

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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Ronnie Gibbs
New Manager

New Golf Course Manager

by Les Roper

Ronnie Gibbs, the new golf course manager, reported to work on Monday morning, January 1, 1990 after an official change of command took place between North American Towns of Texas, Inc. and Fort Clark Springs. Now that the transaction is complete the enthusiasm and excitement in and around the golf course is running at an all time high.

Ronnie and his lovely wife, Teresa, who incidentally is expecting their first little "caddy" in April, will be moving here from San Angelo. Teresa is a registered nurse with a lot of experience so she might just find herself in great demand after her arrival. The two of them have been warmly received by everyone who has had the pleasure of meeting them.

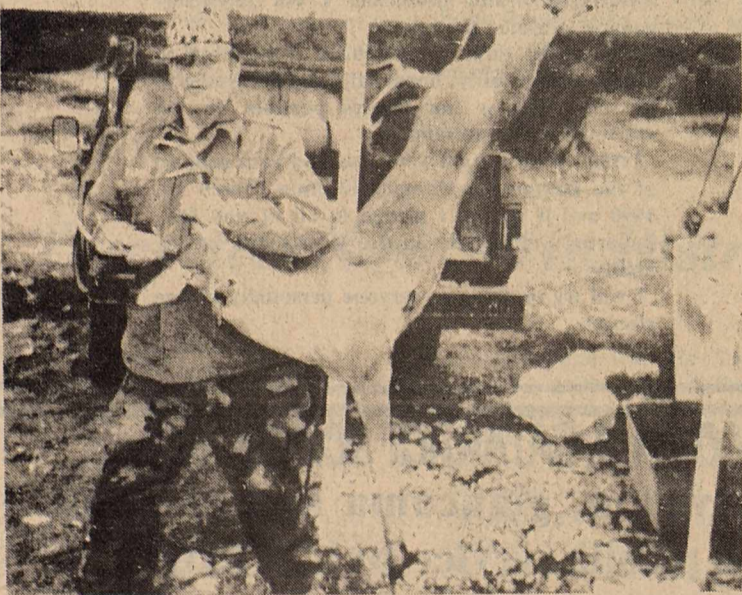
The new manager is bringing a "Blue ribbon" set of credentials with him and his leadership qualities combined with his expertise should eventually develop Fort Clark Springs golf course into one of the premier courses in this part of the state. He has played golf on the mini-tour and competed against some of the best golfers in the

business. He is a scratch golfer and has an outstanding record as a "teaching pro", a service that should be in great demand from a large group of our membership.

When asked about his future plans, Gibbs was quick to reply, "I'll start by cleaning up around the club house and make it the show place it should be. I am going to try and hire the necessary help required to give the whole operation a "face lift" and turn the golf course into a "garden". He continued by saying, "I have really been impressed with the warmth and sincerity of these people out here. Many of them have offered to help or just pitched in and helped without being asked. They are an incredible bunch".

The golf members are witnessing a historical time in the life of the golf course and to be a part of this changeover is considered a privilege by most of them.

Good luck, Ronnie, to you and Teresa, and may your association with Fort Clark's Golf Course be long and successful.



This eight point buck was shot by Gene Minoque on "El Rancho Grande."

Hunter Bags Eight Pointer

by Jennifer Pasanski

The first kill of the season for Gene Minoque of Benton, Louisiana brought down an eight point buck on "El Rancho Grande", part of the Leona Ranch.

Gene and travel companion Charles Fuller are avid hunters that take the sport seriously. "We've traveled 600 miles each weekend since hunting season opened" stated Charles. Even Charles recent arm operation lacked the excuse to deter these two from their week-end hunt, "I couldn't raise a gun but I still came hunting," confessed Charles. "We really like it

here, we would live here if we thought we could find satisfactory employment added Gene.

When asked if they found an adequate abundance of game in Kinney Co. they said that they did, "We could of shot a lot of deer before this one," stated Gene, "but we don't shot does or yearlings."

Perseverance, a love of the sport and a steady aim were on Gene's side as he raised his 243 rifle for the kill. A little bit of luck must have also been with him because the buck was downed only 300 ft. from the camp.

Candidates Announced for County Election

by Jennifer Pasanski

The race is on as candidate hopefuls for the 1990 elections met the file deadline on Jan. 3 at 6:00 p.m.

It looked as if the race for County Judge would be between two long time Kinney Co. residents, the present Judge Tommy Seargeant and past Tax/Assesor Collector Tim Ward when file returns revealed a new face in the political arena, Fort Clark resident, Les Roper.

"If I am elected I feel like I can breathe new life into this office," stated Roper.

Running for the position of County Clerk is the unopposed Dolores Raney.

Charlotta De La Rosa is again seeking re-election unopposed for County Treasurer.

Two hopefuls for the position of Tax/Assesor Collector are Martha Smallwood and Mary Seavers.

For the office of Justice of Peace on the Democratic ticket is present J.P. Alvin Hall and Diane Bravo, new Republican hopeful (and the only republican on the ballot in Kinney Co.) is Roy Dyer.

Running against Rose Mary Slubar for the place as Present 2 commissioner is Manuel Fuentes and Plunker Sheedy.

In Precinct 4 Bill Bizzell is opposed by Alvin McClure.

Ward Resigns as T.A.C.

by Jennifer Pasanski

Judge Tommy Seargeant Commissioners Bill Bizzell and Ruben Fuentes met Friday afternoon for a special meeting at the Kinney Co. Court house.

The only item on the Agenda was to accept or reject the resignation of Tax Assesor Collector Tim Ward. All voted to accept his resignation. Below is a copy of the letter of resignation submitted by Ward.

To: The Honorable Tommy Seargeant, County Judge. The Honorable Commissioners Court of Kinney County, Texas.

I would like to take this opportunity to tender my official letter of resignation to you as T.A.C. of Kinney County. I have filed as a candidate for Kinney County Judge in the upcoming Democratic Primary to be held in March 1990. This has been one of my goals for many years. In accordance with State Law, I must

step down as T.A.C.

The Tax Office is in good working order and is in the capable hands of Chief Deputy Martha P. Smallwood and Deputy Rachel Clementz. An orderly transition of the office is most important to insure uninterrupted service to the public, therefore I would recommend that you permit these ladies to continue in their duties with the same degree of confidence that you have extended to me.

I have enjoyed serving the people of Kinney County as T.A.C. and would like to thank each of you for the confidence and support you have demonstrated in me. I am pleased with the accomplishments that have been made and trust the effect will be a long lasting benefit to the people of Kinney County.

If I may be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to call me.

Hightower Announces Election Candidacy

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower traveled to Dawn, near Amarillo, last week to announce his candidacy for election to a third term. Greeting area farmers from the loading dock of the Panhandle Milling flour mill, Democrat Hightower said the successful mill, which provides 17 new jobs and generates \$10 million in sales annually, symbolizes the "percolate-up economics" he has worked to promote at the Texas Department of Agriculture. When nine area farmers began

looking for ways to get more money for their wheat, Hightower said, TDA conducted a feasibility study on the idea of a flour mill, developed marketing outlets, helped arrange financing and provided technical support to get the project off the ground. "Our mission at the Texas Department of Agriculture is to roll up our sleeves and work with local people like these, providing tools of self-help so they can generate their own economic growth at the grassroots level," Hightower said.

All-out Efforts Shown Towards 1990 State Census

"Texas literally cannot afford to put forth anything less than an all-out effort to make sure all of our residents are counted by census-takers in 1990," the governor said. "This committee will make sure that key state agencies do everything possible to help Texas achieve that goal."

The governor's State Agency Census Planning committee is part of a strategy designed to avoid a repeat of the 1980 undercount of Texas residents. Estimates are the 1980 census missed as many as 547,000 Texans, of which 396,000 were minorities.

In 1987 alone, Texans lost an estimated \$21.3 million in Medicaid funds as a result of the undercount in the 1980 census.

The committee, using agency newsletters and paycheck inserts, will generate state employee awareness of the importance of the census.

The committee will focus special attention on agencies with heavy public contact, including those dealing in social services whose federal funding is tied to the census.

Promotional posters and informational materials will be distributed to targeted state agencies, including local offices of the Department of Human Services and the Texas

Employment Commission, health department clinics and Department of Public Safety driver's license stations.

