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

## Council Meeting Rescheduled

The Brackettville City Council rescheduled its regular meeting from Monday, February 10 to Tuesday, February 18 because a quorum could not be established. The time will be 7:00 p.m. and the place will be the Kinney County Court House.

## Principals And Athletic Director Contracts Renewed

The Brackett Independent School District Board of Trustees voted to extend the contracts of Don Sims, high school principal; Steve Mills, elementary principal; and Gregg Nowlin, Athletic Director. Each of these individuals has a two year contract extending through the 1993-94 school year.

The extensions were approved after a review of performance evaluation and a recommendation for extension by Superintendent

Bob McCall. Teacher contracts will be reviewed during the March meeting of the Board.

In further action, the Board approved an administrative recommendation for strict performance criteria on the career ladder. This year teachers will be ranked according to their appraisal scores. Money allocated for career ladder will be assigned based on the ratings. No local money will be used to fund career ladder.

## Hillcrest Foundation Grant



Judge Tim Ward presents Aging Services Director Tencha Pena with a check for \$16,000.00.

"We are pleased to announce that the trustees of the Hillcrest Foundation have unanimously approved a grant of \$16,000 to Kinney County Aging Services.

Announcement and permanent reference to the source of these funds are permitted and encouraged, giving appropriate recognition to The Hillcrest Foundation, founded by Mrs. W. W. Caruth, Jr.

Trustees of the foundation require that a report be submitted within one year after payment describing the use of this grant and the results achieved," so reads in part a letter to Mrs. Hortencia Pena, Kinney County Aging Services on February 7, 1992, and signed by Daniel J. Kelly, Vice President for the Trustees of The Hillcrest Foundation.

## The Brothers Five Hit Town



The Forgiore Brothers, Nicola, Saverio, Antonio (Tony Frerich), Givseppe (Joe Frerich), and Francesco stand side by side in front of The Brackett News building during their reunion in Brackettville. Note their new caps!

Once upon a time (1952), in far away Rocca San Felice Avellino Italia (Italy), there was a young, widowed mother of eight who had to make the most heart-wrenching decision she had ever been faced with.

She had to acknowledge that the sudden death of her husband, the father of her precious children, had left her without means to care for her family. There just was no way she could provide even the barest necessities for them. In desperation, she decided that she would have to allow some of the children to be adopted and in anguish and maternal love finally determined that Antonio (age 8) and Givseppe (age 6) were the most adoptable. The other

Forgiore children were Agaetana (19), Nicola (17), Filomena (15), Pasqualina (13), Saverio (10), and the 2-year old baby, Francesco.

Having heard that the United States of America was truly the land of opportunity she made arrangements to send Antonio and Givseppe to an orphanage in Pennsylvania. That was in 1952 and there they lived until 1955 when Orville and Bernadett Frerich, through arrangements made by a San Antonio Catholic adoption service, adopted them and brought them home to Kinney County.

Mrs. Forgiore's prayers for her sons were answered as the boys became Tony and Joe Frerich and grew up in a loving home with

dotting parents. The guidance of Orville and Bernadett sustained them and now they are grown men with their own fine families. Tony still lives in Kinney County and Joe lives near Waco at Eddy.

End of story - no way! From 1952 there was no communications between Tony and Joe and their mother and siblings until 1971. In 1978, Tony and Joe visited their family in Italy. Death claimed their mother last May. The three sisters and three brothers still live in Italy.

Now, the story really begins. Wednesday night (February 5) the Frerichs met brothers Nicola, Saverio, and Francesco at the San Antonio International Airport and brought them to Brackettville to begin a month's visit. This is their first trip to the United States. They plan to not only get re-acquainted with each other but visit much of Texas, and yes, Mexico, too.

Thursday, the five brothers (Joe came from Waco to join them briefly) were still getting acquainted with each other, and the visitors were getting acquainted with the area. (By Monday, Tony had talked himself completely out - he had lost his voice to a point of being the "silent one.") Tony's wife, Nancy, has proven to be the charming hostess she always is. Their kids, Tammy and Toby, came home for the week-end. Toby's Spanish was a big help with translations. They all speak some Spanish, Francesco speaks six languages.

Even Ms. Elsa Sauer drew translation assignments. While dining at Las Moras Inn she was recognized by Joe as one of his favorite former teachers and he introduced her to his brothers. She speaks German and so was able to carry on a conversation with them.

As a family, they attended St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Orville Frerich have welcomed Nicola, Saverio, and Francesco into their hearts and home. They are serving as "tour guides" on numerous excursions in the "short distance range."

Wednesday (February 12) they received "hands on" experience at their first Texas Stock Show when they joined Joe at the San Antonio Livestock Show where their niece (Joe's daughter) was showing a lamb. They attended their first Texas rodeo. The Texas Tornadoes were the featured performers. Made

to order...with Freddie Fender's bilingual concert.

From the Livestock Show, they went home with Joe to see that part of Texas but will return to Brackettville before they go back to Italy.

Monday was highlighted with a trip to the Val Verde Winery. Nicola is a wine-maker. They also visited, the dam and Lake Amistad.

According to them, Italy is like Texas - North, South, East, West, each division unique in geography and culture. They all assured that Italy is the culinary center of Europe and that people from every country come just to eat Italian food. These fellows brought their own tomato paste and peppers to Texas.

When asked if they like to fish, they said they'd rather eat than catch fish. Their most delicious fish are caught about 15 miles offshore in the Mediterranean Sea. A favorite dish is pasta and shrimp (the shrimp there is yellow).

What are these brothers like? Do they feel shy with each other? If this newspaper could be printed with sound, you would hear the excitement they exhibit in being together and "catching up" on all the news! They laugh with the sheer joy of living. They smile from the heart. They joke and tease each other. They are friendly and outgoing. They meet no strangers. Tony and Joe are gaining new appreciation for "the ordinary" by seeing it through the eyes of their brothers who display an interest in seeing and doing "everything."

What have these fellows done with their lives? Tony is a Kinney County rancher and manager of Kinney County Wool & Mohair. Joe is an auctioneer and is in real estate. Nicola, Saverio and Francesco are building contractors.

Each is active in community activities and contribute toward making the world better.

The Brackett News was honored to receive a visit from these exceptional men. It was a pleasure to present them with Brackett News caps and to help make their visit to Kinney County memorable by presenting them each with pictures that Wes Robinson took, developed and printed. Pictures were also made for Orville and Bernadett.

Their love for each other is very evident and it is very refreshing watching them learn to like each other. Brothers by birth - friends by association!

## Bridge Repair Takes Top Priority

At 9:00 a.m., Monday, February 10, 1992, Kinney County Judge Tim Ward declared the Commissioners Court in regular session after roll call had been answered by Commissioners Freddie Frerich, Plunker Sheedy, Alvin McClure, and Ruben Fuentes.

Judge Ward gave the invocation and led the pledge to the flag. Minutes from meetings on January 13, January 17, January 21, January 30, and February 3 were approved. County bills were reviewed and approved for payment.

Glen Seaver, representing the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce, requested the Court to consider joining the Chamber of Commerce, Fort Clark Springs, Alamo Village, Brackett Independent School District and other entities in extending a formal invitation, and making facilities available, to the National Speleological Society to hold its 1994 convention at Brackettville. The Court expressed agreement and it will be considered promptly.

The court reviewed updated copies of the county personnel policies and after some changes were suggested Commissioner McClure moved the revised policies be approved. Commissioner Fuentes seconded the motion which passed.

Two related agenda items were considered together: a request from the County Clerk for the court to authorize payment of early voting expenses for necessary supplies and personnel for early voting in Primary Elections out of currently budgeted election expenses; approve purchase of five sets of metal ballot boxes (four to a set) at a cost of \$165.90 per set. Commissioner McClure moved the court approve the requests. Commissioner Sheedy seconded the motion and it passed.

Commissioner Sheedy moved to

approve a request for the purchase of a medium size vacuum cleaner to be used at the library, cost not to exceed \$200.00. Commissioner Fuentes seconded the motion and it passed.

The court tabled action on payment of \$1,988.00 to Ford & Ferraro for expenses incurred due to the protest of the Court's submitted re-districting plan. This protest was filed prior to the Justice Department's approval of the plan. The court will wait for a detailed statement before considering payment.

Judge Ward brought an update on grants. HEB has approved a grant for the nutrition center, Hillcrest Foundation has sent a check for the nutrition center, the Meadows Foundation is expected to award a grant February 20 toward ambulance purchase and the community development grant of \$92,000 for the swimming pool and street paving is final.

No response has been received pertaining to the radio tower lease discussed with Vernon Mears.

Judge Ward reported that officials with Middle Rio Grand Development Council had returned and discussed the 911 withdrawal with him, Sheriff Hooten and FCS Security Chief Karl Chism. A plan to make Kinney county the primary dispatcher, and Fort Clark Springs the secondary dispatcher has possibilities. By July, County telephone subscribers will have already paid the installation charges.

Commissioner McClure moved to transfer \$8,200 from the Clerk's computer line item to pay for Texas Department of Health Hearing Expense for legal and transcript fees. (The computer has already been paid). This amount will be added to \$5,000 already appropriated for

hearing expense. No retroactive bills would be considered. The motion passed with Commissioner Fuentes abstaining.

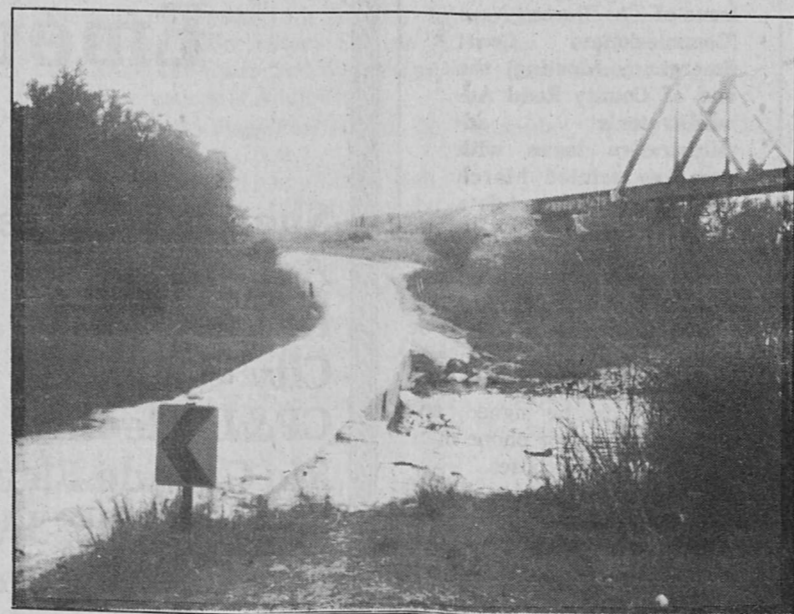
Judge Ward said after considering the cost of notifying each tax payer by mail in a survey to get opinions on buying certificates of obligation to fund legal fees to protest the Texcor proposed dump the court would probably rely on petitions to the court to guide them.

The condition of county roads and bridges were discussed. Commissioner Sheedy said heavy rain falls created situations where emergency actions had to be taken. Temporary

operators are being used to operate county equipment on week ends and in thirty days all roads should be back in good shape. The Pinto Creek Bridge remains in dangerous condition and other county bridges are needing attention.

The court went into executive session to discuss personnel and litigation.

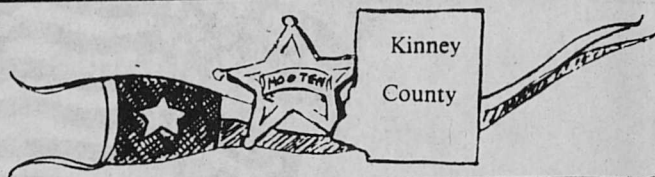
After the executive session, Judge Ward announced that the court would meet in a special session at 5:00 p.m., Thursday, February 13 for a three items agenda: 911 system, National Speleological Society, and a swimming pool bill.



Pinto Creek Bridge, a major concern of the Commissioners Court.

# Sheriff's Corner

By Sheriff Norman H. Hooten



You ever notice how election years and campaigns seem to bring out the best in some folks, and the worst in others? An election year quite often exposes the true character of some folks, and, though sad to say, that exposure is often disappointing, though enlightening, as it demonstrates just how low some people will stoop in order to try and discredit a candidate for public office.

Take for instance the character of those who gleefully use libel, slander, and character assassination against a candidate. They will use every dirty trick available in their arsenal in an attempt to discredit the target of their hate and discontent with no consideration for truth, fair play, and certainly not the rights of others.

