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

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C.P.L. To Collect \$105 Million Increase From Customers

The Public Utility Commission today authorized Central Power and Light Company to collect a \$105 million stipulated increase, subject to refund pending final determination by the commission.

The increase is the first step of a two-step, \$264 million settlement of CPL's rate case. The agreement was reached in February between CPL and substantially all intervenors in the case. On March 16, a PUC administrative law judge recommended approval of the increase. The new rate represents a 13-percent increase over current bills on a systemwide basis. Today's vote was 2 to 1 in favor, with Commissioner Jo Campbell dissenting.

"The commission's implementation of the first-step rate increase preserves the settlement that the parties have worked so hard to reach. It signals what we hope is the beginning of the end to a long, complicated and expensive rate case," said Bob Carey, CPL president and chief executive officer.

A residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity a month will see about a \$10 increase in the monthly bill. Winter bills will increase from the current bill of \$62.41 to \$73.51. Summer bills will go from \$68.61 to \$79.34. The increase becomes effective today (March 21)

Final commission approval on the merits of permanent rates for the first-step increase is not expected until later this year.

With approval of the stipulated first-step increase, two new programs for industrial and commercial customers become effective. An economic development rider gives discounted demand charges for new or expanded loads in certain industries U.I.L. literary meet was held last Munoz followed at second and third. of 600 kilowatts or more. Another program, called the Commercial Average Monthly Payment Plan or CAMP, allows Commercial customers in certain rate classes to average their electric bills over a 12-month time frame.

Also being put into effect is an economy service rate for residential customers who use 500 kilowatthours or less a month. The new rate will allow those customers to pay rates similar to what they pay now. Implimentation of the new rates also extends the summer billing season for residential customers to eight months, instead of six, to track more closely the actual use of air conditioning and heating in South Texas. The summer season starts with meters read Feb. 19-March 19 and concludes with meters read Oct. 19-Nov. 19.

The settlement package calls for the \$105 million increase in March 1990 followed by a \$120 million, 13 percent, systemwide increase effective January 1991. CPL must file a second rate case this spring and gain PUC approval before the second-step increase can be implemented. Base rates would then be frozen through 1994, except in the case of specific, unusual circumstances. Fuel costs would continue to be adjusted as necessary according to PUC regula-

"Approval and implementation of the full settlement would save millions of dollars of rate case expense over the coming years," Carey said. "It would also mean stable, predictable rates for our customers."

In February 1989, CPL requested a \$464 million, four-year phase-in of rates to recover its investment in the South Texas Project nuclear plant and other costs of doing business. Both units of the 2,500-megawatt plant are in full operation.

Unexplained Water Leakage on Fort Clark Springs

According to Larry Sofaly, General Manager of the Fort Clark Springs water dept., M.U.D., the Fort is losing from 3 to 4 million gallons of water monthly.

Sofaly began investigation the missing water a year ago, "We pulled every meter, (660 meters), and checked for accuracy, we bought a new master meter and have walked the lines looking for the leak or the possibility of water theft, we found nothing," he stated.

After checking the most probable areas that could explain where the water was going, Sofaly decided to direct his attention to the old water lines. Layed out on his desk is a map of the plumbing system dated 1942. I suspect the leak is in this area. stated Sofaly, as he pointed to the Golf Course in front of the Motel rooms. "Most likely the missing water is running back into the aquifer, we think there is a cavity it must be running into." stated Sofaly. When asked what kind of equipment he was using to check the pipes, Larry stated, "I can find pipe with a

witchery rod." Larry also mentioned that residents on Fort Clark were very helpful in reporting suspected leaks.

There are two wells that pump water from the aquifer for residential use. One is 950 ft. deep the other is 1,000

Monthly water usage averaged from these pumps is from 10 to 12 million

Brackett's One-Act Play Earns Top Honors

week. Competition began on Tuesday and continued until Friday

On Thursday, Brackettville's oneact play earned top honors along with Cotulla. Both groups will travel to Mason for area competition. This is the second consecutive year Brackett has qualified for area. Merry Beth Mills, who directed the play, commented, "They all had an excellent performance and we're looking forward to Mason." Armando Talamantez earned all-star cast, while Shelley and Wendy McDaniel received honorable mention.

Brackettville's accounting team highlighted Friday's competition. They swept their division and all three members earned a trip to the regional meet. Bonnie Frerich earned first place with perfect score. Team

COTULLA--The district 31-AA mates Fidel Hernandez and Michelle The students sponsor, Kathy Adams, simply stated, "I've got superstars in my group."

Frerich also won ready writing and took third in spelling. She will advance to regionals in all three

Junior Clay Hunt competed in informative speaking. He finished second in the prelims and third overall. He qualified for regionals along with Mary Duran, who placed third in persuasive speaking she won her prelims.

In the math department, Scott Sims took fourth in calculator and J.J. Guidry finished fifth in number sense.

Selina Ramon took second in typing, while Mary Falcon took second in Spanish I and Laura Cedillo took sixth in Spanish II.

Pictured above is Officer at the GMC Pick-up belonging to E.K. scene Buddy Burgess and the 1990

Resident Involved in Wreck

A wreck involving local resident, E.K. Snyder and an out of town driver occurred Saturday evening at 5:20 p.m. on the hill in front of the Phillip 66 service station on Hwy. 90. Snyder was heading east on Hwy. 90 and the out of town driver, Fred England, was travelling west. Snyder then made a left turn into a private drive in front of England. England applied the brakes but struck Snyder in the right passenger door with the right front of his vehicle, Snyder was knocked off the road.

Both drivers were taken by ambulance to the Val Verde Memorial Hospital in Del Rio. Both are released at the time of this writing. Charges were filed on E.K. Snyder because he failed to yield right of way in a left turn.

The pick-up truck, a 1990 Blue GMC Sierra, driven by Snyder was brand new and had only 261 miles on

the speedometer. Fred England had been enjoying a stay at Fort Clark Springs. Luckily both are doing fine.



Being towed away is the 1985 250 Custom Pick-up belonging to Fred

Jones Elementary School Takes Third in UIL Literary Meet

Students representing Jones Elementary School traveled to Cotulla on Tuesday and Friday of last week. Jones Elementary School finished third in this year's contest with a total of 125 1/2 points. Sabinal placed second and Lytle placed first. Our students were well prepared and represented our school in an excellent manner. Of the seventeen events held at the UIL meet, Jones Elementary School had teams that competed in all seventeen areas. Students won points in the following events: third and fourth ready writing 18 points, fifth and sixth ready writing 14 points, fourth number sense 4 points, fifth number sense 4 points, sixth number sense 6 points, fourth picture memory 20 points, fifth picture memory 20 points, fifth and sixth music memory 17 points, fifth and sixth listening 10 points, sixth science 41/2 points, and sixth calculator 8 points.

The following students were our representatives at the UIL contest; the events in which the students placed are designated in parenthesis: Isabel Aguirre (Music Memory 2nd), Donda Avila, Amy Bader, J. Wayne Ballew (Picture Memory 2nd), Edwina Banta, Jon Banta, Lily Burgess (Number Sense 6th) (Picture Memory 1st), James Burks, Mandy Cortes, Terry Esparza, Debra Frerich, Denice Frerich, Windy Goodloe (Ready Writing 4th) (Picture Memory 1st), Katy Hagler (Picture Memory 1st), Katie Hall (Music Memory 2nd) (Ready Writing 5th), Courtney Harrison, Angie Jaso, Valerie Jimenez (Music Memory 2nd), Sunni Jones, Rebecca Kunze, Angela La Gioia, Lindy LaMascus, Samantha Luna (Science 4th), Lisa Marshall, Brandy Meeks (Picture Memory 1st), David Melancon (Picture Memory 1st), Kevin Mendoza, Michael Meyer, Rocio Molinar (Number Sense 5th), Jessica Payne, Samantha Perez (Number Sense 6th) (Ready Writing 3rd) (Picture Memory 1st), Alfred Rodriguez (Picture Memory 1st), Monica Rodriquez, Rene Rodriquez, Viviana Rosalez (Picture Memory 1st), Beau Smallwood (Picture Memory 1st), Jackie

Smith (Listening 3rd), John Smith, Reagan Spring (Ready Writing 4th) (Music Memory 2nd), Raymond Talamantez (Music Memory 2nd),

Cecilia Terrazas, Melissa Terrazas, Rueben Terrazas, Michelle Villarreal, Cherrise Ward, and Leilani Williams.

