

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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Manuel and Yolanda Flores will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary along with their children, Gabriel and Gabriel's Quinceanera. Festivities are planned for December 9 at the N.C.O. Club on Fort Clark Springs. The couple married December 6 in Piedras Negras, they own and operate the business "Gateway." They have 5 children, Yolanda, Susanna, Manuel Jr., Gabriel, and Gabriela.

Late Bulletin

Joseph Weldon Bailey Jr. a 59 year old Kinney Co. resident was arrested near his ranch approximately 6 miles northeast of Brackettville on Hwy. 334 late Friday afternoon by Sheriff Norman Hooten and Chief Deputy David Luna on second degree felony charges of three counts of indecency with a child.

Bailey also faces charges of unlawfully carrying a weapon and

resisting arrest.

He was armed with a .357 magnum revolver at the time he was approached by the arresting officers and after a brief struggle was disarmed at the scene by Sheriff Hooten and Deputy Luna he was then transported to the Kinney Co. jail and remains there at the time of this writing in lieu of bond totaling \$150,000 (\$50,000 on each count.)

Join the Holiday Blood Drive

On Comet! On Cupid! On Donor! On Blitzen! Give blood this holiday season!

You have the opportunity to help save a life this holiday season, by donating blood, Thursday, December 14th, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., in the Lab Conference Room, at Val Verde Memorial Hospital. The South Texas Regional Blood Bank and Val Verde Memorial Hospital will sponsor the final blood drive of 1989 on December 14th.

An added benefit will be provided to those donors giving blood on this date, the donor will receive a free cholesterol test. This test monitors cholesterol levels in the blood. The donor will also receive a mini-physi-

cal which consists of blood pressure, iron level, pulse and temperature check.

To be a blood donor, a person must be between the ages of 17 and 72, weigh at least 110 pounds, and it should have been eight(8) weeks or longer since his/ her last blood donation. Seventeen year olds must have written parental consent. It is also recommended that donors should eat within 4 hours prior to donation.

Give blood this holiday season. It's safe, it's simple. It saves lives.

For more information contact Dava Cloudt, Public Relations Director, Val Verde Memorial Hospital, 775-8566, Ext 250.



Josefina Castillo

Castillo First to Graduate for M.R.G.D.C.

Josefina Castillo is the first high school graduate to obtain her G.E.D. from the Middle Rio Grande Development Council in Brackettville.

Josefina began taking the courses offered in mid September. She is a 29 year old mother of 4 children, Marisol a 9th grader, Chanito a 5th grader (Chanito resides in Iran with his father), Angie a 4th grader and Fernando a 1st grader. Josefina is presently employed at the Burger and Shake. When asked how she felt about obtaining the diploma Josefina replied, "I feel great" she then added, "I would like to thank Mr.

and Mrs. Finch for all of the support they gave me, and I plan on going to college in January."

G.E.D. courses are offered through the M.R.G.D.C. under the instruction of Ms. Shirley Harrison.

Shirley presently gives instruction to a class of 12 students. "We have full enrollment at this time, but anyone can come and sign up for the June courses."

This is the first time that the M.R.G.M.C. has ever offered that type of service in Kinney County. Shirley asks that all persons interested in applying for the course should contact her at 563-2021.

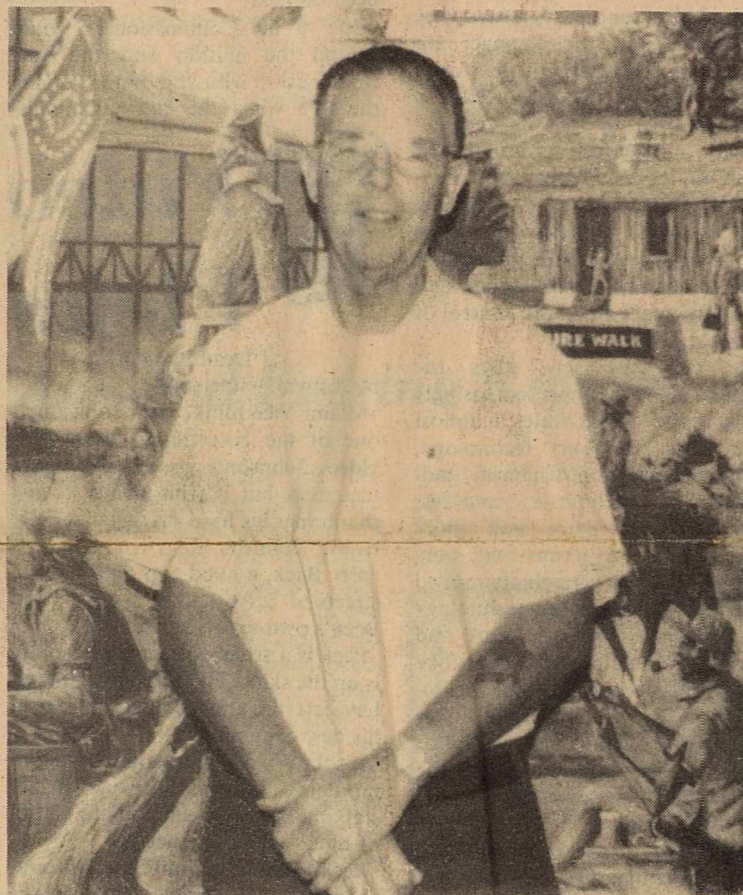
Golf Members Elect New Board of Directors

The golf association met this past Monday afternoon at five o'clock in a special called meeting and elected a five member Board of Directors to represent the membership and serve as regents over the golf course after the change of command from North American Towns of Texas, Inc. to Fort Clark Springs is completed. Elected to this new Board from a slate of fifteen nominees was Mary Lee Trollinger, Les Roper, Tom Faulkenberry, P.M. Moore, and Bill Bizzell. The election went off very orderly and from early reports the membership expressed their approval of the choices that were made.

The new Committee elected a Chairman by secret ballot and Bill Bizzell was chosen to fill this position. Mary Lee Trollinger was

asked to serve as secretary and she agreed. Mary Lee and Tom Faulkenberry were appointed to work on the new budget that will be presented to the Association. P.M. Moore will be doing a study of the inventory list on the equipment that will be used at the golf course.

The entire Committee concurred that they were faced with a monumental task but working together as a "force of one" should bring great results. This is a very historical time in the young life of the golf course and the current membership will play a vital part in this venture. With perseverance and dedication, the course, which can now be considered a part of the Fort Clark Family, should develop into one of the finest recreational facilities in this area.



Robert (Bob) W. Nelson

New Assistant Manager at Fort Clark Springs

by Lashawn Wardlaw

Monday, December 4th, Robert (Bob) W. Nelson began his first day as Assistant Manager at Fort Clark Springs.

Nelson has had 37 years of working experience and is a retired Chief Master Sergeant in the Air Force. Nelson has traveled all 50 states and has lived in three foreign countries.

Nelson moved to Fort Clark in 1981, while stationed at Laughlin Air Force Base. He then retired from the military in 1982. Nelson then learned the game of golf and continued to play for the next two years. During this time, he also acted as President of the Historical Society for a year.

1984-86, Nelson worked as President and General Manager of Southwestern Communications Service Co. Inc. here in Brackettville. His most recent employment was with Bendix Field Engineering Corp. in Saudi Arabia, where he managed

an international work force of 58 maintaining Navigational Aids and Communications at six airports and two remote sites.

Why is Nelson most suitable for the job? "My past management experience and the desire to see the Fort be as good as it can be for all people is my desire" said Nelson.

Nelson believes that family is #1. "Without my wife, I'm nothing," said Nelson. He and his wife, Marge have three children. The Nelson's are active in the Catholic Church, where Mr. Nelson is a deacon.

An interesting fact is that Nelson was born in Fort Jones, CA, a military post which was established in 1852, the same year Fort Clark was established.

Living in three foreign countries and traveling all the other states, Nelson decides to reside in Texas, Brackettville, Texas. Fort Clark Springs! Good Luck on the new job!

News From First United Methodist Church

The public is invited to attend an unusually beautiful Christmas Cantata, "A Night of Miracles," at First UMC, Sunday December 10, 7:00 p.m.

The cantata will be performed by the combined choirs of First UMC, Del Rio, and First UMC, Brackettville. The music by Peterson is unusually beautiful. Those who attend will receive a very special, spiritual Christmas treat!

First Church will sponsor a covered dish dinner Dec. 10 at 5:30 p.m. honoring its "Winter Texan." The public is invited to both events.

The Sanctuary doors of First United Methodist Church will be open M-F,

8:00 - 10:00 a.m. through Christmas for those who would like to stop and pray. This is a service of First UMC to the community. While the Christmas season is the most joyous season of the church year, it is also the time when people feel most pressured and distressed. If persons are grieving or depressed, the joy of others seems to accentuate the pain or sadness they are feeling. More people commit suicide at this time of the year. The public is invited to stop by to pray or meditate, to avail themselves of the comfort, guidance and strength of god. (8-10:00 a.m. M-W and by appointment. Call Rev. J. Roland Cole, pastor, at 3-2823.)



Happy Shahan poses with Stephanie Kuehne, Miss Texas U.S.A. during her visit to Alamo Village.

Miss Texas Visits Alamo Village

by Lashawn Wardlaw

D.J. Stout, Art Director of Texas Monthly magazine put together an A-1 professional team to photograph Miss Texas U.S.A. at Alamo Village, Monday, December 4.

Miss Texas U.S.A., Stephanie Kuehne of Houston is one of the nine women chosen to appear in Texas Monthly's February issue about Texas Beauties.

Kuehne said posing in front of the Alamo in a bathing suit during the middle of winter could possibly be her most memorable moment as Miss Texas U.S.A.

New York's photographers Michael O'Brien and assistant, David Zickl

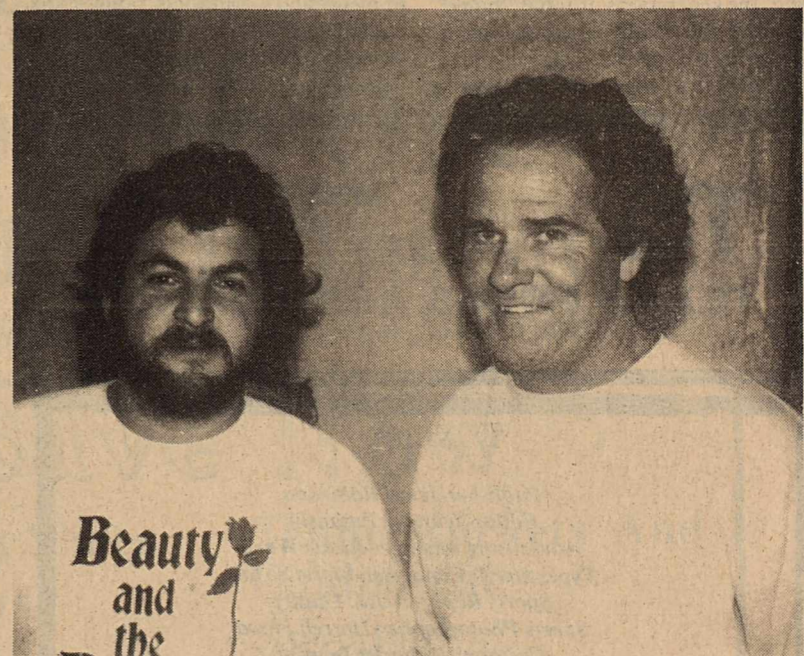
paired in shooting Texas Beauties from each region in the Lone Star State. Including, the Alligator Queen in Anahuac to Miss Texas at the Alamo in Brackettville to a High

School Homecoming Queen in West Texas. O'Briens photography has appeared on the covers of Life and National Geographic magazines. "We've got so many good pictures, it's going to be hard to choose just one," said O'Brien.

Stylist and production executive, Suzi Bittles of Chicago said, "It's great to be in Texas, there's no place like it!"

While in Brackettville, the Texas Monthly crew and Miss Texas stayed at Fort Clark. After a Monday morning run, Bittles and Kuehne agreed that Fort Clark was a fantastic place to exercise!

The talented team of three will complete their Texas Beauty trip Monday, December 11 in Wimberly, photographing Miss Rodeo Texas 1989.



Painters who will be actors in "Gunsmoke II" Joe Ciruolo (right) and Tim Donnelly, formerly of the "Emergency!" T.V. series.

Former "Emergency" Star Pulls Dual Duty on Movie

By Penny Nixon

Changes in the Hollywood entertainment industry are forcing former prominent T.V. stars like Tim Donnelly, 43, of Los Angeles to consider other alternatives to stay employed in the movies.

Donnelly starred as Firefighter/cook Chet Kelly in the popular series "Emergency!" which ran from 1971 to 1978.

Today Donnelly is working as a scenic artist/painter preparing buildings at Alamo Village for the filming of Gunsmoke II next week. But Donnelly won't just be holding a paint brush behind the scenes during the entire Gunsmoke filming schedule. At some point in the next few weeks he'll strap on a gun for a speaking part as "Gentleman Jim" in the movie.

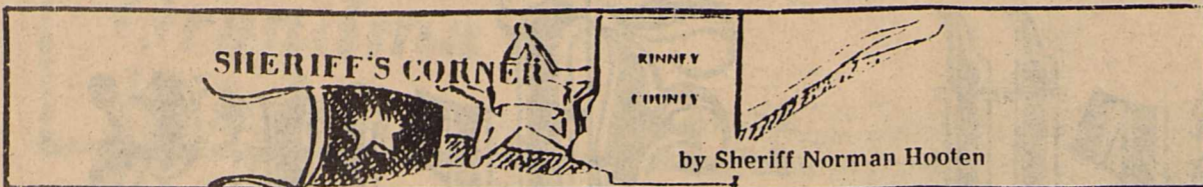
Donnelly's painting partner, Joe

Ciraolo, 30, of Los Angeles will also be a member of the "Bodine Gang" in the movie.

Why does a professional actor like Donnelly need to work double duty on a movie? "The whole industry has changed," he said of Hollywood. "Where you used to have lots of T.V. series that used many guest stars, now you have the situation comedies that use just a small cast." Donnelly recently finished a pilot episode of "Malibu Patrol" which he hopes will be picked up for a television series. "I'm just trying to make a living until then," he said with a smile.

Donnelly was the director on Emergency.

Plans call for the movie crew to begin filming at Alamo Village next week on December 12 or 13.



Sunshine, palm trees, sandy beaches, and deep blue water. Grass skirts, beautiful darkskinned women, and handsome men with smiling faces. Hawaii. A deep harbor, grey ships of war; huge aircraft carriers, battleships, destroyers peacefully at anchor. Thousands of American military men and women. A naval base; Pearl Harbor.