The Health and Human Services Coordinating Council will take the lead in organizing the census effort, with technical assistance from the Department of Commerce.

Assigned to serve on the committee are the executive directors or representatives of the Texas Department of Commerce, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the Office of the State Comptroller of Public Accounts, the Secretary of State's office,

The Texas Education Agency, the Texas Employment Commission, Texas Employees Retirement System, the Texas Health and Human Services Coordinating Council, the Texas Department of Health, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

The State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, the Texas Department of Human Services, the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Texas Rehabilitation Commission.



Jim Bussey

Bussey Hits Hole in One

by Les Roper

Big Jim Bussey, the ex-navy Chief with a bark like a Rottweiler and the growl of a mountain lion, became as humble as a newborn babe after he scored his first hole-in-one in forty years of playing golf. Jim was playing with Hoagy Nelson, Gordon Lundquist, and Dan Isenberg when he stepped up on the tee box of hole number eleven, reached in his bag, selected a nine iron and smooth stroked a Top Flight Plus into the hole.

When asked about the shot, Jim replied, "I didn't even see the ball go in the hole due to the pin placement; I thought I had hit the green but after

I got there and couldn't see my ball I began to wonder. Finally I worked up the nerve to look in the hole and there it was". Hoagy was asked about the shot as a witness and he replied, "I can't say much for the shot but I can attest to one thing...the grin on that big rascal's face must have weighed four pounds."

I finally located Jim for an interview and I certainly hope that his friends haven't missed the big celebration that goes with a hole in one. If you would like details about this celebration contact Hoagy Nelson or Chuck Titus.



Miraculously no one was killed in this 1987 Porsche after the rear tire blew out December 27, the vehicle was traveling north on R.R. 674.

Porsche Takes A Pounding

On December 27, a 1987 red porsche driven by Albert Joseph La Rose of Spring Texas was involved in a one car accident while traveling north on R.R. 674.

The left tire blew out causing the driver to lose control of the vehicle. After running off the road on the

right shoulder the vehicle rolled several times before coming to a stop. The driver suffered a head injury though his son showed no signs of injury. "They were more scared than anything", stated D.P.S. officer Cano, investigating officer at the scene.



A slick caliche pile was the cause of damage to this Cherokee Jeep as it approached the narrow bridge on Standard Lane.

Unfortunate Accident

by Jennifer Pasanski

Charles B. Shipman was on his way to deliver food items to the needy children in the orphanage located in Acuna. After picking up several boxes of cabbage from a farm off Standard Lane, Charles obviously chose the quickest route to Mexico and proceeded down Standard Lane which eventually met Hwy. 90. He wasn't prepared when his vehicle hit a very packed slick caliche pile next to the one lane bridge. He lost control of the vehicle as it struck an

embankment and rolled on it's side. Luckily Charles only suffered minor bruises, the cabbage however was strewn everywhere and the Cherokee Jeep, on loan to Charles for his missionary work from the Community Church, was totalled.

"You have no traction on that caliche" stated Cano, D.P.S. officer on the scene. "It's a pretty bad bridge, and there are no speed limits posted" he added. No charges were filed on Charles Shipman.

SHERIFF'S CORNER
 KINNEY COUNTY
 by Sheriff Norman Hooten

The new year started out with hope and anticipation for better things to come for most of us, but not for a local family that was involved in a major motor vehicle accident in North Val Verde County on January 1, 1990. The Jose Perez family were northbound north of Comstock, Texas on Hwy 163 when the family vehicle driven by Rosa Perez ran off the road and overturned several times, fatally injuring Sara Perez and seriously injuring Rosa, Elva, and Jose Perez. (Elva Perez works in the county Judge's office in Brackettville).

Our hearts go out to the surviving family members in this time of their sorrow.

A Del Rio resident staying at Ft. Clark Springs over the New Year's weekend was the victim of Criminal Mischief and Burglary of a Vehicle on New Year's Eve as someone threw a large rock through a window in a 1990 Cadillac and took a "fuzz-buster" from the dash of the car. At the time of this writing there are no known suspects but the case is under investigation.

Chief of Police Johnny Fritter responded to a call for assistance from an Edwards County Game Warden Monday night, January 1st. Seems that roadhunters had been observed firing shots from the highway in Edwards County and had fled the scene before responding officers could arrive. Chief Fritter made contact with the suspect vehicle

approx. 4 miles north of Brackettville on Hwy. 674 and held the suspects there until the Game Warden could arrive. The end result was that the suspects were transported back to Edwards County for processing there on roadhunting charges. It's hard to outrun police radios!

Just for your info: We have generated a total of \$65,870.00 in federal prisoner care fees during the first quarter of FY '89-'90 and should the current trend continue we should generate a total for this fiscal year in the neighborhood of \$250,000 to \$265,000 in federal prisoner care fees at the County Jail. In reality there is usually a slow down period along about this time of year that puts a dent in our prisoner care revenues and the total may not be as high as is indicated by the first quarter but should at the very least be above the \$200,000.00 mark which will still go a long way towards helping the county with it's financial expenditures.

A disturbance at the Ft. Clark Restaurant & Bar Saturday, December 30, 1989 led to the arrest and incarceration of a 54 year old Brackettville man on charges of Public Intoxication and Disorderly Conduct.

Michael Anthony "Mickey" Goulla, Jr. was arrested at the scene of the disturbance by Chief Deputy David Luna after Luna responded to a call for assistance from Ft. Clark Security officers. Goulla had alleged-

ly been refused service at the Ft. Clark Bar and refused to leave the premises after repeated requests to do so by Ft. Clark Security. According to statements from witnesses the incident accelerated and Goulla became abusive towards the Security Officers and it became necessary for Chief Deputy Luna to respond to the location and control the incident. Goulla was arrested at the scene without incident and was transported to the County Jail. He pled guilty to the public intoxication charges before Justice of the Peace Alvin Hall the following morning. He pled not guilty to the charges of Disorderly Conduct and was released on a \$400.00 bond. This case will be set for trial at a later date.

That's All

Real Estate News
 by Molly Ardrey

Tips to absentee seller

If you are an absentee seller, leave the electricity on. Walking into a dark room certainly does not make a good first impression. Have curtains open and window's clean. A second must is to make sure that stove, oven and refrigerator are clean. In the bathrooms you can also clean grout between the tiles, clean or replace caulking around the tub and polish the chrome. Clean out excess furniture. Hold a garage sale and turn junk into money. Brush out the fireplace and stack logs on the grate. I cannot overemphasize too much how important light is. Light and cheerfulness go hand in hand.



Dick and Mable Hutchens from Roswell, N.M. and Paula and Dennis Hutchens from Canton, TX visited with longtime friends Essie (Big Mama) Coker and Jewel Robinson over the New Years holiday.

Bobby and Steve Stueckroth visited their mother Dottie Crownover during the holidays. Son Tom had to stay in Austin to work. Bobby will be staying in Brackettville and attending South West Texas Jr. College in Uvalde.

Melissa and Melinda Meyers spent the holidays with their mother Sylvia Meyers. Melissa is going to Del Mar College in Corpus Christi and Melinda is going to University of Texas of El Paso.

Sean Mulligan was visiting friends in Brackett over the holidays. He is going to U.T. at El Paso.

We wish all the folks around town who are having "The Bug" a speedy recovery.

John and Carolyn Wilson from Baytown, Texas are spending a few days with their friend Jerry Adams on Fort Clark. Even though John and Carolyn own resort property in other parts of the state, they like Fort Clark and have purchased a membership.

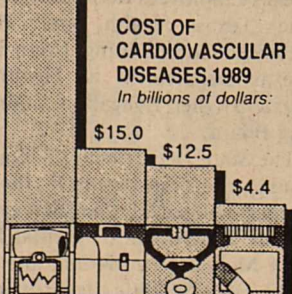
Brother Jim and wife Betty Cooke from Tulsa Oklahoma are visiting with sister Dot and Tom Burrow. They have really enjoyed sight-seeing at Fort Clark and Brackettville.

Lee Floyd who is attending Texas A & I College at Kingsville, Texas was home for the holidays with mom and dad Janice and Harrell Floyd and brothers Leslie and Lynn.