B.I.S.D. Positions on Ballot

Six citizens have signed up to run with the following order: for two positions on the Brackett Independent School District Board of Trustees as of the deadline at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21, 1990. The incumbents seeking another term on the board are Jim Bader, current board president, and Lingo Sandoval, current board vice-president. Others seeking positions on the board are: Rudy Goodloe, Jim McDaniel, Barbara York, and Herb

The drawing for ballot position was held on March 22, 1990 at 8:15 a.m.

2. Jim McDaniel 3. Barbara York 4. Jimmy Bader 5. Lingo Sandoval 6. Herb Senne

1. Rudy Goodloe

Absentee voting begins at the high school office on Monday, April 16, 1990, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday until Monday, May 1, 1990 at 4:00 p.m. Election day is Saturday, May 5,

A Week-end of Roping at S.W.T.J.C.

Uvalde is planning a week-end of roping, fun and excitement April 6,7,

Since 1975 professional ropers have traveled to Uvalde in April to match their roping skills against other top flight ropers in the SWTJC Phil Lyne Roping.

The roping is held on the SWTJC campus and all proceeds from the event are placed into the SWTJC Rodeo Scholarship Fund. Presently the school is able to give 18 rodeo scholarships per semester to students who desire to participate in intercollegiate rodeos while obtaining their college educations.

"We hope that individuals attending the roping will tour our campus and see the new buildings and projects that are currently taking place. We have an open-door policy and welcome everyone to our campus." stated Billy Word, Vocational-Technical Director and Applied Science Division Chairman of

This year's roping event will begin at 6 p.m. April 6 with a Nine County Team Roping. Residents living in the following counties will be eligible to

Southwest Texas Junior College in compete: Uvalde, Bandera, Real, Edwards, Kinney, Maverick, Zavala, Frio, and Medina.

"We have some good cowboys in the South Texas area, not just rodeo cowboys, but ranch cowboys as well and this will give them a chance to exhibit their ranch roping skills in the rodeo arena," explained Merrill Angermiller, roping coordinator.

Admission for the April 7 and 8 ropings is \$5 per person. Individuals can save a dollar by purchasing advance tickets through the mail. For more information call: (512) 278-4401, Ext. 223 or write SWTJC Phil Lyne Roping, Box 291-SWTJC, Garner Field Road, Uvalde, Texas

School Election

Brackett Independent School District will host an election school on Thursday, April 5, 1990, at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library. The school will cover forms and procedures necessary to properly conduct an election at the city, county, and school district level. The public is invited to attend.

"512" Soon To Be Mandatory in "512" Area

The first phase of Southwestern Bell Telephone's plan to meet the growing need for new phone numbers in South Texas has begun.

All telephone numbers in the "512" area code now may by dialed "1-plus distance calls within the "512" area.

traditionally costomers do not have to dial the area code for long distance calls within the same area code.

512" or "0-plus 512" on long area code, while it is still optional, to Karen O'Neill, area manager for dialing change becomes mandatory,

"However, we are now encouraging our customers to start dialing the ease them into the process. When the Southwestern Bell, explained that a recording will notify customers



Jerry Fairbanks, an American Indian and talented artist, has recently displayed some of his work at the Breen Gallery.

Jerry and his wife Sololi are residents of Shreveport, Louisanna but plan to move to Brackettville in the near future.

who have not dialed the area code that the call cannot be completed," said O'Neill. "Customers also are encouraged to reprogram automatic or speed dialing equipment at this

"We are having to develop a new dialing plan as we near the point where we will be running out of new phone numbers in the "512" area," said O'Neill. "This step is just a temportary measure to keep up with growth without creating a new area code."

O'Neill explained that because new local dialing prefixes that resemble area codes will be created to make new phone numbers available to meet growth in South Texas, the dialing of the "512" area code will become a requirement in September.

"The new prefixes will have an 'O' or a '1' as a middle digit, as do area codes. Local number prefixes in this area do not have such a configuration at this time," 'O'Neill said. "As we create such local dialing prefixes, it will be necessary to dial the "512" code on all long distance calls in the same area to avoid confusing the telephone switching equipment. 'We'll be putting out additional information throught the news media, and with bill inserts, direct mail and even personal visits with business coustomers, long distance companies, terminal equipment companies and cellular telephone vendors about the change. In many cases their equipment will have to be reprogrammed to enable the new dialing arrangement."



A philosopher once said, "In order to keep a true perspective of one's importance, everyone should have a dog that worships him and a cat that will ignore him."

This gentle reminder of the fallibility of man applies particularly to elected public officials in that we serve at the pleasure of the PEOPLE. The people elect us to serve them, not our inflated egos and misguided visions of grandeur linked with the mistaken belief that we know better than the people what they need and want. Nor do the people elect us to set up our own little dictatorships to benefit a select few at the expense of the majority. As the people vote us into office, they can also vote us out of office. And, when the majority of the people realize that an elected official is not representing the will of the majority of the people and is not performing his or her job in the best interest of the majority of the people, then the PEOPLE vote that official out of office. This process is what keeps democratic America strong.

The recent Democratic Primary Election demonstrated the will and desire of the PEOPLE as shown by their votes, therefore it is regrettable that a couple of local officials that were soundly defeated at the polls are so incensed by their defeat that they are like blind rattlesnakes, striking out in all directions. They have arrogantly made threats of political and personal retribution and revenge directed against not only those who

their opponents, and in some cases even those "who didn't help me enough." By their actions and statements they are only confirming that which the people already suspected, and that is that they do not respect the will of the people they are supposed to be serving.

This is still the United States of America, and we still have the right to support and vote for the candidates of our choice. And Thank God we have citizens, taxpayers, and voters in this county who have the courage and the strength of their convictions to support and vote for the candidates of their choice for public office in spite of attempts at intimidation, threats, and false statements of arrogant tyrants "who would be kings!" It is exactly that attitude that got those folks beat at the polls in the first place and hopefully will keep them out of office in the future. We need honest, compassionate public servants who desire to serve the PEOPLE, and not those who seek public office to satisfy their selfish desires of inflated egos and personal gain!

It has been said, with great truth, that "the true measure of one's character comes not in victory, but in defeat." Anyone can be a good winner, for it is in the agony of defeat that one must reach way down inside and call upon the strength, honor, and integrity of one's inner self in order to carry on with honor and dignity. If there is no inner defeated them, but the supporters of character of honor, strength, and

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integrity on which to draw upon in times of adversity, then one has nothing left to feed upon but the bitter grapes of wrath and the sour seeds of discontent.

by Sheriff Norman Hooten

Any public official that is defeated at the polls by the voice of the people as demonstrated by their votes has no one to blame for that defeat but his or her own self. Threats of retribution and personnal and political revenge satisfies only the misguided and inflated egos of the one's making them and only serves to strengthen the will of the people against them, and in fact will serve to alienate some who might have been their support-

All the public officials, and especially elected officials, should have a dog, AND A CAT! THAT'S ALL!

Texas Promotes Cleaner America

Now that the Lone Star State has cleaned up its act, it's issuing a Texas-sized challenge to the rest of

The state takes its successful "Great Texas Trash-Off" a giant step further with the "Great American Trash-off" March 31. The event, promoted by the highway department, encourages Americans to get out that spring day to pick up litter with their Adopt-a-Highway, Adopta-Beach, and local Keep America Beautiful organizations across the

"We're excited about the potential impact this could have on antilitter efforts nationwide," said J. Don Clark, director of the highway department's Travel and Information Division. "Imagine first the visual effect of hundreds of thousands of volunteers out cleaning roadways that day.

