

# 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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## Meet The Candidates For Mayor

Candidates for Mayor were asked these questions, each one answered in their repeated responses.

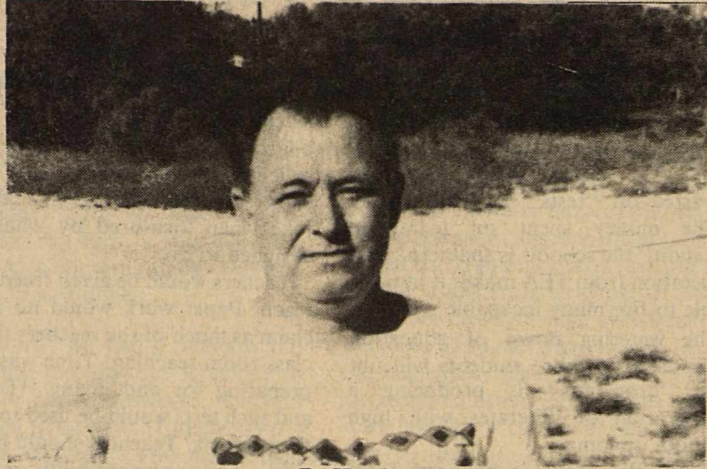
1. Why are you running for mayor? Why do you want this job?  
2. What major issues do you see facing the city in coming years and

how would you respond to these issues?  
3. How do you feel about hiring a city manager?

4. The mayor's job pays \$250 per month plus \$225 per week for travel expenses. Can you live on this income and in turn be a full time

mayor or would you also have another job?

5. What kind of past experience do you have that would qualify you for the job of Mayor.  
6. Any additional comments--



**Bo Hatch**  
Candidate for Mayor

I have been observing the office of mayor for about three years and I see some things that need changing. I see a need for that office to become more involved with parents and young people in our community. Of course there are many more but that is one that would be on my priority list. I have worked in other councils and I know how cities should work as far as city government goes. Some people have a misconception that being small prohibits certain projects from working but I disagree. We are losing too many young people by sending them off to college and never seeing them return. I think this can be corrected. If elected I would present the kind of leadership to research this problem and in doing so, keep them here.

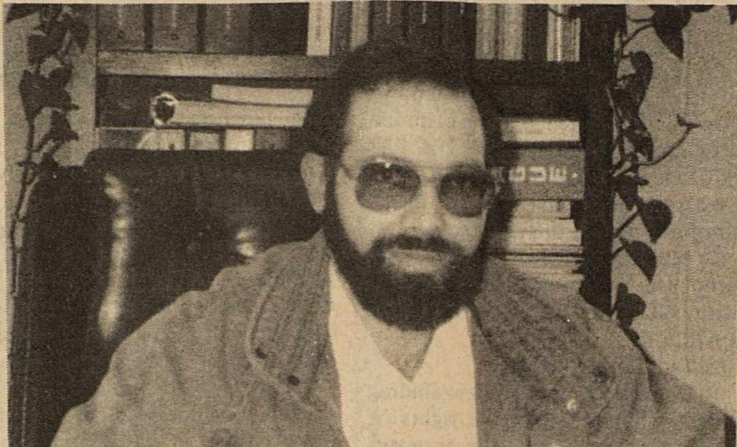
The number one issue facing the city is the norm waste site being installed by TexCor. Even though it is not close we know it is in our county and it is threat that deserves our concern. If the people do not want it I would work to remove it. As an elected official I would not concentrate my efforts on what I want to do but what the people want to do. Another issue I would look at is the high unemployment rate in our city. I feel like there is too many families depending on welfare and food stamps. I would check with some state and federal agencies for job training programs for our people.

This is very important to me. I am all for a city manager. An individual serving as mayor and city manager has no one to answer to. Serving in both capacities has destroyed the "chain of command" that is so necessary to attain success. The mayor should concentrate his efforts at working with the city council on planning and projects for the city and then allow the city manager the flexibility to carry them out. I do not see a way for a single individual to handle both responsibilities. A city manager is a qualified professional who is thoroughly familiar with the operation of a city where an elected official does not have this expertise.

I do know the amount of money paid to the mayor and I could live on it if necessary. However, with a city manager there would be no need for this to come about. A mayor working with a good city manager could easily hold down a job.

I feel like I am well qualified to serve as mayor of Brackettville. I have an Associate Degree in speech communication, a Bachelors Degree in communication and a 2nd Bachelors Degree in political science and history, with a Master's Degree in Management and Human Relations.

Saturday, May 5th, is a very important day for everyone in Brackettville. That is the day you have the right to vote.



**Vito La Gioia**  
Mayor, City of Brackettville, Texas

When elected into office two years ago I promised the city of Brackettville many changes for the better. I have succeeded in accomplishing the many goals that I set for myself and I am very proud of my past record.

When I took the job of Mayor the city of Brackettville was practically broke. They were operating in the red from month to month. With careful planning and management we are now operating in the black and the outlook for the future of our city is very bright. It was just a matter of getting all of the workers coordinated and everyone pitching in and doing the job they were hired to do.

I do not feel the need for hiring a city manager. The hiring of a city manager was just adopted but never voted on. A city the size of Brackettville can survive with a city secretary who can do her work efficiently and a full time mayor who is willing to work. We have a secretary who handles all of the bookwork and grant forms and a utility superintendent who handles all of the outside responsibilities. We have proved that the city can be operated economically without a city manager. In the two years that I have been in office we have saved over \$50,000 in city manager salary. This money has been used on road repairs as well as other needed city improvements.

If I am elected I intend to work hard to resolve the water problem that

exists between our city and Spofford. There was a 50 year contract made with Spofford for a 4 inch line to provide them with water. I feel as though the contract needs to be modified for the protection of not only Brackettville but Spofford as well. There seems to be some misunderstanding between the size of the supply line and to who will control the flow of water. I am totally sympathetic with Spofford but I feel a strong need to protect the water rights of Brackettville first.

I honestly feel as though I can continue to be progressive but I don't intend to cut Brackettville short just to solve other areas problems.

When I took office as mayor I had a very good business that supported my family very well. I now live on the salary and the expenses provided by the office of mayor. I did have to make some concessions but I was willing to do this for the betterment of our community. However, the city council has been very liberal with me as for any added expense that may occur while traveling back and forth to Austin. I am proud to be known as a full time mayor.

I am very proud of the relationship that has been created between the Chief of Police and his department and the Sheriff's department. This has been done under my administration and in turn made Brackettville a safer place to live and raise our families.



**Larry Moore**  
Candidate for Mayor

I am running for mayor of Brackettville because I feel like I am capable of handling the job. I have been in business here for 5 years and I have a very sincere interest in the welfare of the community. There are so many things that can be done better than they are at the present

and I honestly feel like I can implement the plans to make these improvements. I plan on improving our present system by at least 25% the first year if I am elected.

There are many issues that require immediate attention but I would tackle them according to their importance. We need to update our water and gas systems before serious problems occur. It is a know fact that these systems are in dire need of maintenance right now. At the present nothing is being done to alleviate these problems. I feel like the money is available and if it is properly used the improvements can be accomplished. If we don't start doing something to our streets in the very near future we are going to be on gravel. Situations such as these are just moving us back in time as we fail to meet our responsibilities that are so important to our progress.

I see no problem with supplying Spofford with water and if I am elected I will work very closely with these people on this issue. However, I do want to know more about the contract and the agreement that was made with Spofford. This will

certainly be on my priority list.

I definitely feel we need a full time experienced city manager who is completely familiar with the operation and the needs of a city. I can handle the mayor's job which is working with the city council and serving the people who elected us into office but I do not feel like I am capable of running the city. Operating the city government is something I can do but running the operation of the city requires the expertise of a professional. Anyone elected to the office of mayor who thinks he can run the city of Brackettville properly is feeding his ego instead of thinking about the welfare of the city.