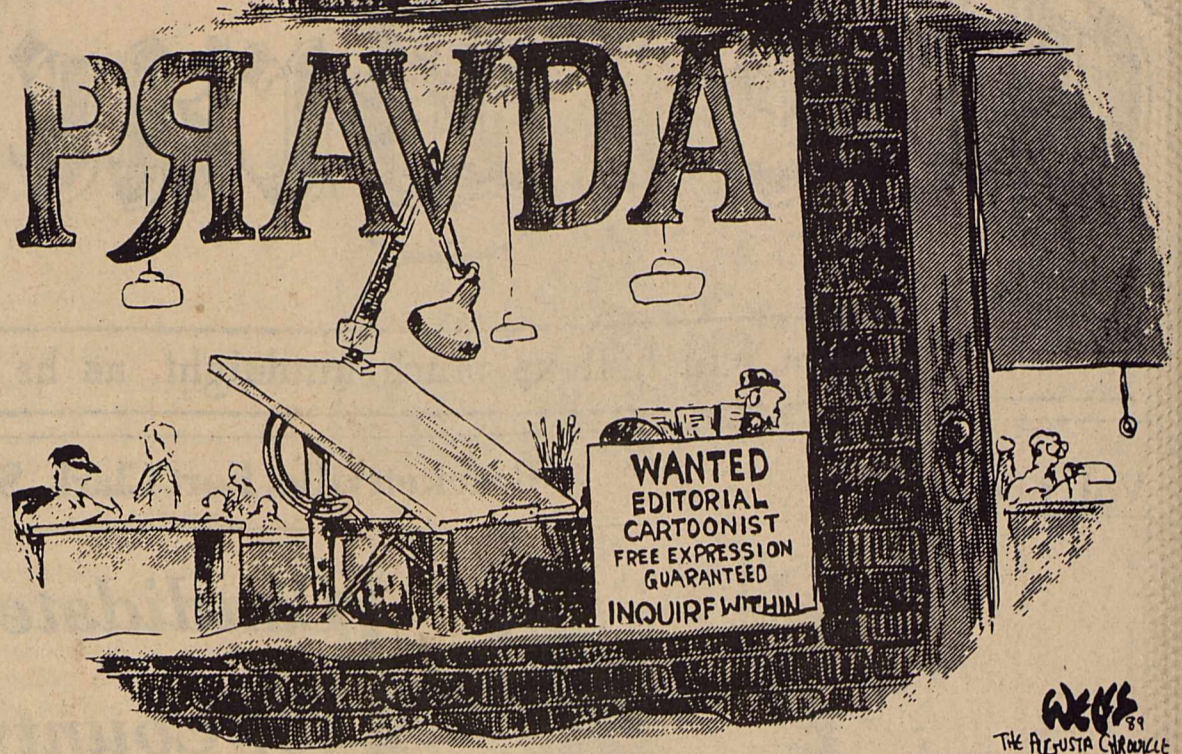
Been Somewhere-Going Somewhere Having visitors call Warren 563-9222, 563-9250

Costly killer

In 1989, 1.5 million Americans will have a heart attack and about 500,000 of those victims will die. The American Heart Association reports that cardiovascular disease is still the leading killer in the U.S., costing an estimated \$88.2 billion in 1989.



SOURCE: American Heart Association



BETWEEN US



BY JOE TOWNSEND

The commissioners Court acted in unconscionable manner when they appointed a tax assessor collector who had absolutely no experience and who made a sweetheart deal by "giving back" a major portion of his salary. (which at the time was illegal). Now there is an opportunity to show some integrity. Since Tim Ward has resigned the Court can show they can act with honesty and integrity by appointing Martha Smallwood to fill the slot she has been serving for five

years. She knows the job and has done an excellent job in executing her responsibilities. Even though serving as "deputy" under the appointee of the Court, it is a fact she in fact was the one who carried the responsibility of the office. It just makes good sense she be appointed rather than someone who would hardly have time to learn the job before the election. The court would act totally irresponsibly to appoint someone who could not be elected.

It is doubtful that anyone could beat Martha in an election certainly anyone that could be appointed by a court decision manipulated to set aside the experience of Martha Smallwood. It is hoped and expected that for once the Court will act responsibly and appoint Martha Smallwood so there won't be any dissaray or confusion in the office, which well could mean additional wasting of tax-payers money.

Unsung Hero

A man moved with his family to Brackettville a good many years ago. The children have grown up and moved on. His wife has served an important and tedious work with boys and girls in school. This man had done an excellent job in a situation that doesn't tend to make many friends. At one time he was nearly killed by an irresponsible driver while he was working at his job. He has proved himself to be careful not to falsely accuse anyone as he carries out his job. He always is courteous and treats all people alike regardless of personal relationship or standing in the community. He has faithfully carried out his job for many years and with his family has been an important part of our community. Surely "Buddy" Burgess is an "Unsung Hero."



Happy New Year!

Well, school started again, all that was heard in the mornings were screams and tantrums yells like "I don't wanna go! You can't make me!" Then there were the students!

Have you made your New Year's Resolution, or did you just keep the same as last years? (I know I did!)

Care to do the Senior-Class a HUGE favor? Start saving your aluminum cans and glass bottles and

donate them to either myself or any of the Senior Class Member! And we thank you!!!

Those who are asking about Sonny (I don't know why anyone would but,) he called Sunday and wished everyone a happy New Year!

Happy Belated Birthday to Mrs. T who celebrated her ?? birthday on the 20th.

Reward

For information leading to, or recovery of two (2) female golden retrievers. Lost on Sat. Dec. 30th at 3:00 p.m. at the corner of Gove & Edward Sts. The dogs are 10 mos. old and answer to the names "Sugar

& Spice". Both dogs are approx. 20-25" tall, weighing approx. 50 lbs. each. Both are golden yellow in color, one being slightly darker. Please call 563-2221 or Sheriff's office 563-2788.

To the Citizens of Kinney County

I am announcing my candidacy for re-election for Justice of the Peace of Kinney County. My health is improving slowly but steadily, so, barring unforeseen health problems, I am physically capable of doing the job.

In the past three years I have endeavored to render Justice fairly, impartially and according to the law. This is not always possible due to extenuating circumstances.

I respectfully ask for your vote and your support at the Democratic Primary Election March 13, 1990 and if elected I pledge to all of you fair, impartial and logical Justice to the best of my ability.

I will try to contact everyone personally before election.

sincerely Alvin F. Hall

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Golf News by Les Roper

Happy New Year and welcome to 1990. Everyone looks forward to this time of the year since it gives them the opportunity to eliminate the bad habits they have accumulated through the past few months and make their new year's resolutions. Resolutions are so much fun to make because of the length of time they stay in affect. Some resolutions have been known to last as long as two weeks into the new year and I think that might be a record.

Some times back, while participating in the "El Indio Invitational", a very luxurious country club on the Rio Grande, I had the distinct privilege of visiting with the club pro, Arnie Swartzkoff. He was kind enough to give me a list of new year resolutions for the coming year drawn up by his very elite group of members. I promised to deliver these promises to Fort Clark Springs Golf Association and post them on the bulletin board with the hopes they might serve as a guideline for our membership. It is "Old Arnies" wish that after reading these resolutions the golfers around here might just find the improvement they have been looking for, especially the men.

Resolutions For 1990...

1. I promise to quit cussing on the golf course.
2. I promise to eliminate temper tantrums from my life (especially after I miff a shot.)
3. I promise to keep my head down on all of my shots.

4. I promise to hit my ball from where it lands in the rough. If I do tee it up in the rough I promise to do it when no one is looking.

5. I promise to quit using red tees in the fairways.

6. I promise to start writing all of my strokes down on my score card.

7. I promise to quit using pencils with erasers for score keeping.

8. I promise to quit taking four foot "gimmies".

9. I promise to have the hole in my golf pant's pocket sewed up so golf balls do not accidentally fall down my pant's leg while I am hunting for a lost golf ball.