A lazy Sunday morning, soft breezes, that first cup of coffee, gentle small talk with loved ones, church; December 7, 1941. A pause as a head is cocked to listen to a droning in the distant like an angry hive of bees. Unable to clearly identify the sound, the small talk continues. A destroyer slowly gets underway in Pearl Harbor, moving slowly away from the dock, steering is difficult as speed is slow. Uniformed men scurrying about on the deck preparing the ship for sea duty. Officers mess just finished on the huge battleship tied to the dock. Enlisted men preparing for duty or shore leave.

Suddenly the sky is filled with planes screaming downward; dive-bombers, fighter planes later to be feared and respected and known as "Zeros". Explosions, burning ships, death, and burned, mangled bodies, unprovoked sneak-attacks; Pearl Harbor. More death, extreme cruelty in the years of war to follow. Be-headed prisoners, Bataan Death March; more death, more cruelty, more hideous torture inflicted upon thousands of Americans, and others. More death, more cruelty, the mutilations of hundreds of thousands, untold pain, misery, and the crippled minds and bodies of thousands of Americans. A cruel legacy left behind by a cruel race of people with a culture that has time and time again proven to be cold, calculating, ruthless, and deadly. The Japanese.

Hi-tech T.V.'s, electronics, electrical household appliances, video games, stereo systems, computers, silk, shopsticks, cherry blossoms, and very efficient, cute little cars. The Japanese.

The Japanese people are very admirable in many ways. They are a hardworking, energetic people. They have the capacity and dedication to "make a better mousetrap" and sell it for less and monopolize on the world market, sometimes forcing the original "mousetrap" off the market, and the original builder out of business. But, the Japanese also have an old proverb that; "every man has six faces." No one should ever forget, or forgive, Pearl Harbor and the terror, cruelty, mutilations, death, and the worldwide pain and heartache brought about by a people to whom stealth, sneak attack, and extreme cruelty to their enemies is considered to be an honorable trait. And, the generations of today should put aside the comforts and pleasures of the hi-tech T.V.'s, stereos, and cute little cars and take a harder,

more in-depth look at these smiling little people with six faces.

After the surrender of Japan, brought about by the use of the Atom Bomb, saving thousands upon thousands of AMERICAN lives, the United States occupied Japan, re-structured their society, rebuilt their country, and stabilized their economy. After all, this is the American way. The people of Japan demonstrated their admirable qualities of hard work and perseverance in climbing back up out of the depths of despair caused by a nuclear holocaust and the ultimate defeat of their country by a country they almost defeated by deception, sneak-attack, and extreme cruelty. They smiled, and bowed, and worked hard. However, and this should be burned into the minds and memories of all Americans, the Japanese soon demonstrated several of their "six faces".

Since the end of World War II Japan has grown in technical know-how given them by the United States and others. They have in fact surpassed the knowledge and ability of the providing countries in many aspects, particularly in application and efficiency. They have cornered the free market in hi-tech electronics, the manufacture of automobiles, and are now moving into other countries to purchase farms, ranches, businesses, and skyscrapers with vast amounts of money generated from the very countries they have moved into. Japan is today a very wealthy country with an above average, stable economy.

Japanese businessmen present a smiling, respectful demeanor to the world, but look a little deeper and you will catch a glimmer of one of their "six faces". You will see that their basic culture, though very different on the outside, has changed very little in their hearts since they dealt the United States an almost fatal blow on December 7, 1941 and terrorized the Pacific islands for years with extreme cruelty and total disregard for the rights of others in any moral sense.

Japan is raping, pillaging, and murdering the world's natural resources. They are heavily involved in the strip-logging of the world's rain forests, particularly in Boreno and South America countries. They slaughter thousands upon thousands of gentle dolphins every year. Why? Because the dolphins provide no viable service or commodity in dollars and cents and interfere with the extremely efficient (and destructive) methods of strip-fishing the world's oceans devised by the Japanese. The Japanese slaughter thousands upon thousands of the endangered species of whales each year with total disregard to the pleas of mercy and world wide cooperation made by environmental groups. The Japanese brutally disregard fishing treaties and agreements in effect

between other countries of the world and continue to strip the seas of their bounty.

The Japanese are the world's leading dealers in the legal, and illegal, ivory trade which is leading to the extinction of the African elephant which has experienced a population decrease of over 50 percent in just the past ten years. If the current trend continues it is anticipated that African elephants in the wild will be extinct within 25 years or less. Billions and billions of dollars, generated by sales of items to the United States, have poured into the Japanese economy over the past years. With our own money the Japanese are slowly but surely buying our country out from under us. They have purchased thousands and thousands of American companies, including CBS Records, Columbia Pictures, Rockefeller Center in New York, and many others. The Japanese have purchased millions and millions of acres of American farm and ranch land and major manufacturing plants, putting thousands of American laborers out of work. And now, most appalling of all, the United States is seriously considering selling the technology and manufacturing rights of our major warplane and strategic fighter to, who else, the Japanese!

Yes, the Japanese people have many admirable qualities. They are hard-working, very efficient, and extremely bright. However, their culture is extremely different from ours and others in the world. They basically have no natural resources left in their country, therefore they are merciless in their hunger for resources in other parts of the world. If they only took what they needed in order to provide for the feeding, clothing, and general welfare of their people things might not be so bad. But the Japanese are a driven people. They are driven by desires for more and more success, more and more money, more and more land, and ultimately, more and more control of the world. At any cost!

Over the past few years the Japanese have become increasingly critical of the United States in almost every area of our technology, manufacturing, and financial endeavors. They become less and less diplomatic and more and more hostile in their criticisms and, only recently, have made thinly veiled threats about taking their technology to the Soviets. They are more and more often sounding less and less like friends who appreciate our democratic and expensive assistance over the years and seem to be resentful of that very assistance. In reality the Japanese do not respect us in any way. Again only recently they have stated openly that they do not need or want our military protection or assistance anymore and desire to build up their own military power once again. BEWARE!

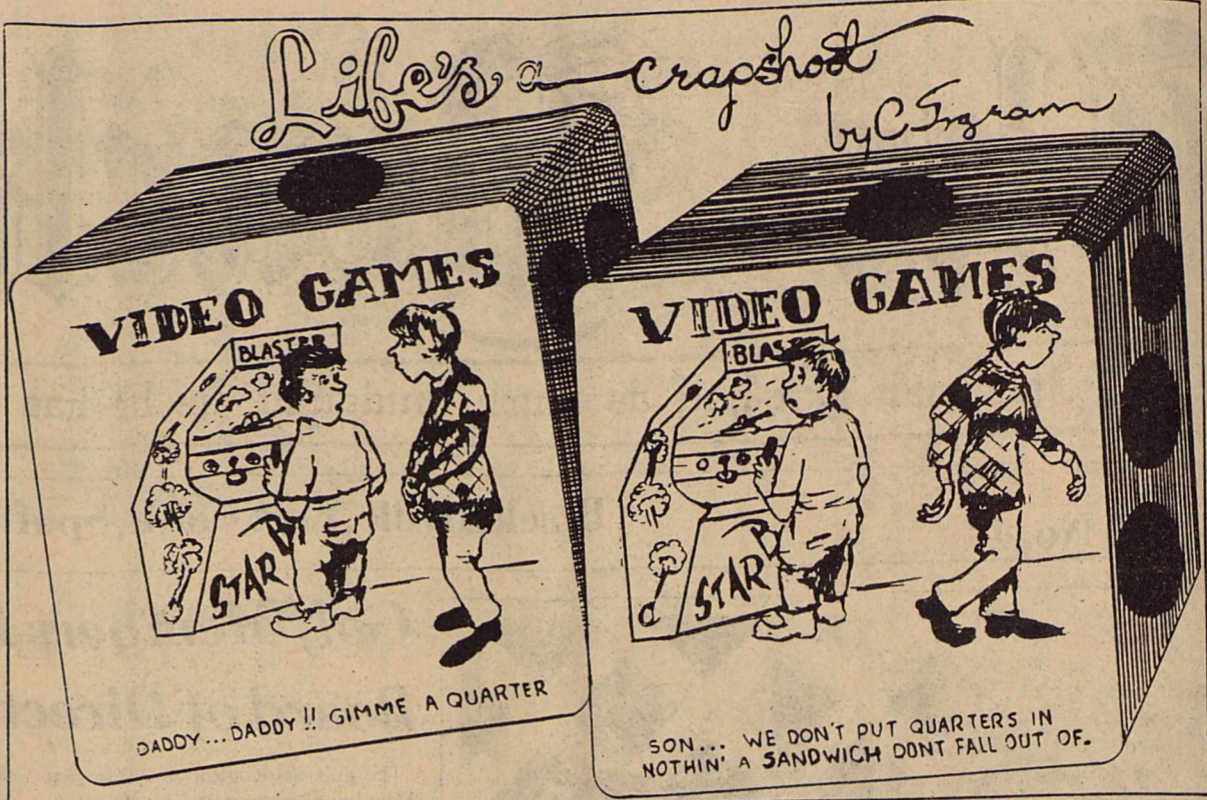
Yet, even with all the signs given to us by the Japanese of their disrespect for us and our ability, the American government and many citizens and businessmen seem to be turning over our technology, our manufacturing, our money, and our country to the Japanese just as fast as they will take it. Pearl Harbor and the years of cruelty, suffering, and death at the hands of the Japanese in the years that followed should have been burned into the minds of the people of the world, especially the people of the United States. However, it seems that our greed and soft, easy living has clouded our judgement and the knowledge of the fact that the Japanese cannot be trusted to deal with world issues in a way that is understandable and acceptable by our standards. Their methodical rape and plunder of the world's resources and their ever increasing control and domination of world wide financial and technological interests should be a warning to the American people that the Japanese people truly do have "six faces" and their smiling, bowing, outwardly gentle ways ARE NOT a true indication of their character. We should not forget Pearl Harbor, Guadalcanal, Tarawa, nor the Bataan Death March. Nor should we forget the suicidal tenacity of the Japanese people when they have dedicated themselves to succeed in their desires!

In the names and memories of all those who died at the hands of the Japanese in World War II, and for the sakes of future generations, we must forever more remember the treachery of Japan and that infamous day the Japanese people shot America in the back. December 7, 1941.

That's All

Unsung Hero

There is a man who was born here and has lived here all his life. He has a fine family to which he is devoted. He is always an active and busy man. He is capable and industrious in his job. He is always willing to help anyone in a time of need. He is a



The reprehensible and irresponsible action by the County Judge regarding the Constable is surprising only to the unknowing.

A number of times when Tommy Seargeant was County Judge years ago I would be visiting with the Judge in his office before Commissioners Court and two Commissioners would come in at which time I would be dismissed and the office door closed behind me. When the Court opened things had already been decided.

One of the Commissioners would second the motion and the vote would carry with the Judge joining the two while the other Commis-

sioners, opposed. Finally the two were voted out of office as was Tommy Seargeant. When he left office the County was worse than broke. The debt was so staggering the bank told

the Court they would have to reorganize their finance or the bank would cut off their credit. For several months the County actually depend-

ed on fines taken in by the Highway Patrol to pay salaries. From this period we had a new jail whose locks wouldn't work, a new swimming pool that wouldn't hold water, a new civic center which was supposed to be a sound stage for making movies which turned out to be an echo barn,

and a library building that was less than half finished.

When Tommy Seargeant was elected this time the County had a large surplus. Taxes have been raised so now there is much money for Mr. Seargeant to squander by his manipulations of two Commissioners who do his bidding regardless of concern for taxpayers and their money.

This points out how important it is to elect responsible commissioners. In the meantime with the present administration and court we can only hope there'll be enough money to last until another election when the situation can be changed.



Video Views

"Dead Bang" by Robyn Henderson

Miami Vice hunk, Don Johnson is one of the best things about this video. Johnson's good looks are a true asset but it's his ability to act that brings his hard-driving character to life. Johnson plays true life Det. Jerry Back, a good cop on the mean streets of L.A. This is a story from Beck's own experiences.

Beck is a street-wise cop whose life is on the skids. His wife and children have left him and a bottle of booze in his new companion.

It's the holiday season and a gang of murderous white supremacists are stalking Beck's streets, leaving a trail of blood wherever they go.

Beck follows the trail to a subterranean Colorado headquarters where he realizes something big is coming down. A typical FBI man, who dislikes Beck's profanity, is sent to Beck's aid.

But Beck's unconventional ways cause doubt and rejection from his department and the Bureau. Beck won't give up the chase and is sent into an emotional and physical roller coaster ride.

For Beck this isn't a case, it's a war. "Ghostbusters II" by Robyn Henderson

These days if you want a hit movie, get an adorable baby and cast around him. I remember when hit movies were cast around animals, now it's babies.

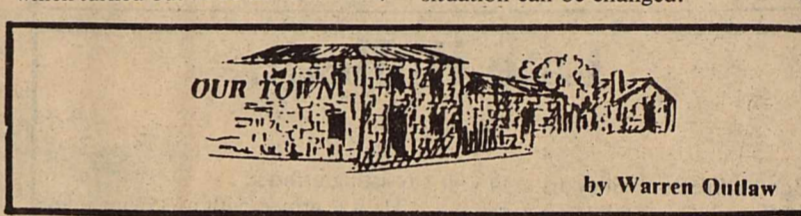
All the old cast is back to once again save New York City. A supernatural being is about to destroy the world, "so who do you call?", Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd, Harold Ramis and Ernie Hudson, of course.

It's been five years since the first Ghostbuster movie hit the streets with unexpected laughter. Sequels never are quite as good as the original, mostly because they are expected to be as good or better than the original.

Although not quite as good as the first, Ghostbusters II is great entertainment. I watched it twice in a row. Sigourney Weaver is back as Dana Barrett, only this time she is a divorced mother with little baby, Oscar. Little Oscar has been chosen to become the host body for a demonic force who controls a river of slime under the Big Apple. So begins the story.

The scientific genius of the Ghostbusters foils this dastardly deed and everyone lives happily ever after. Old romances are again kindled, Peter Vinckman and Dana, and new loves find each other, Louis and Janine, Rick Moranis and Annie Potts.

This is a fun movie.



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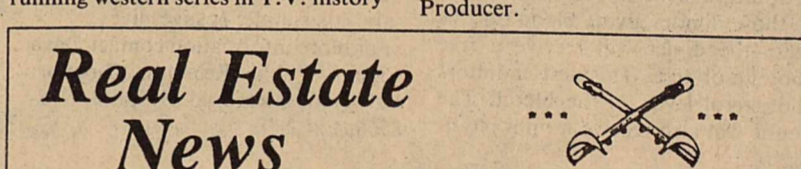
by Warren Outlaw

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Byrd from Dallas had several guest last week at their ranch in Brackettville. Vicki Peacock and David Malizia from West Palm Beach Florida, Dinah Miller and Bill Beckham from Dallas, Diane and Harold Byrd III from Dallas and Blain and Kathy Endland from Dallas. The guest enjoyed a sight-seeing trip around Brackettville and Fort Clark.

Billy Riddle and Will Vaughn from Glen Rose Texas were in last week for a hunt on the Lackey Ranch.