If elected I shall never be guilty of neglecting the needs of the city. However, I do not think that I can be truthful if I told you I could live on the mayor's salary of \$250 per month. That is the reason I feel so strongly about a city manager. My availability would always be accessible for any issue that might arise but I would need to operate my own business. The weekly expense check that is now available would be waived by me. I see no need in collecting an expense check unless it is for expenses I have incurred. If I made a trip on city business I would expect to be reimbursed for this trip but nothing more.

I am strongly interested in the welfare and future growth of our city.

### Spofford Residents Suffer From High Chlorine Content in Water

The old saying "Too much of a good thing," applied to Spofford residents as the recently installed water chlorinating system emitted so much chlorine into the water lines that Texas Health officials had to be called in.

Health Dept. officials shut the system down after a chlorine content check. The water turned the test paper black instead of the normal light blue.

"The chlorine was so strong that it bleached my clothes and after bathing in it my eyes burned for 3

hours," stated Jessie Herndon, wife of Spofford Mayor J.B. Herndon. Jessie went on to add, "We were better off before we got the system, at least we could bathe and wash our clothes. One of our residents drank this water and his mouth burnt for hours."

Jessie believes that the high chlorine content of the water is attributed to the low water pressure in Spofford. Official documentation on the cause of the high chlorine content is not available at this time.

### City Council Twice Canceled Due to Lack of Quorum

The past two Special meetings called for City Council were canceled due to the lack of a quorum. Present were Mayor Vito LaGioia, Councilman Dave Brodrick and Councilman Agapita Saenz.

Absent at both meetings were Councilman Manuel Fuentes, Louis Dimery and Mac McClure.

Manuel Fuentes did not attend

because he had resigned. Louis Dimery did not attend because special meeting hours conflicted with his full time job at Fritter Park.

And Councilman Mac McClure refused to attend.

In response to the lack of quorum, Mayor La Gioia stated, "This is a crucial time to have meetings because of all the grant money coming in."

### Heavy Rains Produce County Wide Road Damage

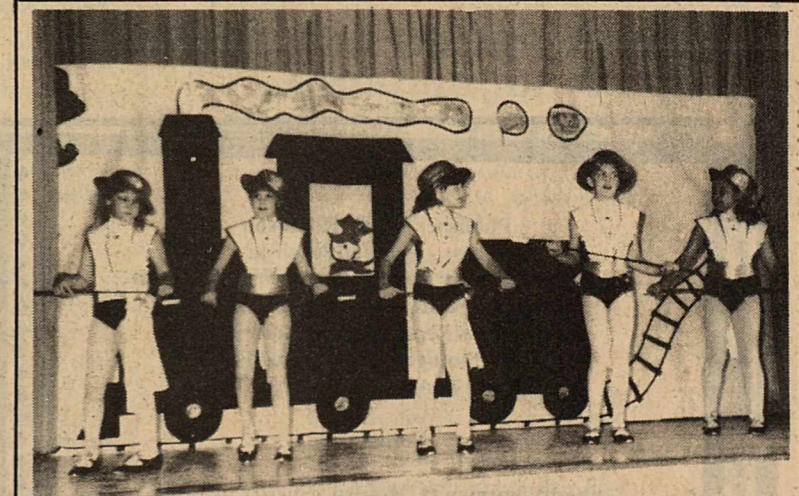
Due to heavy rains and severe flooding throughout Kinney Co., Commissioners met in an Emergency meeting May 1 at 11:00 A.M. to discuss and act on needed road repairs.

According to Commissioner Slubar, "All the roads in Kinney Co. are damaged."

Commissioners moved to begin repairs on the crossings that suffered the most damage.

Roads approved for repairs are Live Oak, Tularosa Rd., Old Nueces River Rd. (Chapman Lane) and the Old Tularosa Post Office Rd.

Commissioners motioned in favor of hiring Jimmy Bader to do the road work needed.



### Spring Dance Recital

Pictured at Saturday's dance recital are (L to R) Sunni Jones, Samantha

Perez, Lisa Marshall, Leilani Williams, and Patricia Lopez.

by JJ Guidry

The Beverly School of Dance held their Spring Dance Recital last Saturday in the high school auditorium. The local students were under the direction of Mrs. Beverly Matzig and Mrs. Janice Foster of Del Rio.

Local citizens filled the auditorium at 7:00 to hear the lovely singing of Ms. Jo Lee Jones. Then the young dancers presented their performance of the "Sentimental Journey." Afterwards, a small reception was held

in the cafeteria.

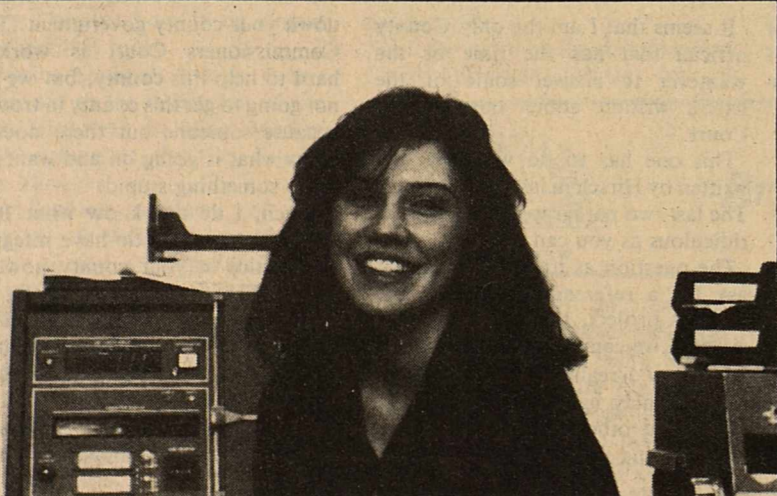
The dancers consisted of Ashley Coe, Beth Ballew, Meagan McWilliams, Ashley Smith, Lee Ramirez, Allison LaMascus, Amanda Davis, Amanda Ward, Laura Marshall, Duquesa Hunt, Brandy Wilson, Susannah Hunt, Sunni Jones, Samantha Perez, Lisa Marshall, Leilani Williams, Patricia Lopez, Jo Lee Jones, and Daisy Nieto.

The students began practicing in September at the St. Andrews Episcopal Church.

### School Board Workshop

The Brackett Independent School District Board of Trustees will meet with Tejas Engineering staff to discuss the placement and construction of proposed classroom. The meeting will be Monday, May 7, 1990, at 7:00 p.m.

See City Councilmen and School Board Trustees Candidates on Page 5 and 6 in this Issue



### The Brackett News Welcomes New Employee

The Brackett News welcomes Genie Gidge as our new typesetter.

Genie works for *The Brackett News* on a part-time basis. The rest of her time is devoted to studying massage therapy and natural pain control. She is presently enrolled at the Neuro Muscular Concepts Massage Therapy School and Clinic in San Antonio and does not have far to go before receiving her license.

Genie's long range goal in massage

therapy is to see that stricter regulations by the state are imposed on massage therapists and massage therapy schools. She also hopes to see massage therapy as a whole better defined.

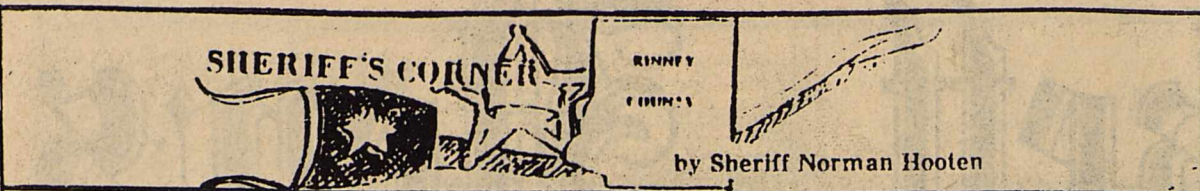
Genie, her brother Bryan Gidge, and her mother Sandi moved to Kinney Co. last year to live closer to Genie's uncle, Don Crowder. As recent as October Sandi married local resident Richard Wills.