10. Last but not least, I promise to use the "skid-a-kans" instead of the Oak Trees and Mountain Laurels.

Two weeks ago the Golf News pointed an accusing finger at "Old Man Winter" and promised to blame all of the cold and bad weather on him in the future. If you had been listening to the wind as it recently sent temperatures plunging down for the worst cold spell in quite some time, you would have heard a sly and vicious laugh mixed in with it. This was the "Old Man's" way of saying, "Revenge is sweet...revenge is sweet". However, a few of our more hearty golfers thumbed their noses at him and took to the course anyway but none of them admitted the playing conditions were ideal.

Once again our friends banded together and turned a terrible situation around. Our many comrades from Montana, who reside

with us during the winter months, pitched in and loaned us one of their famous Chinooks and with it, warm air and ideal golfing conditions. The course has been covered with duffers, hookers, and slicers, taking advantage of these beautiful days to hone their game back into the shape it was in before the cold weather arrived.

The Wednesday before the holidays got under way found the Men's League still competing with just one major change recorded in the standings. Ralph Viestenz, Lou Schlatterer, Charlie Descheemaeker, and "Killer" Kauffman kept the Gobblers in the lead by picking up three points. The Rattlesnakes, with Clark Horning, Jim Bussey, Lee Herron, and Vern Ebert made the biggest move of the day by accumulating fifteen points and moving into second place with a total of thirty points. Bobby Miller and his team of Roadrunners moved into third place with a total of twenty points.

Team standings are now:
1st...Gobblers..34 pts.
2nd...Rattlesnakes..30 pts.
3rd...Roadrunners..20 pts.
4th...Whitetails..19 pts.
5th...Horned Toads..17 pts.
6th...Badgers..12 pts.
7th...Armadillos..8 pts.
8th...Javalinas..8 pts.

This past Friday the weekly Couple's Tournament took place followed by the monthly Club Scramble. Both tournaments drew extra good

crowds and good golf was enjoyed by everyone who participated. An apology is in order since the results have been misplaced and we cannot carry them in this article. They probably fell victim to the holiday "harrum-scarrums" and this was unfortunate. This writer and the players have all pledged to work harder in 1990 to protect these priceless results at the conclusion of each tournament.

This past year has been a most enjoyable time for me since it allowed me a little time to enter the lives of my many friends through my articles on Golf. I hope and pray that I just possibly might have brought a little sunshine and humor into the lives of my readers. I appreciate the many nice things that were said about me and my articles. The major reason for my job being so easy was due to my subject matter...I had some of the greatest people in the world to write about. God Bless all of you and have a Happy 1990.

On An Average Day: the president of the United States earns \$547,950...the estate of Marilyn Monroe earns \$2,739,730...the estate of Elvis Presley earns \$41,095,890...Charles Schultz earns \$87,671,230...Bill Cosby earns \$95,890,410...Michael Jackson earns \$164,383,560.

Words Of Wisdom: The word good has many meanings. For example, if a man were to shoot his grandmother at a range of five hundred yards, he would be called a good shot, but not necessarily a good man.

Happy Birthday

Forrest Pasanski on the 4th of Jan.
Birdie Ward on the 8th of Jan.
Linda Barrett on the 9th of Jan.

Boys Basketball			
31-AA			
District Records			
TEAM	AT HOME	ON THE ROAD	OVERALL
Brackett	1-0	0-0	1-0
Lackland	1-0	0-0	1-0
Lytle	0-0	1-0	1-0
LaPryor	0-0	0-0	0-0
Dilley	0-0	0-0	0-0
Cotulla	0-0	0-1	0-1
Natalia	0-1	0-0	0-1
Sabinal	0-0	0-1	0-1

Tuesday, January 2
Brackett over Sabinal 74-34
Lackland over Cotulla 58-48
Lytle over Natalia 48-37
Dilley at LaPryor (late)

Friday, January 5
Brackett at Dilley
Cotulla at Lytle
Lackland at Natalia
LaPryor at Sabinal

Thank You

Thank you for your kindness for your loving hand. Thank you for being there because I know you understand. Thank you for the warmth you bring to me each day. Thank you for knowing me in each and every way. There's no one who loves me more no one else who cares. You're the one I really love because you're always there. I thank you for your blessings a million of them there are. I thank you so very much because you're never far. Thank God for giving me a friend who lifts me to the skies. For now I know you really are a blessing in disguise.
by: Gus Garcia



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Sports...

Fightin' Tigers Win 14th Straight Victory

by J.J. Guidry
BRACKETT-The Fightin' Tigers won their fourteenth game of the year over Carrizo Springs in overtime.
The Tigers used a smaller, lineup than usual. Steve Clementz and Mitch Frerich started as usual, this time along with junior Clay Hunt, and Sophomores John Hernandez and Lesley Floyd.
The Tigers shot 72 percent from the FT line, where they sank 13 shots in the first half giving them a 25-22 lead.
Brackett continued to dominate in the 3rd quarter with Carrizo Springs taking the lead only once.
Ramiro Ponce sank a set shot, which tied the score up at 40-40 with 4 min. left in regulation time.
Lesley Floyd put the Tigers back up as he sank a 3 pointer at the 2:00 mark.
Ponce hit a baseline jumper to pull Carrizo Springs within one.
Clay Hunt then sank a free throw for Brackett giving the Tigers a 44-42 lead.
With :05 seconds left, Carlos Gomez scored his only basket of the game sending it into overtime with the score tied at 44-44.

Ten seconds ticked off the clock in the 3 min overtime period when John Hernandez sank 2 free throws putting Brackett up 46-44.

Carrizo Springs scored their only point in overtime when Joseph Moreno sank a free throw at the 1:30 mark.

Clay Hunt drove the base line to score giving Brackett a 38-45 lead. Steve Clementz made 2 steals for Brackett in the last 10 seconds of the game securing the Tiger victory.

Mitch Frerich sank five three-pointers to lead the Tigers with 19 points. He was also the leading rebounder with 11 boards. Clay Hunt also scored in double-figures with 12 points. This was his highest scoring game of the year.

Others contributing to Brackett's scoring were Lesley Floyd with 5 points, John Hernandez with 4 points, Steve Clementz sank a three-pointer, Armando Talamantez and Eddie Garza both scored 2, while Richard Perez added 1.

Ponce lead Carrizo Springs with 18 points, while Everalo Ortiz had 8, Justin Brown had 6, Joseph Moreno had 4, while Alex Osterle and Carlos Gomez added 2 a piece.

Cervantez, Frerich Receive All-Southwest Honors

by J.J. Guidry
The All-Southwest Texas football team was recently released. Two of the Fightin' Tigers earned honors on the elite team.

Mitch Frerich, a 6' 0" 175 lb. senior, made it as a linebacker, while Mike Cervantez, a 5' 8" 205 lb. senior, earned honors as an offensive lineman.

Pat Casey, who lead Natalia to a 10-0 regular season record and a district championship, was voted Coach of the year. Natalia players earning all-SWT honors include Jeff Lefevre, a 6' 3" 180 lb. junior quarterback, and Henry Booth, a 5' 8" 135 lb. senior runningback.

Lytle's coach, James Campolo, was one of the coaches receiving honorable mention. Two of his players also earned honors. Jeff Milward, a 6' 3" 225 lb. senior, made it as a linebacker, and Henry Siler, a 6' 0" 180 lb. junior, made it as a quarterback.

Other district 31-AA players earning honors include Leo Mosqueda, a 5' 9" lb. Senior, and Ramiro Salazar, a 5' 8" 145 lb. Junior, of LaPryor. Mosqueda is a linebacker, while Salazar plays in the defensive backfield. Rolando Salazar, a 6' 1" 180 lb. senior, from Dilley earned honors as a linebacker.

Hunt Leads Tiger Pack

by J.J. Guidry
BRACKETT- Clay Hunt lead the Fightin' Tigers to their first district victory with 17 pts. and 10 rebounds. They romped the Sabinal Yellowjackets 74-34.

The Yellowjackets began the game with a man-to-man press to take a 10-6 lead. The Tigers fought back with their own press to tie the score. Both teams made two more buckets making the score 14-14 at the end of the first period.

The Tigers dominated the rest of the game as they scored 23 points in the second quarter, 17 pts. in the third and 20 points in the final stanza. Hunt, Mitch Frerich, and Armando

Talamantez all scored in double figures. Frerich had 15 pts. and 9 rebounds, while Talamantez had 13 pts. and 7 rebounds.