Billy Cervantes from Houston Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Valentino Cervantes brought a group of hunters out to hunt on the Hobbs Ranch last weekend. After a hard day of hunting the group visited Ciudad Acuna where a great time was had by all.

Welcome to our town "James Arness!" The star of the longest running western series in T.V. history



Real Estate News

by Molly Ardrey

Almost every home looks extra-wonderful at holiday time: it's a time of year when people think "Family." In some houses you'll find sparkling decorations and holiday greens to delight the eye, and the wonderful aromas of home cooking to tempt the nose. It's a great time to show off your house to buyers.

Hang cheerful holiday decorations on your front door to welcome prospective buyers, straighten up as you would for any important company.

Historically, Dec. is a good time to have your home on the market. The folks taking their time to view it will be serious prospects as few have the time to feast while away on afternoons looking at houses.

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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County Memorial Fund Committee

The Kinney County Memorial Fund Committee met November 30, 1989 at the clinic, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Sid Sponholtz. 16 members attending were Agapito Saenz, Alfred Pena, Carloata Wright, Charles Wilson, Joan Boutwell, Marge Geeze, Bill Herman, Amy Cupps, Sid Sponholtz, Kay Smith, Else Sauer, J. Lee Ballantyne, Adrian Reyes Jr., Bob McCall, Rose Mary Slubar, and Pat Parks.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Sponholtz read a State of Texas "Verification of Compliance," dated April 3, 1989. This verification was the result of the clinic's correction of the previously identified building deficiencies. The only item not yet corrected is the installation of a drinking fountain accessible to the physically handicapped. The money for the fountain has been received from the New World Study Club as promised.

There was discussion concerning insurance for the clinic. The matter was tabled until later.

Mr. Sponholtz noted that the U.M.C. (United Medical Center) pays all repairs needed on the clinic and upkeep of the building and ground, plus \$400.00 a month rent. He also noted that it has been three years since the renovation of the clinic and that only recently a few minor repairs were necessary. The condition of the clinic has been brought up to A-1 shape and many favorable comments have been received about its excellence. Marge Geeze stated that she has heard many fine compliments on service provided by clinic personnel.

Rose Mary Slubar displayed the new sign she has made to replace the previous one which had been damaged. The sign says in both English and Spanish "No person shall be denied service due to their inability to pay." She said, however, that the sign does not mean there is no effort put forth to collect bills due.

Kay Smith presented the financial report and explained the various aspects contained in it. The full report is included in these minutes. We have only one more payment left to make this year on our loan from the bank and Mr. Sponholtz stated that there is no pressure from the bank to collect it immediately. Kay Smith recommended that we put our funds in a savings account. Joan Boutwell made a motion to that effect and it was seconded by Marge Geeze. The vote in favor was unanimous. Bob McCall moved approval of the treasurer's report and Bill Herman seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

There was discussion about the use and repair of the ambulance which is owned by Kinney County. Kay Smith told us she is in charge of its upkeep

and that it is serviced after every run. Rose Mary Slubar made a motion that we keep Amy Cupps and Agapito Saenz for a second 2 year term as trustees, and Tim Ward for one more year. The vote in favor was unanimous. Bob McCall nominated Bill Herman to fill the position of trustee for a 2 year period. Agapito Saenz seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Rose Mary Slubar moved that we accept all the officers of the Clinic Committee for another term and the

vote in favor was unanimous. Charles Wilson was elected Vice President by an unanimous vote.

Else Sauer inquired as to the date specified in our constitution for our annual meeting, and was informed that it is the second Monday in October. There was a discussion about the By-Laws requirement for a quorum. It was considered that 50 percent is too high. Joan Boutwell proposed that we cut it to 40 percent and Bob McCall seconded the motion. The vote in favor was

unanimous. Because the committee has 34 members, 14 will now be sufficient to constitute a quorum.

It was noted that all organizations whose representatives do not participate on the Clinic Committee should be so notified, and requested to appoint someone who wishes to be active.

The Verification of Compliance and the Building Use Agreement are included in these minutes. The meeting was adjourned.

White Announced for Governor

AUSTIN - Saying "Texas has been drifting in a sea of challenge, change and uncertainty," Governor Mark White kicked off his 1990 gubernatorial campaign on Wednesday. Accompanied by his wife, Linda Gale, he began a whirlwind 11 stop Kick-Off Tour beginning in Austin. "Do right and risk consequences," White quoted Sam Houston, "That was the way I ran state government then. I will run it the same way in the future." White told reporters and supporters at an Austin news conference. "Our problem in Texas are great," he added, listing crime, economic woes, drugs and traffic

congestion. "But the only solutions offered are timid and political."

"All we hear is talk. And I have a message for those politicians who say it can't be done. I'll remind them that they said the same thing about education reform. And, now we have better teachers and better students and a brighter future than ever before," White said.

White reeled off other accomplishments of his first administration including an unprecedented Water Plan in 1985 and a doubling of highway and road construction. "I am running because I believe I have the proven qualities that people

are looking for in their governor: leadership, vision, courage, integrity and experience."

From Austin, White took his campaign to Dallas, San Antonio and Houston. On Thursday, the Campaign Kick-Off continued in Corpus Christi, Brownsville, Laredo and El Paso. On Friday, White campaigned in Beaumont, Texarkana and Wichita Falls.

White was Governor from 1983 through 1987. He was the state's 46th Attorney General. He served as Secretary of State beginning in 1973. The former Governor is currently practicing law in Houston.

TPWD Co-Sponsors Conference

McALLEN - The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) recently co-sponsored an international conference on environmental conservation and parks with Mexico's Department of Urban Development and Ecology (SEDUE), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Antonio Narro University of Saltillo, the ORVEN Group of Nuevo Leon and the World Wildlife Fund.

"Good stewardship of parks, natural areas, fish, wildlife and all other environmental matters cannot be practiced in isolation from Mexico," said Wilson E. Dolman, director of the TPWD's Parks Division. Park planners have taken a leadership role in two past conferences that led to this Third Regional Conference of the U.S. Mexico Border States on Parks and Wildlife, he said.

Since 1985, the Border Conferences have brought U.S. and Mexican biologists, planners and researchers together in discussions of common problems. The result has been cross-border training in natural resource management, environmental education and revised translations of state park brochures. Dr. Graciela de la Garza, SEDUE's director for ecological conservation of natural resources and her counter-

part James Ridenour, director of the National Park Service, both pledged continued support and cooperation in matters of international park management. One example is the Mexican study of a potential national park in the Sierra Maderas del Carmen. The Chihuahuan Desert and the Tamaulipan Biotic Province do not stop at the Rio Grande, and citizens of both countries cross the border daily to work, shop and use public parks, Dolman said. "To do our job

well, especially at the new Big Bend Ranch State Natural Area, it is important for Texas park planners to know Mexican biologists and researchers," he said. The Big Bend Natural Area borders Mexico west of Big Bend National Park.

The conference closed with an agreement for the University of Chihuahua to host the next conference in late 1990 or early 1991 at their campus in Chihuahua, Mexico.

Amistad Fishing Report

AMISTAD: Water clear, 69 degrees, 6 1/2 feet low; black bass are spotty to 10 pounds, most average 2-3 pounds in deep water on purple and red worms with chartreuse tails; striper are good in the 8-15 pound range from Marker 4 to Marker 20 on topwaters or Zara spoons with Banana Head jigs with pearl grubs; crappie slow; white bass are good in Caballo Canyon in 15-20 feet of water on white or chartreuse slabs; catfish are good in 15 to 110 feet of water on Rogers Cheese or stink bait or worms and shrimp. Two small

black bears from Mexico raided the garbage cans at Amistad American Trailer Park, residents caught the bears but later released them.

C.A.P. Invades Brackett Schools

By Birdie Ward

Monday, two Civil Air Patrol cadets, both high school seniors from Uvalde, spoke to an assembly of 7th through 12th graders here at Brackett High School about the benefits of belonging to the CAP. Cadet Flight Officer Jud Heartsill and Cadet Master Sergeant John Hickman made a fine presentation. CAPT Birdie Ward and 2LT Bill Spurgers accompanied the cadets.

This is National CAP Week. The Civil Air Patrol was founded on December 1, 1941 - just 6 days before the attack on Pearl Harbor. People from virtually every profession - teachers, doctors, plumbers, salesmen, and a few millionaire brokers - were united by a love of country and a love of flying. They were authorized only 90 days to prove their value to the war effort.

The CAP Coastal Patrol passed its trial period and chalked up an impressive record. In 18 months, it sighted 173 submarines in our coastal waters and sank 2 (and several other "probables"). Help was summoned for 91 ships in distress and for 363 survivors of submarine attacks. Seventeen floating mines were sighted by CAP personnel & 5,684 special convoy missions were flown.

Since Civil Air Patrol aircraft were lower and slower than AAF planes, they had a distinct advantage and had a higher percentage of "finds" on search and rescue missions for missing Army and Navy planes.

Today, of course, the Civil Air Patrol does not carry any weapons. We do have three main objectives:

- 1) Aerospace education program
- 2) CAP cadet program
- 3) Emergency services program

Aerospace education is divided into two areas. One specifically for CAP members, and one for non-members - teachers, school administrators, and other interested individuals.

You may ask, why so much emphasis on aerospace education? Current events continually point out

the achievements of other nations in aerospace technology, which may threaten both the prestige and security of this nation. The United States can maintain its leadership only by paralleling or excelling the achievements of other countries; to do this, it is a must that general education in aerospace activities be emphasized now and in the future. Besides, this education or our youth insures our nation's future supply of trained scientists dedicated to preserving this country's superiority in aerospace technology.

CAP cadet program is designed to meet the individual member's needs. Emphasis is put on individual study, instruction and attainment. The five program factors in the CAP cadet program - aerospace education, moral leadership, leadership laboratory, activities, and physical fitness - are implemented through the use of counselors who work with each cadet desiring or needing assistance.

Achievements in the cadet program qualify the high school students for scholarships, extra rank in the military, and special activities not available to the general public.

Emergency services program includes Search & Rescue (SAR) in which CAP units are requested to assist in SAR operations by the Air Force. SAR missions are always serious critical endeavors. Therefore, the volunteer CAP members are specially trained in life-saving techniques, administration, communications, air operations and ground operations.

Civil Defense - CAP members are trained for radiological monitoring in case of nuclear attack.

Natural Disaster Relief - to help people affected by catastrophic storms, floods, fires and earthquakes. Recent incidents on both coasts have again proved the value of the Civil Air Patrol. Area units provided evacuation, supplies, communication, and manual labor for the Alaska oil spill, Hurricanes Gilbert and Hugo, and the San Francisco earthquake.

We are trying to form a cadet group for high school students here in Brackettville. Anyone interested in the Civil Air Patrol, either as a leader or cadet, please call Birdie Ward at 563-9416.



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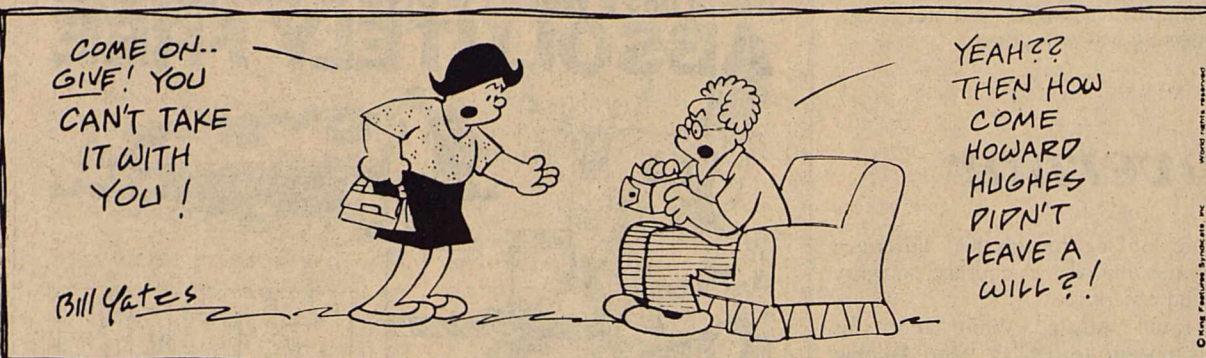
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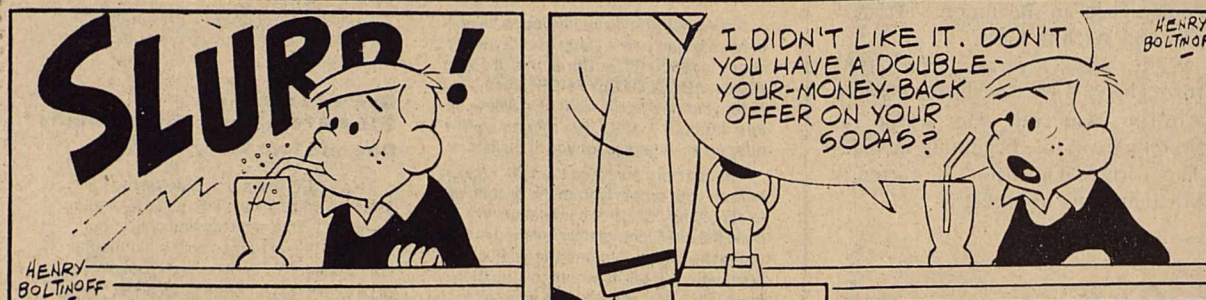
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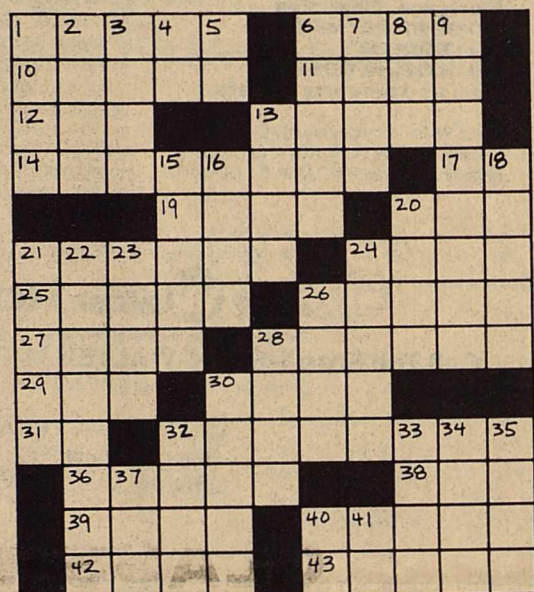


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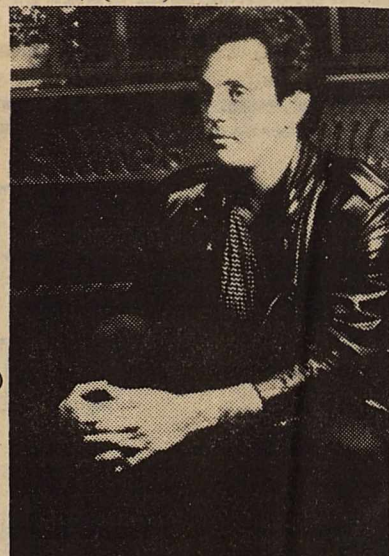
King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- Trough for conveying water
 - Cease
 - Large black bird
 - Ireland
 - Malt beverage
 - Brilliant display
 - Sun god
 - Goddess of discord
 - Tree
 - Gallows
 - Fluent
 - Hebrew measure (pl.)
 - Way
 - Girl's name
 - Higher
 - Luzon native
 - Wind
 - Music note
 - Yard next to a barn
 - In that place
 - Extinct bird (N.Z.)
 - Comfort
 - Covered with soot
 - Habitual drunkards
 - Sea eagles
- DOWN**
- A cross person
 - Corridor
 - Layer of the iris
 - Tellurium (sym.)
 - Half an em
 - Prophets
 - Small
 - Abounding in ore
 - Alloy of carbon and iron
 - Mend, as a bone
 - Striped animal
 - Metallic rocks
 - Pale-yellow fossil resin
 - Jewish month
 - Goat antelope
 - Apes
 - Greek letter
 - Expletive of surprise (colloq.)
 - Shower
 - Ripped
 - Has concern
 - Finest
 - Egyptian god
 - Method of learning
 - Periods of time
 - Chinese weight
 - Selenium (sym.)
 - Gold (Her.)