### Treatment For Arizona Ash

by Alan McWilliams

If you are experiencing problems with your Arizona ash trees, (leaves curling and turning brown), you probably have a woolly aphid. This aphid occurs in a wet year as we are experiencing and does not great damage to your tree other than the rolled leaves. There are beneficial

insects at work to control them. If you spray with an approved insecticide, you will kill all the beneficials and probably worsen the aphids as they are very difficult to control with any insecticide. My advice is to let the aphids run their course and the new growth on the trees will be normal.



The Tri-County Narcotics Task Force, which is comprised of the City of Del Rio Police Department, and the sheriff's departments of Val Verde, Edwards, and Kinney counties, filed two cases against two suspects during the month of April, 1990. Both cases were filed in the Val Verde County Court at Law. During this same period marijuana and pieces of drug paraphernalia were seized as was \$6,448.00 in U.S. currency.

On April 8, 1990, a Task Force Agent and other narcotics agents executed a search warrant on a travel trailer and it's surroundings in Edwards County. As a result one suspect was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamines and Manufacture of Phenyl-2-Propanone. Also seized in the law enforcement action was a clandestine laboratory that was in operation at the time.

There is growing concern nationwide among law-abiding citizens and law enforcement officers about the so-called "war on drugs". Are we really waging war on drug dealers, users, and traffickers? Will the "war against drugs" never end? And if so, who will win, concerned law-abiding citizens and law enforcement officers, or drug dealers, users, and traffickers?

Our current system of justice works in favor of criminals more so than law enforcement. We are spending billions of dollars nationwide on the "war", yet wasting much of it in confusion, mismanagement, and rivalry between various law enforcement agencies. Plea bargain convictions that allow probation and state funded aid and benefits for persons convicted of drug possession, sales,

or trafficking DOES NOT demonstrate the hard line against illegal drugs that MUST be drawn if we are to truly win the "war on drugs".

Drug dealers and users, and all other felony offenders, are hard enough to apprehend and successfully prosecute the first time, let alone after they have been "educated" to the permissive legal system we are now having to operate under. The current system of coddling first offenders with wrist slapping such as plea bargains, probation, and state funded treatment provides a safety cushion for these criminals. They know that even if caught their chances of being convicted and receiving full time jail sentences for their crimes against society are slim to none. There is no real deterrent to their dangerous and deadly crimes.

Law enforcement officers are extremely handicapped by the "exclusionary rule" which bars critical evidence if officers even inadvertently violate search and seizure guidelines. Even when search warrants are obtained and carried out, defendants can still beat the rap. When the suspect has finally been arrested and charged he still must be prosecuted and when asked to name their No. 1 problem in fighting crime, prosecutors nationwide answered, "limited prison space."

In the 1970's federal courts began applying the Constitution's ban on "cruel and unusual punishment" to prison conditions like cell size, food service, medical care, recreational facilities, staffing, and supplies. These court-enforced standards in favor of convicted criminals have drastically reduced the number of usable bed space in state and federal prisons and county jails. In order to

comply with court orders, massive numbers of prisoners are released early (or not jailed at all). Many county jails in Texas and elsewhere are under existing court ordered mandates as to the number of prisoners they may hold. As a result many arrested criminals are release on PR (personal recognizance) bonds immediately after booking.

Some of the "tools of the trade" that should be implemented and strictly enforced are:

- (1) Education - which includes the education of criminal offenders to the fact that they will be punished for their crimes.
- (2) No plea bargain deals for drug offenders period.
- (3) Hard time jail terms for convicted drug dealers, users, and traffickers. No probation, and no parole.
- (4) Suspension of driver's licenses for a minimum of one year upon conviction of any drug offense.
- (5) End of the "wrist-slapping" of athletes and other well known persons. Treat them like the common criminals they are.
- (6) Life time suspensions of professional athletes convicted for illegal drug use, abuse, or trafficking.
- (7) Make ALL illegal drug dealing, drug use, and possession a felony with NO PROBATION and NO PAROLE.
- (8) Build more prisons.
- (9) Enforce the rights of law-abiding citizens, STOP letting the rights of criminals come first. When authorities get tough on criminals, especially drug dealers and users, they are accused of "violating the civil rights and liberties" of those criminals. Decades of imaginative rulings from federal courts demonstrate that when local authorities want to get tough on drug dealers and violators (and other criminals) they cannot do their jobs and often end up in court on civil rights charges.
- (10) Compulsive drug testing for law enforcement officers, teachers, and all other public service personnel. If we are to truly wage a "war on drugs", then those waging the war must have their house cleaned first, NO EXCEPTIONS.

That's All!

### Grapevine

by Gus Garcia

Well, well, well. It's nice to know that you're still reading my column! The Tiger Band had a very successful Spring Concert last Friday, they played various songs in the style of the great John Philip Sousa. Mr. Ken C. Wood, a fabulous euphoneum player, was on hand and treated the audience with a couple of songs and tricks.

The F.H.A. would like to thank everyone who has ordered a cake and helped support the F.H.A. Thanks! Don't forget to vote this Friday for your choice of Schoolboard Members and your Mayoral candidate. May the best person win!

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church celebrated the First Communion for CCD 3rd graders taught by Jimmy Bader and Jean Gallegos. Congratulations to Araceley Rodriguez. She gave birth to a beautiful baby girl last Thursday. Welcome Erica Marie! Less than 20 school days! Are you ready!!!

Happy Birthday to Diane Puda who will be *beep* on May 2. Way to Go Bonnie! Bonnie Frerich is the Regional Accounting Champion. Bonnie is going to State this Friday. Goodluck Bonnie! Feliz Cinco de Mayo! Well Folks, hope I bored you enough! See ya next week!

### Video Views

An Innocent Man by Robyn Henderson

Tom Selleck plays Jimmie Rainwood, an ordinary man whose life becomes a living nightmare when two crooked cops get the wrong address. They bust into the Rainwood home by mistake and to cover their tracks they frame "an innocent man".