As an example, it is no secret that for the past 16 years or more I have been the target victim of a local hate group bent on my defeat at any cost who have made up, and added to, a list of libelous slander and character assassination that they print and disperse throughout the community and county each election year in an

attempt to defeat me at the polls during the Sheriff's elections. This group of malcontents gather up at the local coffee shops and happily go about their dirty work much as sharks during a feeding frenzy. They have no regard for the truth and even less for fair play and the rights of others. It is evident to all who see and hear them that they are obsessed with the desire to inflict pain, heartache, and defeat upon their target victim. They have thus far been unable to reach these ends.

They have now added criminal trespass, vandalism, and theft of private property to their playbook of dirty tricks as they or some members of their group trespassed upon private property and removed (stole) two of my political re-election signs sometime during the hours of darkness early Sunday morning, February 9, 1992. So for those of you who may have noticed that the signs are no longer there, that is the reason. Snakes truly do crawl at night. It is not the loss of the signs that disturbs me, their value was insignificant, it is the message one receives from such actions. That

message is that these people will stoop to any level, including criminal activity, to further their self-serving goals. They blatantly ignore the constitutional rights of others in an attempt to gain support for their candidates.

Thank God these people are far in the minority of the residents and voters of Kinney County as the outcome of the past three elections have indicated in that I have won my election each time with 80% of the vote. Their actions are an embarrassment to Kinney County and should be to themselves. The only message I have for this low class group is that I will serve in my capacity as Sheriff of Kinney County to the best of my ability until the MAJORITY of the voters no longer desire my services. I will serve ALL the people of Kinney County, yes, even the hate group, with honesty, compassion, and professionalism until the time comes for me to step down. I always have, I always will.

Now that the subject is out of the way, let us go on to more important business. The Kinney County 911 system is still under consideration by the Commissioners Court and I have taken the position that if the majority of the people of Kinney County want the system and it is adopted and implemented I, as Sheriff, will accept the responsibility of responding to the calls and dispatching the required emergency units to the scene of the emergency.

We need to make a final decision on the matter by February 21, 1992 and we need to hear from the public to assist us in making that decision. The original plan called for a base equipment cost of \$11,100.00 with monthly recurring charges for equipment rental of \$342.32 taken from the .50 cents per access line (telephones) and .01 cent per each \$5.00 on interstate long distance calls. The date of implementation was to be July, 1992.

Under the revised plan with a secondary site to handle 911 calls in case the Sheriff's Office was for some reason unable to respond, the equipment costs would be \$13,087.85 with monthly recurring charges of \$355.40. The revised implementation date would be August 1992.

According to the records of the Middle Rio Grande Development Council all required equipment charges for the Kinney County 911 system will have been paid within 60 days from now from the funds generated by the .50 cents per access line. And, even if we withdraw from the plan, it would take at least 60 days for the telephone company to stop the access line charges. Therefore, the equipment would be paid for with no reimbursement to Kinney County customers, and the generated funds would be placed in an area "pool" to assist other counties with their 911 systems. We would have, in effect, paid out over \$13,000.00 for nothing.

We must now make the decision to withdraw or stay in. We can quit now, accept our losses and go on with our present method of emergency assistance. And, we must all be aware of the fact that if we go with 911 it WILL NOT be as we see on T.V., it will simply be a uniform method of making that first call for emergency assistance. Response time will not be faster in most cases simply because we do not under ordinary circumstances have EMS or firemen on duty, ready to respond immediately, on a 24 hour a day basis. Nor do we always have law enforcement patrol on duty 24 hours a day.

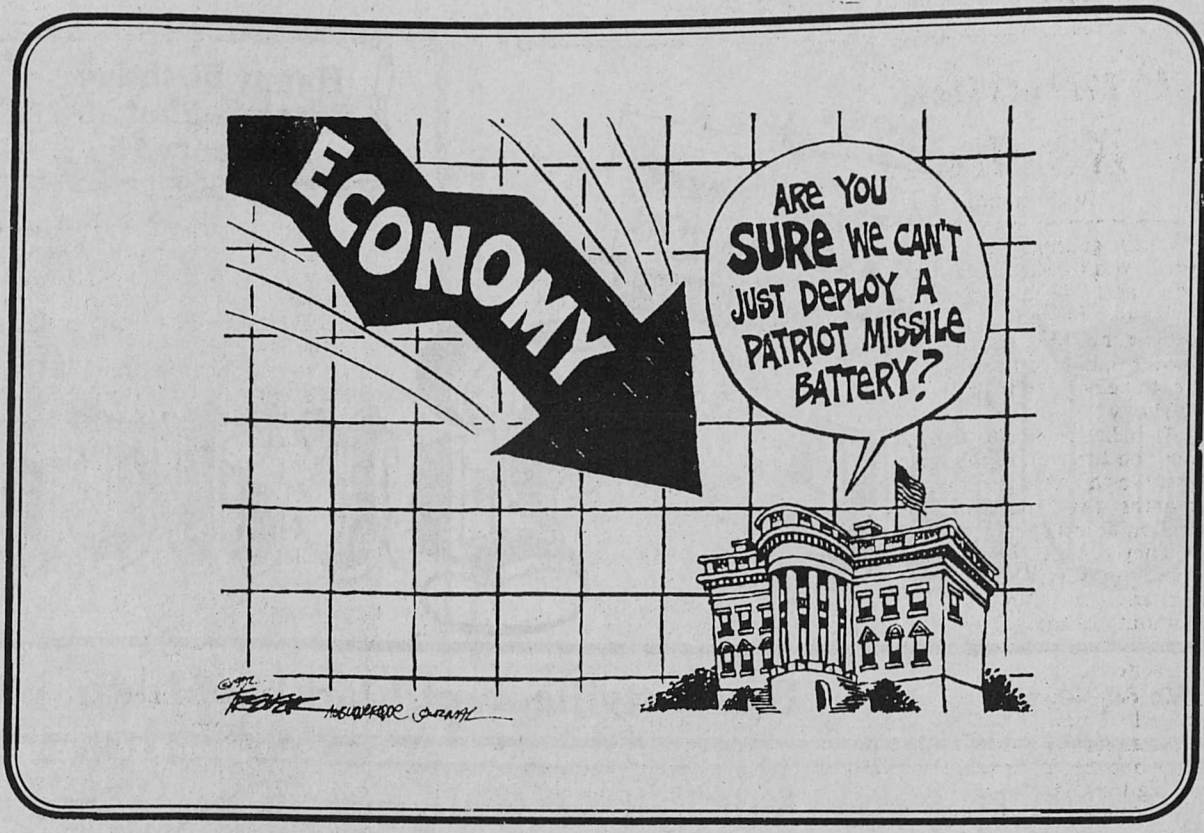
You can help us make this decision by contacting your precinct Commissioner or the County Judge and letting them know your opinion. We need to do this quickly, before February 21st. Please help us so that we can better serve you.

## OOPS!

In the February 6, 1992, issue of *The Brackett News* (Commissioners Court Emergency Meeting) the end of County Road Administrator's administrative leave with pay was printed March 30, 1992. The correct date is March 3, 1992.

## NOTICE

*The Brackett News* welcomes letters to the Editor. Letters must be typewritten, or legibly handwritten, and not exceed 500 words in length. All letters must be signed, and have either address or phone number for verification purposes. Letters must be in good taste, and are subject to editing. Letters containing libelous material will be rejected. Letters may be hand-delivered, or addressed to The Editor, *The Brackett News*, P. O. Box 1039, Brackettville, TX 78832.



## Between Us

By Joe Townsend



I'm breaking a long standing policy by responding to letters debasing me. I'm not concerned about what some people say about me personally in fact if those seeking to vilify me knew just how little they disturb me they would be upset.

There were such revealing statements in the letters by Dick Schroeder and Tootsie Herndon and her ghost writer they cry out for reaction. Some of the loud cries against Texcor come from chronic dissidents. This we understand. I have, however, been surprised by some who have jumped on the band wagon. You say "radio active" and some people think of Hiroshima and go bonkers. I understand more of the hysteria created when I read the above named letters.

Four times the words "Nuclear Waste" are used to describe the Texcor project. This is either ignorance or duplicity, perhaps both. There is no connection between "Nuclear Waste" and the Texcor site. NORM means "Naturally Occurring Radio Active Materials." This is in no way kin to Nuclear Waste. There will be no "Nuclear Waste" put in the dump at Spofford.

It is dishonest and reprehensible for anyone to fight Texcor, calling it a "Nuclear Waste" dump. Integrity would demand those making this claim to find out the difference and admit to their misrepresentation.

It is interesting to know that Tootsie has gained her vast know-

ledge by asking questions of people where dumps are located. Especially since there is no NORM waste dump at present in the U.S. Her statement "tragic results have occurred in other places where nuclear waste is deposited" is another statement devoid of fact. Tootsie, where are these places?

The diatribe about a "spill" is the fantasy of a mind run out of facts who dreams up something to complain about. The entire diatribe is a figment of imagination. The complaint about 24 hour reception is laughable, Tootsie. If this disturbs you, why did you build your house barely off the right-of-way of a highway with 24 hour traffic? How about you building your house within 200 yards of a railroad where at time upwards of 20 trains a day go roaring through sometimes above 60 mph and with upward of 100 to 150 units? What about the hundreds of cars of toxic materials in these trains that could wipe out Spofford should a "spill" occur at the right spot?

Come, come, Dick, it's not hard to find the number of people in Kinney County. By the way, where is this petition with 1500 names? Is it available to be checked out? Your denial is no way nullifies the fact that the EPA (federal) and the Health Department (state) have declared this "dump" to be harmless. In fact had they not cleared it and declared their intention to grant the permit, there would never have been public hearings.

I do not object to the cost of those who want to fight. If they want to spend their money that's their privilege. My objection comes when they can persuade politicians to stick their hand in my pocket and take my money to pay for their game. I'd like to point out Dick, that at the inception Texcor met favorable reception. The Chamber of Commerce, most business men and even J. B. Herndon were high on it until dissidents began their oppositori stirred originally by a very few who called in a professional agitator, Sister Mary.

She's the one responsible for the acronym CARE.

I do want to clear one misstatement I made. I was in error in saying the attorney Saunders was paid \$5,000. The \$5,000 from Kinney County Commissioners Court was a part payment of an open end commitment as Kinney County's part of the hearing and transcript. When the Court signed to be a party to the opposition they were committing themselves to pay for their position and transcripts. This in no way negates the fact that attorney Saunders is in violation of law in soliciting money for his employment by the city and the county. His personal calls seeking such funds is evidence of a violation of law in no way object to him seeking \$159,000-\$200,000 or half a million; I just want those who employed him to pay him.

## Letters To The Editor

*The Brackett News*  
Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to two incidents that occurred in Brackettville.

The first incident took place at a public hearing. A citizen's tires were punctured.

The second incident took place early Sunday morning (February 9) when some person(s) stole Sheriff Hooten's re-election signs.

It is a sad day for Brackettville when an individual can not attend a public hearing, or an individual can not display his/her campaign signs.

What they don't realize is they have broken the law. If caught, they will be punished.

I know most all citizens of Kinney County appreciate your hard work. We want you to know you have many friends even if you do have a few enemies. Those few don't count at all. Please, keep up the good work, Sheriff Hooten.

God bless you and your family. We hope you stay in office as long as our friend, Johnny Sheedy, did.

Mayor-Alderman J. B. Herndon  
City of Spofford

*The Brackett News*  
February 10, 1992  
Dear Editor:

BETWEEN US, if your columnist had bothered to attend the January Department of Health hearings, he would realize that much of the Texcor propaganda he parrots so eagerly has been disproved or placed in serious doubt. He certainly leaves no question unanswered as to the source of his so-called facts and information. It is the same rancid baloney Texcor has been peddling for nearly four years, and not even in a new wrapper.

BETWEEN US, the flood of derision, contempt and abuse he has directed at his neighbors and governments in an entire region since Texcor's arrival in 1988 is difficult to grasp. Even less understandable is his slavish devotion to the Texcor scheme. His self-publicized attitudes establish the facts about such matters as his community loyalty, judgment, respect for others, and basic purpose.

BETWEEN US, the burden of such evident hatred must be terribly heavy to carry. I am truly sorry.

/s/ Don Parks

## From the Editor's desk

Calf Rope! Enough! Time Out! Whatever the expression for calling it quits!

Enough has been printed about Texcor. I cannot imagine what can be left to be said...pro or con.

Valid information pertaining to public hearings, etc. will be printed if received from official sources. Paid advertising will be accepted.

I appreciate the concern of each person and respect their opinion, but it is time to shake hands, love our neighbors, and put forth every effort to create a positive future in Kinney County.

## Alternative Fuels Hotline

AUSTIN - Interested in alternative fuels and vehicle fuel conversions? A statewide toll-free hotline can put you in touch with an alternative fuels specialist in the General Land Office according to Rep. Pete P. Gallego, D-Alpine.