Top 10 Singles

- Paula Abdul "It's Just The Way That You Love Me," (Virgin) Last Week: No. 2
- Richard Marx "Angelia," (EMI) No. 4
- Billy Joel "We Didn't Start The Fire," (Columbia) No. 6
- Alice Cooper "Poison," (Epic) No. 5
- Gloria Estefan "Get On Your Feet," (Epic) No. 7
- Linda Ronstadt Featuring Aaron Neville "Don't Know Much," (Elektra) No. 8
- Taylor Dayne "With Every Beat Of My Heart," (Arista) No. 9
- Phil Collins "Another Day In Paradise," (Atlantic) No. 10
- Belinda Carlisle "Leave A Light On," (MCA) No. 11
- Janet Jackson "Rhythm Nation," (A&M) No. 15



Billy Joel

This Week In History

On Dec. 4, 1783, Washington said farewell to his officers at Fraunces Tavern, N.Y. ... Dec. 6, 1790, Congress met in Philadelphia at the new temporary capital ... Dec. 4, 1867, the Grange was formed to protect farmers ... Dec. 10, 1869, in the Territory of Wyoming the woman suffrage law was passed ... Dec. 8, 1886, the American Federal of Labor (AFL) was formed ... Dec. 7, 1941, Japan attacked Pearl Harbor at 7:55 a.m., killing 2,300 people and damaging 19 American ships. The following day, the United States declared war on Japan and three days later, made the same decree against Germany and Italy ... Dec. 5, 1955, the AFL-CIO merged and had a membership now totalling 15 million ... Dec. 10, 1958, National Airlines established the first jet airline passenger service in the U.S. between New York and Miami ...

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Trivia Test by Linda Luckhurst

- States: What is the state capital of Michigan?
- Flowers: What is the state flower of Michigan?
- Nations: What is the capital of Spain?
- Life: Besides human beings, name at least four other mammals that consistently live past 50.
- Television: What was the name of the newspaper Lou Grant ran on "The Lou Grant Show"?
- Cities: Name the three largest cities in the United States.
- Boxing: What boxer had the nickname, "Brown Bomber"?
- Inventions: What did Charles E. Barnes invent in 1856?
- Exports: What country is the world's greatest vanilla producer?
- Music: What group recorded the November, 1970, number one hit single, "I Think I Love You"?

Sports Quiz by Allan Ornstein

HEAD COACHES

- Name the head coach of the Milwaukee Bucks.
- Name the head coach of the Indiana Pacers.
- Name the head coach of the Charlotte Hornets.
- Name the head coach of the Dallas Mavericks.
- Name the head coach of the Houston Rockets.
- Name the head coach of the Utah Jazz.
- Name the head coach of the Golden State Warriors.
- Name the head coach of the San Antonio Spurs.
- Name the head coach of the Los Angeles Clippers.
- Name the head coach of the Portland Trailblazers.
- Name the head coach of the Sacramento Kings.
- Name the head coach of the Phoenix Suns.

Top Video Rentals

- "Who Framed Roger Rabbit" Bob Hoskins (Touchstone) Last Week: No. 1
- "Working Girl" Melanie Griffith (CBS-Fox) No. 3
- "Rain Man" Dustin Hoffman (MGM/UA) No. 2
- "Pet Sematary" Fred Gwynne (Paramount) No. 4
- "Major League" Tom Berenger (Paramount) No. 5
- "The Dream Team" Michael Keaton (MCA) No. 7
- "Beaches" Bette Midler (Touchstone) No. 6
- "The Naked Gun" Leslie Nielsen (Paramount) No. 8
- "Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure" Alex Winter (Nelson Home Ent.) No. 9
- "Cousins" Ted Danson (Paramount) No. 11
- "Tequila Sunrise" Mel Gibson (Warner) No. 10
- "Criminal Law" Kevin Bacon (HBO) No. 13
- "Her Alibi" Tom Selleck (Warner) No. 12
- "Earth Girls Are Easy" Jeff Goldblum (Vestron) No. 20
- "Lean On Me" Morgan Freeman (Warner) No. 15
- "Skin Deep" John Ritter (Media Home Ent.) No. 14
- "Fletch Lives" Chevy Chase (MCA) No. 16

Top 10 Movies

- Best Of The Best Eric Roberts
- Second Sight Bronson Pinchot
- Staying Together Sean Astin
- Communion Christopher Walken
- Dad Ted Danson
- Look Who's Talking John Travolta
- Steel Magnolias Dolly Parton
- Crimes & Misdemeanors Woody Allen
- Shocker
- The Bear

YOUR HOROSCOPE

by Charles King Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Certain goings-on behind the scenes will be in your favor ultimately. It's a good time to turn your mind to the future and retirement, as well as financial security. Domestic harmony will reign this week as well.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A very fortuitous travel opportunity comes your way this week. Your leadership qualities are very much in evidence, and people will be looking to you to make some major decisions this week, both at home and on the job.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your instincts will be right on target this week regarding your career. A wonderful financial opportunity will also come your way. Be sure to be on the lookout for this. Negotiations with bigwigs are favored, so take time to press for what you want.

MOON CHILDREN (June 21 to July 22) Cooperative ventures are favored this week. Others will go out of their way for you this week. Couples may want to plan a romantic getaway at this time. There is good news waiting concerning a legal, educational or publishing matter.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Something which has gone unresolved at home finally gets straightened out this week, taking a lot of worry off your shoulders. The money you may have needed for a career opportunity just may be at hand for you this week.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Any dealings you may have with children this week will be fortuitous. Couples should plan to spend more time together rekindling romance. A friend will surprise you with a special social invitation for the weekend.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Everything will be going your way this week at work, putting you in a good mood. Not only will you make more progress in your career, but a new opportunity will arise, sparking your interest. Take time this weekend to relax.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You will be very happy this week with strides made at work and on the domestic front. It's a good week to spend time socializing with friends and family. However, do be sure to get enough rest. Spend time this weekend spiffing up your residence.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This week, shopping and family matters are favored. Thus, it is a good time to think about mortgages and credit matters. Take some time this weekend attending to family matters. Some members of the household may have been feeling neglected lately.

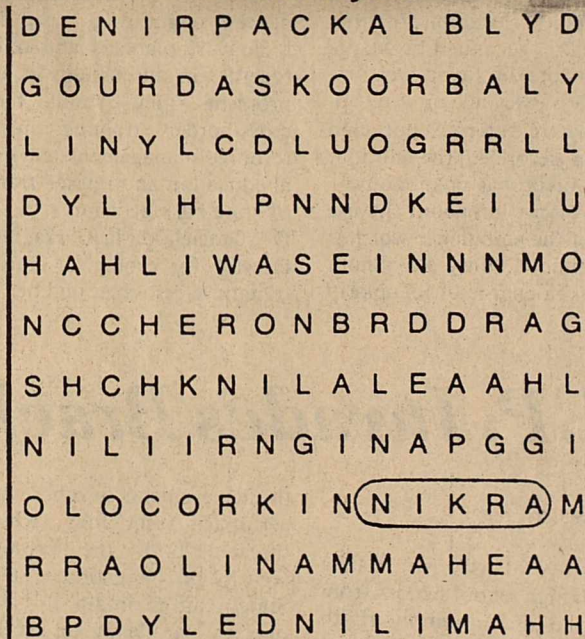
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) This would be a good week for you to start new projects. Creativity is at a peak and should be utilized for maximum benefit. This is also a good week to attend to correspondence. Any ideas you present will be well-received by bigwigs.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) This will be a good week for you financially, since exciting opportunities will arise. Shopping trips are favored, but do be sure to get the best buy for your money. The weekend would be a good time to invite friends in for some socializing.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Friendships are highlighted this week. In fact, certain friends will play some important roles in your life right now. New romance awaits for those of you who are single. Couples will enjoy renewed harmony and romance.

MagicMaze

Brown-Eyed



Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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| De Niro | Child | Gould | Manilow |
| Arkin | Blake | Dylan | Pacino |
| Bronson | Hamill | Linden | Radner |
| Hamer | Garner | Brooks | |

Home hints

HAMBURGER PATTIES — We like to cook hamburgers at our home and I make several packages of patties at a time. I place a sheet of plastic wrap between each patty, then store the package in the freezer.

When I am ready to make hamburgers, I take them out of the freezer and they are easy to separate. Anita W., Syracuse, N.Y.

KEY CARRIER — Everyone has to carry keys, but much of the bother, the bulk and wear on one's pockets and purses can be eliminated if you also carry a wallet.

Take an old plastic credit card and glue a one-inch width of self-gripping fabric tape lengthwise across the center. Glue a smaller piece of self-gripping fabric tape to the key handle of four different keys that you use quite often. The card will hold up to four keys and will fit neatly into your wallet card pocket.

I have been doing this for years and have had convenient access to two car keys, a house key and an office key without having to carry a bulky key ring in my suit pocket. Vince R., Plymouth, Ohio

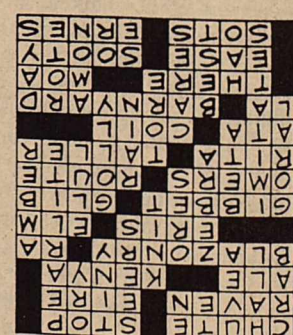
TRASH VOLUME — Here's how I reduce the amount of trash I have to throw away.

I cut out the top of the cans, rinse them, cut out the bottom, put them on the floor and step on them to flatten them and slide the lids inside.

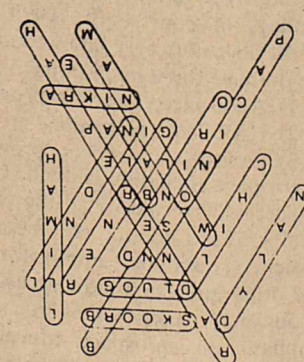
Any boxes, such as cereal or cake boxes, I tear in several pieces so they take up less space. Janie L., Colorado Springs, Colo.

GREEN HAIR — I have chemically lightened hair and couldn't go in a chlorinated swimming pool because my hair would turn green. A friend told me to dissolve six to eight aspirins in a large glass of warm water and pour the solution over my hair and let it sit for 10 to 15 minutes, then rinse it thoroughly. Almost all the green came out. Sandy F., San Diego, Calif.

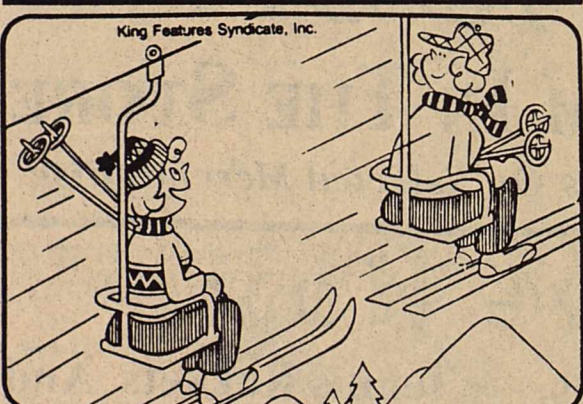
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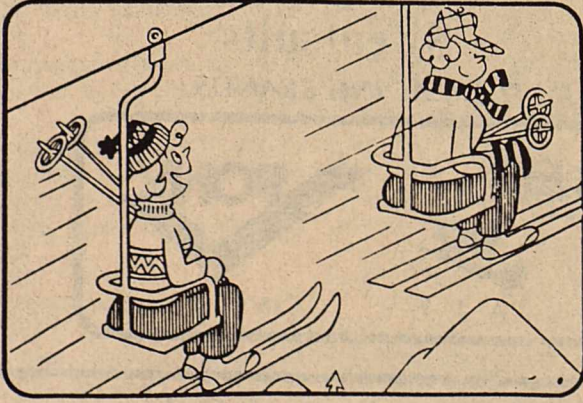
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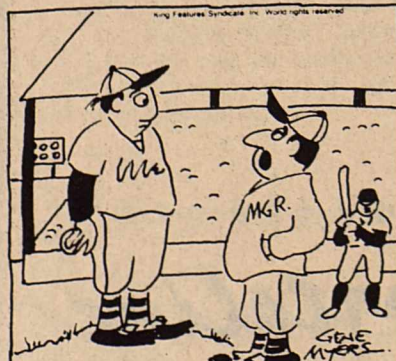


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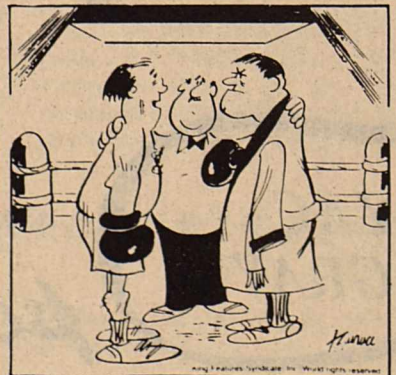
Differences: 1. Ski poles are shorter. 2. Sweater is different. 3. Skis are shorter. 4. Tree is missing. 5. Head is turned. 6. Glove is different.