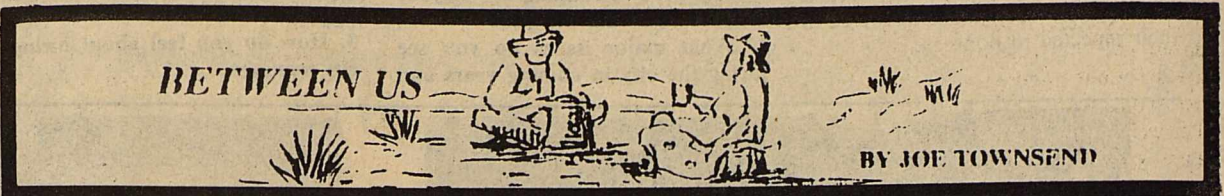
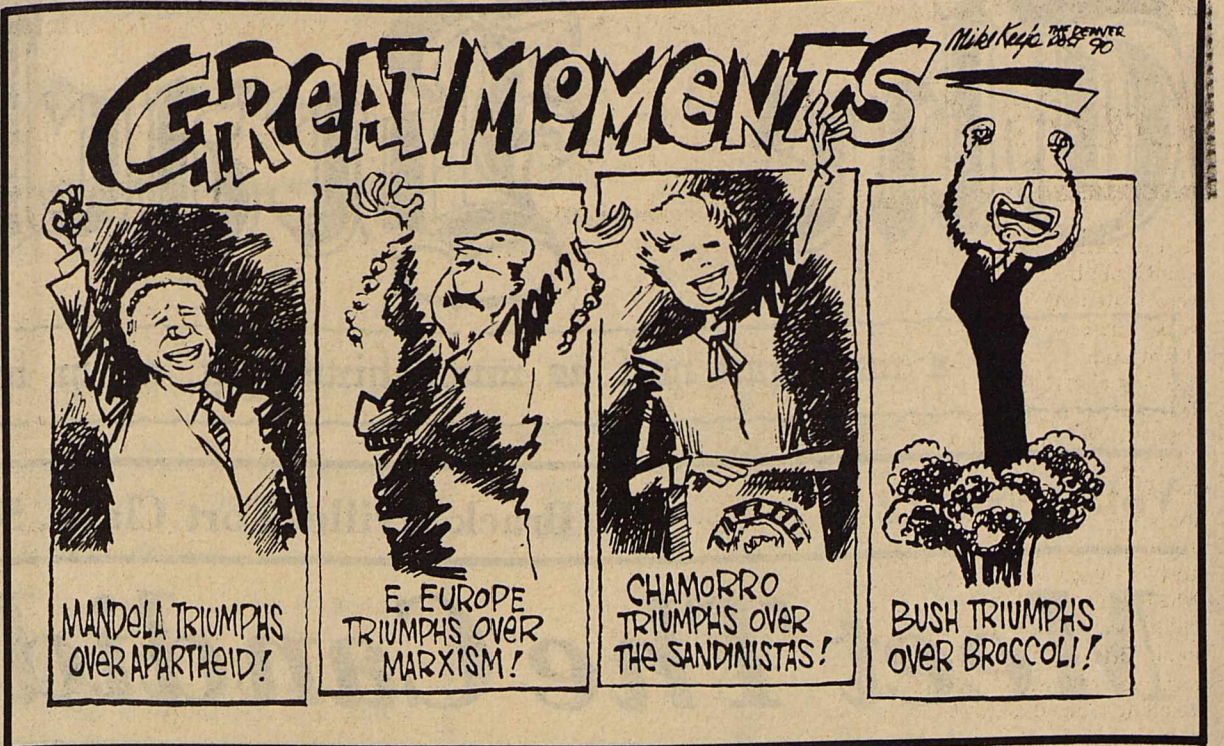
Laila Robins plays Rainwood's devoted wife, who can't understand what's happened to their world. Why is it being torn apart?

Rainwood is sent to prison where he learns what is needed to find the justice he deserves and get the dishonest cops that believe they are above the law.

Selleck's good looks take second place to his acting in this movie. The only reason this movie didn't do better at the box office was poor timing. Hot on the trail of "Three Men and A Baby" the public was looking for more comedy not suspense.

This is also another movie where the wife sticks with her husband all the way. This is also a movie where the bad guys never win.

They only made one mistake, they framed "An innocent Man".\*\*\*



The greatest single problem in America today is, "Education". It is the greatest because when it is solved, many other problems will soon be solved. The problems of education can never be solved as long as potential success is measured by dollars. Money is not the problem. The idiocy of the ideology that equal dollars to all schools is essential is self evident. The stupidity that says because a school system will raise more money in taxes build better sports stadiums, have better buildings, automatically means better education is the mouthings of envious, unthinking politicians - in schools as well as on judicial benches and in Austin. The blatant demands of TSTA and NEA for more and more money has drawn the focus away from the problem. Every approach to the problem finds lobbyists demanding more money including higher pay for teachers.

The basic problem is that demanding and accepting money from "state and US government" has led to straight jacket control at the State and National level. There has been a steady decline in education of students in direct relation to the amount of money contributed by the State and National government. Added dollars from these sources will only complicate the problem. Fifty

one percent of "School" personnel in Texas are administrators not teachers. The money spent and time wasted on "tests" is unbelievable. The money spent on teams to "audit" the schools is shameful. The dictation from TEA makes it impossible to fire many incapable teachers. The watering down of education standards so more students will not be "drop-outs" is producing a generation of illiterates with high school diplomas. Until the focus is changed from "teachers" and "administrators" and the hunger for more money, problems of education will continue to escalate. Until the school student becomes the focus of education it will remain a political football. There is a simple solution. Cease taking vast amounts of money from tax payers, nationally and statewide; leave the money in the pockets of the people and let every community control its schools. Private schools across the land produce a better educated product on far less money per student than do public schools. If local school boards controlled the money, costs would de-escalate because local boards would soon stop much of the wasted money that goes to support the fanciful dreams of TEA-TSTA and NEA. Local boards would see that poor or incapable

## Letter To The Editor

Citizens of Kinney County, We would like to take this opportunity to thank our County Commissioner Rosemary Slubar and Tim Ward for their help this past weekend following the flooding in our area. We live and ranch on the Tulerosa Road in northern Kinney County, and received approximately 8 inches of rain last Wednesday night. Needless to say many of the roads were impassable even after the water level had dropped on Friday afternoon. Because the river crossings were washed out, we were unable to even reach our ranch headquarters to take supplies to the people stranded there, or start work on the many fences which were washed away. Fortunately, there were no medical emergencies during this time. As I write this letter Monday morning, our foreman's son is still not able to get out to the school bus. Several of the families stranded in this area do not even have a telephone. Due to various reasons, the county road crew was not available Friday afternoon or during the weekend. Saturday afternoon, our commissioner Rosemary Slubar and Tim Ward were very concerned and did what they could to help the situation. Tim donated his time and that of two of his employees. They found others who were willing to do some part time work. After locating and

servicing the county road equipment, they brought it out to this area to begin work. Sunday afternoon the two of them, Rosemary and Tim, again came out to work. It can be very discouraging when some of your livestock has drowned, many of your fences are gone, and people are stranded. It is heartening to see people who are conscientious, and will pitch in and help others. It is

a very good feeling to see your commissioner drive up in a dump truck, and your future county judge show up with some heavy equipment, along with others to help! I am sure we speak for all of our neighbors in thanking these two individuals and the others who were willing to help them this weekend. With Sincere Thanks, Richard and Beth Ann Smith

### Letter to the Editor

It seems that I am the only County official that has the time or the whatever to answer some of the letters written about our County Court. This one has to do with the one written by Hirsch in last weeks paper. The last two paragraphs are about as ridiculous as you can get. The question as to why we do not ask for a referendum vote on the TexCor project, the answer is quite simple - we cannot - it is against the law. Now I realize that in Hirsch's case, he may have not known this, but on the other hand he may have and is trying to use this as a way to

down your county government. This Commissioners Court is working hard to help this county, but we are not going to get this county in trouble because someone out there doesn't know what is going on and wants us to do something stupid. Hirsch, I do not know what 1990 will bring, but you do have integrity and justice in your county now. If people like yourself would try to work with your county instead of writing trash and trying to tear down what is there, we would all prosper and work together. Bill Bizzell, Commissioner Pct. 4

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**Unsung Hero**

One of the determining factors in any restaurant is the treatment a customer receives from the waitress. Whether it's a cup of coffee or a meal anyone enjoys it more if the waitress is efficient and friendly. There is a young lady here who is the epitome of a capable, caring waitress. She has three young daughters and is doing a great job in rearing them. Anyone will get a lift of spirit by being served by this warm hearted friendly efficient waitress. Surely Carolyn Cortez is an "Unsung Hero."

**Concerned Citizen Asks**

Why won't the people of K.C. use turn signals when turning at an intersection?