The hotline number is 1-800-6FUEL99, or 1-800-638-3599.

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Ambulance	563-2757
Police	563-2100
City	563-2412
CP&L Electric	(Please note change) 800-999-8050
Rio Grande Electric	563-2444
Falcon Cable TV	800-292-4502
Fire Department	563-2233
Gas (night)	563-9585

## Big Mama Sez!

Many older adults are using their life skills to help others. Can you make a contribution to a better America?

PLEASE REMEMBER that we attempt to include something for everyone within the pages of our paper. We realize that that some folks enjoy finding fault and for those readers we thoughtfully include a socially acceptable number of errors within our publication.

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Grandma's Kitchen



By Grandma

It's getting that time of year when you'd better keep an eye on your pet. We had more than our share of ticks and fleas last spring, believe me, they were falling out of the trees, and you don't have to be a pet to be bothered. They can pick on anybody.

I challenge you to come up with one good reason for fleas to exist in a just world? Did you know, in nine months, two fleas can generate 222 trillion descendants?

They can live two years. They're built to survive the most frigid winters, and they can go months without eating. They can cause anemia and transmit disease and parasites.

To defeat the "charge of the flea brigade" you have to create a flea-calculous disaster area. I heard someone say, in Texas, the fleas are so big they have dogs.

The most powerful weapon against fleas is the traditional dips. They have better penetration than sprays or powders, and they dry as a powder to keep on working.

The dips, however, I must warn you can be toxic so follow the instructions carefully and never use dog dip on cats.

Powders are helpful but are frequently misused, a sprinkle means a pinch to one person, and half the can to another. It's pretty hard to overdo sprays, they're the least toxic, therefore, no good for heavy infestations.

Now, about the flea collars, I asked my vet to be honest with me, and he said, "The only thing they're good for is the vacuum cleaner bag." They are good for killing fleas, but the ones you vacuum out of the carpet, not on your pet. They are very toxic and over a period of time your pet can come down with all kinds of problems.

If chemical warfare is not for you, there are all natural methods to control fleas. They will take some extra time and effort, but to many animal lovers like me, it's the only way to go.

First, you have to groom your pet quite often. At the first signs of a flea, bathe your pet with a natural pet shampoo that contains flea repellent, herbs, pennyroyal or eucalyptus oil.

Pennyroyal or eucalyptus oil boosts the bath water's flea-killing power. Then, there are natural powders, that contain herbs, such as rosemary, wormwood, or citronella,

and sometimes tobacco powder. Finally, add garlic and brewer's yeast to your pet's daily diet. Both ingredients are said to make a flea's taste buds curl in disgust.

There's no scientific proof, but pet owners swear by it. Now, let's all fight those little varmits and show them we can win.

Today, I want to share my recipe for Mayonnaise from Grandma's Kitchen. Be sure and use pure olive oil for a distinctive flavor, or a pure vegetable oil.

MAYONNAISE

- 2 eggs
  - 1 Tea. salt
  - 1/2 Tea. dry mustard
  - 1/4 Tea. paprika
  - 2 Tbs. white distilled vinegar
  - 2 cups olive oil
  - 2 Tbs. lemon juice
  - 1 Tb. hot water
- Place the eggs, salt, mustard, and paprika in a blender. Blend for about 30 seconds, add the vinegar and blend until smooth. While the blender is running, gradually add 1 1/2 cups of the oil in a low, steady stream. When very well blended, carefully add the remaining 1/2 cup oil and the lemon juice alternately both in a steady stream until everything is completely mixed.

Lastly, add the hot water a drop at a time, and blend for a smooth consistency. Spoon the mayonnaise into a storage container, cover and refrigerate until ready to use. Makes 2 1/2 cups.

This recipe came from a dear friend from Albany, New York. It's ideal because of the low sugar content. The dates supply the sugar, usually found in nut breads.

DATE-NUT BREAD

- 1 cup pitted dates
- 1 cup water
- 2 eggs
- 3 Tbs. margarine, softened
- 1/3 cup honey
- 1/2 Tea. vanilla
- 1 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
- 2 Tea. baking powder
- 1/2 Tea. ground cinnamon
- 1/4 Tea. salt
- 1/2 cup milk
- 3/4 cup chopped nuts

Preheat oven to 325degrees. Grease a loaf pan. Bring the water to a boil, add the dates, and boil, stirring until a thick mixture is formed. In a large bowl, cream the margarine, add the honey, and blend well. Beat in the eggs and vanilla until well mixed.

In a separate bowl, mix together the flour, baking powder, cinnamon and salt. Beginning and ending with the flour mixture, beat in 1/4 of the flour, alternately with 1/3 of the milk. Stir in the dates and nuts. Pour the mixture into the loaf pan and bake for 1 1/4 hours or until an uncolored toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool and serve.

A great thought: they say that truth and beauty are eternal. But we never listen to the quiet, knowledgeable voices of the past...can we ever distinguish between truth - and shallow illusion? If we never pause to notice such a thing as the sky reflected in a pail of water, where will we find beauty?

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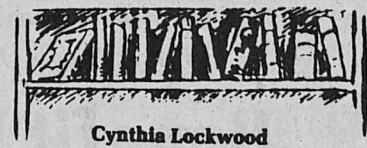
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Library Notes



Cynthia Lockwood

In honor of Valentine's Day, why don't you drop by the Library Book Sale beginning Tuesday, February 18 and buy your sweetie a book. The book sale will last two weeks, but hurry, the good ones will go first. The price range is from 10 cents to a dollar. Grab your piggy bank and we'll see you there.

There are many holidays to celebrate during the month of February, so let's celebrate them with books. The library has a wide selection of romance books in both regular and large print, paperback, and hard-bound.

Look for Danielle Steele's latest *No Greater Love*, or Alexandra Ripley's sequel to *Gone With The Wind, Scarlet*. Try *Tapestry* or *Blessings* by Belva Plain for a little romance. Judith Krantz's *Dazzle* is new and there is a waiting list for *The Duchess* by Jude Deveraux.

We have a large collection of books by Victoria Holt including *Daughter of Deceit*. For the truly romantic, we have many books by Catherine Coulter and Phyllis Whitney.

February is also Black History Month and the library has quite a few books on display about the subject. *The Negro Cowboys* by Philip Durham and Everett L. James tells about the 5,000 cowboys who joined roundups for the chance of regular wages and a new life. *The Best Short Stories By Negro Writers* edited by Langston Hughes is an anthology containing selections from 1899 to the present. The concise history of Black Americans can be found in August Meier and Elliot Rudwick's *From Plantation To The Ghetto*.

The library will be closed Monday, February 17, 1992, in observance of President's Day.

One of the library's books on the presidency is entitled *From Truman To Nixon, Dog Days At The White House: The Outrageous Memoirs Of The Presidential Kennel Keeper*. Another interesting look at the presidency can be found in *Upstairs At The White House: My Life With The First Ladies*. This one was written by J. B. West, chief usher at the White House from 1941 - 1969.

Many thanks to those who donated books and magazines this past week: Rio Grande Electric Coop, Bill Tucker, Alicia Jackson, P. M. Moore, Shirley Stevenson, and Amy Cupps.

Don't forget that as of February 1, 1992, the new library hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday's hours are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

As always, we invite you to visit the warmest, friendliest little library in Kinney County.

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Book Review

*The Last Innocent Hour*  
By Margot Abbott

While we have been inundated with novels of the Third Reich, this novel is totally different from any I have previously read. While it has its major setting, the Germany of 1933 and 34, Hitler is not even a minor character. We do get the feel of the reasons for the popularity of Hitler's philosophies. We too get a feel for the powerful psychological manipulation of the citizens of Germany. Further, we become so emotionally involved with Ms. Abbott's characters, we begin to understand and to fear. The book has mystery, intrigue, romance and tragedy. For persons who enjoy historical fiction providing emotional and cultural as well as historical research, this book has provided a high water mark. Oh! yes, there is a villain...perhaps two! And victims, well, you decide who is the victim and who is the villain.

Bridge Anyone

By NORMA GOULD



The Fort Clark Springs Duplicate Bridge Club met February 4 with eight tables playing the Mitchell Movement.

Winning first place in the North/South direction was Nita and Fred Clayton of Del Rio, with Ken and Betty TeGrottenhuis a close second.

Winning first in East/West was Helen Lynch and Flo Stafford. There was a tie for second between the pairs of Marge Batehlor - Ruth Wilks, and Norma Gould - Rozetta Pingent.

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Community Calender

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- Al-Anon: CAN HELP. Call 563-9205 for time & location of meetings.
- Altar Society: 1st Monday, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Band Booster Club: 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m., High School Band Hall.
- Bass Club: Last Thursday, 7 p.m.
- Chamber of Commerce: 1st Thursday, 7 p.m., Court House.
- City Council: 2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m., City Hall.
- Commissioners Court: 2nd Monday, 9 a.m., Court House.
- Del Rio Christian Women's Club: 1st Wednesday, 12 noon, Laughlin AFB. Reservations required.
- FCS Pot Luck Supper: 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., NCO Club. Bring covered dish, plates and utensils.
- Drivers License: 1st, 3rd & Last Thursdays, 9 a.m.-12 noon; 1 - 3 p.m., 2nd floor, Court House.
- Duplicate Bridge: Tuesday, 7 p.m., Sabre Room
- FCS Art Club: Work days Monday and Saturday 11 a.m., Meeting 1st Monday, 1 p.m., Art Studio.
- FCS Community Council: 2nd Saturday, 9 a.m., Shafter Hall.
- FCS Board of Directors: 3rd Saturday, 9 a.m., Board Room.
- FCS Historical Society: 4th Saturday, 10 a.m., Sabre Room.
- FCS Museum/Sutler's Store: Saturday & Sunday, 1 - 4 p.m.
- FCS Ladies Luncheon: 2nd Wednesday, noon, Las Moras Restaurant. Make reservations at Adult Center.
- FCS VFW & Auxiliary Post #8360: 4th Wednesday, 7 p.m., NCO Club. Pot Luck Dinner at 6 p.m.
- FCS Bingo: Friday, 8 p.m., Shafter Hall.
- FCS Las Vegas Night: 4th Saturday, 8 p.m., Las Moras Restaurant.
- FCS Old Quarry Society: 1st Monday, 7 p.m., Sabre Room.
- Friends of Library: No regular schedule. Call Library for information.
- KC Historical Preservation Society: 4th Thursday, 7 p.m., Court House.
- KC Kickers: 2nd and 4th Thursday, 7:30 p.m., NCO Club.
- Knights of Columbus: 1st Sunday, 12 noon, Parish Hall.
- Lions Club: 1st and 3rd Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Las Moras Restaurant.
- Masonic Lodge #444: 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Lodge Hall, Ann St.
- Order of Eastern Star #204: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Hall, 407 Bedell St., Del Rio.
- Shriners: 4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Las Moras Restaurant.
- Rotary Club: Every Thursday, 12 noon, Las Moras Restaurant.
- Methodist Ladies Luncheon: 3rd Wednesday, noon, Slaton Hall. Please make reservations.
- BISD School Board: 2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m., Board Room.
- Preceptor Theta Sigma Sorority: 3rd Monday, 7:00 p.m.
- NA: Thursdays, 7 p.m., St. Andrews Episcopal Church Parish Hall.

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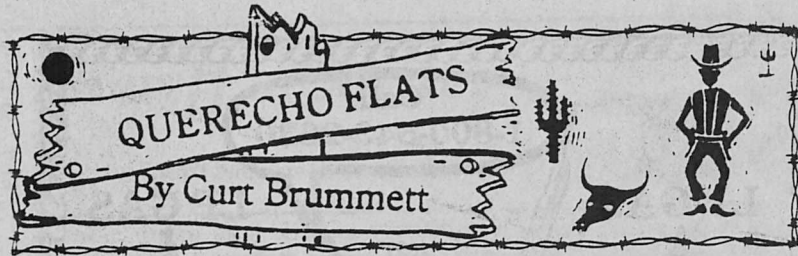
**"Fort Clark Days" Scheduled For July 4-5**

The Fort Clark Springs Community Council is planning to sponsor the return of one of the most fun-filled events the members have ever held. The dates of Fort Clark Days are July 4 and 5, 1992.

There will be a Cowboy Breakfast held in the Rendevous Park area on Sunday morning from 7:00 to 9:00. No admission will be charged. The public is invited to attend this historic happening.

For more information contact Vicki Nichols at 563-9430.

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**"Doc" Spellmon  
Featured At  
Blue Star Art Space**

Artist F. L. "Doc" Spellmon was featured in the "Texas Dialogues" show at the Blue Star Art Space.