"Then think of the tremendous gains in changed attitudes and the long-range benefits to the environment. The public interest will be well served by an undertaking of this nature.'

Last year, Adopt-a-Highway groups throughout the state collected 1.2 million gallons of roadside trash during the Great Texas Trash-Off.

The annual cleanup is part of the highway department's antilitter efforts which, through the "Don't Mess with Texas" campaign and the Adopt-a-Highway program, have reduced visible roadside litter by 64 percent in just five years.

The Adopt-a-Highway program, started in Texas in 1985, has served as a model for 40 other states. Thirty-two states are following Texas' lead with programs of their own and eight others are planning

Head Football Coach Announced

In a special meeting that began on March 27 and ended at 7:15 p.m. on March 28, The Brackett ISD Board of Trustees interviewed five outstanding applicants and unanimously agreed to employ Steven Kolb in the postion of Head Football Coach and Athletic Director. The vote was unanimous to offer Mr. Kolb a two year contract at 207 days.

The board also approved bringing the new coach to Brackett on April 16 providing that he could be released from his coaching duties. Bob McCall, Superintendent for the district indicated that this would give Mr. Kolb a head start in preparing his coaching staff and student athletes for the coming year.

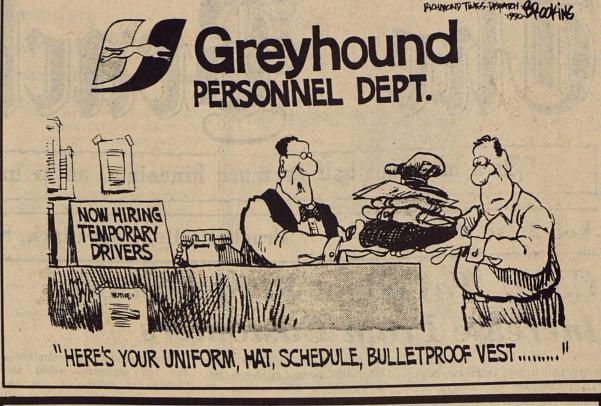
Mr. Kolb and his wife Staci will be moving to Brackett with two young children, Jase and Blake, ages one and four years. Mr. Kolb has been Head Football Coach and Athletic Director at Lubbock Cooper for the past four years. He played Football at TCU under F.A. Dry and has worked as an assistant coach at Howard Payne College and at Early, Texas.

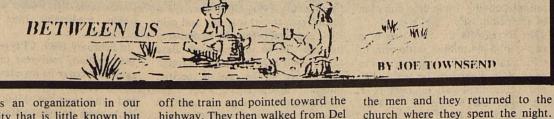
Russian Visitor

Micheal Orlov, a Russian Baptist Christian of the only Baptist Church in Moscow, in on a tour of the U.S. Churches and will be attending services at the Brackettville Methodist Church this Sunday morning. Orlov will sing "Amazing Grace" during the service and will be on hand after the service with an imterpeter to answer questions and share with fellow christians.

The Baptist Church of Brackettville will also be attending this service. In a joint effort Baptists and United Methodists of Brackettville are sponsoring a potluck dinner for the

community to come and share. The dinner will be held across the street from the Methodist Church in Slator Hall. The public is invited to attend the worship service and the pot luck dinner to follow and to meet and share views with the honored guest Micheal Orlov.





There is an organization in our community that is little known but which serves a needful cause. The Ministerial Alliance is composed of all pastors of local churches. The alliance sponsors a community Thanksgiving Service at which time a free will offering is taken. This money is for a single purpose. This is the only organization which assists transients who come through town and need help. Any transient in need can contact any pastor and he can give assistance. This week three men came into town. They had left Oregon on their way to San Antonio. Two of them had jobs waiting for them. They "rode the rods." When they arrived in Del Rio the Border Patrol checking the train for aliens called the "bull" and they were put highway. They then walked from Del Rio to Brackettville. They carried bed rolls and personal effects. When they reached Brackettville the day was well spent and they needed some place to spend the night. They were pointed to Roland Cole, pastor of the United Methodist Church. He contacted Jewel Robinson who contacted me and asked what she could do. I went to Slater Hall and picked the men up. I told them since they had bed rolls, they could spend the night in the Fellowship Hall at Frontier Baptist Church. This pleased them so I took them to the church. They had not eaten all day, it was late but I took them to Ora's. I asked her to feed them and I'd pay her the next day. She was glad to do it. She fed

church where they spent the night. The next morning I picked them up and took them to the bus stop where

I bought them bus tickets to San Antonio. I went to Ora's to pay her. She refused to take the money saying, "I'm not going to let anyone go hungry." These men left Brackett with high praise for our city. One said, "I'd never heard of Brackettville before yesterday but I'll never forget this town!" This action was possible because of the Ministerial Alliance supported by contributions of the people of Brackettville, Ft. Clark Springs, and Kinney County.

The Miniserial Alliance while serving this need is grateful for the support of the community.

Letter to the Editor

The reason for this letter is the lack of response to all communication with your organization in regard to the selling of potted plants, bedding plants, and the rumor that you will be selling hanging baskets. If you will recall, when Super S moved into Brackett your employee was sent to meet with the owners of the Sunshine Garden Center and Sagebrush II. It the flower and nursery business is such a seasonal business, what the selling of plants at the Super S would do to these local businesses, and how devastating it could possibly be. So it was agreed, with a promise and a handshake that the Super S would not sell plants. Nothing was ever said about soil, chemicals, seeds, onion sets, roses, fertilizers, tools, etc.--and that was fine. We were told, "Your handshake is good enough for me if mine is good enough for you."

Now we all agree that Free Enterprise is a wonderful thing. But when you consider how small Brackettville is, and how much competition small businesses already have with Wal Mart, HEB, and nurserys 40 miles to each side of us, it has to be recognized that small local businesses just can't sustain that much competition. And how good can it be when the competition results in the ruin of local Brackett business. What's minor income to you is the bulk of ours. When you move in with plants at the peak season, sell for a few months, then move out you saturate the market.

What is disturbing is why you no longer feel obligated to keep your agreement. Does a business that has an income of several thousand dollars a week no longer concern itself with its image or standing in the community? Does the fact that you own dozens of stores all over the state make you indifferent to the needs and concerns of a very small community?

It's not that competition is bad, it's that in this case it could result in the loss of some very nice little businesses that rely on that income for a livelyhood. You were concerned about that when you first came to town. Now when anyone tries to approach the executives we spoke to, or any other executive, your response

Unsung Hero

There is a very fine woman who was born here and except for time when her husband's work took her away, has spent her life here. She has been very devoted to her family. She tragically lost her husband a number of years ago and returned to Brackett with her two small sons. She has done an outstanding job of rearing these two fine young men. She has worked for some time in the Tax office. She is most loyal to her church and so taught her sons. She is a serious minded, personable, friendly person. Surely Zulemia Wilson is certainly and "Unsung Hero."

is; We are not interested in discussing this matter, we are too big to concern ourselves with making exceptions in some stores, and it's too much trouble to load our delivery trucks different for each store.

Okay--we hear you. But we want the rest of Brackettville to hear you

We would like to mention that David Dosrough, your manager, has been very professional and very approachable. He is caught in the middle as he was not here when we made our agreement, and he has handled our concerns with the

utmost respect and diplomacy. In no

way do we want to involve him in this matter. Our concern is with your high level management, its lack of response to our feelings, its disregard for its reputation and standing in the community, and its ethics.

So we are writing this letter in the hopes that you will reconsider how harmful the selling of plants can be to the smaller businesses that rely on the selling of plants totally for their existence, and that you will comply with our original agreement.