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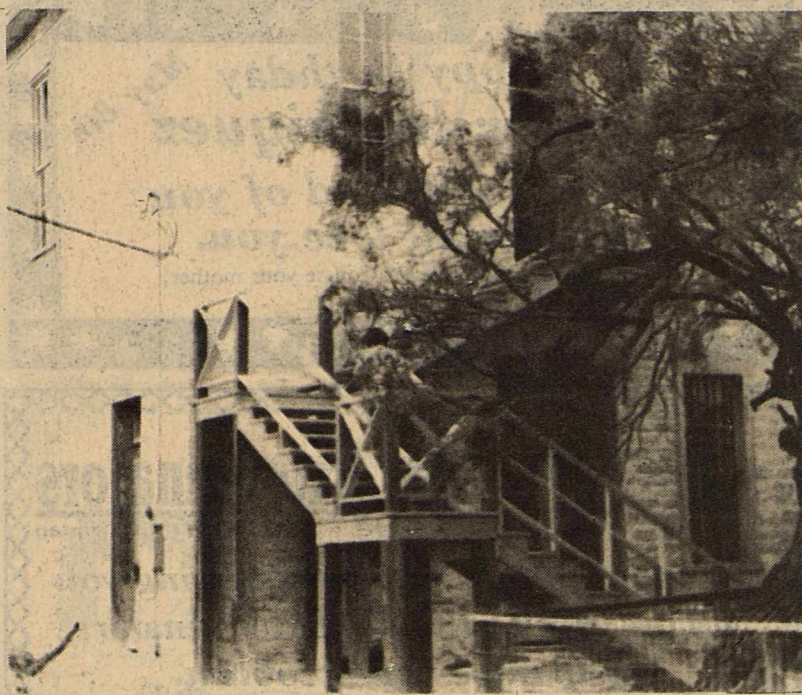
**Gracie armadillo**

My school plants a tree on Arbor Day. Is Arbor Day special for you? *Gracie*

Yes, I call it "Plant a House Day". Armadillos live in holes in the ground. Holes under trees are the very best. My yard is always shaded and the birds are my stereo. Worms like the shade, and I like the worms. Best of all...it's free. So...Have a Happy Plant a House Day!! *Gracie*

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Renovation on the Filipone building is once again in full swing. Zack Davis, a member of the Restoration committee, stated, "We hope we're through within three to four weeks

depending on the weather." After grant money from the Moody Foundation was made available, the restoration continued on the Filipone building.

### History of Kinney County Library

In 1976 Mrs. Goleman was forced by ill health to resign as Librarian of the Kinney County Public Library, and recommended to the County Commissioners that Else Sauer be appointed to succeed her. Miss Sauer accepted the responsibility of Head Librarian, earned certification, and also served without pay. She persuaded the Commissioners to purchase a bicentennial flag for the Library and provided speakers for the community through the San Antonio Public Library. As the Library grew in its old frame building, it became necessary to rearrange and to make improvements, including the installation of carpeting. A large number of duplicate copies of books had been acquired, and a large load was given to the young Quemado Library.

County Judge Tommy Seargeant, assisted by Judge Albert Postell and others, applied for and secured a number of Federal grants for Kinney County, including one for a new Library building. An architect was employed, plans were drawn, the foundation poured, and the walls went up. Unfortunately, the contractor was unable to complete the handsome new building, the bondsman defaulted, and work on the building came to a standstill.

In 1977 Mrs. Goleman's health improved and she was able to return to the Library to assist Miss Sauer. Litigation came to an end, and Al Pagel volunteered to supervise the completion of the new building. Funds were needed for Library equipment. Young ranchers, including the Frerichs, the Wardlaws, and the Baders, provided a barbecue at Las Moras Springs, and the Friends of the Library raised \$700. Rozetta Pingnot organized another barbecue, assisted by many friends, sold tickets at \$25 per plate, and raised more than \$7,000. Ill health and passing years again forced Mrs. Goleman to retire, this time permanently, and Miss Sauer was becoming

eager to be free to resume her favorite pastime, traveling.

In 1983, as the Library's beautiful new home neared completion, a campaign was launched by the community to persuade the Commissioners to include in their budget funds for a paid Librarian. Charlotte Corey was hired, and books and shelving were moved into the new building. A big Open House, coordinated by Pat and Don Parks assisted by others, honored our retired volunteer Librarians, Charlotte Goleman and Else Sauer, and the community celebrated the occupation of our present Library. Our handsome glass and stone Library, made possible by the untiring efforts and hard work of many volunteers, contributes much toward making our community a desirable place for children, newcomers, and all to live.

#### New Books

- Robert Ludlum Books
  - The Scarlati Inheritance
  - The Matlock Paper
  - The Osterman Weekend
  - Tex Monthly Guide to Texas, Tex Monthly
  - Cynthia Freeman, The Last Princess
  - Marian Thurm, Walking Distance
  - LaVyrle Spencer, Morning Glory
  - Tom Clancy, Clear & Present Drugs
  - Janet Dailey, Masquerade
  - Valerie Martin, Mary Rielly
  - Jennifer Wilder, The Slipper
  - Barbara Michaels, Shattered Silk
  - Large Print
  - Phyllis Whitney, The Singing Stones
- Many thanks to Tina Baugess for her generous donation to purchase books, of my choice, for the Kinney County Library, Earlene Thurber, Volunteer.

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### Landowner's Workshop

Women landowners interested in improving their skills in managing farms or ranches may benefit from several workshops being offered by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The seminars aim to help women who, largely through inheritance, find themselves thrust into land-owning situations for which they have little training or background.

There will be three-day workshops held at the following:  
--San Antonio-May 28-30, Holiday Inn, 77 N.E. Loop 410  
--Tyler-June 26-28, Sheraton Inn, 2843 West N.W. Loop 323  
--Lubbock-July 10-12, Holiday Inn

Civic Center, 801 Ave. Q  
Each workshop will help participants explore income generating and tax-saving opportunities for their farms and ranches. Topics for seminar will include the following:

- \*Agricultural land investments
  - \*Items to include in a lease
  - \*A method to develop a fair lease
  - \*Keys to successfully running a business
  - \*Advantages of corporations and partnerships
  - \*Estate planning including how to save on estate taxes and estate administration
- The registration fee of \$80 per person includes all seminar materials and lunches for all three days.

### T.P.W.D. Acquires Additional White-Winged Dove Habitat

AUSTIN - The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has completed acquisition of a new white-winged dove habitat area in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

The 125-acre tract of irrigated cropland and native brush is located four miles southeast of Donna. The tract was purchased from the Taormina Co. with funds derived from the sale of White-winged Dove Stamps, according to Ron George, dove program leader.

Part of the new tract is being reforested with native brush for whitewing nesting habitat and the rest will be managed for wildlife food production. Although the land is

managed primarily for white-winged doves, many tropical and temperate wildlife species including endangered ocelots and jaguarundis may ultimately benefit from this habitat, George said.

To date, the department has acquired 16 separate units of white-wing habitat, totaling 3,842 acres in five Texas counties. "These units of native habitat, collectively known as the Las Palomas Wildlife Management Area, are especially important to wildlife during years such as this when alternate nesting cover in citrus orchards has been damaged by freezing weather," said George.

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# Meet the City Council Candidates

Candidates for City Council were asked these questions, each one answered in their respected responses.

## CITY COUNCILMAN

1. Why are you running for this office?
2. If you are elected what platform do you stand for?
3. How do you feel about attracting

4. How are you qualified to run for city council?
5. Any other comments--

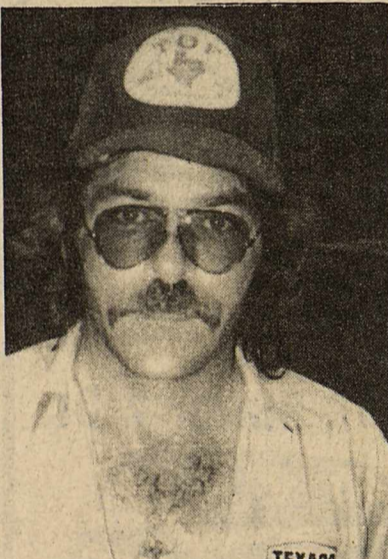


**Ralph Gonzales**  
Candidate for Place 4

I am seeking this seat on the city council because I feel a need to promote better city government. Not only would I serve the city but I would endeavor to work with the county too as far as political issues go. I would look at all of the issues and make decisions that would create long range effects.