**Grease Changing At Karl's**

In the village of Querecho Flats, the Volunteer Fire Department has a lot more value than most people realize.

Oh we have a pert-near perfect record, you see we've never saved anything except Karl's Konstant Kitchen and Kar Kare Saloon.

And there has been numerous complaints because that is the only thing we have been successful at.

The reason for all the complaints is the fact that Karl has brought to the public's attention that road kill cuisine is acceptable in the public dining community. Or at least he has been accused of advancing the art of culinary tactics for road kill.

And every time we put out a fire at Karl's the fire department catches hell for it.

No one has ever figured out how Karl and his wife Martha Lean (a complete contradiction in terms) has made it past the health inspection that is required for all eating establishments.

In short, the place is what some people may call not clean. But he has his regulars, the coffee drinkers and the gossip group. It's mostly men, except for an occasionally lost tourist. And it's a pretty cheap place to eat.

Karl was once heard to comment on the fact that his meals were put on sale regularly simply because if you can't give it away just put it on as a special and people will think they are getting a whale of a bargain.

I might add that some of the people that ate one of his specials commented on the fact that it smelled like a whale that had made the journey from the ocean to the desert in an open top horse trailer. But I won't.

Martha Lean's french fries and

other various types of deep fried delicacies seem to take on a different texture as the months roll on and the seasons change.

Karl, being the conservative type he is, thinks that changing the grease in the deep fat fryer is a waste of money. He has also used the argument that it adds flavor as time rolls on. It doesn't seem to make any difference that he fries taters (his own description) onion rings, oysters both sea and mountain, or even a steak should someone come in and be in some what of a hurry.

So the situation is this, every 90 to 100 days, the members of the Querecho Flats Volunteer Fire Department start staying a little closer to town. They do this in anticipation of the tri-annual grease changing at Karl's Kitchen.

I don't know how or why the grease in the deep fat fryer catches on fire at such regular intervals, and neither does the state Fire Marshall, 2 arson specialists and at least 4 different boy scouts.

All we know for a fact is that 3-month old grease and an assortment of crispies is really flammable.

The situation is starting to get dangerous. One of the firemen noticed at the next to the last grease changing, that Karl and Martha Lean seem to be changing the grease in the deep fat fryer more often than they change the grease on themselves.

But not to worry, I noticed at the last fire department meeting that someone had dumped at least 4 bottles of industrial strength oven cleaner in the 4 water barrels that we carry in our fire truck.

Who knows, maybe the next fire (grease changing) we go to, we will be able to splash Karl and Martha Lean and get 2 grease changes for the price of one.

One of the grand old(er) men of the San Antonio art scene, Spellmon is a prolific painter with a folk-art style that is immediately recognizable. He deals with racism, African roots and Black pride. Mostly, though, Spellmon's art is a lot of fun.

Spellmon is one of 10 artists in "Texas Dialogues III," the third artistic exchange between San Antonio and another Texas city.

Six Austin artists and three San Antonio artists in addition to Spellmon were featured at the Blue Star Exhibit.

Spellmon is fondly known as "Doc" around Kinney County as he is a frequent visitor. His African-American Exhibits includes U. S., African, Haitian, and Folk art. He also advertises as the "Home of the Black Seminole Indian Scout Art Collection" which contains thirty-six pieces.

**Letters To K. C. Commissioners**

**911 FOR HIGHLY POPULATED AREAS**

Dear Sirs,  
911 For highly populated areas seems to be a valuable emergency service and the dramatizations on television support this theory.

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Sincerely,

/s/ Jewel F. Robinson

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As the highest taxpayer in Kinney County, I am compelled to voice my opposition to using taxpayers money for expenses to fight Texcor. This does not include the amount required to have party status in the hearing which has already been approved. I do not want Texcor to do business in Kinney County, but feel this is not the right and just way to fight them.

Our county needs funds for road and bridge improvements, equipment replacement and/or updating, cost of living wage increases, historical preservation, service for senior citizens and many unforeseen matters in the future. You must use prudence when spending taxpayers' funds, especially if you are not going to even ask their opinion.

It is my request this letter be placed on the agenda to be read and recorded as part of the minutes during the next discussion in Commissioners Court regarding expenditure of funds for the Texcor issue.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jewel F. Robinson

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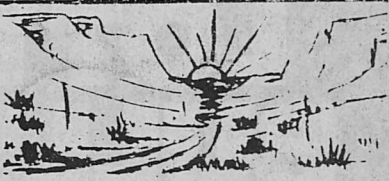


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**Beyond The  
Horizon**

By Dorothy Payne



One of the most unusual comen was a Pawnee Indian traveling with the Pawnee Bill and Buffalo Bill Wild West Show in the early 1900s.

This combination of shows toured big cities. There were cowboys, Indians, cowgirls, vaqueros, covered wagons, and stage coaches. They held shows from New York to Denver, and stops along the way.

While the show was playing in Madison Square Garden, between acts, some city slickers decided to have a little sport with one of the Indians. They happened to pick on a Pawnee wearing eagle feathers, paint, beaded leggings, breechclout, dance bells and a brightly colored shirt.

The bartender at the Garden Bar plied him with free drinks. Pawnee Bill had asked his Indians not to speak English in order to seem more fierce. So the Indians used sign language and grunted a lot. He wasn't born yesterday and had graduated from Carlisle Institute. He just glared at his tormentors which made them heckle him all the more.

When the party began to glow, the Indian asked for a saucer of water and the bartender obliged. From his beaded medicine bag the chief took some horse hairs and dropped one into the saucer of water and folded his arms like he had seen the Indians do in the movies. He spoke in broken English and told his audience he was a medicine man with heap big magic and said, "Hair come alive." Before their very eyes the hair began to move and appeared to swim. He put some more horse hairs in the water and they swam, too. By now, he had the audience watching his every move.

He took cockleburrs from his bag that had been painted white. He gave an elaborate speech about them and said they were porcupine eggs and sold them to the people for a dollar each. He sold them handfuls of sumac for two dollars, saying it was Indian Health Tobacco.

He wrapped some horse hairs in a cigarette paper and said they were do-it-yourself snake kits, and they sold like hot cakes. He took an eagle feather from his head dress and borrowed a pocket knife and where ever he moved the knife the feather followed.

He stuffed his money in his bag and ran for the depot but he missed the show train that was on the way to the next stop in Pittsburg. He looked up some Carlisle school buddies in Brooklyn who put him on a fast train to Pittsburg and he made it just in time for the next show.

Back home in Pawnee, Oklahoma, the story was laughed at for years. As everyone knows a horse hair soaked in water will twitch when its segments form air pockets, and everyone knows a feather can be blown which ever way you want it to go.

I wonder if any of the porcupine eggs ever hatched for the suckers who bought them?

**Reasons for turning  
down job applicants**

Major reasons manufacturing companies gave for rejecting entry-level applicants for non-exempt jobs, in percent of rejections\*

- Poor adaptation 63%
- Poor reading/writing skills 37%
- Inadequate work experience 30%
- Poor calculation skills 28%
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SOURCE: Chicago Tribune, National Association of Manufacturers, Towers Perrin survey of 400 companies

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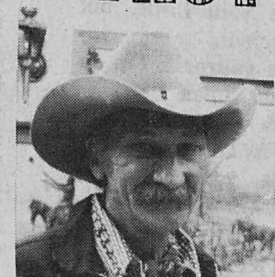


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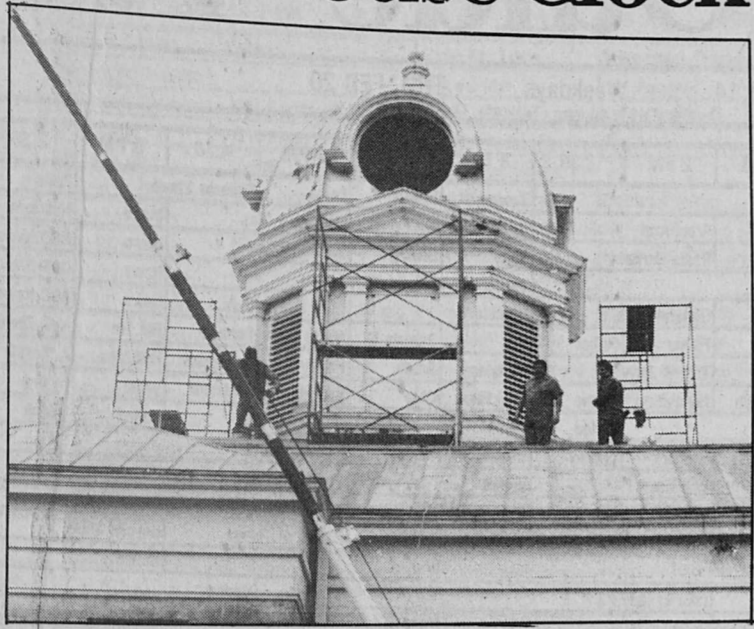
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Workmen clean the dome for the clock.  
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# Eastern Star School

Del Rio Chapter #204 was host to the District 5, Section 4, Eastern Star School at Val Verde Masonic Lodge in Del Rio Thursday, February 6, 1992. Worthy Grand Matron Jane Gregory (Houston) made her fraternal visit on Thursday night.

Other dignitaries in attendance were Worthy Grand Patron Glenn Whitaker (Fort Worth), Grand Examiner Nannette Nelson (San Antonio), District Deputy Grand Matron Shirley Jones (Austin), Deputy Grand Matron Beverly Agee (Del Rio) and Grand Conductress Marcella Curry (Corpus Christi). Lou Lane, Del Rio, was co-chairman of the school with Mrs. Agee. Cubie Kurtz, Fort Clark Springs, is worthy matron of Del Rio Chapter.

Special meal functions included a

covered dish dinner on Wednesday night, morning registration refreshments, a courtesy sandwich lunch, and a formal banquet on Thursday evening.

One hundred fifteen members registered and forty-four earned certificates of proficiency.

OES chapters in District 5, Section 4 are Leakey #18, Del Rio #204, Uvalde #279, Sarah #353 (Carrizo Springs), Hondo #04, Sabinal #407, and Utopia #468.

Fort Clark/Brackettville members serving as officers of the school and/or fraternal visit were Cubie Kurtz - Worthy Matron, Jean Faulkenberry - Associate Matron, Tom Faulkenberry - Associate Patron, and Bobby Schafer - Adah. Dorothy Haga was banquet chairman.

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# Salute To Veterans Hospital

Donald O'Connor, star of Broadway, film and television for more than 65 years, will serve as national chairman of the 1992 annual Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans.

Held during the week of Valentine's Day, the Salute encourages the public to visit hospitalized veterans, remember their sacrifices and honor their service and join VA's 88,000 volunteers, dignitaries, students and citizens at 172 VA hospitals across the country.

O'Connor's began his career at the age of three days old when his circus vaudeville trouper parents

began to carry him on stage for bows to augment applause. He made his motion picture debut in 1938 in the role of Bing Crosby's kid brother in "Sing You Sinners." He has appeared in more than 50 films since then.

In television, O'Connor starred in the Colgate Comedy Hour series for which he won an Emmy in 1953. He recently performed nightclub acts with such names as Debbie Reynolds and Mickey Rooney.

O'Connor served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He will be the national spokesman for VA Voluntary Service and other veterans' programs throughout 1992.

# President Bush Recognizes Hospitalized Veterans

Dear Veteran:

I know that I speak for all Americans and for millions of people around the globe when I salute you for your courageous service to our country. As we reflect on this eventful and often turbulent century, we cannot fail to note the vital role that our Armed Forces have played in preserving freedom. From Argonne to Normandy, from Seoul to Saigon, and in places as far flung as Grenada, Panama, and the Persian Gulf, American service men and women have bravely faced the fire of combat to defend the lives and the liberty of their fellowman. In so doing, they have earned our lasting respect and gratitude.

Today, we know that your sacrifices and those of your fallen comrades were not made in vain. Communist and other totalitarian regimes around the world have crumbled, and more and more

peoples, dedicated to the ideals of freedom and of democratic government, have begun to build new lives for themselves and for their children. What greater monument to you could ever be erected?

The weeklong National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans is designed to underscore our respect, our appreciation, and our concern for you and for your fellow veterans - selfless patriots who entered into harm's way for our sake and for the sake of freedom everywhere. On behalf of all Americans, I once again salute and thank you.

Barbara joins me in sending best wishes to you and to the staff and volunteers at every VA medical center across America as you celebrate this special week of remembrance. God bless you.

Sincerely,  
/s/George Bush



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# Preceptor Theta Sigma Chapter

Preceptor Theta Sigma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi in Brackettville conducted a Laureate Ritual Degree on Sunday at 2:00 P.M. in the home of Marge Geeze. Her home was delightfully decorated with a collection of dolls she has obtained from all over the world. In the entry was a beautiful hand-made wooden table recently completed by her husband, Walt.