Eddie Garza scored 9 points, Richard Perez had 8, John Hernandez made 6 pts. and grabbed 9 rebounds, Lesley Floyd had 4 pts. and Steve Clementz sank 2 points and contributed 7 assists.

Jimmy Martinez lead Sabinal with 16 points, while Gilbert Banda had 6, Tony Velasquez had 5, Ray Silvas had 4, and Jimmy Medina had 3.

This was the first district game for both teams as Brackett is 1-0 and Sabinal is 0-1. The Tigers are now 15-3 for the season.

Tigerettes Now 3-0 in District

by J.J. Guidry
BRACKETT-The Tigerettes are now 3-0 in district as they defeated the Sabinal Yellowjackets 64-34 on Tuesday evening. Sabinal fell to 1-2 in district.
At a minute and a half into the game, Brackett took a quick 6-0 lead as Sabinal called a timeout. The Tigerettes shut down the Yellowjackets offense as they scored only 5 points in the first quarter from the free line.
Korey Spence and Sara Garcia of Sabinal fouled out in the second half.
The five freshman Tigerettes played the last 3 minutes of the game and allowed Sabinal to score only 3 points.

Yvonne Luna lead the Tigerettes with 26 points, while Stephanie Ahrens had 17.

Vivian Luna scored 5, Wendy McDaniel and Myrna Gonzalez, Dorothea Ward had 3, Theresa Terrazas and Michelle Brandt had 2, and Regina Pena added 1. Tanya and Dee Ann Frerich also saw action for Brackett.

Ahrens lead in rebounding with 16 boards, while McDaniel had 12 and Yvonne Luna grabbed 11.

Sara Garcia lead Sabinal with 12 points, while Rita Contreras had 7, Crystal Spence and Jody Meyer had 4; Korey Spence, Shannon Dickie, and Amy West had 2, while Leah Orona made a free throw.

Luna Leads Tigerettes

by J.J. Guidry
BRACKETT- The Tigerettes hosted the Leakey Lady Eagles on Friday afternoon. The Lady Eagles swept the series this year with three victories over Brackett.

Leakey utilized a strong press on the Tigerettes earning them a sizeable 42-7 lead at halftime. The Tigerettes came back out of the lockerroom with their heads held high. They scored 22 points in the second half and gave up only 13 points to the Leakey girls.

Angie Pendley lead the victorious Lady Eagles with 14 points including two three-pointers. Linda Reagor also scored in double-figures for

Leakey with 13 points. Other's contributing in the scoring for Leakey were Julie Brooks with 9 points, Lora Reagor had 6 points, Rudy Rubio had 5, and Leslie Cane, Angelica Navarro, and Amy Bates each scored 2.

Yvonne Luna lead Brackett with 10 points, while Stephanie Ahrens scored 8 points and grabbed 9 rebounds.

Freshman Tanya Frerich scored the first three-pointer of the year for the Tigerettes. She scored a total of 5 points, while Dorothy Ward made 4 and Myrna Gonzalez added 2.

Vivian Luna, Dee Ann Frerich, and Michelle Brandt also saw action for Brackett.

J.V. B-Ball

J V Tigers Win District Opener

by J.J. Guidry
BRACKETT- The Tigers Junior Varsity won their district opener over the Sabinal J.V. 59-23.
The Tigers lead throughout the game. They were ahead by 12 at the end of the first period and 14 at halftime.

Tevin Senne lead Brackett with 16 rebounds and 24 points including 3 three-pointers. Refugio Martinez had 12 points, Walter Hunt had 9, J.J. Sandoval had 5, Scott Sims had 4, Peter Perez had 3, and Lynn Floyd had 2.

Sims and Martinez had 6 rebounds, while Hunt and Floyd had 5.
Bernie Garcia lead Sabinal with 8 points, Jason Harris had 5 points, Karl Stone and Javier Villasana both had 4 points, while John Frick added 2 pts.

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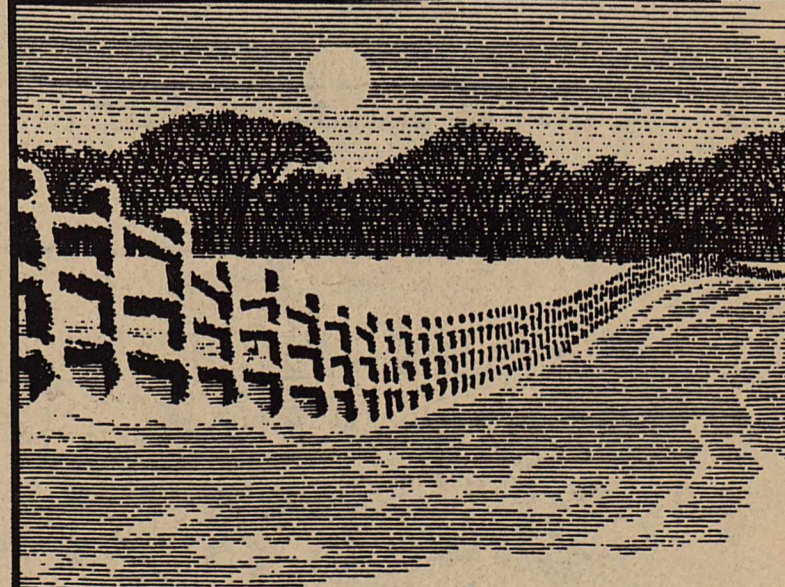
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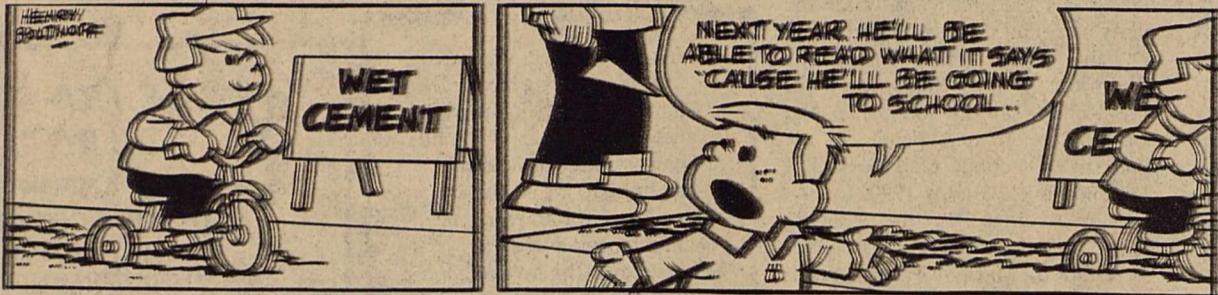
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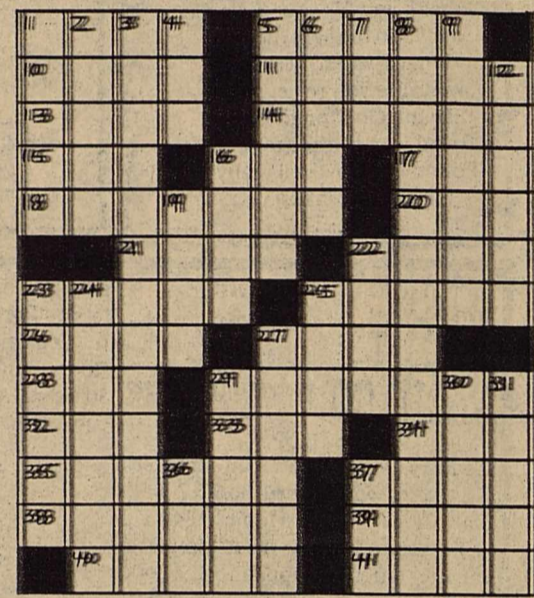
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- 1. Promote the sale of
5. From there
10. Just this
101. Obitime soldier
133. Court order
134. Turkish city
155. Norse goddess
165. One of the Curses
177. Tenth of a sem
188. Passed along
203. Ball behind
211. Hitcher
222. A bit
233. Throat the hoards
155. Religious healthiness
225. Unrecognized
227. Bombast
228. Presidential nickname
229. Exploited, as a time bomb
332. Wee bird
333. Highway hazard
344. "Bali—"
355. Complete



- 37. Profound
38. Conveyed legally
39. Influenza
40. Kind of school
41. Midget's prop
11. Tough problem
22. Hoarse
33. Hysterical
44. Hold it!
55. Droid
65. Dwindled
77. Squid's output
88. Butler's love
99. Insecure
122. Forest guardian
115. Watched
119. Overwhelmed
222. Candy flavor
223. Lessor
224. Body of government advisers
225. Lion's pride
227. Rib
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Trivia Test by Linda Luckhurst

- 1. Asia: Name the longest river on this continent.
2. Television: Name the longest-running nighttime game show in television history.
3. New England: Name the only state in this region that does not have a border with the Atlantic Ocean.