A handshake is still good enough

Signed: Kathy Bader Melanie Jones Archie and Jill Woodson

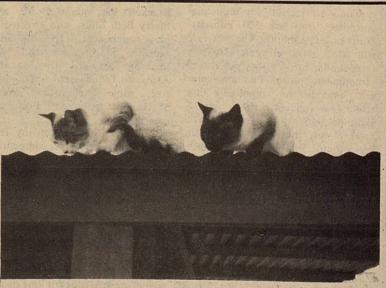
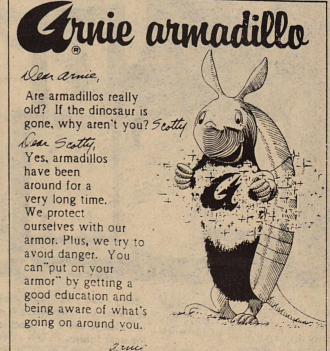


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MOMENT...These two cats seem to e waiting to prounce on some

WAITING FOR THE RIGHT unexpecting prey. The roof of the chicken coop seems to suit their purpose p-u-r-rfectly.

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Golf News by Les Roper

BILLY JOE'S CALL catering...

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take out... deliveries

Spring Fling is now history and the early reports show it being registered into the record book as a "Super Success". The ladies from out of town who came to play, rain or shine, had nothing but praise for the event and all promised to return next

Old Man Winter made it obvious that he was going to pull every trick he knew to sabotage this event. He brought rain, fog, cold weather, and mud but his attempt to destroy this extravaganza failed miserably as the "luscious ladies" reversed the horrendous playing conditions into a "fun day" deluxe. Las Vegas was giving odds on the tournament being cancelled but they lost their shirts. Foul weather gear, rain suits, long johns, warm ups, slacks, fur lined shorts, and various other forms of wearing apparel were the fashion for the day as these "determined darlings" marched out on the course and methodically took it apart. They had made the trip to Fort Clark to play golf and play they did.

Since these gals had collected so many gifts to give away they had trouble coming up with ideas as to how it should be done. They ended up by giving prizes to any lady who had a pet frog named Jack Niclaus to a left handed golfer who could pick her nose right handed. They gave away everything from coo-coo clocks to long sleeved bras.

The bottom line, men, is you better take heed...these gals just finished a golf tournament with such a degree of success that it is going to one tough act to follow. It would do the men well to organize a task force to investigate this play day in detail and then maybe, and just maybe, they might accumulate some bragging rights of their own.

Two teams tied for first place money as they both recorded a 68 with a great team effort. Joyce Gallaway, Carrizo Springs; Delia Curry, Brackettville; Kitty Monroe, Del Rio; and Mary Butler, Brackettville split the first and second place check with Mary Ann Downing, Devine; Odette Mills, Brackettville; Charlie Baker, Pleasanton; and Lorraine Lundquist, Brackettville. Third place was won outright by Joy Kyle, Del Rio; Betty Mathison, Brackettville; Theresa Gibbs, El Paso; and Othello Germer, Brackettville. Fourth and Fifth place was split between Evelyn Winkler, Hondo; Fern Dyer, Brackettville; Inez Short, Hondo: and Doris Ekenroth, Brackettville and Mary Forester, Austin; M.L. Trollinger, Brackettville; Irene Mullen and Margo Kendrick of Brackettville. Finishing sixth, just four strokes behind the leaders, was Pat Hargrove, El Paso; Betty Vrana, Charlotte; Mae Roper, Brackettville, and Patsy Stewart, Del Rio.

ments who contributed so generously to these ladies are as follows: Del Rio...The Village Shop, Wal-Mart, K-Mart, My Place, Robert's Jewelery, Galaria Del Sol, Zaids Fruniture, Simply Beautiful Flowers, Straight From The Heart, Phil Branch, S.F.C.G., Tipton Carson Distributing, General Beverage of Texas, Lacks Furniture, Russell Hardware,

Merchants and business establish-

H.E.B., Ellie's Boutique, Rose Jew-

Company, Ricks Furniture, Del Rio Coffee, Ole Distributing, Coors of Del Rio, and Coco Cola Bottling.

From Uvalde...Oliver Jewelery, Wal-Mart, Julian, The Village Peddler, Our Place, Marvel Shop, Lacks, Cut-N-Country, Harris Western Wear, Milton's Jewery, and Coco Cola Bottling.

From Brackettville...Davis Hardware, Super S, Sunshine Garden Center, Fort Clark Springs Recreation and Ceramics, Sagebrush Shop, B & S Jug Store, and Fort Clark Springs Association. Personal donations came from Odette Mills, Elizabeth Dillahunty, Mary Jane Kunis, Betty Mathison, Marti Isenburg, Betty Inman, Barbara Miller, exercise and weight program I stay on." He probably weighs 145 pounds. Herbie Voracek deserted his frugality and donated a dozen golf balls to the cause.

After the tournament was over the wives and girl friends joined their partners and enjoyed a "Whingding" of a party. There was plenty of food and drinks and live music. Ronnie Gibbs and his piano playing buddy from San Angelo furnished the humor and good music and this climaxed a near perfect day of fun and games at the golf course.

Cordon and Jean Petaja teamed up with Frank and Doris Ekneroth and hosted the weekly Couples Tourna-



Pictured above are the winners of the Spring Fling Golf Tournament.

Eleanor Herron, Lorraine Lindquist, Mae Roper, Chick Cruse, Pat Nelson, and Patti Barnett.

From the Ladies Golf Association to everyone who pitched in and helped make our 1990 Spring Fling the biggest and best of all...Thanks from the bottom of our hearts and God Bless You All!!!

The Pot Belly Association sponsored a 2 man best ball tournament this past Wednesday and 40 golfers turned out to participate. It was a fun day with everyone who played having a good time. Doc Cruse asked Sam Henniger to play with him during this tournament and then threatened to use him for "crab bait" on the coast if he didn't play well. Sam, knowing a horrible end when he hears it, took heed and went out and played the game of his life. These two old sand baggers hit every great shot in the books and, in doing so, hauled in the first place check. Second place went to Bill Koons and

H.C. Barker. Some of the players thought Bill had a little advantage since being a preacher he had more practice at "keeping his head" down than the others. The two Jims, Stafford and Swinney, roared in with a fast closing finish to take home the third place check. Hubie McKelvy, never one to be denied a little fame and fortune, laid his ball closest to the hole on number eleven and won a lifetime supply of tees. The big, strong, muscled, and powerful

heavyweight, Dave Russell, won the longest drive contest. When he was asked the secret of his success he

and displayed real leadership quality in doing so. Fifty two players signed up and were divided equally into teams of 4 each. They were then dispatched out to the golf course and after a shotgun start play got under way. Just barely squeaking by with a net score of 42 but good enough to take home the first place check was Dwight and Luella Gilliland, Jim Bussey and Mary Lee Trollinger. Bussey noted that Dwight wasn't hitting the ball like a newlywed but more like an old seasoned golf pro. Breathing down the first place teams neck with a net score of 42.25 was Gordie and Jean Petaja and Clark and Darlene Horning. This assured them of second place and "some money in the bank". Just 1/2 point behind the leaders and finishing third was P.M. Moore, Evelyn Whitely, Bob and Kathy Hoffman. P.M. must be spending less time at his office since his game is beginning to look

J.E. Meil, the chairman of the Entertainment Committee, handled his first tournament like the champ he has always been. He was swarmed with 60 players and what a job he did of teaming them together into groups of four. He instructed them to report to the hole they had drawn and then fired his trusty shotgun marking start

After all of the scores had been turned in and tallied the team of Charlie Smith, Bill Koons, Louise Williamson, and Evelyn Whitely merged as the winners of the big first place paycheck with a net score of 64. A two way tie for second was shared by Charlie Descheemaeker, John elery, The Guarantee, Gensis Shoe replied, "I guess it is the rigid Wilson, Avis Anderson, and

Lucrecia Patino and P.M. Moore, Jan Chism, Vern Ebert, and Jean Petaja with a net score of 65. This tournament ended up a success which is rapidly becoming the trademark for golfing activities at Fort Clark.