I would move to make certain changes that would concern TexCor and, also, certain officials that are now in office. I feel as though I can help the people of Brackettville in many ways. There are programs to be distributed along with certain grants.

I am strongly in favor of new industry in this area as long as it doesn't jeopardize the future or the environment of the community. I feel like more research should go into a business before it is either invited or allowed to relocate into our community. Some years ago a major business tried to move close by but a vote by the people to allow it failed.



**Bobby Guidry**  
Candidate for Place 5

I have lived in Brackettville for 30 years and I have always enjoyed being involved with the community in some way or another. I served as constable for 4 years after being elected to that office and then I worked at the jail for one year. I just figured I would run for city council just to see what I could do for the city and the people.

I am not sure what kind of platform I would have if I were elected. I have not really been keeping up with what is going on at City Hall and I would rather wait until after I am elected to research the projects and then I would establish a platform. I just feel a need to serve my community.

I would like to do everything possible to attract new business into our town. Of course, I am not talking about something like TexCor that could hurt our area but good business that would provide jobs and make our community grow. I would work on projects such as this if I were elected.

I feel like my qualifications for running for this position are from being here so long and knowing what the conditions were when I first got here. Conditions for our area have improved through the years and I would like to be part of this movement as we continue to improve in the years to come. I would do everything I could to make it better.

I feel like there is room for improvements or I would not be running.

I do not feel like there is any drinking problem nor a drug problem in Brackettville. Some of the young people drink a little but it is nothing to get alarmed about.

I do look forward to serving the people if I am elected.



**Leonard Luna**  
Candidate for Place 5

I have lived in Brackettville all of my life and I'm married with three wonderful children and this is the reason for my interest in our city and the school system. I dearly love politics and I am no stranger to the politic arena. I ran for Justice of the Peace some years back and was elected and later I served as city manager of Brackettville for a time. I know that I couldn't please everyone if I am elected but that would not stop me from trying.

The streets in town certainly need attention. I found that there is money available when I was city manager. I went to Austin and Laredo to look for this money and before I left this job I had \$1,250,000.00 available but I guess that it was not pursued after my departure.

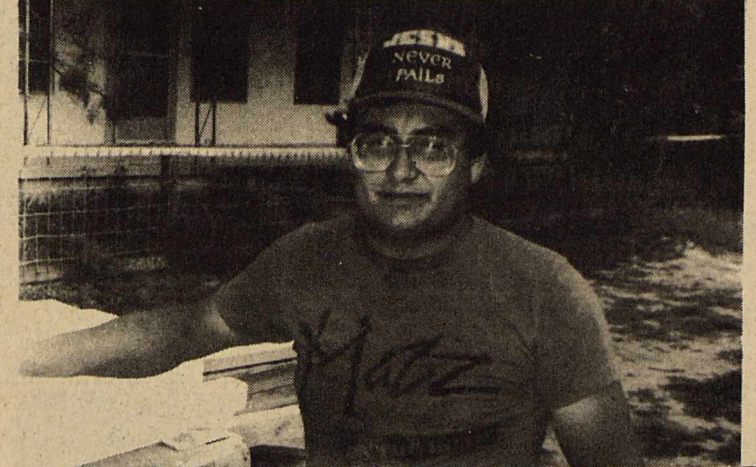
I would like to see the city and the county come together in a joint effort to improve our city and it's surroundings. We can acquire grants for projects that would create summer jobs for our young people. We have had a drug and alcohol problem in Brackettville for years and these

projects could help combat this problem. The drinking is worse than the drugs but the two do exist.

New industry in Brackettville would be nice but I don't think our people really want it. I do not feel like they want this city to grow. As for myself, yes, I would not only like to see new industry but I would also encourage it. It would really help in the long run. The main drawback to new industry is being surrounded by Uvalde, Del Rio, and Eagle Pass where they can get the land for new projects at no cost if they decided on Brackettville they would have to buy it.

I feel like I am well qualified to fill this place on the city council. I am attending night school so I can get my college degree. I dream of being a college professor some day. I know quite a bit about city government which I learned as city manager. I attended out of town meetings concerning city government while I was employed by the city and if I am elected I will continue to attend and expand my knowledge in this field.

Remember, Saturday, Cinco de Mayo, May 5th, the day to vote.



**Bernie Cervantes**  
Candidate for Place 5

I have several reasons that have influenced me to run for a position on the city council. First of all, I would look forward to working with the mayor, whoever he will be, and the other council members in an effort to correct the bad street problems that now exist in Brackettville. I also would focus my attention on the city owned landfill that needs immediate attention. Last but not least, I would be bringing my honesty into office with me.

The streets I mentioned are coming apart. I have a new car and we are ruining it driving over these streets that are covered with pot holes. The city presently just drives around town putting temporary repairs in the pot holes but I feel like we need to bring someone in who knows how to correct the problem. The city would save a lot of money by fixing them right the first time and not having to come back over and over again.

We need new industry in Brackettville for the economics. I would lend my 100 percent support to any kind of new business that would like to

relocate here as long as it isn't the wrong kind. Industry like TexCor certainly is not needed and steps should be taken to see that no other business that could hurt our ecology be allowed to build around here.

If the people elect me into the office I am seeking I would do everything I could to encourage helping our young people. We need to get them motivated. We have a serious drug and alcohol problem in this town and no one is doing anything to correct it. I would use the influence of this office to help the young people and try to convince them to turn away from it before it is too late.

I am very proud to be teaching a Bible Class in my Church to young people and I would carry this attitude with me if I am elected.

Before we are going to get any new business in this town we are going to have to clean it up first. We need to make it more attractive. The city is supposed to mow and clean certain areas but they don't and when they are asked they reply that they are too busy doing something else. I intend to look into these problems.

I will not make a lot of promises that I cannot keep.

- Jesse Garcia**  
Running For  
Councilman Place 2  
(Unavailable for Interview)
- Alex Longoria**  
Running for Councilman  
Place 2  
(Unavailable for Interview)
- Mike Broderick**  
Running for  
Councilman Place 5  
(Unavailable for Interview)
- Julie Fuentes**  
Running for Councilwoman  
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(Unavailable for Interview)
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Running for Councilman  
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**Richard Terrazas**  
Candidate for Place 2

I have lived in Brackettville all of my life and I see a definite need for a change in City Government. I strongly feel as though I can make a strong contribution to improve these conditions.

There is so much to do. We need to improve our roads and streets which are being neglected. I would do everything I can to create a better line of communications between the people and city government.

If I am elected my platform will be to represent everyone fairly. I would take the time to listen to any and

everyone's suggestions. I would welcome any input from the people who put me in office.

We have a small community with lots of people out of work. I shall do everything I can to entice new businesses into our area. I have a plan working at the present and feel like, once I am elected, I could present it to the council and turn it into a reality.

I am completely familiar with operating a business so handling business problems is nothing new to me. I am known by everyone in Brackettville and they know that I am trustworthy and capable.

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It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the people of Brackettville. I hope to continue serving you in the years to come.

This is a very critical time in pursuing grants for the City. We have already secured the swimming pool and planning grants and we have several other grants in the process of review. Everything is falling into place. It would not take much for someone new to come in and upset the process. Your vote is important in allowing me to continue with the progress we have made.