YOUR HOROSCOPE by Charles King Cooper

WEEKLY TIP: Remember to be compassionate this week when the sharp word could easily come to your tongue.
ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You may feel a loved one is being unfair. While communications improve with children, a silent wall may be building between you and a family member.

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Sports Quiz by Allan Orstein

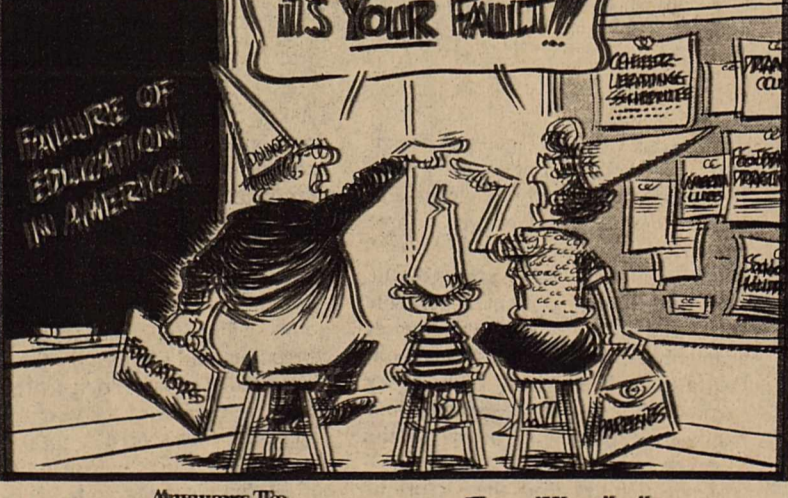
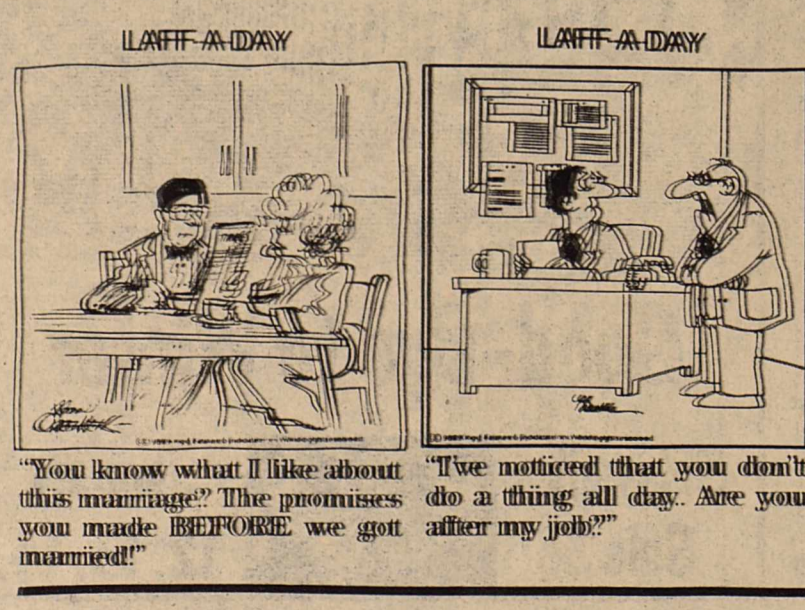
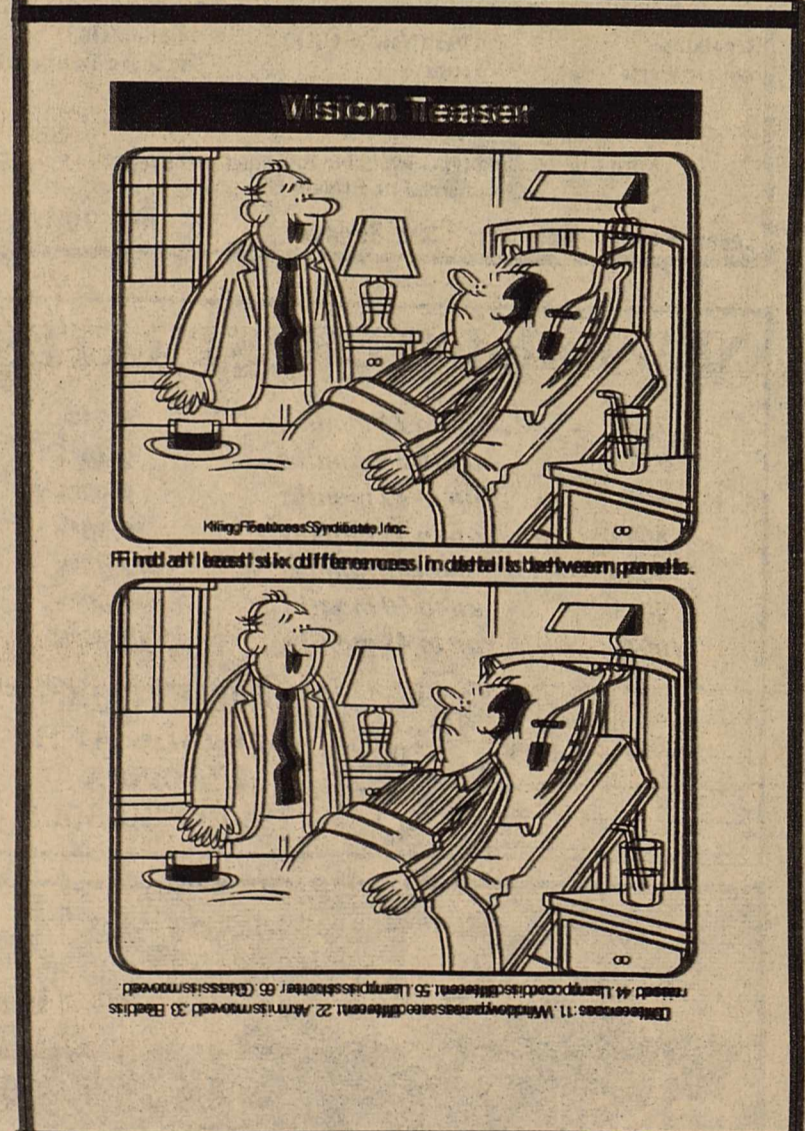
- 1. Name the last baseball player to capture the "Triple Crown."
2. Name the former Houston Astro with the nickname, "The Toy Cannon."
3. Name the former Boston Red Sox with the nickname, "Spirited Splinter."

Top Video Rentals

- 1. "Batman" starring Michael Keaton (Warner) Last Week No. 1
2. "Scrooged" Bill Murray (Paramount) No. 7
3. "Ghostbusters II" Bill Murray (RCA/Columbia) New Entry

Magical Words Two-Worded Footballers

Word search puzzle with a grid of letters and a diagonal word 'LAWYER' highlighted.



Answers to King Crossword and Two-Worded Footballers word search.

Home Hints

CLOTHING PATTERNS — As a senior citizen on a fixed budget, it pays to economize wherever possible.
When I find a favorite clothing pattern, I change collars, sleeves, trim and/or fabrics. Thus, I have a wardrobe of well-fitting clothes.

TIME TEST ANSWERS

- 1. Kingsize, 2. "What's My Line," 3. Vermont, 4. Wang Airlines off Brazil
5. Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, Idaho, Wyoming, 6. Dr. Arnez, Jr., 7. The 36
Harriet Beecher Stowe, 9. Paul Newman and Robert Redford, 10. The Elongation

Thermostat Operations for Saving Energy

Setting back your thermostat for 12 or more hours during the winter is an easy way to save a substantial amount of energy. Depending on where in Texas you live, the savings will be 9 to 15 percent of your heating costs if you set the thermostat back 10 degrees at night and when your home is unoccupied.