Ripley's "Believe it or Not" will receive a report on Monday's golfing activities at the nine hole course. A survey was made of golf play in Texas that day and there was not a single course opened. However, 12 of the toughest "old codgers" in the southwest, showed up to play at the nine hole course and Sondra, never one to deliberately disappoint her flock, divided these old guys and gals up into teams of three each and sent them out to tee off. First place was won by Ted Thatcher, Dave Blair, and Del Kendrick. Mr. Ripley, we know even you will have a problem believing there were golfers out in atrocious weather such as we had that day but "Believe it or Not", it happened.

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Tiger's Destroy Dilley

DILLEY--The Tigers destroyed Dilley's Junior Varsity 22-2 last Thursday on the road in baseball

Richard Perez led Brackett with 5 runs. Buddy Brandt had 4 runs, J.J. Sandoval and Javier Soliz had 3 runs, Chris Cruz, Arturo Falcon, and Juan Domingez all scored 2 runs, while Refugio Martinez had one.

Perez was four for four from the plate with one walk. Brandt and Sandoval were both two for two with three walks and Soliz was one for two also with three walks.

The two teams will once again go head-to-head this afternoon in Dilley. The Tigers are coached by Gregg Nowlin, who's assisted by Wayne Jackson, David Carroll, and Eddie Soliz.

Tiger's Trounce Wolves

in the Cotulla high school invitation- consolation. Brackett was ahead, but al baseball tournament held last Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

On Thursday, the Tigers trounced the Wolves in Dilley (see related story). From there they traveled to the tournament to face the Cotulla J.V. in the first round. The Tigers were too tired to hang on as they lost 2-11. Richard Perez and Arturo Falcon both scored a run.

In the next round Brackett faced Carrizo Springs Junior Varsity. Lynn Floyd, Armando Talamantez, Refugio Martinez, Angel Jaso, and Perez all scored to power the Tigers for a 5-2 win. Javier Soliz had an outstanding defensive game.

Pearsall Junior Varsity turned out

COTULLA--The Tigers competed the Tigers lights with a 6-4 win for then walked the tying run along with the two go-ahead runs. Brandt, Perez, Floyd, and Falcon scored Brackett's runs.

> Happy Birthday Richard Schafer April 4 from your wife, Les & Robert

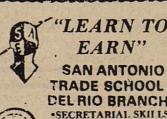
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DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN RUN OFF MARCH 23, 1990

March 23, 1990 thru April 3, 1990 Absentee Voting Clerk may send ballots by mail to applicants as soon as ballots are avaliable. (Section 84.007 Texas Election Code)

Absentee Voting by personal appearance in the County Clerk's office of the Courthouse in Brackettville, Texas will begin 1/2/90 and end on 4/6/90 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. each day during regular office hours. (Closed from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m., each day). (Section 85.001 (a), Texas Election Code.)

EMERGENCY ABSENTEE VOTING HOURS: After close of business on the seventh day preceding election, a voter's representative of a disabled voter who became disabled on or after the seventh day preceding the election April 7, 1990 can obtain balloting materials from the absentee clerk under the provisions of Section 102.001 Election Code. Late absentee ballot due to death in immediate family that occured on or after April 7, 1990 may be voted under Section 103.003 (b), Election Code.

DATED: MARCH 23, 1990

and Absentee Voting CVerk Kinney County, Texas

AVISO DE VOTAR AUSENTE EL DIA 23, DE MARZO 1990 LA CARRERA FINAL DE LOS PARTIDOS DEMOCRATICAL Y REPUBLICANA

En el dia 23 de Marzo hasta el 3 de Abril, 1990 la Clerica de Votar Ausente esta permitida para mandar balotas pro pedido postal tan pronto cuando esten los balotas desponsibles. (Section 84.007 Texas Election Code)

Para votar en persona en la oficina Clerica del Condado de Kinney, Cuidad de Brackettville, Tejas suscitar el prencipara el 2 de Abril 1990 y terminara el 4/6/90. Entre las oras de 8;00 a.m., hasta las 5:00 p.m. todos los dias durante los dias regulares de trabajo. (La oficina estara cerrada durante 12:00 a mediodia y la 1:00 p.m.) Sec. 85.001 (a), Texas Election Code.)

Para votar en casa de una enmergencia: Despues de horas en el septimo dia antecedar la eleccion un representante de un votante inhibilitado que parecio inhabilitado en o despues del dia septimo antes de la eleccion (Abril 7, 1990) podra obtener materiales para votar de la Clerica Ausente obajo la provision Section 102.00. Election Code.

Para obtener una voleta tarde nada mas en caso de falleciemento en la familia immediata que occurio en o despues del dia 7 de Abril 1990 podra votar de bajo la Section 103.003 (b), Election Code.

EL DIA 23 DE MARZO 1990

Clerica del Condado de Kipney Estado de Tejas

Automobile Efficiency Saves Money

Operating your automobile efficiently not only saves energy but also saves money and reduces car maintenance. The following no-cost or low-cost tips can save fuel if practiced regularly.

The first step in saving fuel is regular maintenance. Check the air pressure in the tires. Often tires are inflated 8 to 18 pounds per square inch (psi) below the rated pressure. Fuel efficiency improves when pressure is maintained at about 30 psi. You should check the air pressure at least twice a month.

Checking the oil regularly is another good habit. Check the oil level every time you fill the tank with gas. Have both the oil and oil filter changed at the manufacturer's suggested time.

When adding oil, remember that thick oils increase friction and reduce flow, thereby increasing fuel consumption. However, a good multiviscosity oil (like 10-W-30 or 10-W-40) will improve gas mileage compared to single-grade oils. Also, consider the new "slippery" oils that increase mileage from 3 to 8 percent.

The next step in saving energy in your car is to choose the appropriate fuel. A higher octane gasoline, which is more expensive, is not always the best kind for your car. You should choose gasoline with an octane level just high enough to stop engine knocking. Higher levels do not improve a car's mileage.

Driving habits also affect fuel efficiency. Most people do not think twice about car warm-ups, idling time, or "pedal pushing," but these types of second-nature actions can greatly affect your vehicle's fuel consumption. When starting the engine, a 30-second warm-up is usually enough. Drive at slower speeds for the first few miles to completely warm the engine. And remember, excessive idling wastes fuel. For example, a car idling for 3 minutes uses enough gas to drive one

If you find it difficult to maintain an even speed, a cruise control device could be heplful to you. The cruise control is designed to maintain a set speed so fuel is not wasted by increaseing and decreasing the driv-

Here are a few more Fuel-saving

•Combine trips. The average household makes five to six short trips everyday. By making one long trip and planning the routes to take, you can save time and gas.

•Remove "Dead Weight." Unneeded items in the car reduce fuel efficiency. If necessary, added weight should be placed inside the car (rather than the trunk) to balance the weight.

·Consider alternate means of transportation. Try walking or biking short distances. Car pooling and transit systems are useful for travelling longer distances.

Finally, when selecting a new automobile, keep in mind several points about the vehicle itself that

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affect fuel efficiency. First, the type of engine in the vehicle determines the fuel efficiency possible. For instance, diesel engines can get 25 percent better gas mileage than other types, but they can cost more to repair. In addition, manual transmissions generally are more efficient than automatics, though driving skills can affect their efficiency.

Second, certain features affect fuel efficiency. Radial tires can give 3 to 7 percent better mileage than non-radials. And, power options (i.e., air conditioning, power steering) use

For more information on fuel-saving practices, call the Texas Energy Hotline at 1-800-643-SAVE. Ask for a free copy of the "Automotive Fuel Efficiency" factsheet. If you manage fleet of vehicles, ask for the factsheet "Energy Efficieny Fleet Management."

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ence and qualification. Job begins August 20, 1990. Successful applicant must be available for training May 1, 1990, and during the summer of 1990 for selected Texas Education Agency workshops.

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attended the Wintergarden Spring Convention and pumper races in Dilley on Saturday, March 25. The men's team of Ruben Buantello

and Albert Latimer competed in the

The Brackettville Volunteer Fire men's water polo competition against Department and Ladie's Auxilary Dilley; but were washed out.