Here are some of the accomplishments made while I've been in office:

- Audit Report** - This is the first time in 10 years that the City has operated in the Black. We now have \$74,000 in C.D.'s.
- Our utility bond** that is as scheduled to be paid off in 1997 will now be paid off in 1994.
- Planning Grant** - \$28,000 awarded.
- Swimming Pool Grant** - \$93,000 awarded.
- Street Repairs** - We have fully covered four streets in town, some of which were never serviced; we plan to keep our attention focused in this area.
- Meters** - We have changed to digital meters so people can read their own meters.
- Sewer Plant** - We're working on a new sewer plant, an issue that should have been addressed 12 years ago.
- Billing** - Our billing is now done by computers which provide better service to our customers.
- Lots** - Many of the lots in town have been cleaned.
- Animal Control** - We now have an animal control officer.
- Southwestern Bell and Central Power and Light Rate Increase** - We fought these rate increases and are continuing to fight them.
- T.V. Cable Service** - We are working on a new contract to insure better service to our residents. We now have a serviceman in Brackettville as a result of our efforts.
- Border Patrol** - We assisted in the location of the new Border Patrol Station.
- City and Fort Clark, County Relations** - We are all working together for the betterment of the whole.
- Landfill** - We have resolved the tire and scrap metal dilemma.
- City Chief Vehicle** - We have purchased a new vehicle for the City Chief.
- Violations Addressed** - Most of the Violations from the Health Dept., Rail Road Commission, Water Commission and Environmental Protection Agency have been corrected. We inherited these problems and have worked hard in correcting them. We have not been fined.

**RE - ELECT:**  
**Mayor Vito LaGioia**

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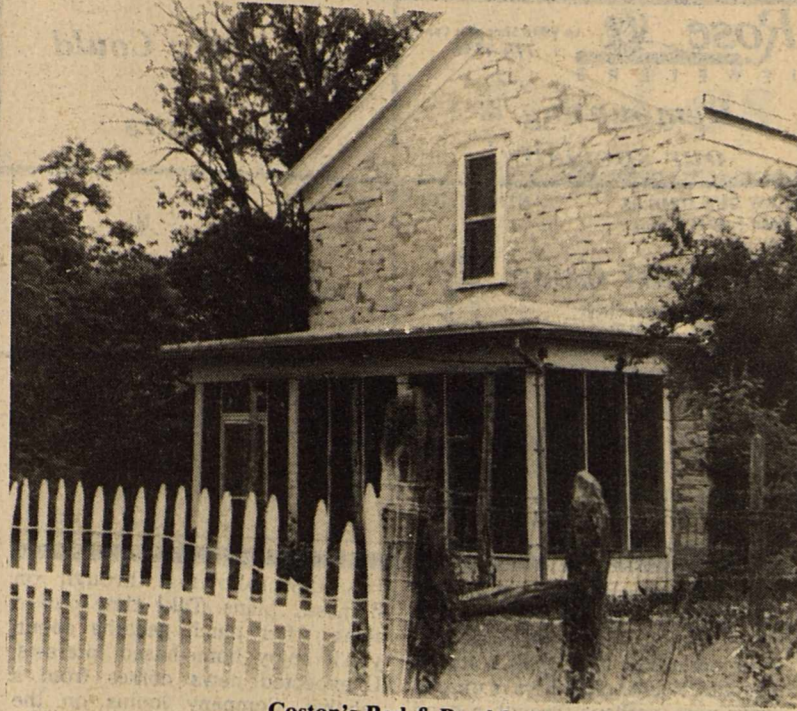
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Coston's Bed & Breakfast

## "Bed & Breakfast"

by Gus Garcia

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As soon as you walk into the home, you feel welcomed by the charm and kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Coston. "We treat you like one of the family" says Mrs. Olga Coston, and she does, as soon as you sit you're offered something.

The home has quite a country flair, and a ton of history behind it. The home is believed to have been

constructed about the same time that Fort Clark was built, because of similar masonry. For a couple, it will cost \$30 per night, which includes a bed, and a home cooked breakfast. Guests who have stayed here have been visitors or friends of people on the Fort. The Costons have been open for about one year and plan to join the Bed and Breakfast Reservation Organization, which will raise the cost slightly.

If you are planning to have company and don't have the extra room, consider the Coston Bed and Breakfast, they'll treat you right.

## BRACKETT COACH challenges King Kong Satur"DAY"

It's time again for the great George Paul Memorial Bullriding (which drew a crowd of 5,000 in last years event). Round up your family and friends and head out to Del Rio Downs this weekend.

The 1990 event's feature clowns are Leon Coffee, Jimmy Anderson, Miles Hare, and Mike "Smurf" Horton. The following events are scheduled:

- Saturday, May 5 - 1:00 PM
- Horse Races - Mule Races
- Pony Express Mule Race
- Pony Express Horse Race
- World's Heavyweight Championship Cowboy Bicycle Race
- Children's Bicycle Races
- \*Three weight division bikes given by Western Auto and Whataburger.
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## B.I.S.D. Spring Concert

by Gus Garcia

On Friday, April 27, the Brackett I.S.D. Bands, under the direction of Danny Potter, presented their Spring Concert featuring Ken C. Wood at the High School Auditorium.

The program began with the Fifth Grade Recorder class playing Row Row Your Boat, a unique version of Lean On Me, and a fantastic rendition of the school song.

The Sixth Grade Band performed Royal March Festival, and Rockin' Down Main Street.

The High School Band began with the Star Spangled Banner, a few songs later the Flutes Section of both bands were featured in the Selection Flattery for Flutes.

Mr. Ken Wood, euphonium extraordinaire was featured on the song, Drink To Me Only With Thine Eyes. Mr. Wood played an encore of I Loved You, Michael Pena was featured on the piece Phantom Bugle. The band received a standing ovation and played Rio Brazos as an encore. All in all the Tiger Band had a successful night.

## Local Medicine Wheel Provides Spiritual Healing

Larry Crocker

I had a beautiful experience this past week-end in the extended family of Christ that is worth sharing. Eight of our Scouts joined me and our Assistant Scoutmaster in attendance of the Spring Inter-Tribal Medicine Wheel in the cliffs north of Brackettville. First I need to say that our Scouts were exemplary in their behavior and were complemented by many in attendance for their orderly, polite manners and their willingness to jump in and help families put up and take down tents, clean areas, and help small children. Many of our Indian friends commented that it is young people such as these who are our hope for the days to come.

On Saturday morning our Scouts participated in the blessing of the land ceremony to open the retreat (a Medicine Wheel, for those who are not familiar with the term, is a spiritual retreat) and immediately there was a feeling of peace and unity among all of us who were gathered together in Christ's name. It was a wonderful moment, and one which grew as the hours rolled quietly by, that people from all over the United States had come together to celebrate our oneness in the family of Christ, without any denominational lines being drawn, without any doctrinal divisions separating us, just people, coming to share Christ's love and to pray for peace and harmony among God's people throughout the coming year.

I had the honor this year of being asked to share in the wedding of two young people whom I have known

for some years. He is a religious leader of the Chippewa people who makes his living as an emergency room nurse. She is a young drug and alcohol rehabilitation counselor, native of Florida. Two very beautiful young people, obviously meant for each other, unite to make their lives one. The ceremony began in the traditional style, led by Nakai Breen, the Cherokee religious leader who opens and coordinates the entire retreat. Following her ceremony I was asked to lead the marriage rites of the Church, and was followed by Jack Battise, the religious leader of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribes, who sang the traditional wedding song of his people. Not often have I seen such love reflected, not only in the eyes of this beautiful young couple, but indeed flowing from the lives of everyone involved. We looked up following the final prayer by Jack Battise to see a Golden Eagle circling above us and a very clear likeness of the face of Christ in the clouds. More important, however, was that we felt

His presence among us in this celebration of new life. We had honored the old people, we had dedicated the new babies, we had opened the door to a new united life, and through it all we were one. We were His. It was the kind of feeling new Christians feel when they unite with the family of God and are welcomed into His loving arms. It is the feeling we can find at His Table this coming Lord's Day. Hope to see you there. Peace.