Officers for the degree were Jean Somers and Betty Schlatterer, both recent transfer members into the local chapter. Jean had obtained her Laureate degree in Alaska while Betty had taken hers in New Mexico. Marge Geeze, also a laureate, had received her degree earlier in Brackettville.

During the very impressive ceremony recipients Mildred Borden, Naiki Breen, Orlean Riley and Oleta Townsend were each presented a laurel wreath and a yellow rose, the sorority flower. A ceremonial cloth covered the table and a centerpiece of large yellow roses in a brass vase was used.

Following the ritual other members came by to share in the social hour. The serving table was laid with a white lace cloth and the centerpiece was a charming Valentine balloon bouquet. Members were served a variety of delicious "goodies" including trifle, warm cherry pie, heart shaped cookies, mints and nuts with coffee, tea and soft drinks.

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# Celebrate Anniversary



Harold and Ruby Miller

Harold and Ruby Hardt Miller met on January 16, 1949, in a Nazarene Church in San Antonio, Texas. Thirty-one days later, on February 8, 1949, they united as one in this same church.

Harold was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and graduated from Central High School in Tulsa in 1942. He also served in the Air Force during World War II.

Ruby was born in Hondo, Texas. At age 5, her family moved to Bandera where she graduated from high school in 1941.

When they married, they set a goal

to retire at age 56 which they achieved.

They have one daughter, adopted at 10 days old, and one handsome grandson who was 19 this January.

The Millers have renewed their marriage vows several times over the past 43 years and feel that their love grows stronger with each passing year.

They are active in their church, Masonry, Eastern Star, Lions Club, and the Amistad Good Sam Club.

They will celebrate their 43rd anniversary with a motorhome trip to Ozona with their Good Sam Friends.

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SUNDAY Wee Hours FEBRUARY 16

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MONDAY Prime Time FEBRUARY 17

Grid of TV programs for Monday Prime Time, including channels like KLRN, UNI, KMOL, KENS, and various shows such as 'Sandiego? Bus.', 'MacNeil/Lehrer', and 'Travels'.

MONDAY Wee Hours FEBRUARY 17

Grid of TV programs for Monday Wee Hours, including channels like KLRN, UNI, KMOL, KENS, and various shows such as 'Off Air', 'La Movida', and 'World Prog.'.

TUESDAY Prime Time FEBRUARY 18

Grid of TV programs for Tuesday Prime Time, including channels like KLRN, UNI, KMOL, KENS, and various shows such as 'Sandiego? Bus.', 'MacNeil/Lehrer', and 'Nova'.

TUESDAY Wee Hours FEBRUARY 18

Grid of TV programs for Tuesday Wee Hours, including channels like KLRN, UNI, KMOL, KENS, and various shows such as 'Off Air', 'La Movida', and 'World Prog.'.

WEDNESDAY Prime Time FEBRUARY 19

Grid of TV programs for Wednesday Prime Time, including channels like KLRN, UNI, KMOL, KENS, and various shows such as 'Sandiego? Bus.', 'MacNeil/Lehrer', and 'Mark'.

WEDNESDAY Wee Hours FEBRUARY 19

Grid of TV programs for Wednesday Wee Hours, including channels like KLRN, UNI, KMOL, KENS, and various shows such as 'Off Air', 'La Movida', and 'World Prog.'.

THURSDAY Prime Time FEBRUARY 20

Grid of TV programs for Thursday Prime Time, including channels like KLRN, UNI, KMOL, KENS, and various shows such as 'Sandiego? Bus.', 'MacNeil/Lehrer', and 'Astronomers'.

THURSDAY Wee Hours FEBRUARY 20

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Nutrition Center Menu THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20 Closed TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 Glazed Ham Buttered Yams Peas/Carrots Chocolate Pudding Biscuits WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19 Polish Sausage Steamed Cabbage Pinto Beans Tapioca Pudding Hot Rolls

SCHOOL KIDS ARE EVERYWHERE SO DRIVE WITH CARE! Schools back in session, so watch for children and be extra careful driving - especially during the time before and after classes.

# Tiger Tracks

## Catching Up On Basketball

### TIGERETTES WIN DISTRICT

Our very own Brackett Tigerettes are the 1992 District 29AA Champions.

Even with one game remaining they are now three games ahead of LaPryor which gives them the cushion they need to wrap up district.

The Tigerettes destroyed Asherton 95 - 21 last Friday night. Brackett jumped out to a 25 - 3 lead at the end of the first period and it was just a matter of running out the clock from there.

"I'm proud of the girls (Tigerettes). They've worked hard and have improved tremendously through out the season," Coach Greg Nowlin states.

It appears that Brackett will face Poth in Bi-district play. Nowlin also said that the Tigerettes will match up against Poth. "It's been a while since Brackett has matched up evenly in the playoffs. We are going to compete," he concluded.

A school record was broken in Asherton for the most points scored in a game. The Tigerettes 95 slipped past their 94 against Agape Christian last year at the Tiger Tournament. Congratulations, Tigerettes!

Now, the Tigerettes will see if they can hold on to an undefeated district record Friday, February 14, in Dilley.

Some say it is a meaningless game but it's very important to the Tigerettes that they end the season in grand fashion...and, no game is unimportant!

### Tigerette Stats Asherton Game

- Theresa Terrazas:** 13 points, 3 rebounds, 6 assists.
- Nina Gonzales:** 11 points, 7 rebounds, 6 assists.
- Jenifer Shahan:** 2 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists.
- Michelle Brandt:** 4 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists.
- Dee Ann Frerich:** 16 points, 10 rebounds, 2 blocked shots, 5 assists.
- Tanya Frerich:** 8 points, 2 rebounds, 5 assists.
- Myrna Gonzalez:** 4 shots, 6 rebounds, 4 assists.
- Wendy McDaniel:** 27 points, 18 rebounds, 4 blocked shots, 4 assists.
- Kin Ahrens:** 2 points, 7 rebounds, 2 blocked shots, 2 assists.
- Amanda Davis:** 8 points, 8 rebounds, 4 blocked shots, 2 assists.

By LYNN FLOYD  
Brackett School Reporter

### DISTRICT STANDINGS

#### GIRLS

Brackett.....	9-0
LaPryor.....	5-3
Dilley.....	4-3
Lytle.....	5-4
Natalia.....	1-6
Asherton.....	0-8

#### Tigerettes Clinch District

#### BOYS

Lackland.....	9-0
Brackett.....	7-1
Dilley.....	5-3
Lytle.....	5-4
Asherton.....	2-6
LaPryor.....	2-6
Natalia.....	0-8

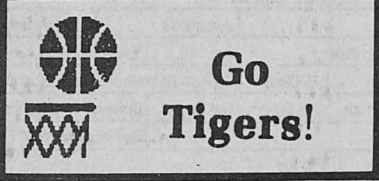
### JV Edged Out By Asherton

The JV Tigers came up short against Asherton last Friday night - 41 - 18.

David Dorrrough led the squad with 13 points. Wil Shahan scored 8, Pat Melencon and Mathew Rocha 6, Mike Munoz 4, and Jesse Terrazas and Chris Hale scored 2 each.

Dorrrough, Rocha and Terrazas were moved down from varsity for this game to get some quality playing time.

The JV Tigers record now drops to 1 - 14 as the season is just about to wind down.



### Tigers Maul Trojans

Coach Carl Glass' Tigers are one step closer to the playoffs after lashing Asherton 67 - 39.

The Tigers got off to a rocky start in the opening quarter but then played their usual fast paced game gaining another district victory.

The Tigers also got indirect help from Dilley as Dilley beat Lytle thus giving Brackett a two-game lead for second place and leaving them only one game behind Lackland. Two more victories will insure a play off berth.

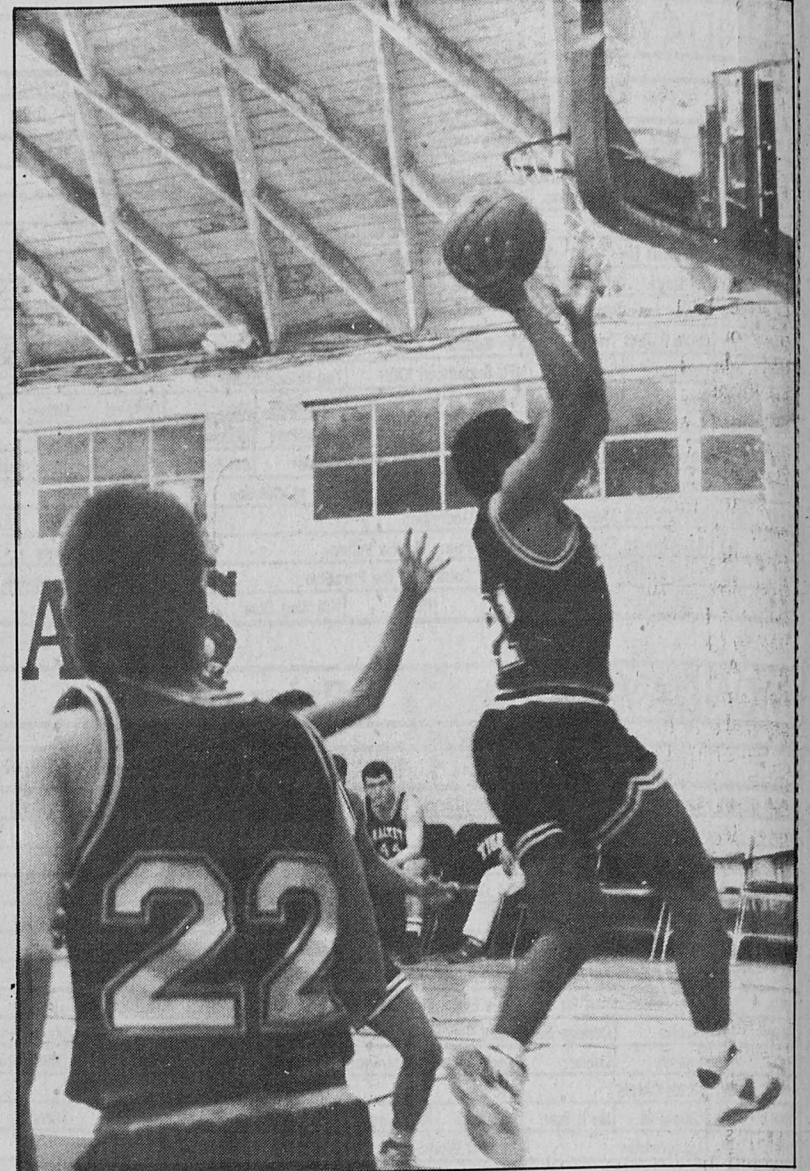


The famous Sims block

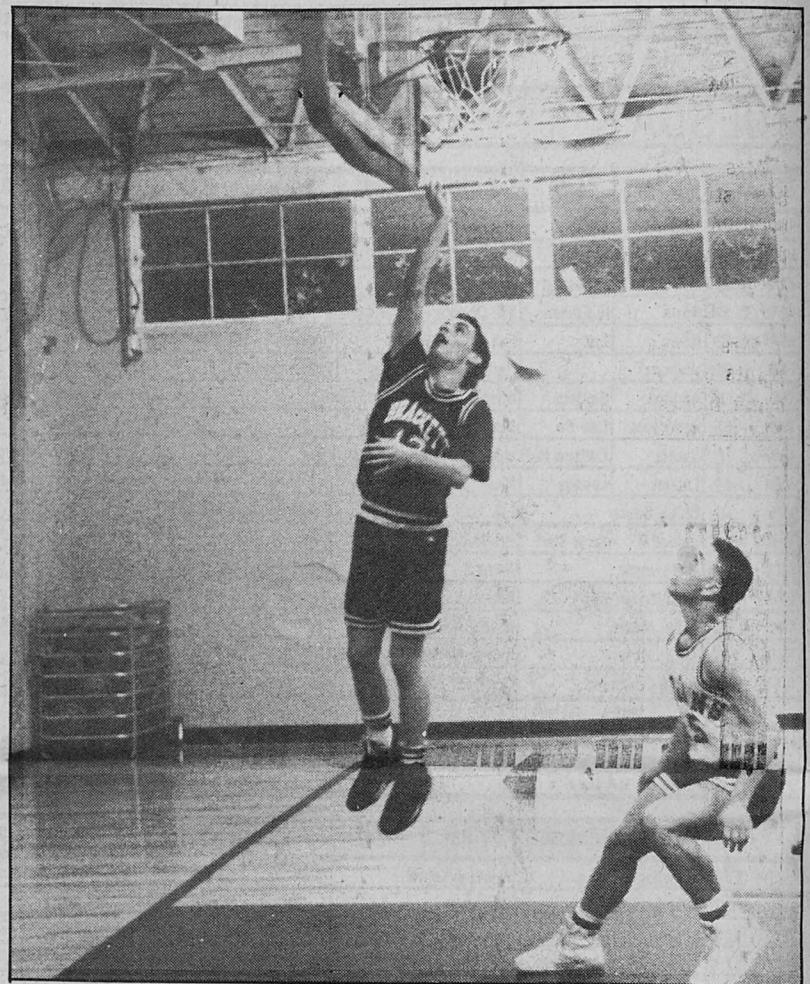
### Tiger Stats

#### Asherton Game

- David Dorrrough:** 2 points, 4 rebounds.
- Lynn Floyd:** 7 points, 6 rebounds, 5 assists.
- Lealy Floyd:** 9 points, 1 rebound, 3 assists.
- John Hernandez:** 10 points, 12 rebounds, 1 assist.
- Tevin Senne:** 7 points, 13 rebounds, 7 assists.
- Jesse Terrazas:** 4 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist.
- W. T. Hunt:** 20 points, 20 rebounds, 1 blocked shot, 3 assists.
- Scott Sims:** 8 points, 9 rebounds.
- Mat Rocha:** 3 rebounds, 1 assist.