During the meeting Mary Jane Garcia was appointed to the office of Historian. The next convention will be held in September at Uvalde.

Milner to be Key Speaker

COLLEGE STATION-Texas Chamber of Commerce President Larry Milner will be the keynote luncheon speaker for the 1990 Basic Industrial Development Course on March 26th at Texas A&M Univer-

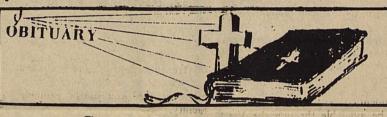
Milner, who is also chief executive officer of the 20,000 member Texas

Chamber, will be speaking to people with newly launched careers in industrial development. Milner is widely recognized as an expert on Texas business development.

The course is sponsored by the Texas Industrial Development Cor-

Happy Birthday

Melody Barrett on March 29th



Curtis David Shattuck

Curtis David Shattuck, a resident of Salem, Wisconsin. Fort Clark Springs, passed away March 19, 1990, at the age of 74. Curtis was born June 6, 1915 in St. Charles Minnesota. He was married to Allene (Nickie) Nichols on Dec.

31, 1947 in Winona, Minnesota. He is survivied by; Wife, Allene (Nickie) Shattuck, Ft. Clark Springs. Daughters: Mary Massie of Layton, Utah, Susan Montgomery, Ft. Clark Springs, Texas.

Sons: Robert Shattuck of Winona, Minnesota, Butch Shattuck of West

Six Grandchildren. Sister: Virginia Quiggle of Rosewell, New Mexico.

He was preceded in Death by his parents, two brothers, and a daughter Peggy Shattuck Trapp.

A memorial service was held for Curtis at the Methodist church Friday 23, at 1:30 p.m. Services were held by Pastor Roland Cole and Rev. Phil Bell of Rocksprings.

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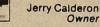
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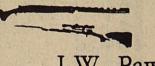
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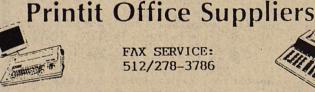
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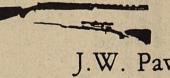
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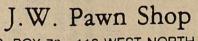
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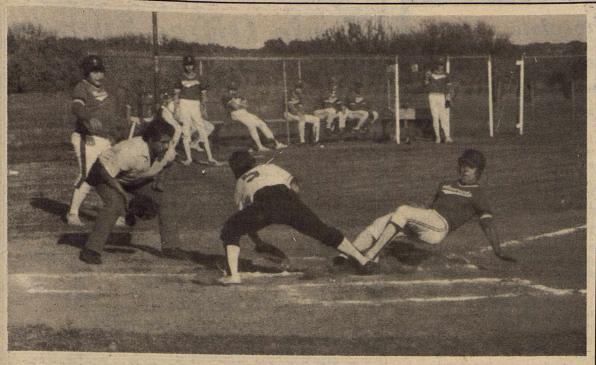


Photo by Harrell Floyd

Tiger Pitcher Arturo Falcon makes the play that results in an out for Maverick player at a recent baseball

Texas Chamber Asks Congress To Consider Economic Aspects of Clean Air Act Amendments

AUSTIN-Citing concerns that proposed changes in the federal Clean Air Act of 1970 may slow the Texas economy without providing compensating environmental protection, the Texas Chamber of Commerce board of directors has sent the Texas Congressional delegation a resolution seeking significant changes in proposed amendments to the Act.

Stressing that the cost of the proposed changes in the Act could derail the Texas' ecomonic recovery, the resolution noted that most of the amendments on the table are aimed at environmental problems centered in other states.

The board's communique also pointed out that a number of the proposed Act changes are predicated on incomplete scientific data or on studies that concluded no crisis exists that calls for these stringent changes. The Chamber went on record as opposing plans for national cost sharing for heavily polluted in specific states. The directors' resolution objected to emission caps and compliance dates arbitrarily set without a base of scientific data to

support them. "The Texas Chamber supports streamlined, justifiable and fair enforcement and permitting regarding emissions. Those enforcement and permitting processes must give large and small businesses simple, cost effective means of complying and should clearly differentiate between intentional and unintentional violations of the Act," Texas Chamber President Larry Milner said.

Milner said his group hopes that information developed by groups like the Texas Ozone Task Force and the Texas Air Control Board will become a part of the Congressional debate when the proposed Clean Air Act amendments come to the floors of the House and Senate.

"Frankly, we are concerned that, as they stand, the proposed amendments will take more away from Texas consumers and workers than it will return in environmental safeguards," Milner said.

Request Ballots for Absentee Voting

Requests for absentee ballots by mail must be made in writing, and must be signed by the applicant. Standardized forms may be obtained from the absentee clerk in the appropriate election. Applications do not have to be made on an official form, but they must contain the following information:

1) Applicants name and residence 2) The address to which the ballot

is to be mailed. 3) An indication of the grounds of eligibility to vote absentee by mail.

4) An application for a ballot to be voted by mail on the ground of absence from the county of residence must indecate that the applicant satisfies the requirement prescribed by Section 82.001.

Absentee balloting for the May 5, 1990 school trustee election begins on April 16, 1990. Requests for absentee ballot by mail should be addressed

Brackett Independent School District Mrs. Emma Swaim, Absentee Clerk Brackettville, Texas 78832

V.F.W. Mobile Service to be in Brackett

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Texas, Mobile information Service Center will be in Brackettville, Texas on April 6th, 1990, from 9:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. The Center will be set up at the Brackettville Civic Center Parking

Don Brewer, an accredited Claims Representative with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, as well as members of the local VFW and Ladies Auxiliary, will be available to provide information to any veteran, widow, or

dependent concerning benefits which may be available through the Veterans Administration or the State of

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Any veteran, widow, or dependent who has a question or needs any assistance is cordially invited to visit the Mobile Information Service Center at the time and place

Chamber Of Commerce Spotlight Review

little shop located on the North side of Anne Street. It's more than just a beauty parlor-it's a pleasant place filled with creative ideas.

Mi Lady's Salon is owned by Evelyn (Sis) Nance. Evelyn has been operating her shop for more than 25 years. Mrs. Nance obviously takes beauty care to heart because she certainly does not look old enough to have been in business for 25 years.

Evelyn Nance is married to Donald Nance. They have one son who lives in Leakey and works for Garner State Park. They also have a three year old grandson-Trey. Evelyn referred to him as the apple of her

Calvin Oliver is the only other

Mi Lady's Beauty Salon is a special operator at Mi Lady's Salon. He has been doing hair for 5 years. At his station there is a photograph of a pretty little girl. Calvin informed me that the photo was of his daughter the true love of his life. Calvin is married to Dorothy Oliver, a fourth

> Evelyn and Calvin have a variety of hair care services to offer. They do permanents, sets, shampoos, cuts, and colors. A haircut is \$6 while a shampoo and set is \$7. Coloring is done for \$13. A permanent will cost \$22, \$27, or \$32, depending on whether the customer needs extra proteins and conditioners.

grade teacher in Brackettville.

Mi Lady's Salon carries a wide range of products, from Loreal, Redkin, Faberage to many others. The Salon also has many specialized

machines that aid in hair care. For example, they have a machine for permanents that will turn itself off when hair has been permed to the right degree. This machine helps avoid the over-perming of hair.

Evelyn Nance is a very creative person. She has many great ideas that she will share with anyone who asks! For example, she recently redocorated her shop by putting up black & pink floral fabric on the back wall. It looks wonderful! Evelyn also paints gorgeous T-Shirts and makes unique jewelry, all of which are for sale in the salon.

Stop by and visit with Evelyn and Calvin. They provide cheerful company and wonderful creative ideas. Call 563-2698 for an appointment.

1990 Little League Season off to a Good Start

by Sonny Harrison

The 1990 little League season is off to a good start and as President of the League I would like to start off by thanking the Commissioner's Court for their generous allocation of \$2,500 for capital improvements the County's baseball field. With this contribution we will be able to complete the following projects: 1)rewire the concession stand and

install an ice maker given by Mr. Wilson; 2)install an automatic sprinkler system; 3)repair and replace the grand stands; 4)put new dirt in the infield and re-sod portions of the outfield.