## Del Rio's Walk America

More than 300 people took part in the annual March of Dimes Walk-America on Sunday, April 22nd. The walkers have already turned in close to \$10,000 with more money expected. The funds raised will go to help prevent birth defects, the nation's number one child health problem.

The success of this year's walk is due largely to the 2nd year Walk Chairman, Joe Elder of Ole' Distributors.

While some participants walked individually or with family and friends, many others walked on teams from their company, school or club. With teams challenging each

other to walk further, raise more money or sign up more sponsors, the atmosphere remained high-spirited throughout the 20K route.

In the end T.J. Moore Lumber Company was the top money raising team for the day with nearly \$2,000. followed closely by the Val Verde Memorial Hospital. The largest team came from Val Verde Memorial with 39 walkers and K-Mart followed with 32 walkers participating.

Funds raised will support March of Dimes programs that are part of its nationwide Campaign for Healthier Babies to prevent birth defects here and throughout the country.

## School Trustee Election

The 1990 School Trustee Election will be held on May 5, 1990. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The polling place will be the District Central Office instead of the Home Economics Cottage.

Absentee balloting by personal appearance continues through Tuesday, May 1, 1990, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The place for voting

absentee by personal appearance is the High School Office.

There are six candidates in this year's race for two places: Jim Bader, current Board President, Lingo Sandoval, current Board Vice-President, Herb Senne, Rudy Goodloe, Barbara York, and Jim McDaniel.

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tions to improve access or mobility in a client's home. A person may also receive an annual subsidy of up to \$3600 for purchase of on-going services such as attendant care, transportation, and other equipment and supplies. Steve Blanchard, supervisor for Community Care Services, applauds the new state program saying it's the "first client-managed project of its kind. This minimizes agency involvement and empowers the individual to go out and take care of their own needs." For more information on this and other services for the elderly or disabled, ask for a Community Care worker at the Del Rio TDHS office 775-7113.

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**Request for Proposals to Provide In-Home Services for Frail Older Individuals (Homemaker I)**

The Middle Rio Grande Development Council, Area Agency on Aging is requesting proposals to provide In-Home Services for Frail Older Individuals (Homemaker I) for Senior Citizens under the Older Americans Act of 1965, Title III, as amended. Services to be provided in Uvalde, Zavala, Real, Kinney, Val Verde, Dimmit, La Salle and Maverick Counties.

To obtain a complete copy of the request for proposal packet, please contact: Ramon S. Johnston, Deputy Director, Middle Rio Grande Development Council, 409 East Nopal Street, Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834, (512)876-3533. Proposal packets will be available on or after May 10, 1990. A bidders conference will be held on May 10, 1990 at 10:00 a.m. at the First State Bank of Uvalde, McNelly Room, Uvalde Texas.

The last day to receive Proposals is June 1, 1990, at 5:00 p.m. at Middle Rio Grande Development Council (central office), 409 East Nopal Street, Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834. Proposals may not be submitted through the use of fax machines. Middle Rio Grande Development Council reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

**Request for Proposals to Provide Nutrition & Supportive Services**

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**T.P.W.D. Plays Role in Oil Spill Exercise**

AUSTIN - Scientists and law enforcement officers of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will join other governmental and private entities in conducting "Oil Spill '90," the first exercise designed to help the state prepare for a major oil spill on the Gulf Coast.

The annual exercise was recommended by the Governor's Oil Spill Advisory Committee to develop coordinated responses to and recovery from potentially destructive oil spills, according to Chuck Nash of San Marcos, chairman of the Parks and Wildlife Commission and a member of the committee.

The exercise will involve the mock spillage of oil from a storage facility in the Corpus Christi area on April 25. Exercise participants will deal with a variety of concerns ranging from the containment of the oil to diverting land and water traffic. A tabletop exercise April 26 will examine post-response issues such as environmental and economic impact and cleanup and disposal of oil, Nash said.

In addition to the Parks and Wildlife Department, participants will be the Governor's Division of Emergency Management, the general Land Office, Texas Water Commission, Texas Railroad Commission, Department of Public Safety, Departments include American Petrofina Pipe Line Co., U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Environmental Protection

partment of Highways and Public Transportation and the Texas Department of Health. Other partic-

Agency, San Patricio County and the cities of Corpus Christi, Aransas Pass and Port Aransas.

**Conservation Society Forming**

Anyone interested in becoming a member of a Kinney County Conservation Society please meet at the "Courthouse Courtroom" on May 24, 1990 at seven o'clock P.M..

The purpose of this meeting is to organize a group that will preserve old buildings, cemeteries, battlefield (the old Dutch Battle Field) and other places of historical interest.

**Happy Birthday**

Rosa Pena - May 3  
Sandi Wills - May 5  
Dorothy Salmon - May 5

Shelly Harris - May 8  
Jaime Sandoval - May 10

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Pictured above is the newly arrived big sister Amanda Michelle Rosas. Manola Rosas III being held by his

**Birth Announcement**

Brackettville residents Manolo Jr. Rosas and his wife Michelle are proud to announce the arrival of their son Manola Rosas III. Manola was born April 23 at the Val Verde Memorial hospital in Del Rio. He weighed in at 7lb. 7 oz. and measured 21 inches long.

Manola is greeted by his 20 month old sister Amanda Michelle Rosas. Paternal Grandparents are Manola and Alicia Rosa. Maternal Grandparents are Julio and Lydia Solis. Paternal Great Grandmother is Maria Hernandez and Paternal Great Grandfather is Incarnacion Bravo.



**Rotary Club:** Every Thursday 12:00p.m.  
**Chamber of Commerce:** Every 1st Thursday 7:00p.m.  
**Lions Club:** Every 1st and 3rd Thursday 6:30p.m.  
**Kinney County Kickers:** Every 2nd and 4th Thursday 7:30p.m.  
**Bass Club:** Every last Thursday 7:00p.m.  
**Drivers License:** Every 1st, 3rd, and 5th Friday 9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.  
**Duplicate Bridge:** Every Sunday 1:30p.m. and Every Tuesday 7:00p.m.  
**AA:** Every Monday 8:00p.m.  
**AIAnon:** Every Monday 8:00p.m.  
**Commissioners Court:** Every 2nd Monday 9:00a.m.  
**Shriners:** Every 4th Tuesday 6:30p.m.  
**Masonic Lodge:** Every 2nd Tuesday 7:00p.m.  
**VFW and Ladies Aux. (Ft. Clark):** Every 4th Wednesday 7:00p.m.  
**Frontier Fair:** June 1st and 2nd Civic Center.

**Brackett I.S.D. School Menu**

A LINE	B Line	BREAKFAST
<b>Monday 7</b> Nachos Pinto Beans Spanish Rice Cornbread	<b>Monday 7</b> Baked Potato Cheese Fruit Bread	<b>Monday 7</b> Scrambled Eggs Toast Fruit
<b>Tuesday 9</b> Pizza Spinach Salad Green Beans Cookie	<b>Tuesday 8</b> Nachos Pinto Beans Fruit	<b>Tuesday 8</b> Sausage and Cheese Muffin Fruit
<b>Wednesday 9</b> Cheeseburger Hamb Salad French Fries Spice Bar	<b>Wednesday 9</b> Hamburger Hamb Salad Fruit	<b>Wednesday 9</b> 1/2 Egg Pancakes Fruit
<b>Thursday 10</b> Chicken Chop Suey Oriental Veg White Rice Pineapple Chunks Fortune Cookie	<b>Thursday 10</b> Burrito Fruit	<b>Thursday</b> Cheese Chunks Fruit Basket Upset Fruit
<b>Friday 11</b> Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Biscuits	<b>Friday 11</b> Salad Buffet Crackers	<b>Friday 11</b> Cereal Juice Toast Peanuts

**Service Directory**

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