LAFF-A-DAY



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LAFF-A-DAY



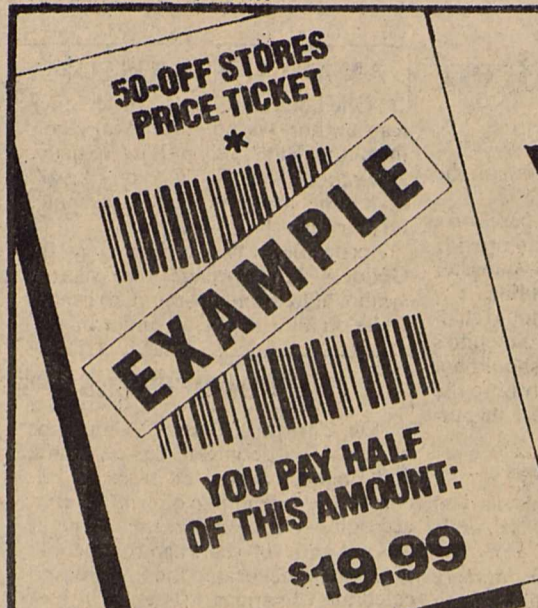
"Just remember, I am a human being. Please do not fold, spindle or deface in any way!"

Trivia Test Answers

- Lansing; 2. Apple blossom; 3. Dick Harter; 4. Whales, elephants, hippos and horses; 5. Los Angeles Tribune; 6. New York, Chicago and Los Angeles; 7. Joe Louis; 8. The first machine gun; 9. Madagascar; 10. The Partridge Family

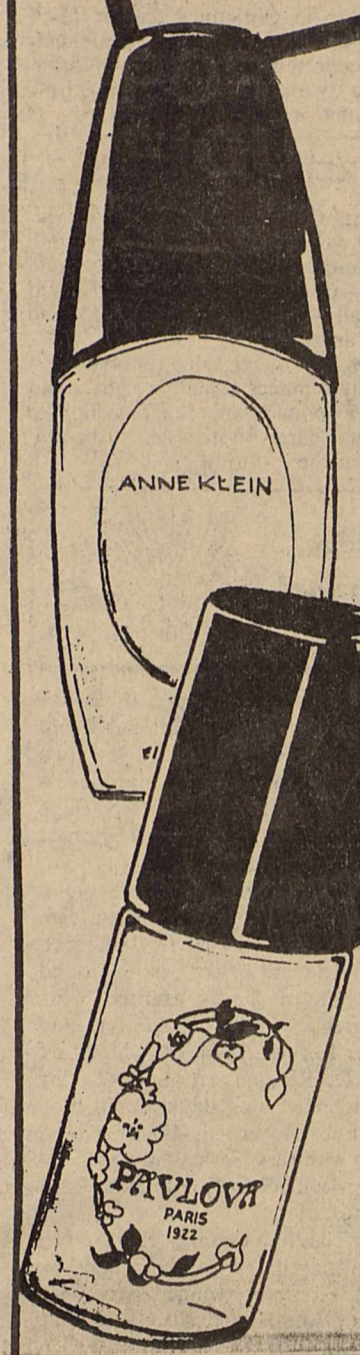
Sports Quiz Answers

- Del Harris; 2. Dick Versace; 3. Dick Harter; 4. John MacLeod; 5. Don Chaney; 6. Jerry Sloan; 7. Don Nelson; 8. Larry Brown; 9. Don Casey; 10. Rick Adelman; 11. Jerry Reynolds; 12. Cotton Fitzsimmons



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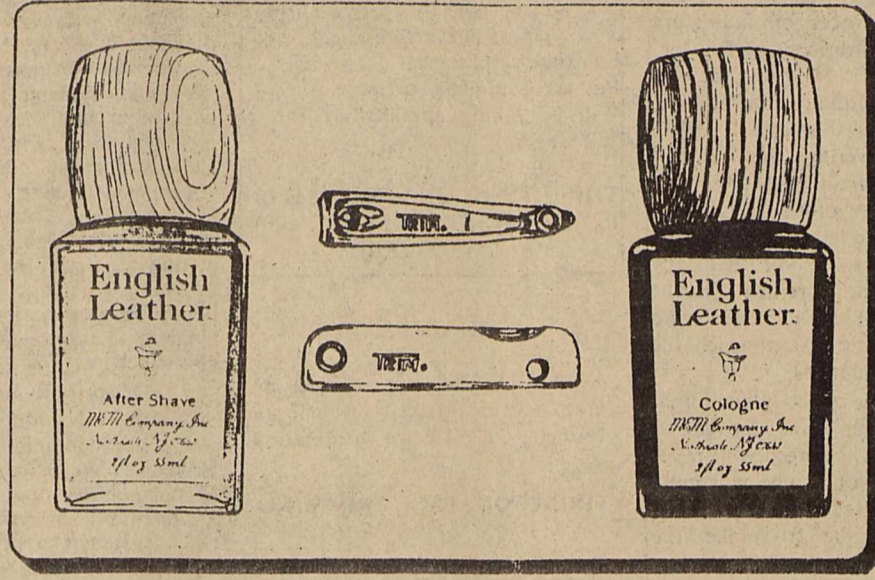
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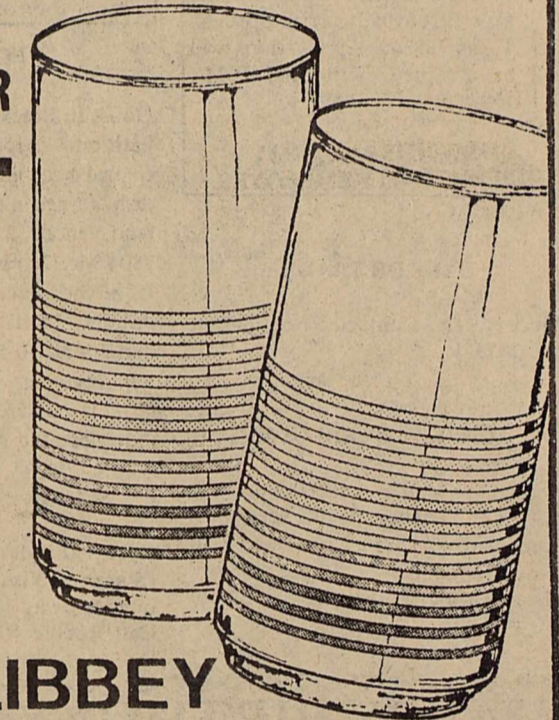
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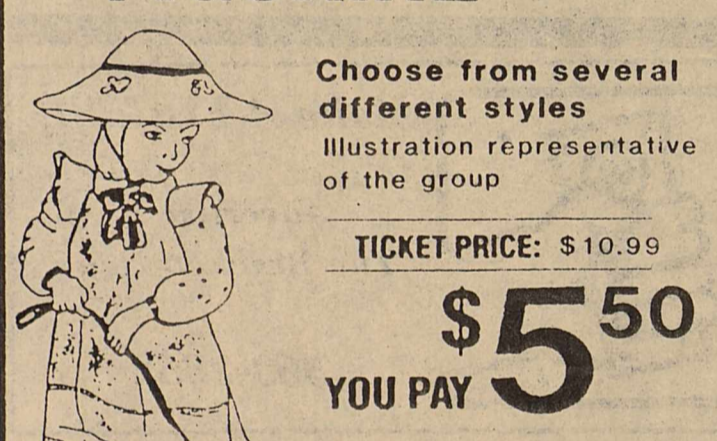
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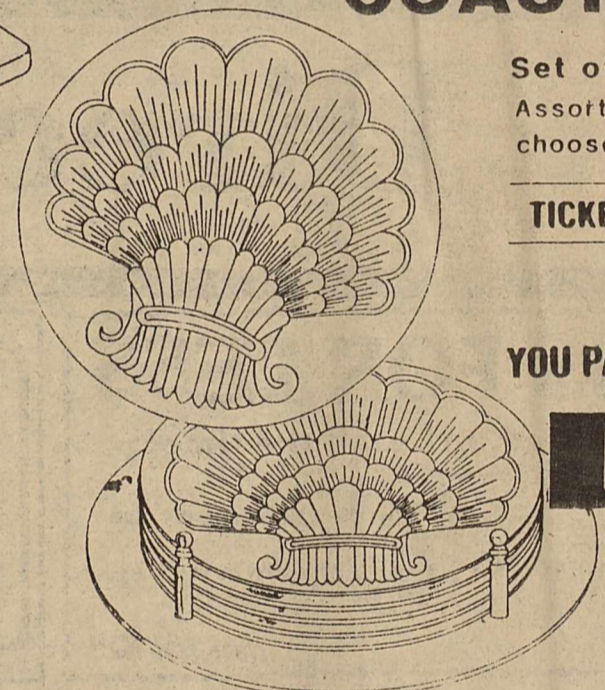
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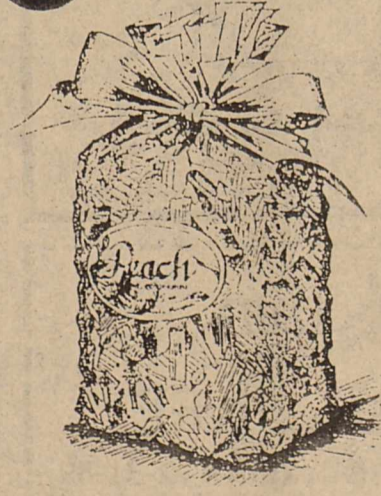
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To: All registered voters in Kinney County.
 From: Martha Smallwood, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor-Collector
 Date: December 7, 1989
 Subject: Delivery of renewal certificates to voters.

We are in the process of mailing out new voter registration certificates. The new certificates are peach & white in color, and are valid for two years beginning January 1, 1990. We are delivering the renewal certificates by mail to the mailing address on the voter's registration application. We have instructed the Postmaster not to forward it to any other address and to return it to the voter registrar if the addressee is no longer at the address to which the certificate was mailed.

If at any time since your initial registration you have moved to another precinct, changed your mailing address or your name you must bring it to our attention personally so that we are able to make the appropriate corrections in the registration records.

Our mass mailing of renewals will be complete by Friday, December 15, 1989. If you have not received your new certificate by that date please come by our office.

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Books make great gifts for children

This holiday season, as you toy with ideas about what to give the special youngsters in your life, why not consider something that's fun, requires no batteries, and will expand your child's horizons?

Why not give a book?
 That's the advice of the National Education Association of New York, which is suggesting that parents give a book they otherwise might not have included on their child's holiday gift list.

"Books are an excellent way to stimulate a child's curiosity, sense of adventure and desire for knowledge," says Constance Eno, president of NEA/NY. "We're encouraging parents to introduce their children to books that are meaningful and appropriate to their age as well as fun."

Eno pointed out that an early, enjoyable experience with books offers powerful persuasion that reading is worthwhile. That's the first step toward becoming a lifelong reader and lover of books. In addition, it can be a crucial element in encouraging the child's success in school.

Opportunity for sharing

Reading to children is a wonderful way to get them interested in reading, as well as a great sharing time for parents and children.

"The mechanics of reading instruction may be left to the schools, but the child's motivation to learn is substantially diminished unless he or she is convinced that reading is worth the time and effort."

"Children will not be inspired to pick up a book until they understand that their imaginations and emotions

can be stirred by what they find on the printed page," said Eno.

Giving a good book that focuses on a topic of interest to a child can provide the pleasurable experience a youngster needs to learn the joy of reading.

Eno notes that the book should challenge but not be far above the child's ability. At the same time, it should not be too easy—that would only bore the child and discourage interest in pursuing other reading.

Advice from the experts

Just what are the options as you select a book for your child? NEA/NY has these tips:

• **For the very youngest:** Try nursery rhymes even before your children can walk or talk and they will listen with rapt attention.

• **For the toddler:** Reading begins with pictures. Earlier, the child delighted in the sound of rhymes. Now, turning pages and looking at pictures provides excitement.

• **For beginning readers:** Select stories with pictures and simple straightforward text. Consider folk tales, funny tales, exciting tales, tales of fantasy and stories that tell of everyday things.

• **For middle-grade and high school readers:** Pick a book that fits an interest or hobby, whether in sports, science, music or something else. Also, remember the classics.

• **For discouraged readers:** For the younger ones, how about a rebus story which substitutes pictures for words or part of words. Or, for older readers, try a code book to spark intrigue. Just one success can lead to another.

AN ANCIENT CUSTOM

"One berry, one kiss," wrote American author Washington Irving about mistletoe. But *National Wildlife* magazine reports that the custom of kissing under the mistletoe goes back much further than the 19th century.

According to Norse mythology, the Goddess Frigga made the plant a symbol of love and promised to bestow a kiss on all who passed under it.

THE FIRST TREES

"Oh, Christmas Tree..." Thousands of years ago people in Egypt, Rome and England decorated trees to celebrate the beginning of winter. But, according to *Ranger Rick* magazine, it was not until 400 years ago that people in Germany decorated the first trees to celebrate Christmas.

Then, on Christmas day in 1747, some German settlers in Bethlehem, Pa., decorated trees for their children. These were probably the first Christmas trees in America.

REINDEER FACTS

Santa Claus sure knew what he was doing when he chose reindeer to pull his sleigh. While reindeer are quite small—usually around three-and-a-half feet tall—they have great strength and endurance.

Ranger Rick magazine reports that a healthy reindeer usually weighs about 150-250 pounds and can pull its own weight in cargo on sleds across the tundra—or the rooftops!

Bridge, Anyone?



by Dot Burrow

The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club had a Grand National Team Qualifying Match on the last two regular playing times. Besides a goodly number of local players, there were players from Rock Springs, Camp Wood and Del Rio.

Sunday, December 3, nine tables were in play using the Swiss team system with four players on each team. The end of the session found the team of Trudy Harber, Tina Bauguess, Nancy Masterson and Anita Korbel, both of whom are from Del Rio, in the top spot. Taking second place was the team of Roy and Lue Gibbens of Camp Wood, along with Mrs. Jack Whitworth and Mrs. Meville Smart, both from Rock Springs.

On Tuesday evening eight tables again played the Swiss team movement. First place winners were Betty Inman, Ann Hibler, Alice Seargeant, and Dot Burrow. Second place went to Nita and Fred Clayton of Del Rio, and their teammates Helen Lynch and Flo Stafford.



Sunday, Dec. 10 - 1:30 p.m.
 Duplicate Bridge
 Saber room

Monday, Dec. 11 - 9:00 a.m.
 Commissioners Court
 Kinney County Court House

Monday, Dec. 11 - 7:00 p.m.
 Civil Air Patrol
 Tower Building
 East side of Uvalde airport
 Call Bob Price at 278-2014 for info.

Monday, Dec. 11 - 8:00 p.m.
 A-A
 Slator Hall, James St.

Monday, Dec. 11 - 8:00 p.m.
 Al-Anon
 St. Andrew's Episcopal Parish Hall

Tuesday, Dec 12 - 7:00 p.m.
 Duplicate Bridge
 Saber room

Tuesday, Dec. 12 - 7:00 p.m.
 Masonic Lodge - Lodge building

Thursday, Dec. 14 - 12:00 noon
 Rotary Club-Las Moras Inn

Thursday, Dec. 14 - 7:00 p.m.
 Civil Air Patrol Cadets (13-21 yrs)
 Tower building
 East Side of Uvalde airport
 Call George Fear at 278-8192 for info.