Unfortunately, most people forget to set the thermostat back on a regular basis. One way to ensure the thermostat is always set back when appropriate is to invest in a programmable thermostat. There are many programmable thermostats on the market with a variety of features. The cost effectiveness of a particular type will depend on the type of heating system you have and how much you are willing to set back the thermostat.

For instance, programmable thermostats save more energy when used with a gas-fired system or conventional electric resistance furnace than with a heat pump system. With any type system, the more you are willing to set back the thermostat at night and at other times, the more energy and money you will save.

One recently introduced thermostat involves the innovative concept of comfort control rather than temperature control. With this thermostat, the occupant touches a control button when comfort conditions need adjusting. This helps the thermostat controller account for the environmental factors of humidity and air motion in addition to just temperature. The occupant maintains a more comfortable surrounding. The system also sets back the temperature when occupants are not present, thus conserving energy.

When shopping for a programmable thermostat, the Texas Energy Extension Service recommends that you carefully compare several features. These include price, compatibility with your heating and cooling

system, temperature-setting and programming options, type of display, and warranty.

PRICE: Manufacturer's list prices on programmable thermostats range from about \$50 to \$250. A "comfort controller" thermostat likely will cost more.

YOUR SYSTEM TYPE: A thermostat that is compatible with the type of heating and cooling system you have is the first criterion for choosing a thermostat. Separate heating and cooling systems connect to the thermostat with two or three wires; combination heating/cooling systems use four or five wires. Heat pumps draw on multiple heat sources that require eight or nine wires, and are more difficult to connect. If you have a heat pump, select a programmable thermostat that is specially designed for use with heat pumps or avoid nighttime setback.

SETTINGS AND PROGRAMMING OPTIONS: For heating, the typical unit has one higher comfort setting and up to three lower ones. These thermostats can be set back in 3-degree to 15-degree increments. The more flexible models offer four to six independent temperature settings.

The most convenient programming option is to define four to six different time-and-temperature set points for each day of the week. The next best option is to set the same time and temperature program for five consecutive days, allowing for an alternate program on weekends. The least convenient thermostats are capable of just one program that repeats all seven days.

Another convenient option is a temporary override. This allows you to manually change the set point if your schedule changes without destroying the regular program.

Although a keypad with lots of buttons might seem overwhelming at first, it is really easier to program

than one that assigns several functions to only two or three buttons.

DISPLAY: Although a few units still use a mechanical needle to show the actual room temperature, most programmable models use a digital display for a continuous display of time, room temperature, and set point. Others show day of week and operating mode (normal or setback). These are all features that help you verify all is working properly.

WARRANTY AND REPUTATION: Typically, programmable thermostats have one to four year warranties that cover repair or replacement of defective units, but not the cost of installation. Be sure to purchase a thermostat from a reputable dealer: a warranty is worthless if the manufacturer will be out of business in a few months. As with the purchase of any product, you should check out retailers or manufacturers that are unfamiliar to you, by calling you local Better Business Bureau.

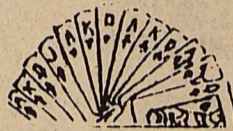
One last warning about thermostat purchases is to be cautious about

buying a thermostat in conjunction with another energy-saving product. Not all homes need both products, and huge utility bill savings will not necessarily occur from installing both. For example, one company sells a thermostat along with a radiant barrier.

Many products are available that will save energy, but installing them all at once will not provide cumulative savings. For instance, if you have three products, each designed to save 20 percent of your energy bill, you will not see a 60 percent savings by installing all three. The savings actually will be much less because the products are working together.

More information on thermostats is available from the Texas Energy Extension Service factsheet "Thermostats." Call the toll-free Texas Energy Hotline at 1-800-643-SAVE to request your free copy or to get information on other ways to save energy in the home. The Texas Energy Extension Service is a program of the Governor's Energy Management Center.

Bridge, Anyone?



by Dot Burrow

Sunday, December 31, five tables of Duplicate Bridge were present in Fort Clark's Sabre Room. The Howell movement was used. Carol Benfield and Molly Schroeder took first place. In second were Betty Inman and Dot

Burrow. Tuesday evening, January 2, five tables were again in play, again using Howell. First place went to Norma Gould and Rozetta Pingenot. Gene and Mary Britton came in second.

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Monday 8 Tacos Taco Salad Pinto Beans Spanish Rice	Monday 8 Chef Salad Fruit Crackers	Monday 8 Cereal Juice Toast Peanuts
Tuesday 9 Steak fingers Home Fries Winter Mix Veg Hot Rolls	Tuesday 9 Baked Potato Cheese Fruit Bread	Tuesday 9 Sausage Gravy Biscuits Fruit
Wednesday 10 Hot dog Pork & Beans Scand Mixed Veg Fruit	Wednesday 10 Deli Bar Let & Tom Bread Fruit	Wednesday 10 ½ egg Pancakes Fruit
Thursday 11 Chili W/Beans Fresh Veg Stix Fruit Cobbler Cornbread	Thursday 11 Hamburger Hamb Salad Fruit	Thursday 11 Sweet Roll Peanuts Fruit
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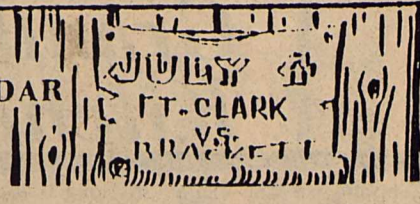
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Monday, Jan 8 - 9:00 a.m.
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Tuesday, Jan 9 - 7:00 p.m.
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Grandma's Kitchen



I apologize for being so long winded last week, but I had to get the paltry out of my system, and once I get a good start, it's hard for me to stop. As promised, I'm going to get right into one of Mother Nature's Miracle healers, so hang on to your seatbelt, this may take several columns.

First a bit of history. Castor oil is one of Mother Nature's oldest miracles. The Egyptians used it 3500 years ago. But don't panic, I'm not suggesting you take it internally as a laxative. While many people do take it, it is for more valuable when applied externally. Besides there are gentler and kinder ways to unsnarl those intestinal tie-ups.

For centuries castor oil has been known as "palma christi", the hand of Christ, signifying its great healing power. Check it out, you won't have to look far to find out for yourself. In the Vermont folklore it was recommended for treating problems dealing with gall bladder, poor circulation, constipation, epilepsy,

liver, headaches, arthritis, bunions, cysts, fibroid tumors, moles and warts. Sounds like something you'd read about in the National Enquirer!

Now here's the best question of all, if it can solve so many problems why isn't it better known? There are two answers. If you're going to make medical claims about something the government requires extensive proof. That proof costs millions of shekels. Second, castor oil is just the oil from an easy to grow bean, so therefore no one is going to get rich from it. Put these two together and you can see why no testing has been done. (Incidentally, there's a great mosquito lotion, Skin so Soft from Avon. They're selling it like it was fountains of youth juice, but they can't advertise it as a mosquito lotion because they haven't done the costly testing. But the word of mouth-or print, is getting around. Satisfied customers are the best advertisement.

Be careful though and read the ingredients. Like most laboratory concoctions it's loaded with all sorts

of chemicals, personally I don't want in my body. When you put it on some of them will be absorbed into your body. Maybe I can find an all natural mosquito repellent, see how easy it is to get off the main subject? Back to it-all you will ever read about castor oil are antidotal stories, people relating their personal experiences. I am the biggest skeptic of all, but I've tried and watched castor oil do its healing trick on quite a few wounds, now I'm a firm believer and want to spread the word.

Guess this is enough for today, let's get on with making something good. A sweet little lady who suffers from diabetes asked me to find some really good dessert recipes. This one could be used as a sugar-free dessert by cooking the apples and after they're cooled slightly, sweetening them to taste with sugar substitute. It's a little unusual and doesn't take as long as you'd think to do them.

Old Fashioned Apple Rolls
Cook about one quart of apples, seasoning to taste with brown sugar

and cinnamon or allspice, whichever you prefer. Make a very short biscuit dough, roll out thin, and using a saucer as a pattern, cut into circles, place apple mixture in center of these circles and press together, then turn each one down into a 9 X 13 X 2 inch baking pan. Do this with apples and circles until pan is full. On each roll put a small dab of margarine. Add 2 cups of water to pan around rolls and bake in a 400 degree oven until browned. A note at the bottom of my recipe stated "Grandma called them apple dumplings." I know this is a no, no, but wouldn't these be good with a bit of milk poured over the tops of them? Well, we can't give up everything and stay happy.