John Hernandez goes in for shot.



Lealy Floyd's jump shot



JV "played hard" the whole game.



McDaniel Controls Tipoff

### Congratulations

#### Tigerettes

#### District

#### Champs

1992



"Tigerette Form"

## Menu Breakfast

- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17**  
Choice of Cold Cereal  
Graham Crackers  
Fruit - Milk
  - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**  
Bean Burrito  
Fruit - Milk
  - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19**  
Scrambled Eggs  
Biscuit  
Juice - Milk
  - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20**  
Fruit Muffins  
Jelly - Fruit  
Milk
  - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21**  
Sweet Rolls  
Juice - Milk
- Salad Bar**  
"B" Line  
Soup  
EVERY DAY
- Lunch**
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17**  
Chili Dogs-French Fries  
Vegetable Salad  
Pineapple Chunks  
Milk
  - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**  
Salisbury Steak  
Whipped Potatoes  
Choice of Vegetable  
Roll - Milk
  - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19**  
Hamburger - Burger Salad  
French Fries  
Fruited Jello - Milk
  - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20**  
Tacos - Taco Salad  
Pinto Beans - Spanish Rice  
Corn Bread - Milk
  - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21**  
Lasagna - Green Beans  
Peach Cobbler  
Roll - Milk

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Sat.: 2-4-6-8-10-12  
Sun.: 2-4-6-8-10

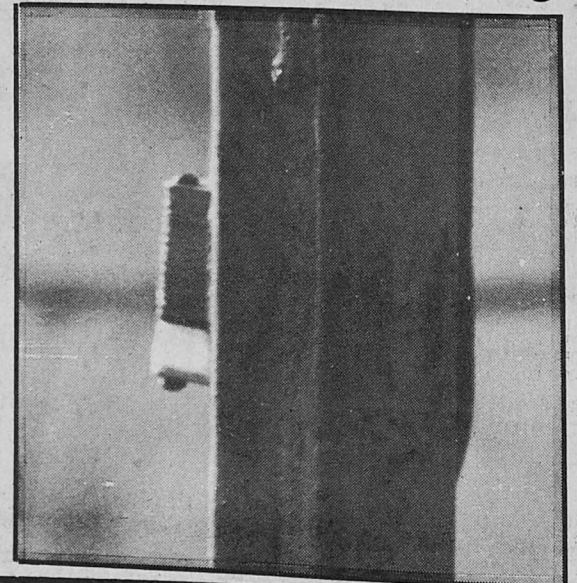
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The first person to come by *The Brackett News* and correctly identify this picture will be given a Brackett News Cap.

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## School District Calls Election For May 2, 1992

Brackett Independent School District will hold elections for the position of school trustee on Saturday, May 2, 1992. There are three positions open on the board. The incumbents whose terms are expiring are Jewel Robinson, Zack Davis, and Beth Ann Smith.

Board members run "at large" with the top three candidates receiving the open positions. The first day to file for a place on the ballot is February 17, 1992. The last day to file is March 18, 1992 at 5:00 p.m. Applications for a place on the ballot may be obtained at the district central office.

To hold the office of trustee one must: 1) Take the oath of office, 2) be a resident of the district, 3) be a qualified (registered) voter, and 4) serve without compensation.

### SCHOOL ELECTION OFFICIALS APPOINTED

The Brackett Independent School District Board of Trustees appointed election officials for the May 2, 1992 election. They are as follows:  
School Election Official - Dottie Crownover

Absentee Clerk and Assistants - Emma B. Swaim, Clerk - Candy Hobbs, Asst. - Ann Rose, Asst. - Cindy Brandt, Asst.

Election Judge - Jack Huey  
The election judge will appoint four clerks to help him with the election.

## District Applies For Grants

Brackett Independent School District has applied for two grants to aid school improvement. One of the

grants to the Moody Foundation would fund an upgrade of athletic and extracurricular facilities. This grant would allow the District to im-

prove extra-curricular facilities without expending education dollars.

The second grant proposal was to the Middle Rio Grande Development Council for \$50,000 to purchase a computer lab for secondary, adult literacy, and GED classes.

## Science Class Has Visitor

Mrs. Meek's Science Class has been studying plants and a special addition to their studies was a presentation made by Mrs. Melanie Jones on January 16, 1992.

Mrs. Jones displayed a variety of plants and discussed the ability of some plants to root in water. She

explained what cuttings were and exhibited specific varieties that can be used such as Begonias, English Ivy, and Purple Jew.

She demonstrated types of plants that are good choices for a dish garden and explained why. She also briefly mentioned some plants which are poisonous and some which have medicinal uses.

# National Homemakers Week

"Toward New Horizons"

The Brackett FHA Chapter was first chartered in 1948. As of this date our FHA Chapter has been a member of the state and national FHA organization for 43 years.

The objectives of the Future Homemakers are to help individuals improve personal, family, and community living. Members learn cooperation, responsibility, develop leadership and give service.

FHA colors are red and white, the red rose is the flower. The creed is apropos of the FHA organization and is indicative of what the organization stands for and what each member should strive to be both now and in the future.

Service projects FHA members have participated in this year are:

Served breakfast to the FFA and 4-H members participating in the Kinney County Livestock Show;

Donated food for two food baskets (through the Student Council) at Christmas;

Several FHA members spent time helping Elementary Teachers as a part of Parenting and Child Development class;

Baked cakes at Thanksgiving and Christmas as a service and money making project;

At the request of Jones Elementary teachers, members prepared a dinner for a former faculty member's family - both as a service to the Jones Elementary Faculty and as a tribute to Mrs. Kral and her family.

Members are as "busy as bees." They take part in sports, UIL activities, work and maintain passing grades in order to participate in extra-curricular activities.

They live up to their motto "Toward New Horizons." Each activity in which they participate shows pride in their home, school, church, community, state, and nation plus they are learning to be our leaders of tomorrow.



FHA OFFICERS—Matthew Rocha-Song Leader, Mary Lee Haby-Sponsor, Angel Jaso-Parliamentarian. Front Row: Raquel Franklin-Secretary/Treasurer, Amanda Davis-Vice President, Dedra Hale-Vice President, Sandra Solis-President, Julie Lopez-Historian.

## Church Directory



**St. Andrews Episcopal Church:** Henderson & Fort, Sunday Church Service 10:30 A.M. Vicar: Rev. Bill Koons, 512-563-2071.

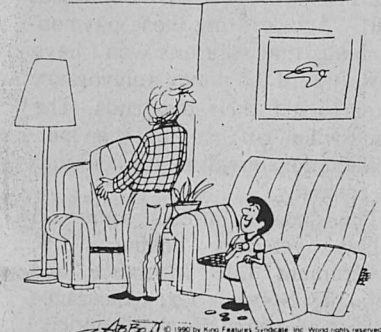
**Frontier Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church):** Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 A.M., Sunday Evening Service 6:00 P.M. Joe Townsend, Pastor, 512-563-2158.

**First Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church):** 307 N. Ann Street. Sunday School 9:45 A.M., Sunday Worship Services 11:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. Wednesday Worship 7:00 P.M. Gil Ash, Interim Pastor.

**Church of Christ:** Sunday School 9:30 A.M., Worship Service 10:30 A.M., Bible Study, Sunday 6:30 P.M., and Wednesday 7:00 P.M.

**St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church:** Masses Mon. & Fri. 7:00 A.M. Wed. & Sat. 6:30 P.M., Sunday (Spanish) 8:00 A.M. regular 10:30 A.M. Confessions Wed. & Sat. 6:00 P.M. Religion Classes Wed. 6:00 P.M. Sun. 9:00 A.M. Prayer Meeting (Spanish) Wed. 7:00 P.M. Father David G. Zumaya, Pastor.

**First United Methodist Church:** "Celebrate and Witness" Morning Fellowship 9:30 A.M. Church School Classes 9:45 A.M. Service of Worship 11:00 A.M. Choir Rehearsal Wed. 5:00 P.M. Gordon Miller Pastor.



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County Agent News

by Allan L. McWilliams



UNLAWFUL METHODS PRACTICED BY SOME DEBT COLLECTORS

Some consumers who are over their heads in debt may be getting unfair treatment from collection agency representatives. Some debt collectors are violating the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act by using improper methods to collect debts. This act protects consumers from debt collectors who engage in abusive, deceptive or unfair practices.

Interest rates are dropping for home mortgages, but interest charged on credit card debt is still high at 18 to 20 percent. If you owe a lot of money and suddenly lose your job, you could have trouble paying your debts.

Although the act protects consumers, it only applies to third-party debt collectors. Those who make it their business by collecting debts owed to a creditor must abide by this law. Creditors who collect their own debts are not covered by the act. The law offers these protections:

- \*Collectors must fully inform you of the debt they want you to pay. After contacting you once, the debt collector must send a written notice within five days informing you of the amount of the debtor, the name of the creditor and your right to dispute the debt and an explanation of what will happen if you do.

- \*Collectors must cease communication with you if you do not owe the debt. The debt collector must suspend contact with you if you inform the collector by letter within 30 days that you do not owe the money. The debt collector must give you written evidence of the debt before attempting to collect it again.

- \*Debt collectors must respect your privacy. Collectors trying to find a debtor cannot tell others that you owe money, use a post card or indicate on an envelope that they are debt collectors, or in most cases, contact another person more than once to learn of your location.

- \*A debt collector cannot contact you at unusual times of the day, make continuous or anonymous phone calls to harass you, contact you at work if the employer forbids communication during working hours, use profanity or other abusive language or threaten to use violence or other criminal means to harm you, your reputation or property.

- \*A debt collector cannot impersonate a police officer or government official, misrepresent the legal status of a debt, threaten imprisonment or other action which legally the debt collector or creditor could not take, or make other false and misleading statements.

If a debt collector violates the law, you can notify the Federal Trade Commission, which uses complaints to decide which companies to investigate. If it (the complaint) is an FTC violation. The FTC will write a letter on behalf of the consumer and ask that company try to work out something with that person. The FTC investigates and works up cases on companies that show a pattern of violations and numerous complaints.

To obtain more information about your rights under the act, contact the Federal Trade Commission, Public Reference Section, Washington D.C. 20580 or send complaints in writing to the FTC regional office, 100 N. Central Expressway, Suite 500, Dallas, TX 75201.

Reenactment Set At Fort McKavett

MENARD—Visitors to Fort McKavett State Historical Park can step back in time Feb. 15-16. The '1880 Saddletramps' will portray and interpret the life of Texas Rangers and pioneer women and children during a two-day reenactment at the park.

There also will be a medicine show and a non-alcoholic period saloon.

The program will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Feb. 15 and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Feb. 16. The show will go on regardless of weather—there are plenty of buildings with fireplaces and porches to keep spectators warm and dry.

Park fees are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children 6 to 12. Admission to the program is free. A small store operates near the park but visitors should plan to bring picnics, drinks

and ground cover. Fort McKavett was established in 1852 as a link in the western line of defensive military posts to discourage Indian raids and protect the Upper El Paso Road, a main route to the California gold fields. When the fort was officially abandoned in June 1883, civilians moved in, setting up housekeeping in all the abandoned buildings.

Through continued use and upkeep, the hilltop fort survived virtually intact for a hundred years. Today there are 14 restored buildings, including the hospital, school, post headquarters, barracks, bakery and officers' quarters.