Thursday, Dec. 14 - 7:30 p.m.
 Kinney County Kickers
 NCO Club

Friday, Nov. 15 - 9a.m.-4p.m.
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Drug Abuse Considered Epidemic in America

by Nellie Lawton

Drug abuse is epidemic in America today. Every state, County, City and Community are experiencing the devastating effects of drug abuse.

First lets look at alcohol, it's use, abuse and the disease of alcoholism caused by drinking alcohol.

The use of alcohol as a social beverage is so accepted in modern society that those who choose not to drink are made to feel inferior.

America is not ready to look at alcohol as a drug, yet it is the finest drug there is. Alcohol is a class two (2) narcotic, in the same class as Morphine, Dilaudid, and Demerol, which require a prescription.

Continued use and abuse of alcohol can be habit forming and addictive. Alcohol causes the most pain in the world today.

Research shows alcoholics often come from alcoholic homes. Children of alcoholic parents seem to be pre-disposed to become alcoholics if they use alcohol.

In america 28 million persons have at least one alcoholic parent. A 1980 survey estimates 1,050,271 children in Texas fall into this high-risk group.

The American medical association has recognized alcoholism as a disease since the mid 1950's.

Alcoholism is a terminal illness brought about by abusing alcohol. Alcoholism is progressive, the alcoholic can no longer drink in a normal manner.

The disease of alcoholism affects the victim physically, psychologically, sociologically and leaves them spiritually bankrupt.

Alcohol effects nearly every part of the body. It is unique in that it does not have to be digested. It enters the blood stream through the walls of the stomach and the small intestines and is rapidly carried to the brain.

Continual use of alcohol causes damage to the liver, pancreas, stomach, heart, lungs and mind. And may result in cirrhosis of the liver, pancreatitis, gastritis, ulcers, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

Continued use of alcohol over a long period of time may result in serious mental disorders.

An alcoholic can live a normal life by complete and total abstinence from alcohol in any form.

For every alcoholic who lives thirty five will die.

Alcohol is still the most widely used drug, however today alcohol is being used in conjunction with illicit drugs such as marijuana, cocaine, crack, heroin, inhalants to name just a few.

I have a book that lists 500 drugs that should be avoided if you are an alcoholic, some because of their alcohol content. Some because of adverse effects when combined with alcohol.

The addiction to prescription drugs

is a growing concern among physicians and pharmacists, this is especially true if you are seeing more than one doctor and are getting prescriptions for the same or similar drugs from each one. Abusing tranquilizers, sleeping pills or pain medication is very dangerous and if you drink alcohol the danger is increased.

Before writing this article I talked with my family doctor about the dangers of abusing prescription

drugs, he said, "It's like playing Russian Roulette."

When your doctor writes a prescription for you he is expecting you to follow directions.

If you feel you are abusing prescription drugs or if you are drinking alcohol during the time you are taking any medication or if you are an alcoholic you need to discuss this with your doctor, it could save your life.

Cecelia Aguirre Recognized for Accomplishments

Cecilia Aguirre, a 7th grade student at Brackettville Jr. High School, has taken the first step to becoming an internationally-recognized, artist by winning a local competition sponsored by the Brackettville Lions Club.

Cecilia Aguirre's poster is among thousands of entries submitted worldwide in the second annual Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Contest.

Cecilia Aguirre, the thirteen year old from Brackettville, had a poster that best portrayed the contest's theme, "Picture A Peaceful World."

Brackettville Lions Club President Clifford Lewis said he was pleased with all the work the Brackettville students put into the project. "From looking at all the entries, it was obvious all the students really gave the matter a lot of thought," Lion Lewis said.

Cecilia Aguirre's poster now advances to round-two district competition in San Antonio where her entry will compete against entries from many other schools in the area.

Aguirre's poster will face stiff competition through the district round and in three more rounds of international competition if she is to be declared the international grand prize winner, said Lion Lewis.

Lions Clubs International is sponsoring the contest to underscore the importance of world peace to young people everywhere.

Cecilia Aguirre will receive a \$50.00 savings bond from the Brackettville Lions Club. Ultimately, one grand prize winner will be selected from 24

international finalists. The grand prize includes a cash award of \$1,500, plus an all-expense-paid trip for the winner and two family members to New York City for the awards ceremony at the United Nations in March, 1990. As Merit

Award winners the remaining 23 finalists each will receive certificates and a cash award of \$250.00

"We know Cecilia has a long way to go, but we're all cheering for her," Lion Lewis said.

Saltwater Fishermen!

Keep That Tag!

AUSTIN-Saltwater fishermen may be unsure what to do if they happen to catch a fish that has a streamer and tag put there by a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologist.

The department has collected thousands of fish during the past several years during surveys along the coast. Many have been equipped with plastic tags imbedded in the abdomen, with a plastic streamer on the outside. The fish are released by biologists who expect to learn more about their life history when caught in later surveys.

An angler who catches a tagged fish of legal size, and who wishes to keep the fish, should take or send the tag to one of the department's offices along the coast, according to C.E. Bryan of the department's Coastal Fisheries Branch. In return, the angler will receive a reward of \$1 to \$25 paid by the Gulf Coast Conservation Association and information on

where and when the fish was tagged. "If the fish is under or over prescribed length limits, it should be returned to the water immediately, and the fisherman should not attempt to remove the tag," said Bryan, adding that they need not report the catch to the department.

Tagged black drum of legal size (14 to 30 inches) also may be taken to a Coastal Fisheries office so biologists can record the tag number and take a scale sample to determine the fish's age.

Bryan reminds anglers that most popular saltwater game fish now have minimum length limits and some, such as red drum, have minimum and maximum length limits. Only red drum between 20 and 28 inches may be retained.

Fishermen are welcome to visit any TPWD office to obtain a free Fresh and Salt Water Sport Fishing Guide containing all fishing regulations.

Origins of the Star of Bethlehem

Star light, star bright: Just what exactly was the Star of Bethlehem? According to *National Wildlife* magazine, the current leading theory is that the star was a conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn.

two planets sometimes look like one bright star to observers on Earth. Other theories claim the famous orb was a supernova (dying star) or a comet. And, still another theory says the Star of Bethlehem was simply a mir-

When such a conjunction occurs, the

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Place born - Sonora, Texas

Favorite food - Chinese

What's the best movie you've ever seen?

Die Hard

Best book you've read lately-

Haven't read lately.

Hobbies you enjoy-

Basketball, Photography

Your friends say you're-

grouchy

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

Switzerland

Secretly you've always wanted to be?

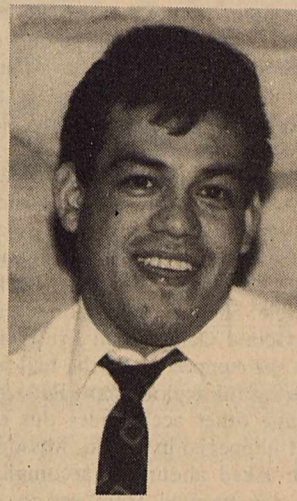
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Eula's Cooking

Looking for an exciting or unusual weekend? You can find it in your own kitchen or by heading for The Texas Hill Country.

Eula Boardman, of Kerrville, Texas has authored a couple of books that can do just that! Unusual books that get you, the reader, involved. If you need to be motivated, these two books will do it and you'll get down right excited about it!

First, The Texas Hill Country. Have you wanted to find a bed & breakfast that pampered you with terrific food and service? It's in the book! Have you yearned to sink your teeth into good Texas BBQ or a terrific wild game dinner? It's in the book! Have you been searching for an unusual gift for the holidays? Check out the shopping service! The book even tells you where you can buy "frozen" blue ice to pack home all those good food items safely! And you gotta taste the crisp, snappy, home-canned dill pickles! How many State Parks in the Texas Hill Country? Yep, it's in the book.

Second book, Eula's Microwave Cooking Basics is the most unusual cook book ever. It is all narrative, even the recipes. You feel like Eula is in your kitchen with you! Not only does she tell you HOW to microwave a food item but WHY! She'll show you how to create beautiful food easily that is simply delicious - yes, out of the microwave!

Eula is the lady who introduced the frozen dinner (not TV dinner) to industry in the mid 1970's. In the book and in Seminar she teaches you how to create a delicious complete meal in a single dish for one. It cooks in 2 1/2 to 5 minutes depending on the quantity of food you are using and which meat entree. In your kitchen, you can fix a complete well balanced meal for usually less than a dollar per person! The meal combination is your choice of any or all: the meat, the vegetable, your starch item and an attractive topping of fruit. Select your combination to create your meal. Enjoy it in less than five minutes! For one person, or, less than ten for two!

These books are just going into distribution in Texas during November. For an immediate copy of either, send \$13.25 or \$25.00 for both books to Pear Blossom Publishers, P.O. Box 1786, Kerrville, TX for immediate shipment. (All costs included: Book, tax, sh., hdlg.)

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full lineup of exciting special activities including a holiday ice show spotlighting world-class ice skaters and a snow-covered recreational area offering fun for the entire family. "Holiday Magic" and Sea World of Texas information is available by calling toll free (800) 422-SWTX or, in the San Antonio area, 523-3611.

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Brackett I S D School Menu

<p>Monday 11 Enchiladas Pinto Beans Zucchini Cornbread Tuesday 12 Lasagna Garden Salad Fruit Cobbler Garlic Bread Wednesday 13 Chili Dog Tator Tots Veg Stix Fruit Cup Thursday 14 Salsbury Steak Mashed Potatoes June Peas Hot Roll Friday 15 Fish Fillet Baby Carrots Cole Slaw Cornbread</p>	<p>LINE B Monday 11 Deli Bar Let & Tom Bread Fruit Tuesday 12 Hamburger Hamb Salad Fruit Wednesday 13 Tacos Taco Salad Fruit Thursday 14 Chef Salad Fruit Crackers Friday 15 Baked Potato Cheese Fruit Bread</p>	<p>BREAKFAST Monday 11 1 1/2 Egg Hash Browns Toast Tuesday 12 Egg & Cheese Muffin Fruit Wednesday 13 Sweet Roll Peanuts Fruit Thursday 14 Cereal Juice Toast Peanuts Friday 15 Peanutty Roll Fruit</p>
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Golf News by Les Roper

This past week, anticipation, predictions, and excitement have dominated the "bull shootin'" sessions that take place in and around the golf course. The subject has focused on the election of a new board to handle the responsibility of overseeing the management of the golf course and, hopefully, moving it up to a plateau that would make it solvent.

Now, the election is history. Five people have been chosen by the golf members to fill this board, so on with the golfing activities that have made Fort Clark such a popular place for the folks who just luv hittin' that little white ball.

One of the most popular lady golfers on the fort, Patty Barnett, took center stage this past week with a hole in one on the Par 3 course while playing in the weekly scramble. She was playing on a team with Gerald Gallion and Ernie Hall when she stepped up to the ball and made this miraculous shot. Patty has had one other ace besides this one and it happened in Joplin, Missouri. When asked about her accomplishment she beamed from ear to ear with one of the most beautiful smiles on Fort Clark. Whatta gal!!!

The PBGA winter league got under way this past Wednesday with eight

teams of four players each teeing off at 10 o'clock in the morning. Some of the players were a little bit hazy on the format but as play progressed rules and scoring systems began to clear up. Hoagy Nelson was on hand to help with the interpretations and he did a good job of making the players understand.

Finishing first for the initial week of play was the Rattlesnakes, led by Clark Horning, Jim Bussey, Lee Herron, and Bern Ebert, recording a net nine points. Second place was gobbled up by the Gobblers with five big points to their credit. This team was made up of Ralph Viestenz, Lou Schlatterer, Charlie Descheemaker, and Harold Kauffman. There was a tie for third place with a score of two points and it was shared by Hoagy Nelson, Gordon Petaja, Don Herron, and Ray Kurtz and Rueben Warren, Bill Koons, E.W. Williamson, and Bob Barnett.

Team Standings
 Armadillos...1 point
 Roadrunners...0 points
 Horned Toads...2 points
 Javalinas...0 points
 Rattlesnakes...9 points
 Whitetails...0 points
 Gobblers...5 points
 Badgers...2 points

Mother Nature lashed out with a fury this past Friday during the Couple's Tournament. She dropped a cold and wet rain down the collars of the golfers who had the courage to challenge her. After nine holes the score was Mother Nature two, golfers one. These "hearty hackers" ran up the white flag and surrendered after two hours of misery. Taking a "freezin'" first was Jim Bussey, Mary Lee Trollinger, Robbie Robinson, and Ruth Robinson. Tom Beatty left the cold and snow of Ruidoso, New Mexico to finish second with Carol Benefield, Ward Pomeroy, and Rosemary Lovell. Third place was claimed by Carl "R.S." Spray, Jan Chism, P.M. Moore, and Evelyn Whitely. A good hot "supper" was served after play was suspended and all golfers ended the day in good spirits.

Under the expert leadership of Sondra Meil, Fort Clark's Recreational Director, the Monday morning scramble at the Par 3 course continues to attract golfers from the entire Fort. With a net score of 25 Gerald Gallion, Patty Barnett, and Ernie Hall hauled in the first place check. A tie for second was claimed by Fay Gooch, Julian Garza, and Herbie Voracek and Robbie Robin-

son, Bill Koons, and Walt Baugess. After Patty Barnett proved that "pretty little ladies" can make hole in ones, the female golfing population should make this little course one of their stops. Sondra never seems to have a problem filling her cards with men but she would like all of the lady golfers on the Fort to know that she always has the red carpet out for them as well.

A nice group of ladies journeyed to Laughlin Air Force Base to participate in the Ladies Tri-City tournament that takes place once a month. Remaining at home to play on their own course was seventeen of our own ladies. There was a three way tie for first after eighteen holes of low net. The three gals to score a 71 was Dorothy Wood, Odette Mills, and Barbara Miller.

On an average day: American children watch 3 1/2 hours of television during which time they will see...5 beer and wine commercials...33 acts of violence...38 sexual references and innuendos.

Words of wisdom: Great philosophers proclaim a wise man knows his own ignorance; a fool thinks he knows everything. Cowboys word it a little different...Every jackass thinks he's got horse sense.

Sports... Tigers Take Tourney

by J.J. Guidry
BARKSDALE - The Fightin' Tigers are now 7-1 for the season as they easily won the Ninth Annual Nueces Canyon Tournament. This was the first time the Tigers won the tournament since 1984.

The Tigers defeated the hometown Nueces Canyon Panthers in the first round. They are the only team to beat the Tigers this year. This time Brackett was victorious 56-45.

Mitch Frerich had 21 points, while David Flores had 15. Flores hit four three-pointers, while Mitch sank three.

The Tigers faced Knippa in the

semi-finals. Brackett was up by 19 at one point, but Knippa came within three at the buzzer. Brackett won 69-66.

Armando Talamantez had a career high 24 points. This is the second time this year he had scored over 20 points in a game. Frerich had 15 points.

The Tigers were pitted against Rocksprings for the championship. They defeated them for the third time this season. Eddie Garza had 16 points, including 3 three-pointers.

