- Parenthood Steve Martin

Sports Quiz Answers

1. Pete Gogolik of the Buffalo Bills; 2. Houston Oilers defeated Los Angeles Chargers, 24-16; 3. Los Angeles Chargers; 4. Nebraska; 5. Art Rock; 6. California; 7. Nebraska; 8. Art Rock; 9. U.S.S.R. on E; 10. Little League; 11. Czechoslovakia; 12. Czechoslovakia; 13. Czechoslovakia; 14. Czechoslovakia; 15. Czechoslovakia; 16. Czechoslovakia; 17. Czechoslovakia; 18. Czechoslovakia; 19. Czechoslovakia; 20. Czechoslovakia; 21. Czechoslovakia; 22. Czechoslovakia; 23. Czechoslovakia; 24. Czechoslovakia; 25. Czechoslovakia; 26. Czechoslovakia; 27. Czechoslovakia; 28. Czechoslovakia; 29. Czechoslovakia; 30. Czechoslovakia; 31. Czechoslovakia; 32. Czechoslovakia; 33. Czechoslovakia; 34. Czechoslovakia; 35. Czechoslovakia; 36. Czechoslovakia; 37. Czechoslovakia; 38. Czechoslovakia; 39. Czechoslovakia; 40. Czechoslovakia; 41. Czechoslovakia; 42. Czechoslovakia; 43. Czechoslovakia; 44. Czechoslovakia; 45. Czechoslovakia; 46. Czechoslovakia; 47. Czechoslovakia; 48. Czechoslovakia; 49. 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Grandma's Kitchen



Last week as I was making a few frappes for myself, it dawned on me how important it is to keep on hand some unflavored gelatin. I did a bit more research and found that gelatin is not a complete protein, it lacks certain amino acids.

It isn't the vitamin content in gelatin which is important, but its ability to work with the activities of the glands. It causes the glands to take the vitamins, the important parts, and distribute where needed, without it. There is no sensitivity to the vitamins. It's highly recommended for its enzymatic action in aiding the assimilation of vegetables. There's lots of things you can add an envelope of unflavored gelatin.

I put one in with my vegetables and we sure do drink the juice. It's easily digested and makes a special nutritional contribution to every food or beverage. It contains no sugar or other flavorings. It does not distort the flavor or quality of anything you add it to.

If you see your houseplants looking a little sad and need of a pick-me-up, dissolve an envelope of unflavored gelatin in a quart jar and give them some well-needed protein. You'll notice the difference right away.

Prepared gelatin swells up and absorbs from five to ten times its weight. It has many uses: in food, medicine, photography, leather dressing, as an adhesive, sizing or stiffening and there are many more uses, pretty handy little package.

I was glancing through my Natural Healing Cookbook and noticed quite

a few foods that are missing from the recipes. There's lots of them, but I'll start with plain ole black pepper which never once did I think it could be bad for us. It clearly states that black and white pepper has no place in a diet designed for staying healthy. Black pepper is from the tropical shrub CAPSICUM and is a "mild carcinogen", which means it can act together with other more powerful substances and promotes the development of cancer. So please be careful the amount of black pepper you use. Don't confuse this with the other peppers such as cayenne, red, green, sweet or hot. Use as much of them as you like.

One more important thing I learned this week and that is milk in plastic or glass containers loses its vitamin A almost twice as fast as milk stored in cardboard cartons. Also, caffeine can inhibit the body's absorption of calcium and iron. If you take your calcium supplements or calcium-rich foods with coffee, tea, chocolate, cola or pepper drinks, you will be reducing or cancelling out the mineral supplements.

Here are a few tips on bringing your old furniture back to life. White rings on furniture occur when moisture is trapped under a wax surface. To remove the ring, squeeze toothpaste on a damp cotton cloth. Buff the toothpaste lightly into the ring for luster. For stubborn rings, mix toothpaste with baking soda and apply in the same manner.