Fort McKavett is in Menard County, 23 miles west of Menard on FM 864 and 40 miles northwest of Junction off FM 1674.

Department Of Veterans Affairs

Washington -- The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has announced that, for the first time since 1977, the payment of 1992 dividends to veterans' life insurance policyholders will be accelerated.

In announcing the decision, VA Secretary Edward J. Derwinski said, "Accelerating these payments means that veterans won't have to wait until the policy anniversary dates to get their dividends. The result will mean that more than half-a-billion dollars will be injected into the economy."

The decision affects some 1.6 million veterans holding U.S. Government Life Insurance and National Service Life Insurance policies who have the "cash option" and receive an annual dividend check. Policyholders with anniversary dates (the date the policy was issued) in the months of February through December can expect to receive their dividend payment in early February rather than on their policy anniversary date. Approximately \$560,000,000 will be distributed.

Veterans who have questions about their policy may call the VA Insurance toll-free number: 1-800-669-8477.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has activated a toll-free service for individuals with hearing or speech impairment by use of a telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD). The number is 800-829-4833 (800-VA9-4TDD). Personnel assigned to the TDD unit in Chicago will communicate with the impaired individual and take all action necessary to meet the caller's needs.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is announcing the availability of scholarships to nursing, nurse anesthesia, and occupational or physical therapy students for the 1992-93 school year.

Two scholarships—the Health Professional Scholarship program and the Reserve Member Stipend Program—provide financial support to associate degree nursing students in their last year of study, and third- and fourth-year students in baccalaureate or entry-level masters' degree programs in nursing, occupational therapy and physical therapy. In the Reserve Member Stipend Program, reservists must be members of the Selected Ready Reserves and Eligible for the Montgomery Reserve GI Bill.

VA Health Professional Scholarships recipients receive tuition, educational expenses and a monthly stipend of \$621. Reserve Stipend recipients receive \$400 monthly while enrolled in full-time course work. In exchange, participants in both programs agree to serve as full-time registered nurse, or occupational or physical therapist in a VA medical center for a period of one year for each year of support. The maximum length of an award is two years.

Request for applications may be made to the Health Professionals Educational Assistance Programs (143B), 810 Vermont Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20420, or by calling (202) 535-7528. Applications must be postmarked no later than May 26, 1992.



Justin Coates

Tops In Fort Worth

Justin Coates of Brackettville 4-H Club placed 1st in his Medium Wool Lamb class at the 96th annual Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show in Fort Worth. He was among over 6,000 Texas youngsters exhibiting their agricultural educational projects at this year's Stock Show. Junior premiums totaled almost \$60,000.

Texas Parks And Wildlife

LAW ENFORCEMENT DIRECTOR RETIRES

AUSTIN—The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will lose a long time law enforcement officer with the announcement that Chester Burdett will retire March 31 after almost 35 years of service.

Burdett, law enforcement division director, will leave March 3, but will be on annual leave and officially retire March 31. He has no definite plans for the future.

"I'm not sure what I'll do. I haven't been unemployed since I was 16," he said. "I'll kick back for awhile. Jan (his wife) and I have plans to do some things that we haven't been able to do. Hunting and fishing are in those plans."

Burdett, 59, joined the agency as a game warden in November 1957 and was stationed in Pleasanton in Atascosa County. In January 1962 he became the district law enforcement supervisor in Corpus Christi. He moved to San Antonio in the same position in November 1972 and was promoted to regional director in September 1974. Burdett was acting law enforcement director from November 1978 to April 1979 when he was named to the position officially. He has held that position since.

RETIRED GAME WARDENS FORM NEW RESERVE FORCE

AUSTIN—Through a special new state law, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is launching a unique and innovative program to draw on the talents of retired game wardens.

Law enforcement division officials say the Special Game Warden Commission Program will provide a pool of experienced officers that could quickly be called into temporary services as needed by the executive director. For example, participants could be called in to

help with disasters such as floods or hurricanes and to fill in temporary gaps created by vacations or job vacancies.

To qualify, applicants must have served honorably for at least 20 years, must attend new in service training and undergo performance evaluations each year. Staff expect as many as 20 veteran officers may apply for the program in 1992.

While similar law enforcement reserve programs exist at state and local levels, this is the first program of its kind to focus exclusively on retired peace officers. The program was established by HB 1578 of the 72nd Texas Legislature.

HUNTER EDUCATION, PROJECT WILD RECEIVE DONATIONS

AUSTIN—The Texas Wild Turkey Federation has donated more than \$3,000 to two Texas Parks and Wildlife Department programs to show its support for the agency's conservation and environmental education efforts.

Project WILD, a conservation and environmental education program for kindergarten through 12th grade, received a \$1,669.80 donation. The money will be used to enhance the computer/scanner system donated last year.

"The scanner has made it possible for the education branch to convert artwork into computer graphics that can be used in newsletters, brochures and other publications," said Ilo Hiller, education programs coordinator. The donation will allow Project WILD to purchase a hard disk unit with multiple storage disks that can be inserted, accessed, removed and filed.

The hunter education program was given \$1,500. This money will be used to help sponsor awards in conjunction with the Second Annual Hunter Education Awards ceremony, scheduled for May 16-17 in Seguin.

Children's Food Program Offered

AUSTIN—The Texas Department of Human Services (DHS) is seeking interested organizations to sponsor the Summer Food Service Program next summer.

The program provides meals to children from needy areas when schools are closed for summer vacation. Federally funded through appropriations from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the program is offered without discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, handicap, religion, or political beliefs.

Service institutions eligible to sponsor the program include public or non-profit private schools; private non-profit organizations; residential summer camps; and local, municipal or county governments. Interested organizations should contact DHS by Feb. 28, 1992, for more information. Applications must be received by April 15, 1992.

Service institutions may subcontract

with food service management companies to provide meals. To be eligible to bid for contracts for the Summer Food Service Program, food service management companies must be registered with DHS.

Applications will be mailed to companies that were registered in 1990 and 1991. Other food service management companies may request an application by calling the number below. Applications for registration must be received by March 15, 1992.

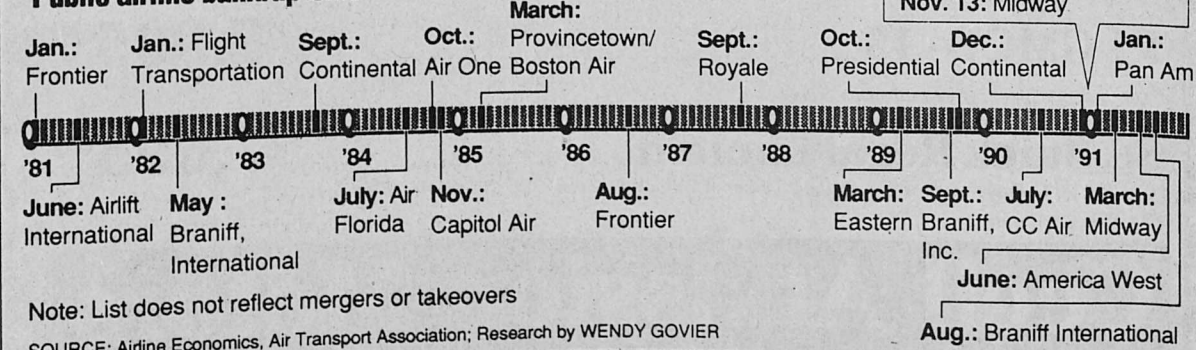
Organizations interested in sponsoring a summer food program for children in their communities should call Norma Robinson at (512) 450-3141, or write:

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Attn: Jackie Allen

Turbulent decade for airline industry

The war in the Gulf, fewer travelers and fuel price increases equalled death for three airlines this year.

Public airline bankruptcies



Note: List does not reflect mergers or takeovers  
SOURCE: Airline Economics, Air Transport Association. Research by WENDY GOVIER

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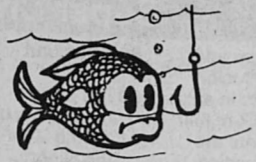
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Happy Valentines Day  
From The Brackett News Staff

# Fishing Report



**AMISTAD:** Water clear with plenty of whitecaps midweek, 59 degrees, 7 3/4 feet above normal level; black bass are fairly good to 8 pounds on black and chartreuse jigs and red worms; striped are fairly good in number in the 5- to 12-pound range on 1-ounce Bananahed jigs, some hitting around Rio Grande Springs; crappie are fair in number in the Devils River on minnows near Indian Springs; white bass are good on white and chartreuse slabs; catfish are fair in 20 to 80 feet of water on cheese baits and shrimp.

**BRUNING:** Water murky, normal level; black bass are good to 8 pounds, 3 ounces on jigs and pigs; hybrid striped are slow to 8 pounds on chicken livers off the bank; channel catfish are good in the 3-5 pound range from the bank on shad and chicken livers; blue catfish are good to 21 pounds, 5 ounces on crawfish from the bank, a new lake record caught by George Garza of San Antonio; redfish are good to 15 pounds, 10 ounces from the bank on crawfish; corvina are slow.

**CALVERAS:** Water murky, 18 inches above normal level; black bass are fair to 5 pounds on artificials; hybrid striped are slow to 7 pounds on artificials from the bank; channel catfish are good from 1 1/2 to 5 pounds on stink bait and chicken livers; yellow and blue catfish are slow.

**CHOKO:** Water murky up river and off color in the rest of the lake, 59 degrees, 9.2 feet low; black bass are good with limits to 11 3/4 pounds along with a 9-pounder and an 8-pounder on white spinners around the reed beds in 3-5 feet of water around Possum Creek, plastic worms and shallow running cranks also good, some smaller bass were caught in 15 to 25 feet of water on 4-inch Carolina rigged worms with 10- to 15-pound test lines; striped are fairly slow, striped are working shad early in the dam area and Hellbenders with a white jig trailer near the dam, striped average about 15 pounds each; crappie are slow due to murky water, some caught in 35 feet of water in the dam area; white bass

are slow due to murky water; catfish are good to 45 pounds on rod and reel baited with cheese bait, a good number of 1-5 pound fish also caught on rod and reel with cheese bait; the river channel around 99 bridge and South Shore Flats, Possum Creek and Four Fingers Point are producing catfish with cheese baits, cut shad and night-crawlers, the best depth is 5 to 10 feet of water; trotline up river are doing very good on live bait or cut shad.

**COLETO CREEK:** Water murky, 67 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to 5 pounds, 1 ounce with many just above keeper size on plastic lizards and worms; striped are fair to 23 inches with a few keepers caught on slabs spoons; crappie are slow; catfish are fair to 20 inches long on chicken liver and minnows.

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Water clear from Highway 888 to the dam, stained up river, 56 degrees, lake is full; black bass are slow; striped are fair to 9 pounds around Hog Island; crappie were fair to good off the state park piers before the front hit Tuesday, a few crappie brought in from the coves for tagging prior to the Crappieathon which begins on Feb. 22; white bass are fair on silver slabs and Road Runners in the main lake and are moving up river; blue and channel catfish are good to 25 pounds and 2 pounds respectively on cut shad; catfish is especially good below the dam in the release water.

**FALCON:** Water fairly clear in the lake, river is muddy, 58 degrees, 2 feet above normal level; black bass are fairly good in number to 12 pounds on Rattle Traps; striped are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are fairly good up the river, numbers are not there yet because of the muddy water; catfish are fairly good in the 3-4 pound range on shrimp and stink bait.

**TEXANA:** Water muddy, 1 foot above normal; all fishing slow except catfish which are good to 25 pounds on live perch baited trotlines.

## Hearing On Edwards Aquifer

San Antonio citizens and others, who are concerned about protecting the water quality of the Edwards Aquifer, have the opportunity to recommend what actions the Texas Water Commission (TWC) should take to preserve the aquifer during a public hearing Tuesday, February 18, 1992, at the University of Texas at San Antonio. The TWC will begin to take public testimony on its Edwards Aquifer Protection Program at 7:00 pm in Room 2.0106 of the Humanities and Business Building.

The TWC is required by state law to hold a public hearing annually on the Edwards Aquifer rules. These rules address water quality issues. **Water supply and quantity issues are not covered under these rules, and will not be discussed during this hearing.** These issues will be addressed by the TWC as a part of its initiative to provide a management plan for the Edwards

Aquifer. During the hearing, a TWC representative will summarize the agency's current water quality protection requirements for development over the aquifer's mapped recharge and transition zones, as well as address recent changes for reviewing water pollution abatement plans, sewage, collection systems, and petroleum or hazardous-substance storage tanks.

Increased fees, which became effective on January 21, 1992, will also be discussed. Developers, who apply to build over the recharge and/or transition zones, are required to pay the fees.

To obtain additional information, write Mr. Kevin McCalla, Senior Attorney, Legal Services, Texas Water Commission, P.O. Box 13087, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711, or call (512) 463-8069.