The Tigers will play in their next tourney this weekend in Uvalde. See related story.

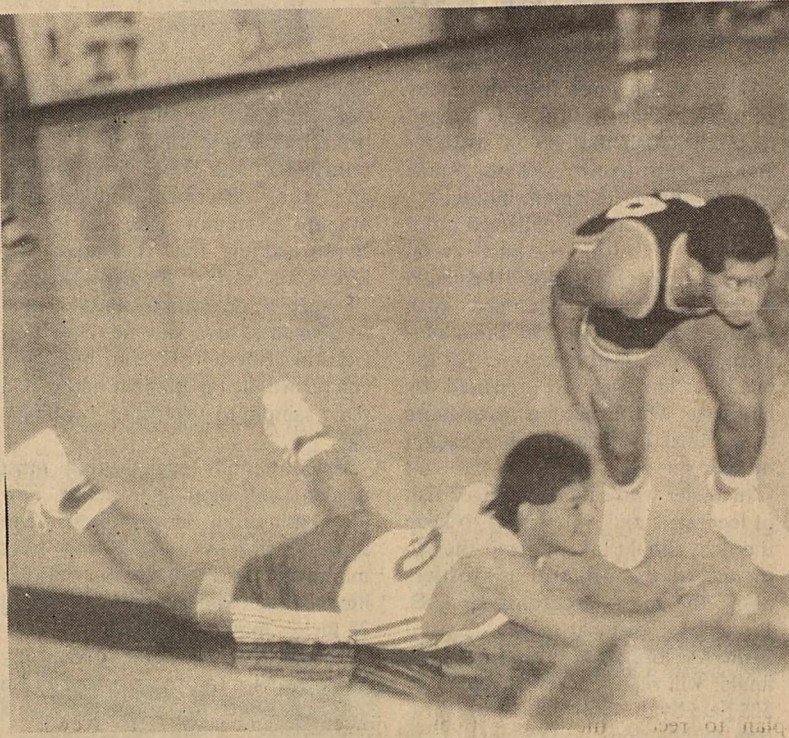


Photo by Harrell Floyd

Eddie Garza crouches as he and opponent (that thinks he's playing baseball) try to score during the Rocksprings game for the Championship of the Nueces Canyon Tourney.

Tigerettes Whip Wildcats

by J.J. Guidry
CARRIZO SPRINGS - The varsity Tigerettes traveled to Carrizo on Tuesday night and defeated the Wildcats 69-57.

Brackett exploded in the first quarter scoring 20 points and again in the final period with 23.

Yvonne Luna lead the Tigerettes in scoring with 31 points. She has 186 points in 9 games and is averaging

20.6 points. Stephanie Ahrens scored a season high 23 points. Dorothy Ward also scored in double-figures with 10 points. Vivian Luna and Wendy McDaniel scored 2, while Tanya Frerich added 1.

The Tigerettes are now 5-4 for the season. They are competing in the SWTJC tournament this weekend. See related story.

Cubettes Still Fighting

by J.J. Guidry
BRACKETT - The Brackett Cubettes lost to Nueces Canyon last Monday 28-18. They are now 0-5. The Cubettes didn't get warmed up until the fourth period when they scored 14 of their 18 points. Kim Ahrens lead the Brackett girls in scoring with 8 points. Hannah

Reschman, Ida Aguilar, Patricia Banagon, Karla Hall, and Debra Buentello all added 2.

Shelley Hurt was the high scorer for Nueces Canyon with 14 points.

The Cubettes will travel to Rocksprings next monday for their next game.

basketballers in SWTJC Tourney

by J.J. Guidry
 Brackett's varsity basketball teams left at 7 a.m. this morning for Uvalde to compete in the Southwest Texas Jr. College Tournament.

The girls began action at 8:30 this morning against Nueces Canyon. The following game will be against

either D'Hanis or Rocksprings, depending on whether we win or lose. Rocksprings won the Nueces Canyon tourney last weekend.

The Tigers also faced Nueces Canyon this morning. The series is split at 1-1 with both teams winning once. Results will be printed in next weeks paper.



Howdy!! Merry Christmas!!!

Candy-grams are now on sale for \$1 each, just talk to any FHA member.

Speaking of FHA, they will have it's Christmas party on the ninth, at the Alamo Village all members should meet at the H.E. cottage at 6:00 p.m.

Some students are getting the ACT blues, this Saturday, a number of students from BHSA take the A.C.T. test this Saturday either in Uvalde or Del Rio. Good luck on the test guys!

The Tigerettes will participate in the SWTJC basketball tourney this week end!

The Chemistry class took a tour of the San Antonio Medical School. They had the tour on Wednesday. They had a very good time, while eating at Red Lobster.

The Catholic will have a live singing Christmas tree this year. Any one who is interested in joining the youth choir should contact Gus at 3-2639, rehearsals will start soon!!! Hope to see you there!

The Catholic Church's Annual posadas will start soon, if you are interested in hosting a posada, contact Father David.

The Civil Air Patrol held an assembly supporting their group and recruiting young members.

The F.F.A. is selling beautiful Christmas Trees behind the school. Good trees at good prices.

The Tiger Band along with 5 and 6 grade bands will have their annual Christmas concert on the 18th. Newmusic will be introduced as well as old favorites, so be there!!!

- Lilly Dimery on the 7th of December. Bonnie Salmon on the 14th
- Felix Gonzales on the 14th of December.
- December.
- Gabby Flores on the 6th of December.
- Happy Anniversary to Julie
- Kasey Hall on the 12th of December. Lopez and John Galindo

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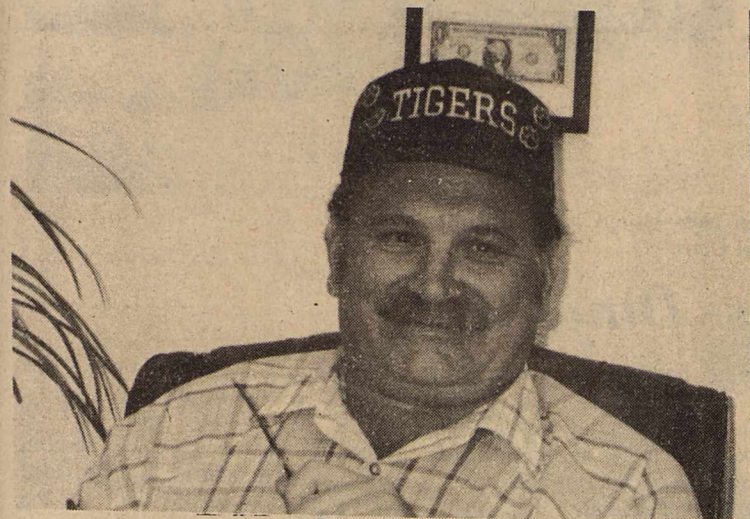
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Community View

How do you feel about the recent Commissioners Court decision to send Constable Juarez to Corpus Christi at an unnecessary expense to taxpayers?
by Wes Robinson



Harrell Floyd

I felt that the issues discussed were not completely solved. I'm basing my opinion on what I have heard and

read. I felt sides were taken not solutions to the problem at hand.



Chuck Hall

"In my opinion Kinney County is flooded with over qualified law enforcement personal. I feel very safe at night. Seems to me like we've got lawman on every corner, behind every bush and some very good law enforcement officials. We've got the bad guys out numbered to one. I don't see why we couldn't have a constable that was perhaps a little less qualified to back up all these other law enforcement officials." Hall went on to state that it should not be the county's responsibility to

pay for the qualifications required for elected positions. "We don't elect a county attorney and then pay to send them to law school. We don't hire a teacher then send them to college.

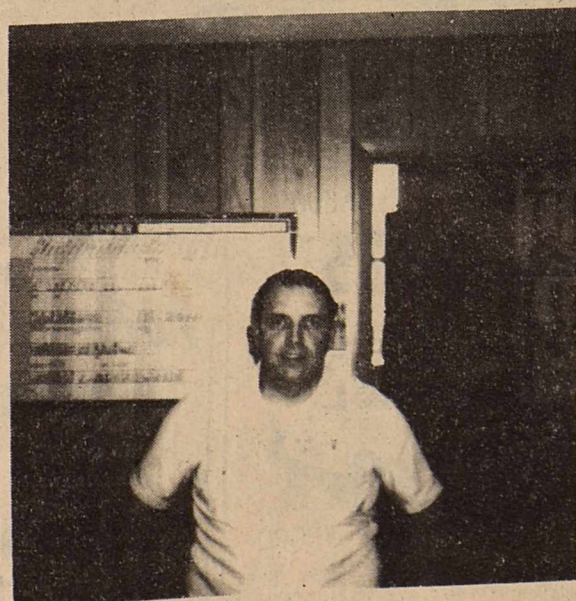
I think a lot of politicians in our community take things way to personal. If I elect you to do a job. I have a right to criticize you openly. That's the nature of the beast. Now, if you can't take the heat stay out of the kitchen."



Wes Robinson

"I went around and talk with a lot of people, who I will not mention because they didn't want to be in the paper. Some were for it, some were against. The impression I got was there's two small groups of people at

odds with each other. I'm not taking sides but I resent that it's we taxpayers that have to bear the brunt of their personal differences. To me it seems rather childish."



Larry Sofaly

"Well, I don't think it's right if there's a cheaper way to do it. To me anyone who's an elected official or a government official of any kind whether working for the government, elected or appointed should do

everything in their power to reduce cost. If they're sending somebody, someplace at a cost to the taxpayer, when they could get it cheaper, as far as I'm concerned it should be cheaper."

50,000 FFA Youths Launched on of the State's Largest Manhunts

AUSTIN, TEXAS -- Nearly 50,000 youth interested in preserving a long-term future in agriculture launched one of the state's largest manhunts on December 2. The effort is all a part of the big campaign now underway within Texas's 1,200 communities to recruit former FFA members and vocational agriculture students.

The recruitment exercise is being hailed as a glorious opportunity for local FFA chapter members to find as many former students as possible. The statewide extravaganza is being staged in a two-fold effort to: 1) seek donations to the newly-formed "Endowment for Excellence Fund" and 2) solidify a groundswell of support for the preservation of agri-sciences understanding and teaching within the states' public school system.

Fund Drive Chairman Charlie Scruggs, former editor of the highly acclaimed farm magazine "Progressive Farmer", explained the urgency, "Now, more than ever, America's food and agriculture abundance is being taken for granted. Unless we, who've experienced the program and its training, take an aggressive position, agricultural education and this wonderful alternative for young people could be eliminated or severely cut."

The statewide manhunt is being orchestrated by the Texas FFA Foundation, a Texas chartered non-profit service organization dedicated to providing needed assistance to schools, administrators, teachers and students in the teaching of agri-sciences and technology in high schools across the state.

Jerry Clark, chairman of the Texas FFA Foundation and a former four-term member of the Texas House of Representatives and former State FFA President, says, "We are extremely excited about this program

and what it can mean to the lives of many young people for many decades to come." He continued, "It will also be very rewarding for each of us individually to repay and reflect upon a program that had a large part in the successful careers of many business and civic leaders today."

Other prominent agribusiness leaders joining in the cause are former Texas Governor Dolph Briscoe, State

Farm Bureau President S.M. True, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo General Manager Dan Gattis, Texas A&M University Chancellor Dr. Perry Adkisson, Executive Assistant to the President Fred McClure and many others.

Although December 2 is being touted as the big day, pledges and donations will be a strong motivation of the Texas FFA Foundation for the ensuing year.

Scruggs says, "Funds generated will be invested in a trust and only the interest will be used to support Texas high school agri-sciences activities and FFA leadership training." In conclusion Scruggs says, "Anyone interested in donating to the Endowment for Excellence Fund should contact me at 512-472-0727, 614 East 12th Street, Austin, Texas 78701 or your local agri-sciences instructor."

Supreme Court to Hear ATPE Lawsuit

AUSTIN-The Texas Supreme Court set for hearing on Jan. 24 oral arguments in a lawsuit filed by the 50,000-member Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE). The suit seeks to have a career ladder law passed by the 71st Texas Legislature declared unconstitutional.

ATPE's lawsuit, which originally was filed in Travis County District Court in July, contends that House Bill 2566 is unconstitutional because the version of HB 2566 passed by the Legislature is not the same version of the bill signed by the governor.

"House Bill 2566 had a defect that occurred during the final passage process," said Carolyn Little ATPE President and a classroom teacher from Ballinger. "Someone made an error in designating the effective date of a certain paragraph of the bill. After the bill had been voted on by the Legislature, that paragraph number was changed clerically, so the version the governor signed was not the version voted on by both houses."

"We think it is significant that the Supreme Court set the hearing date

on the case without ever seeing the brief from the state," said Jefferson K. Brim III, ATPE's retained legal counsel. "The Supreme Court typically denies 85 percent of all appeals without hearing them," he added. "There are many ways the Supreme Court can avoid hearing a case. There are many hurdles and obstacles the court could have put in our way

and for whatever reason, they didn't."

ATPE, the largest independent, non-union educators' association in Texas and the nation, has a statewide membership of 50,200, which consists of mostly classroom teachers but also includes administrators, para-professionals, retired educators, education students and the public.

Supreme Court Hopes to Rectify ATPE Delima

AUSTIN-The Texas Supreme Court has spoken, and the Legislature has until May 1, 1990, to come up with a plan to rectify the state's public school funding dilemma. The high court's 9-0 ruling has state government and education officials scrambling to find solutions.

The November/December ATPE News looks at what some of the solutions to the equity funding problem may be. Among the options being discussed are school district consolidation and increasing state revenues through a state lottery or state income tax. ATPE News also discusses the Bullock Plan, which would tie the amount of money each district receives from the state to the level of taxes paid in the district.

Also in this issue of AYPE News, the official magazine of the Association of Texas Professional Educators, Editor Nora Sheppard Bender looks at the phenomenal and inspirational career of Waller County ATPE member Celeste Eplen. Mrs. Eplen began her teaching career at Waller High School in 1938; she retired last June with 50 years of service in education.

Registration information for the 10th annual ATPE state convention in also included in the November/December ATPE News. ATPE will celebrate its first Decade of Dedication at the convention, to be held March 2-3, 1990, at the Houston Hyatt Regency.

Also included in the magazine is a four-page listing of education jobs available throughout Texas; AYPE News provides this listing twice a year, in the November/December and May/June issues. Additional copies of the listing are available by calling the ATPE toll-free number, 1-800-777-ATPE.

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ATPE News is published five times a year by ATPE. Subscriptions are \$10 per year and are available by writing to the Editor, ATPE News, 505 E. Huntland Drive, Suite 250, Austin, TX 78752-3792.

Lake Weatherford May Be Undiscovered Bass Hotspot

WEATHERFORD - Texas Parks and Wildlife Department fishery surveys show largemouth bass populations at 1,090-acre Lake Weatherford have improved dramatically during the past three years.