To repair cigarette burns, dip a cotton swab into a bottle of nail

polish remover. Lightly rub across the burn and it will dissolve. Scrape any black residue with a pen knife until gone. If hollow is left, mix equal parts of clear nail polish and remover and fill in until the hollow has been removed.

To cover up scratches, select a wax or liquid shoe polish that matches the color of the wood as closely as possible. Apply to the scratched surface with a cotton swab, then lightly buff the affected area.

Here's a yummy little dessert called: Lemon Cake Pudding

1 cup sugar 3 egg whites stiffly beaten
dash of salt 3 egg yolks - beaten
1 1/2 c milk, scalded 2 TBS cooking oil
5 TBS lemon juice
2 tsp grated lemon peel
1/4 cup sifted all-purpose flour

Heat oven to 325 (slow). Sift dry ingredients together. Combine egg yolks, milk, oil, lemon juice and peel. Add to flour mixture. Fold in egg whites. Pour into oiled custard cups. Set cups in pan of hot water. Bake 45 minutes. Cool. Serves 8.

My thought this week is: Never act in any manner that there may ever be an experience of regret within yourself. Let the discourteousness, the unkindness all come from the other. Better to be abased and have peace within. No matter what others say or do, do as you would be done by and then the peace that has been promised will indeed be yours.

Till next week
Big Hugs & Special Love
Grandma

THE GRAPEVINE



BY GUS GARCIA



Last Wednesday, August 16, Petra Terrazas was honored with a birthday party, where she received \$208 in gifts.



Megan McWilliams appreciated the help from friends in holding up that big cake! But they appreciated helping her eat it! From left to right: Mason

McWilliams, Richard Ramirez, Jacob Huffman, Carlos Gomez, Megan McWilliams, Tommy Gomez, Heath Huffman, Leo Ramirez, Tony and Rocio Molinar.

Wow-zers! The volley-ing Tigerettes are off to a "roaring" start. They won their first tournament.

Are you students ready for school? Gosh knows I'm not! But anyway, best of luck and go for it!

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome all the new teachers and faculty to BISD. So, "Welcome"!

Birthday Greetings time! Happy Belated Birthday to Ben Terrazas Jr. on the 22 and to Jamie Shamaud on the 23.

Happy Birthday to Mrs. Terri Day (Dixie's daughter) who celebrated her birthday on the 26th.

Also Happy Birthday to Emilia Pena on the 25th.

To someone who is so special to me a very happy, happy, happy birthday on the 27th, Me! Happy Birthday Gus!

And Kristin Lee Meyer on the 28 and her father David Lee Meyer on the 29.

Happy Birthday to Susana Castillo on the 30 and to Tiger Cheerleader Lori Avila on the 31.

Thank You

The family of Eva Vincent wishes to express our sincere appreciation to those who furnished food and a cold drink after the service at Slaton Hall. Mr. & Mrs. W.B. Vincent Mrs. Logan Vincent



by Dorothy Payne

When Texas gained her independence and Kansas entered the Union, the boundaries were confused. This left a neutral strip of land larger than the state of Delaware which fell under the dominion of no state or territory. Congress was busy with western expansion and didn't notice the error. So the panhandle of Oklahoma was left without any court or law.

Naturally, it attracted those who tried to escape the law. Hence, the panhandle of Oklahoma today became known as "No Man's Land". One who took refuge in No Man's Land was Billy Olive. Billy had killed a man in Nebraska and fled to No Man's Land. Here he went into the rustling business, selling the butchered cattle in the little town of Beaver City. Sometimes he rounded up wild mustangs and drove them to Kansas to sell.

While he was gone to Kansas, his girlfriend decided to run away because she was tired of Billy's beatings. When Billy returned, he followed her and caught her at Cimmaron station. She told him that a Beaver City saloon keeper, named

Will Henderson had told her Billy had abandoned her.