Thought for this week - A good example can overcome a lot of bad advice.

I really must say Happy Birthday this month to Noel, Dave II, Jennifer and Doma, when I see you, you've got a big hug coming.

Special Love Grandma

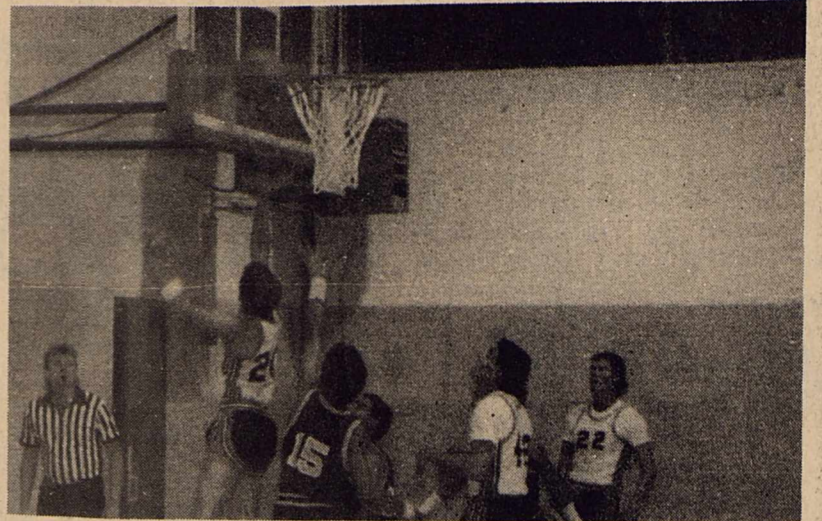


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Pictured above is Clay Hunt (20) making 2 of his 17 points on Tuesday evening as Armando Talamantez (42) and Mitch Frerich (22) look on.

Local Park Development

Local park acquisition and development projects were supported with almost \$16 million in matching-grant funds from the Land and Water Conservation Fund and the Local Park Fund administered through the Parks Division. The money went to 45 projects in Texas cities and counties.

More than 20 million people visited Texas state parks for the second year in a row. A total of 20, 827,665 visitors was counted in the 12-month period ending Aug.31, matching the record-breaking numbers set during the 1987-88 fiscal year. Overnight camping showed a two-percent increase, for an all-time high. Officials consider the 20.8 million record an excellent one since a number of popular parks were partially or completely closed for work.

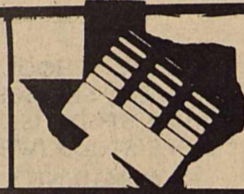
The Law Enforcement Division's Operation Game Thief (OGT) wrapped up its eighth year of operation in 1989. The OGT committee voted to increase the cash rewards paid to individuals whose tips led to convictions of game law violators during a recent reporting period. Almost \$75,000 in rewards has been disbursed during the program's first eight years and over \$376,000 in fines assessed as the result of OGT calls.

Officials believe OGT is an effective deterrent to potential game law violators. Other activities that have enhanced the enforcement effort include increased criminal penalties authorized by the Texas Legislature, civil restitution liabilities charged persons who illegally take or possess any wildlife resources, and increased game warden staff, special temporary assignment of game wardens to problem areas and the use of wildlife decoys.

The Law Enforcement Division and other functions of the department also will benefit from a new training facility that received formal commission approval in 1989. The department reached an agreement with the Lower Colorado River Authority to lease 850 acres of land adjacent to Lake Bastrop in Bastrop County.

A new training center will be constructed on the site, with indoor training rooms and dormitories, a firing range and water safety training facilities on the lake.

Fisheries Division officials hope to establish experimental regulations on the 950-acre lake to establish a trophy largemouth bass fishery. Existing park lands on the south shoreline of the lake will be upgraded and operated as a state park.



Texas Agricultural Extension Service

Herbicides Require Careful Use

by Alan McWilliams

Fertilizer and weed killer combinations are designed to appeal to the inherent lazy streak present in almost all home gardeners. The idea of fertilizing the lawn and killing the weeds all in one application is difficult to resist.

Weed killers, when used properly, can be great time-savers and eliminate a lot of back-breaking work. However, they must be used according to the directions given on the container if they are to be effective and not endanger valuable plants in the landscape.

The same chemicals that will kill the weeds are frequently harmful to the trees, shrubs and vines used in the landscape. Since tree roots invade the lawn area and usually extend beyond the branch spread it is difficult to apply a fertilizer-herbicide mixture to the lawn area without danger of damage to the desirable plants in the lawn.

All too often, the time to apply fertilizer is not the correct time for effective weed control. Each type of herbicide must be used at specific rates and at a certain critical time to be effective for killing weeds.

While fertilizer should be applied at the recommended rate, there is

usually little harm if the homeowner fails to calibrate his distributor correctly and makes a slightly heavier application. If herbicides are contained in the mixture, this error can be very damaging to the desirable vegetation. Another difficulty which frequently arises is the part of a sack of the mixture left over after the lawn has been fertilized. Frequently this is left in the garage or tool shed until fertilizer is needed for a flower garden or rose bed. The fact that the fertilizer contains a herbicide is forgotten, and irreparable damage is done to a favorite beauty spot in the garden.

Many of the more popular landscape trees including oaks, mulberry, pecan, locust and others are highly susceptible to weed killers. When contemplating the use of a herbicide or herbicide and fertilizer mixture, always read all of the precautions given on the label. The information contained on the label was developed through expensive research and the manufacturer provides this information for your protection.

Remember weeds in a lawn are usually an indication of poor management practices. Through proper fertilizations, correct mowing pract-

ices, adequate moisture, and good soil drainage, the grass will be vigorous enough to crowd out the weeds.

In those areas beneath trees where excessive shade weakens the grass and is invaded by weeds, the use of herbicides is extremely risky. It is better to replace the grass with a shade-tolerant species of ground cover such as English Ivy.

Remember when using any type of

pesticide, it is the misuse of these materials that usually cause problems.

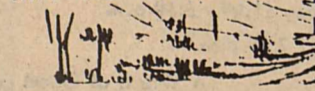
For more information on these practices or fertilizer amounts, contact or come by the county extension office. Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.



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Pictured above is Armando Talamantez (42) putting up a shot against Sabinal. The Tigers were victorious 74-34.

BEYOND THE HORIZON



by Dorothy Payne

There is a legend of the Kneeling Nun in the Santa Rita mountains east of Silver City, New Mexico. From a distance it really looks like the form of a woman kneeling in prayer.

The legend goes back three centuries to the time of the Spanish Conquistadors. They lusted for gold. Cortez sent an expedition from the captured Aztec land in Mexico, north into what is now the state of New Mexico.

While the soldiers looked for gold in the Santa Rita mountains, the Godly men and women built a mission and when the soldiers left, these people remained.

One of these women named Rita broke her vows. When she was asked to confess, she refused to tell the name of her partner and was imprisoned.

Suddenly one night a terrible storm came up threatening the mission. A priest freed the prisoner Rita. The mountain collapsed and when the priest tried to protect her and put his arms around her, he found she had turned to stone and remained kneeling there at the foot of the

mountain.

A poet named Frank Gambles wrote a poem long ago about the kneeling nun named Rita, here is part of it.

"The mountain groaned, heaved and reeled. The vault of heaven rift and clashed. In thunder tones, the lightning flashed a stream of living fire, the priest, Fold air his beads, the storm increased. It's fury, through air rolling on, Came globes of fire, they struck the dome, "Come Rita, haste, Let us away - Deaths around us - we must obey!" There came a voice as though from heaven; "Rest in peace, thou art forgiven." Around her form his arms did clasp - Twas stone he held within his grasp."

The mountains were named "Santa Rita," for Rita and during a later exploration into the Santa Rita mountains an arched tomb was found containing many human skeletons that seemed to have been buried when a mountain collapsed.

The mountains were named Santa Rita after the nun. The stone figure can be seen from miles away, still kneeling in prayer at the foot of the mountain.

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