We have begun our annual fundraising program to collect the needed funds for operating the League this summer. If we don't get in touch with you about participating in this great program, please feel free to contact Mr. Sonny Harrison, Mrs. Ruby Munoz, or Mrs. Debbie Coe.

We have a new senior league this year for children ages 13-15. Unfortunately, this team will be playing all of its games out-of-town because we don't have a field that will accommodate them. New this year too, we will offer three girls softbali teams for ages 9-12 We will have four little

league teams and four T-ball teams for children ages 6-12.

So far the program is off to a great start and with the continued support from the community I feel sure this will be a very successful season. I want to mention some of the people that have contributed time, effort, materials, equipment and their support. If I have failed to mention your name please forgive me, as there have been so many individuals that have helped this past month. Bill Bizzell, Lee Canty,

Brackettville, Debbie Coe, Camilo Cruz, Ramon Falcon, Henry Fuentes, Eloy Garcia, Katie Hagler, Courtney Harrison, Candy Hobbs, John Jones, Kinney County Commissioners Court, Kinney County Wool and Mohair, Lea Lawson, Brackettville Lions Club, Rudy Luna, Pat Melancon, T.J. Moore, Albert Payne, Manuel Pena, Peter Pohl, Charles Salsman, Danny Samaniego, Seargeant Concrete, Butch Skelton, Buck Smallwood.



and Sale at the Texas Agricultural City, left.

Pat Rose of Brackettville holds the Experiment Station near Sonora. ram he consigned to the annual The high-selling ram sold for Preformance Tested Ram Field Day \$4,300 to Frank Price of Sterling

Preparing For Aids Crisis

istrators of Special Education (TCASE) is sponsoring a needs assessment conference to help school boards and school officials prepare to face an AIDS crisis when it occurs in their district. April 9 and 11 and May 4, conference attendees will have the opportunity to focus and identify the information and training needs of school staff and constitu-

"What most school districts have learned about AIDS thus far is how to panic. Many school administrators are realizing that it is not just a special education problem; they must prepare for the future," said Mike Morrow, education consultant, "All Texas school districts are urged to be represented at one of these conferences," he added.

The facilitators of this conference are Dr. Nancy Bray and Dr. Allan Bird of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, and Dr. Donna Tynan and Nancy Young of Texas Woman's University, Denton.

Bray said, in regard to the reason for such a conference, "Schools that do not become involved in planning for this epidemic either do not understand the gravity of the situation or are denying the problem."

Larry Ascough, special assistant to the Dallas Independent School District superintendent, will present a session on crisis communications. Update and guidelines will be given by staff members of the Texas Department of Health and by

Austin--Texas Council of Admin- Carolyn Klein of the Texas Educaton Agency. Thomas George, Austin attorney and legal advisor to the Office of Health Communications for the University of Texas, will present a session on the laws and litigation regarding situations involving AIDS victims.

"HIV infection and AIDS are already having an impact on Texas children and school personnel. The only weapons we have at our disposal are prevention efforts through education and counseling until a cure is found," said Bray.

Tynan said, "As the incidence of pediatric AIDS increases, public institutions including our public schools will be forced to come to terms with the dynamic needs which this population will present."

The conference will be held in Dallas at The Harvey Hotel at the Dallas-Fort Worth airport on Monday, April 9; at the Marriott Greenspoint in Houston on Wednesday, April 11; and at the Marriott Riverwalk in San Antonio on May 4. For more information, contact the TCASE office at (512) 474-4492.

Beat The Drum For Goaker

PORT O'CONNOR-Many Texas coast anglers are aware that spotted seatrout and some other saltwater trout species are related; they also probably figure that red drum (redfish) and black drum are rela-

But how many realize that all these fish, plus the aptly-named croaker are all members of the same family? They are all members of the Sciaenid family, which is comprised mainly of drum and croakers. The family is noted for the characteristic

drumming or croaking sounds some of them make with their air bladder muscles, according to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department fishery biologist Norman Boyd of Port

Red drum, black drum, spotted seatrout (speckled trout) and Atlantic croaker are especially noted for this noise-making behavior.

In numbers of species this is the largest family of fish inhabiting the coastal waters of Texas, with as many as 17 representatives, and it also includes the freshwater drum, or

gaspergou. Boyd said that from an angling standpoint the Sciaenid family is the most important on the Texas coast. "Creel data indicate that members of this family account for five of the top seven fish most frequently brought in by Texas fishermen," Boyd said. Red drum, black drum and spotted seatrout are among the most sought after sport fish, and Atlantic croaker attract large numbers of anglers to jetties and passes each fall during their annual migration to offshore spawning areas.

New Animals Arriving from Sea Arama

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS - On March 23, 1990, the Texas State Aquarium's (TAS) collection of fish and animals expanded tremendously as they acquired a large group of animals from the recently closed Sea Arama facility in Galveston.

A 300-pound jewfish, a 40-pound cobia, a green moray eel, and four Texas river otters are among the diverse collection of animals, fish and birds that will soon make their home at the Aquarium's holding

Also included in the group are several endangered brown pelicans and their two newborn offsprings, as well as white pelicans, three bright pink roseate spoonbills, two terns and two ibis. Among the fish being added to the collection are: six spade fish, six pompano, two sheephead and one file fish. Several sea turtles, large sharks and a nine-foot sawfish will complete the collection.

The Aquarium, which will open its doors to the public in July, acquired the animals when Sea Arama announced its closing earlier this year.

"At the Aquarium, our focus is the aquatic life indigenous to the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea," explained Steve Robertson, director of animal husbandry for the TSA. "The acquisition of the Sea Arama collection is particularly important to us, as the animals fill our exhibit descriptions perfectly."

The Texas State Aquarium Association is completing the first phase of a four-phase master plan for the

Membership B-B-O

by Lashawn Wardlaw All Fort Clark Springs Association Members are invited to attend the annual membership meeting to be held Saturday, March 31, 1990 at 10:00 A.M. at the Town Hall. Coffee and donuts will be served at 9:30 A.M. The BBQ lunch will be served at noon to members attending the meeting. The lunch will be held at the BBQ area adjacent to Hwy 90.

Freeze Aid Available

Motivation Education & Training Inc. (M.E.T.) will be assisting Farmworkers that were affected by the December 1989 Freeze. M.E.T. will be in Brackettville sfarting on April 4 and will continue to every Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Kinney Courthouse -County Judge Office Corner of Ann and James St. Brackettville, Tx.

Persons seeking assistance must bring with them the following things; 1) 1040 Income Form and W2 forms for 1989 year. 2) Proof of employment for the

months of November and December 3) Proof of earnings for the months of January, February and

March 1990. 4) Light or Water Bills. 5) Social Security for all family members.

6) Drivers license of applicant.

southern-most tip of Corpus Christi Beach. The July opening will mark the completion of the \$31.5 million Jesse H. and Mary Gibbs Jones Gulf of Mexico Building. The 43,000 square-foot building will house nine

facility, located on 7.3 acres on the major indoor exhibits, including one special gallery which offers changing exhibits and areas of study. One

> outdoor exhibit will focus on seagrass beds and birds that are indigenous to the Texas Coast.



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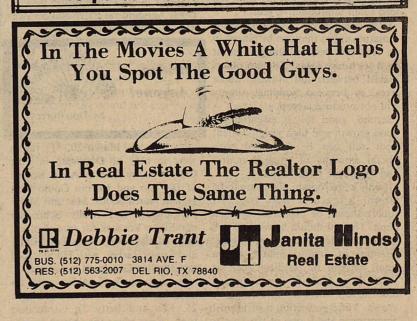
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Grandma's Kitchen

German Chocolate Upside-Down Cake

Today lets talk about peppermint, did you know we get menthol from peppermint? It's one of the oldest household remedies and grows easily in almost any garden. It's brisk aroma and stimulating taste make it a fine beverage in itself, but its wonderful ability to make the stomach happy means it'll be doing double duty after a large meal.