Henderson denied it so Billy and his friend shot up his saloon and passed out free drinks. Then Billy and his friend beat up Henderson and told him to run. Billy's rifle misfired twice and by then Henderson was out of range and he escaped across the river.

After resting a while, Henderson borrowed a rifle and with three of his pals went back to town hunting Billy. Meanwhile, Henderson was being hunted by Billy also. They finally met in the street and started shooting. Henderson shot Billy through the heart. Billy's friend jumped on his horse and, leading Billy's, left to n on the run, picking up his girl on the way.

Four hours later, the posse caught up with him, but in the shuffle he escaped and was never seen again. Billy lay dead in Beaver City. His body was taken to Dodge for burial. His mother came from Smokey River in Nebraska to claim his body.

Oh! Beat the drums slowly
And play the fife lowly.
For he was a young cowhand
And, surely, he went wrong.

Megan McWilliams Birthday Honoree

by Gus Garcia
Megan McWilliams, daughter of Alan McWilliams had a birthday party in her honor last Wednesday, August 16. The party was given by her nanny, Mary Jane Garcia. It was held at the swim area at Fort Clark Springs. Children in attendance were: Lea and Richard Ramirez, Tommy and Carlos Gomez, Heath and Jacob Huffman, Tony and Tanya Molinar and brother Mason McWilliams.

Great games and prizes were on hand to keep the children occupied.

Megan received great presents from the children and all had a wonderful time.

While there, they enjoyed chicken salad sandwiches, punch and ate delicious homemade cake made by Honeybee Gomez (which was delicious). They hit the pinata and pinned the nose on Mickey. Megan received beautiful gifts!

Other visitors were: Mr. and Mrs. McWilliams, Pat and Billie Latham, Scott McWilliams and William Brockwell.

Here's hoping you had a great birthday from *The Brackett News*.

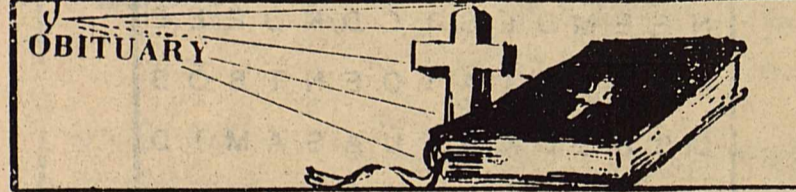
Unsung Hero

by Joe Townsend
There is a man in our community, went to school here and has spent his life here. He has capably and faithfully done his job for a number of years working for the city.

He capably operates the city equipment and does other work where needed. Many times when an

emergency arose and the one charged with taking care of it was out of pocket this man took time out to serve the need of the moment.

On his off time, he has always helped anyone who needed him. He is a good family man of high morals. Surely David Martinez is an "Unsung Hero".



OBITUARY
Eva Vincent
Eva Vincent was born in Brackettville on July 7, 1912 and lived most of her life in Kinney County. In 1985, due to ill health, she moved to Houston.

She died August 17. Graveside service was performed by Joe Brockman of the Church of Christ having charge of the service at the Masonic Cemetery Saturday, August 19 at 2 p.m.

This Week in History

This week in 1776, Washington and his 10,000 men lost the Battle of Long Island and fled New York on Aug. 27 ... In 1858, the Lincoln-Douglass debates began on Aug. 21 ... In 1859, the first commercially productive oil well was drilled near Titusville, Pa. on Aug. 27 ... In 1920, women were given the right to vote as the 19th Amendment was ratified on Aug. 26 ... In 1944, a U.S. Army B-25 hit a school in Freckleton, England, killing 76 people on Aug. 23

... In 1950, under President Truman's orders, the army seized all railroads in order to prevent a general strike on Aug. 27 ... In 1984, President Ronald Reagan and Vice

President George Bush were renominated at the Republican National Convention on Aug. 23 ... In 1986, the Soviet Union released a report blaming an April nuclear accident at the Chernobyl plant on human error on Aug. 21.

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