Biologist Bruce Hysmith of Denison said the lake located between Fort Worth and Weatherford is not known as a bass fishing lake, but recent electroshocking surveys indicated excellent production.

The catch rate jumped from 44.5 bass per hour in a 1986 survey to 113 per hour this year. "The percentage of the sample greater than 12 inches long increased by 25 percent and the number of bass 15 inches and longer almost doubled," Hysmith said.

Reproduction was excellent in 1989, judging from 38 percent of the electroshocking catch being fish less than eight inches long, Hysmith said.

Biologists attribute the improvements in the bass population to two factors. The daily bag limit of three, and minimum length limit of 14 inches apparently has allowed the quality of bass to improve, while recent high water levels created a good environment for spawning and survival of young bass, Hysmith said.

Anglers also can expect good fishing in the future because the department stocked 114,400 Florida-strain large mouths in the lake in 1988.

The Life and Times of Santa Claus

A famous legend

The most famous of the legends about his good deeds tells how St. Nicholas bestowed dowries on three sisters who were destined, because of their father's poverty, to lives of privation and possible slavery.

On three successive nights, St. Nicholas secretly tossed a bag of gold down the chimney of the girls' home, providing them with the means to marry.

In commemoration of this good deed, in the Netherlands three oranges were traditionally left out in a dish on St. Nicholas' Day, December sixth, to symbolize his golden gifts.

By the 14th century, St. Nicholas Day was an occasion for giving gifts. Over time, because of the gift-giving tradition and the proximity of his day to Christmas Day, St. Nicholas became associated with Christmas.

Thomas Nast, an American illustrator, popularized the name Santa Claus (which is probably derived from the Dutch *Sante Klaus*, or *Sankt Nikolaus*) in the 19th century.

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1988-89 Superintendent's Salaries

The Personnel Service Division of the Texas Association of School Boards recently issued their survey of School Superintendents Salaries across the state. The survey was voluntary and not all school districts chose to participate.

The smallest salary paid to a superintendent in Texas was \$30,250 at Palo Pinto Independent School District. The district has 44 students.

The largest reported salary was Houston and Dallas Independent School Districts. These districts had 200,000 and 131,000 students respectively. The average salary state wide without regard to the size of the district was \$65,049. The Brackett Independent School District's superintendent's salary for 1988-90 was \$44,695. Salaries of representative districts are listed below:

School District	Salary	Enrollment
Brackett ISD	\$ 44,695	569
Sabinal ISD	46,200	522
Dilley ISD	47,500	870
Junction ISD	63,000	800
Lytle ISD	53,500	925
Nueces Canyon ISD	45,000	360
Marfa ISD	44,941	570
Shiner ISD	45,000	544
Thorndale ISD	37,000	404
Knippa ISD	42,000	174
Comstock ISD	40,000	120
Leakey ISD	39,900	250

The average salary for a superintendent in a district with enrollment of 300-900 was \$48,288 with the low of \$35,500 at Brookeland Independent School District, and the high of \$69,000 at Iraan-Sheffield Independent School District. Other area superintendent salaries for 1988-89 are:

School District	Salary	Enrollment
San Felipe-Del Rio CISD	\$ 72,800	9,270
Carrizo Springs ISD	54,000	2,375
Crystal City ISD	52,984	1,748
Utopia ISD	42,368	157
Lackland ISD	54,837	852
Eagle Pass ISD	68,250	9,405
Medina ISD	44,500	286
Uvalde ISD	Not Available	
La Pryor ISD	Not Available	

A complete report is available from Personnel Service Division, P.O. Box 400, Austin, Texas 78767-0400.

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WHO WILL BE THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES?

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Grandma's Kitchen



Now that Thanksgiving is over, it's truly amazing how fast Christmas pop's up and if you haven't bought or made your gifts already then you'd better get with it.

For years, I've tried to stay ahead of the holidays, but it's not always so easy, even now when it's just the two of us, I'll never catch up with all the things I plan to get done in this life, so I might as well slow down and not worry about it. Right?

We need to sit down with the cards, and if you are like me, I have plenty to add notes, and this is even more time consuming. Then get the shopping list made out, the baking list written down. The menu for Christmas get-together organized and several fix ahead casseroles lined up to drag out when you stay too long at the mall.

With times the way they are, try this year to plan your giving so you won't be still paying for them in June or July. Save all tags and receipts and label them just in case anyone has to make an exchange, you've got it handy.

Put some thought into your gifts. They need not be expensive to be appreciated. Other people truly appreciate necessities they use a lot instead of another box of dusting powder, or a pretty scarf.

I feel some teachers would enjoy some home made goodies, which brings to mind something my 80 yr. old aunt used to tell everybody, "If I can't eat it, then I don't need it". This little lady was quite a kid. Well, I've given you all this "Grandma's

advice" so now lets get on with what to do with all those leftovers.

Here's one to clip out and tape to your cabinet door so you'll have it at your fingertips, there's so many variations, it's quick and easy too.

Potluck Dinner and Variations

- 1 package macaroni and cheese dinner
- 1 can condensed cream of mushroom, or chicken soup.
- 1 cup cooked, diced turkey or chicken.

Prepare dinner as directed, except using 1/2 cup milk. Add soup and chicken and mix well. Heat thoroughly, stirring occasionally.

Variations = 1(Substitute leftover roast beef cubes for turkey or chicken. 2(Substitute 6 1/2 oz. can tuna, drained and flaked for the turkey. 3(Substitute ham cubes, or diced luncheon meats for the turkey. 4(Substitute 1/2 lb. frankfruters, sliced, for turkey. 5(Substitute 4 hard-boiled eggs, sliced or diced, for turkey.

If you are tired of leftovers, try an all-vegetable dinner, then you'll need some cornbread to eat with it, try this one for a change.

Hurry-Up Cornbread-Fried
2 cups corn meal mix(if you are using plain corn meal, add 1 level tsp. baking soda and 2 level tsp. salt 2 cups buttermilk

Mix well, have 2 big tablespoons shortning hot in a cast iron pan (add more shortning as needed) Drop mixture by heaping tablespoonful into hot shortning, level down to

about 1/4 thickness. Use the egg turner to turn, serve while hot. Everyone loves turkey or chicken salads, and what a quick and easy meal, after its made, just slap it between the bread and Wa-la-a delicious meal, give this one a try.

Chicken or Turkey Salad Supreme
3 cups diced, cooked turkey or chicken

- 1 cup celery, diced in 1/2 in. peices
- 1/4 cup scallions, diced fine
- 1/2 cup diced green pepper
- 1 medium-sized avocado pear-diced
- 1 cup mayonaise
- Dash of cayenne pepper
- 1/2 tea salt
- 1/4 tea pepper
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- 1/2 cup dairy sour cream

Mix the turkey or chicken, celery scallions, green pepper, and avocado. Combine the mayonaise cayenne pepper, salt, pepper, lemon juice and sour cream. Beat well until light and fluffy. Pour the dressing over the meat mixture and toss lightly so that all is well coated. Now you don't have to eat sandwiches, you can serve on Boston lettuce or in iceling lettuce cups. If you want a little color, add strips of pimento, or a sprinkle of paprika over each portion-Serves 4.

Thought this week was said by Will Rogers = "It isn't what we don't know that gives us trouble: it's what we know that ain't so."

Have a careful week-Get your big hug.

Special Love Grandma



The kindergarten class visited Las Moras Inn Restaurant at Fort Clark.

Kindergarten Class Dines Out

by Lashawn Wardlaw
Forty-eight kindergarten children and their teachers visited the Las Moras Inn Restaurant at Fort Clark Springs, Monday, December 4th. The children learned how to order from a menu and were given the choices of milk from Borden's, fruit punch and juices from Sysco,

chocolate pudding from Farmer's Bros, and homemade cookies from the Las Moras Inn Restaurant. Thanks to these businesses for allowing these children the opportunity to expand their education by their contributions to the day.

Questions like these were asked during the educational trip.

Nancye Hagy, Las Moras Inn Restaurant manager also provided the children with a tour of the kitchen. The children were impressed with the oversized refrigerators and freezers and how cold it was!

Brackett F.H.A. Update

The Brackett Future Homemakers of America Chapter met on November 20. There were 12 members present.

The opening ceremony was held. A business meeting was conducted by Gus Garcia, President.

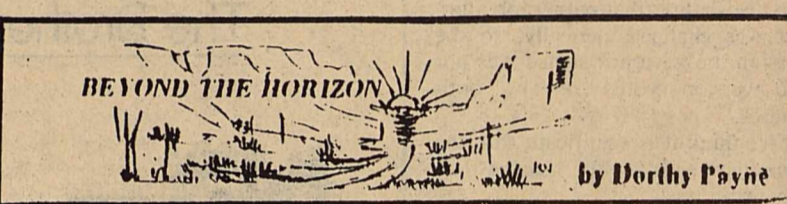
The Chapter decided to make and sell Candy-Grams for Christmas. The Candy-Grams will be delivered on December 20.

The Christmas Party was discussed. A date and time will be set on December 4, at the next meeting.

The students raffled off a turkey and fruit basket. The turkey was won by Clyde Hepline and the fruit basket was won by Chip Haby. Chip donated the fruit basket back to the chapter to be given to a needy family.

The students, each brought canned goods for a basket for a needy family. The food and fruit baskets were delivered to the family by Bro. Preston Taylor, Pastor of the First Baptist Church.

The closing ceremony was held and refreshments were served. The next F.H.A. meeting will be held on December 4, at 6:00 p.m.



BEYOND THE HORIZON by Dorthy Payne

Ingalls, Oklahoma is known as the town that was killed in a gun fight.

On August 31, 1893 a posse of thirteen men left Guthrie in two covered wagons. They were hunting seven wanted men who had been seen in Ingalls.

The men they hunted were Outlaws; Bill Doolin, Dynamite Dick, Bitter Creek, Arkansas Tom, Tulsa Jack, Red Buck, and Bill Dalton. Ingalls had been their home as young cowhands. The townspeople thought they were noisy and wild but not evil. They bought their supplies in Ingalls and sometimes loaned money to the homesteaders.

In 1893 news didn't travel very fast so their misdeeds were not widely known. In town the people knew these were wanted men but they hadn't robbed or hurt anyone in Ingalls. Besides most people were afraid to cross them.

The two wagons filled with Federal Marshalls arrived in Ingalls on

Friday morning September the first. The gun battle that followed rocked the town.

Three lawmen were killed in the street. Deputy Marshalls Dick Speed and Lafe Shadley and Tom Hueston.

Townsmen killed were N.A. Walker, a fourteen old boy who was visiting kinfolks, Saloon keeper Ransom, his bar tender Murray, and Dr. Briggs young son was bodily wounded.

One Outlaw, Bitter Creek Newman was wounded, none were killed and Arkansas Tom was captured. Bill Doolin, Dynamite Dick, Tulsa Jack, Bill Dalton, and Red Buck escaped unharmed.

Gradually the people moved away from Ingalls. The town was never to be active again, then the railroad by-passed Ingalls and the town died.

There remains a stone monument to the lawmen who were killed and little else. Ingalls became known as the town that was killed in a gun fight.

Brackett High Honor Roll

All "A" Honor Roll 2nd 6 weeks.

7th Grade

- Kimberly Ahrens
- Catrina Crowder
- Karla Hall
- Jeffery Potter
- Manuel Ramon
- Sean Burks

8th Grade

- Tiffany Bryant
- Hannah Reschman
- Pamela Potter

9th Grade

- Regina Rubino

7th Grade

- Victoria Abrigo
- Kelly Henrich
- Patrick Melancon
- Rumaldo Serrano
- Lisa Dalton
- Brian Gidge
- Christopher Hale
- Zolia Herrera
- Michael Munoz
- Misty White

8th Grade

- Frank Guajardo
- Danier Martenez
- Brenda Mendoza
- Guadalupe Rodriquez
- Douglas Spring
- Jessie Terrazas
- Maria Terrazas
- Jessie Schemerhorn
- Jessica Taylor

9th Grade

- Gabriel Flores
- Dee Ann Frerich
- Tanya Frerich
- Wendy McDaniel
- Theresa Terrazas
- Charles Frerich

10th Grade

- Laura Cedillo
- Sandra Flores

10th Grade

- Monica Barrera
- Jennifer Shaham
- Scott Sims
- Michelle Brandt

11th Grade

- Cecelia Foster

12th Grade

- Bonnie Frerich
- Fidel Hernandez
- Lisa Frerich
- Maribel Martinez

"A"- "B" Honor Roll 2nd 6 weeks.

7th Grade

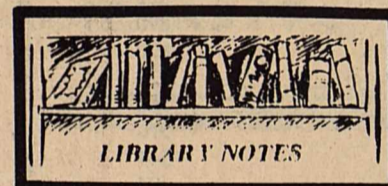
- W.T. Hunt
- Susan Hale
- Emily Potter
- Selena Ramon
- Tevin Senne
- Jamie Shinaut

11th Grade

- Ernestro Esparza
- Clay Hunt
- Vivian Luna
- Shelly McDaniel
- Nancy Mendoza
- Francisco Rodriquez
- Rosemary Rubino
- Kasey Hall

12th Grade

- Stephanie Ahrens
- Norma Falcon
- Jennifer Herman
- Yvonne Luna
- Michelle Munoz
- Armando Talamantez
- Lorina Avilia
- Steve Clememtz
- Mitchell Frerich
- Gustavo Garcia
- Audie Hill
- Nancy Mendoza
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New Books Received: Neely, Chateau Laurens, Checkpoint Charlie, Taylor-Whirlwind Courtship, Cody-Gunsmoke Hill, Jordan-Gambling on Love, Roeburt-Tough Cop, Gad-dis-The Girl Next Door, Secret Honeymoon, Jackson-Proof of Innocence, Grey-Arizona Clan, Joscelyn-Restless Spurs, Heath-Marsh-wood, Grey-Roping Lions Grand Canyon, Stark-The Score, Hogan-Guns against the Sun, Loraine-The Last Shot, Haggard-The Telemar Touch, Austin-Stolen Secrets, Taylor-Harlequin House, Hill-Happiness Hill.

New Books Donated to the library: Goeldner,Paul. Texas Catalog, Historic American Buildings Survey. Randall, Tony and Michael Mindlin. Which Reminds Me. DiMaggio, Joe. Streak. Bainbridge, Beryl. Mum and Mr. Armitage.

Waller, Leslie. Amazing Faith. Flight from Babylon. Berle, Milton. P.S. I Love You. Hoyt, Edwin P. Hitler's War. Wayne, Pilon. John Wayne. Garrison Keillor. Lake Woegegon Days. Irwin, Robert. Computerizing Your Real Estate Office. Smith, Page. America Enters the World.

Lynch, Roberta. Rusted Dreams. Bombeck, Erma. Family -- the Ties that Bind and Gag! Compendium of Drug Therapy (Ref) Williams, James. Solar Construction.

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