If you have chills, fever, upset stomach syndrome, there are few things that will do you more good than a hot cup of peppermint tea,

perhaps mixed with camomile. An alternative during a cold or the flu would be an equal amount of peppermint and elder. It's also good for headaches, drink a few strong cups then lie down. In many respects, peppermint is similar to spearmint, except that it is more powerful. In your garden, peppermint likes moist, rich soil, but it's not too fussy. In fact it's such a vigorous grower that you must watch you plants carefully, if you don't, it'll completely take over the whole garden. It's ready for



Beef jerky is never jerked. It gets its name from a Spanish form of a Peruvian and Chilean word, "Charqui or Charki," meaning flesh that has been cut into long thick slices and strips and hung up to dry in the wind

Among the Indians of the Plains this was a favorite way of curing buffalo meat. In South America when the meat was completely cured it was folded up and put into rawhide bags and kept for use when needed. "Charqui" is the name of this curing preperation in nearly all

"Jirk." A writer traveling on the great Plains in 1799 wrote, "we jirked the lean and fried the tallow out of the

Spanish American countries except

Mexico where it is called "tasayo"

Sometimes "Jerky" is spelled

fat meat, which we kept to stew with the jirk as we needed it."

William H. Prescott wrote in, "The Conquest of Peru," "flesh cut into thin slices was distributed among the people who converted it into "Cha-

In the west in the old days no self respected cowboys rode anywhere without a little water, makings in his vest pocket and a little jerky in his



Texas Agricultural Extension Service

by Alan McWilliams

plants are best.

If you had peach blossoms that withstood any late cold weather, have you thought about doing any thinning? Despite conclusive evidence that thinning is beneficial for all peaches and absolutely necessary for early peaches, it is one of the most unpopular task a homeowner does. Trees can be loaded down with peewee sized fruit or limbs broken down under the weight of unthinned

Peach thinning increases fruit size, improves fruit color, reduces limb breakage, allows better pest control, and contributes to tree vigor.

Timing is the key element in peach thinning. The earlier that peaches are thinned, the greater the dividends. Bloom thinning is best for most midseason or late peaches. Remember, after pit hardening, thinning doesn't do much good.

Thin mid and late season peaches in the dime size fruit stage. You will find a bigger, healthier, crop of fruit with less tree problems.

Tomatoes are the mainstay of Texas gardens. Growing tomatoes can be rewarding in a backyard operation but it can also be very frustrating at times. Here is some simple advice to avoid some of the pitfalls that can lead to an unproductive year.

First, homeowners should not grow tomatoes unless they can be placed in an area that recives sunlight for at least six hours a day. Tomato plants placed between tall shrubs, under trees, or between buildings simply will not produce a crop.

Second, good soil is essential for good growth and high yields. Often, poor soil can be improved with liberal amounts of organic matter and by proper fertilization.

If only a few tomato plants are to be grown, a space at least two feet square should be prepared for each plant. The soil should be worked to a depth of at least 12 inches. Liberal amounts of organic matter and a small amount of fertilizer such as 10-20-10 or 12-24-12 can be mixed into the soil where the plant is to be grown. Variety selection is of utmost are many varieties that resist many of Johnson of Del Rio. the common diseases. President, Celebrity Big Set, Carnival, or the Grande are excellent for this area.

rki," the dried meat of the country.

In, "The Voyage of the Beagle," Charles Darwin wrote in Chili in the year 1834; "When it was dark, we made a fire beneath a little arbour of bamboos, fried our "Charqui," (or dried strips of beef), took our rest and were quite comfortable." The original pronounciation of the word, "Charqui" is partially preserved in "jerky" a common western name for ierked meat in the southwest.

saddlebags.

When you buy plants, check for suspicious spots on the leaves which could be one of the many foliage diseases that are common on tomatoes. Short, stocky, dark green

When the transplants are set in the garden, they should be planted somewhat deeper than they were originally growing. Plants grown in peat pots or peat blocks should not be removed, but rather the entire container planted. Whatever you do, do not disturb the root system. Mix in a gallon of water and apply a cup in the hole prior to planting.

For best results, set transplants out on cloudy days or late after noon. The plants should be protected from adverse weather condidtions such as high winds or excessive heat for a week or two after planting. You should cage or stake almost all varieties for better harvesting. Any method to keep the fruit off the ground is desired as to prevent fruit

I have some more information available in my office if you desire, as well as a variety of other vegetable

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Bridge, Anyone?



On Tuesday, March 20, 81/2 tables were in play at Duplicate in Fort Clark's Sabre Room. Anita Korbel of Del Rio and Norma Gould won high at North South. Mac and Marie McCandless tied Molly Schroeder and Eileen Voracek for second place. High at East-West were Ann Hibler and Trudy Harber, with Flo Stafford and Pauline Goodman in second.

Six and one-half tables were on hand on Sunday afternoon, March 25. Ken and Betty Te Grotenhuis importance and is one of the keys to took first place at North-South, growing tomatoes successfully. There followed by Joyce Bell and Pat

Tops at East-West were Anita Korbel and Tina Bauguess. Ann small fruited Small Fry or Cherry Hibler and Alice Seargeant were

barvesting when the lower leaves begin to yellow. The entire plant, including shoots of runners should be clipped one inch from the ground.

If you want dried peppermint, strip the leaves from the stems and set them aside in a warm shady spot. When dry, store them in tight jars. You can also use it as a salad material, chop 11/2 cup of leaves and thoroughly mix them with other greens in a tossed salad. Or better yet, try adding chopped mint leaves to cream cheese.

For those of you who love German Chocolate, here's a winner.

German Chocolate Upside-down Cake

Grease a 9 X 13 X 2 in. baking dish. Mix 11/2 cups chopped pecans and 1 cup coconut (Chopped in food processor) together and spread this on bottom of the pan. Prepare 1 box German Chocolate Cake mix by directions on box and pour over nuts and coconut. Now mix together 1 stick margarine, and 8 oz. package cream cheese. Heat both of these till soft. Add I teas. vanilla and blend all with 1 box powdered sugar. Spread this mixture on top of cake (I had to add a few drops of water to make a spreading consistency) Bake at 300

degrees for 11/2 hours - or till done. I made this recipe at my Aunts, with tuna, the pastry was so good and with the food processor, so painless to make that I was quite impressed. This sounds like a lot of trouble but actually didn't take long to do, and is not too expensive for a main-course offering. If you'll use the generic cream cheese. I'd almost guarantee you couldn't tell it from the more expensive brand if you had them unwrapped lying side by side. Tuna Turnovers

Pastry 2-3 oz. packages of cream cheese, softened

6 Tbs margarine softened 1 cup plain flour pinch of salt

Knead all ingredients in bowl or put all in bowl of food processor and "blip" until ball is formed. Wrap and place in freezer for 30 minutes. Now for the filling. 1 carrot, shredded

1 zucchini, shredded 1 stalk celery, diced 2 green onions, minced 2 Tbs. margarine

2 slices fresh bread-pulled apart 1/4 tea salt and dash of pepper 1-6 oz. can water-packed tuna, drained and flaked.

In skillet (or microwave) place 2 Tbs. margarine, cook vegetables until tender. Tear bread into vegetables in small pieces and add tuna and

adjust salt and penner to taste. Roll dough on floured surface into 14 X 7" piece. Cut into 2 squares and spoon enough tuna mixture onto half

of each square of pastry.

Moisten edges on three sides and press edges together with a fork. Place on ungreased biscuit pan and repeat process until all filling is used. Prick tops several times to allow steam to escape and bake at 400 degrees oven for 20 minutes, or until

delicately browned. Serve piping hot. Thought for the week-Ten two-letter words that will guarantee success to anyone who wants to believe the

message are: "If it is to be, it is up to Don't forget I love you, now get out there and get your hug then have a

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