## Golf News

By Vicki Nichols



Can you believe it? We actually had a couple days of sunshine. This morning there is a big bonfire burning some of the brush that has been cleared between #6 and #16 fairways.

So much work has gone on, brush clearing and tree trimming. No more balls caught in low hanging branches, or scraping cart tops.

It seems we have almost run out of things to complain about thanks to Club Manager Jack Legg.

The Ladies were rained out again on Tuesday (4th) but as usual it was a beautiful day on Wednesday for the men. Have you noticed how often that happens?

### Couples Day

1st with 61 was Charlie Smith, Mary Stevenson, Dwite and Luella Gilliland.

2nd with 65 was a three tie: Bob & Jane Young, Herb & Eileen Voracek; Gordy & Charlene Bieber, Andy & Avis Anderson; Hubie McKelvey, Carol Benefield, Lynn & Dee Edendorough.

### Postscript

Robie Robinson had to celebrate his birthday in the hospital this past week. For those who do not have his address it is Warren Robinson, St. Luke's Hospital, 7930 Floyd Curl Drive, San Antonio TX 78229. It was his 76th birthday.

No one has ever been able to help me and so many others more with their golf game than Robie. He has a wonderful talent for analysing your swing and telling you exactly how to correct it.

Hurry back, Robie, you and Ruth are missed.

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## Geography Quiz

### Great Lakes

Name the places represented by letters.

A- Lake Ontario  
B- Lake Erie  
C- Lake St. Clair  
D- Lake Superior  
E- Lake Michigan  
F- Lake Huron

### South America

Our map names 8 of 13 countries. Name the five designated by letters

A- Chile  
B- Uruguay  
C- Bolivia  
D- Suriname  
E- Colombia

### Answers

A- Lake Ontario  
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## Days Past

by Dorothy Payne

**February 14, 1776** - Father Garces arrived at a Mohave settlement near modern-day Needles on the Colorado River. He recorded that he was welcomed as "the first Spaniard who had been in their land." For much of the year, he explored villages of the Moquis (Hope) Indians between Needles and Santa Fe.

**February 14, 1779** - Captain Cook and his men were traversing the Hawaiian Islands where they had been victimized by thieves. Cook went ashore with a landing party to reclaim the stolen goods. In the resulting melee, the British began to fire their guns and Cook was stabbed and beaten to death on the beach. Cook's body was not recovered and buried at sea until February 22 after

which the British left the Island.

**February 1802** - Albert Gallatin, Secretary of the Treasury, proposed that an allotment be made from the sales of public lands for the construction of roads from the Atlantic Ocean to the Ohio River.

**February 11, 1805** - Meriwether Lewis acted as a midwife at the birth of a child to Sacajawea, a Shoshone squaw, who acted as a guide for the expedition.

**February 19, 1806** - President Jefferson issued a preliminary report on the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The President's "Message From The President Of The United States Communicating Discoveries Made In Exploring The Missouri, Red River, and Washita By Captains Lewis and Clark, Doctor Sibley and Mr. Dunbar." The report was based heavily upon the material sent from Lewis and Clark to St. Louis after the winter of 1804 - 1805.

**February 22, 1819** - John Quincy Adams and Luis deOnis signed the Adams-Onis Treaty in Washington. Spain ceded East Florida to the United States and renounced any claim to West Florida, while the United States relinquished any claim to Texas. The American-Spanish territorial boundary was set from the mouth of the Sabine River, then straight north along the Red and Arkansas Rivers, then out to the Pacific Ocean along the 42nd parallel. Thus Spain cancelled, by default, any claim she might have had to the Pacific Northwest.

**Make tracks... GO TO THE GAME! (Support BISD athletes)**

**Natasha's Stars**

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) You may shake your head at the power plays that go on this week. Let them pass you by, and you will be a lot happier. Plan on a cozy Valentine's Day with your heartthrob ... champagne and a wonderful dinner at home hits the spot. Count on a long and cuddly weekend.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) When you write your memoirs, this week will stand out as one of your favorites. You are personality-plus all week long. Your sensitive communicating has what you want (whatever that is) tumbling into your lap as the weekend comes. You know the greenest of the green pastures.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) Take a deep breath before you energize. Your magnetic field is quite powerful this week. Just be careful where, and at whom, you toss it. You are master of your own fate right now. Let go of a difficult situation where another must have it 'their way'.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) You climb the highest peak, but you also travel the lowest abyss this week. You may feel as if you're at the mercy of another's whims. Take command of your ship and, even if there is a stand-off, you come out the winner. Besides, you find out how lovable you are — all weekend long.

**LEO** (July 23-August 22) Count on really being noticed this week, and you'll be ready for what goes on. Leo is the sign of the lover and no one is surprised by all the attention and adulation you receive. Make the most out of the moment, you big pussycat. You'll be curled up and warm all weekend long.

**VIRGO** (August 23-September 22) Catch what's going on behind the scenes this week before you launch into action. Tune into your higher values and more loving side. Follow through on the pursuit of happiness all week long, and you are in for a dynamite Valentine's Day, and day after, and day after and ...

**LIBRA** (September 23-October 22) Togetherness is the name of the game this Valentine's week. You get the full meaning as you play Romeo (or Juliet) and delight those who cherish and adore you. Take a risk, jump through the fiery hoop before the weekend, and you'll have a wonderful Valentine's weekend.

**SCORPIO** (October 23-November 21) Though you're a 'tough' sign (and can do quite well alone), this isn't the case this week. Others seek you out and want to be with you. You discover just how popular you really are. Now your biggest job is to choose among all these Valentines. For best results — tell it like it is.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22-December 21) You just may opt for an early weekend as opportunity arises. If you're willing to be less dominating and go with another's program, you may actually get a glimpse of nirvana. The real question is, Sag, can you let go of your need to control? Hope so ... for you.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22-January 19) Your amorous ways keep coming out all week long at the most inopportune moments. Get back to your old practical self and take care of the 'musts' before the weekend, when you launch into a very special and loving period. The initiation starts on Valentine's Day.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20-February 18) You're slow getting started this week, but once you do, you're a force to be dealt with. Choose to share your wildest thoughts with a loved one. Imagine the results and you understand why you're so exhausted this weekend. Never fear, you come back again, in even better form.

**PISCES** (February 19-March 20) You can talk a blue streak this week. If you expect changes, you are likely to find yourself glum as the weekend appears. Why not accept what is and give another the space to move and grow? You can kindle romance to its true passionate levels that way.

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**Vision Teaser**



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Plane model is missing; 2. Brochures are added; 3. Signs larger; 4. Hat is smaller; 5. Name tag is removed; 6. The is different.

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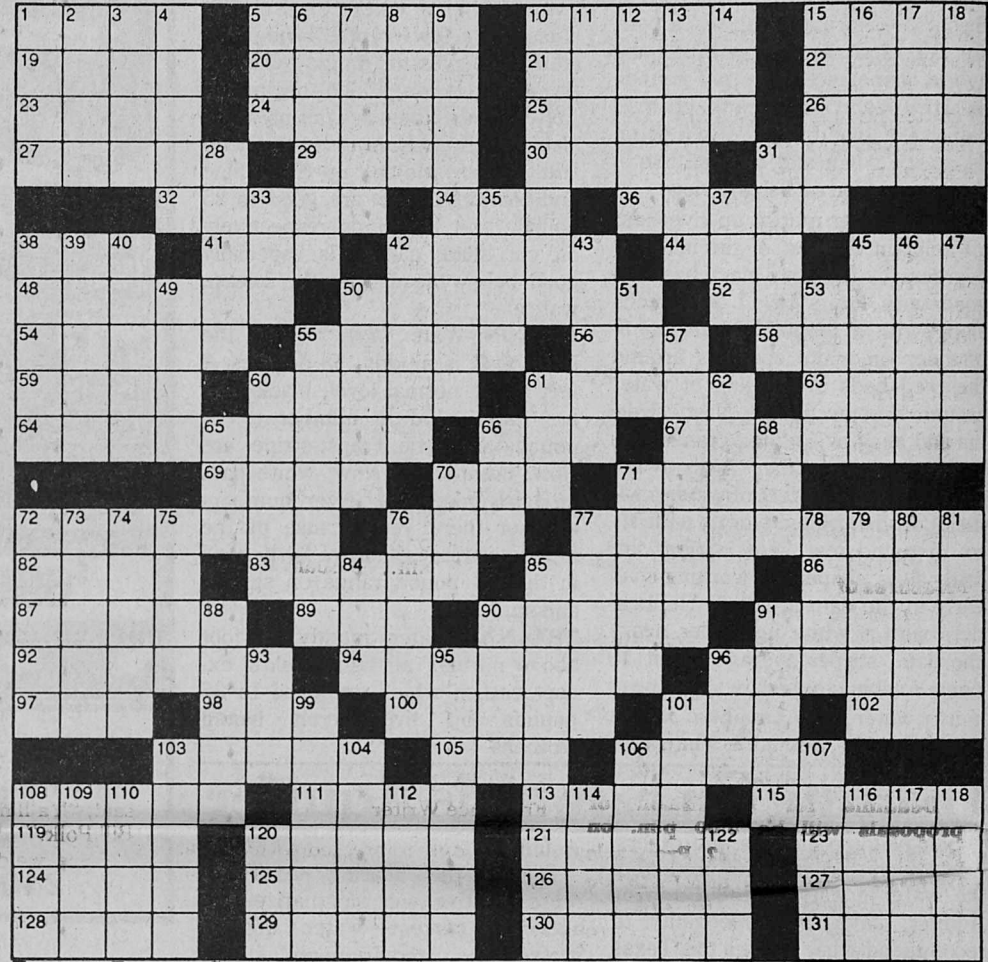
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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- Bacon
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- Carver
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- Franklin
- Gage
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- Henry
- Howe
- Penn
- Standish
- Stuyvesant
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**Super Crossword**

- ACROSS
- 1 CAT follow
- 5 Edna Ferber hit
- 10 Takes five
- 15 "...yes, sir, three — full"
- 19 First-rate
- 20 Muse of
- 21 Manicurist's board
- 22 Ignore
- 23 Sudden, sharp pain
- 24 Badger's cousin
- 25 Marching coins?
- 26 Brilliant star
- 27 Direct or guide
- 29 Jack of "Hawaii Five-O"
- 30 Valise
- 31 He should "beware"
- 32 "The Cunning Little"
- 34 Labor org.
- 36 Hindu garments
- 38 Univ. at Dallas
- 41 Anatomical duct
- 42 Court jesters
- 44 Pinch
- 45 Fig. expert
- 48 Surgical knife
- 50 Spanish nobleman
- 52 Place of
- noise and confusion
- 54 He's in a cast
- 55 Lock of hair
- 56 Some are classified
- 58 Arrange in folds
- 59 Brush or head lead-in
- 60 "A Moveable"
- 61 Riding whips
- 63 Isles off Ireland
- 64 European songbird
- 66 Ralph Kramden's vehicle
- 67 Soft, yellowish color
- 69 Wave, in France
- 70 Shoot the breeze
- 71 "— et mon droit": motto of British royalty
- 72 Mass of cast metal
- 76 Tin — Alley
- 77 Field flower
- 82 On — (equivalent to)
- 123 Caesar's fatal date
- 124 Mine
- 85 American general
- 86 Toledo's state
- 87 Monkey's cousin
- 89 "Diamond"
- 90 Did a cobbler's job
- 91 "In the — of the Night"
- 92 Coastal state
- 94 Feasts
- 96 French fashion designer
- 97 Duffer's dream
- 98 Nest
- 100 Israel's Meir
- 101 Region of Michigan
- 102 Stammering sounds
- 103 Austrian psychiatrist
- 105 Chemist's milieu, for short
- 106 High tidal wave
- 108 County in Ireland
- 111 Stoop over
- 113 Talk wildly
- 115 Hackneyed
- 119 Italian coin
- 120 Start of Adam's palindrome
- 121 Matter to be decided
- 123 Caesar's fatal date
- 124 Mine
- 125 Babylonian hero
- 126 Make butter
- 127 Price
- 128 Pretense
- 129 French historian
- 130 New Hampshire city
- 131 "Der — (Adenauer)"
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- 3 British queen
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- 88 Last movement of a sonata
- 90 Spanish room
- 91 Term or wave lead-in
- 93 Nothing
- 95 Screenwriter William
- 96 Gear tooth
- 99 Formal argument
- 101 Second largest planet
- 103 Small size of type
- 104 Fortification
- 106 Follow
- 107 Author Jong
- 108 Insult or rebuff
- 109 Italian resort
- 110 The rainbow
- 112 Zola novel
- 114 Wimbledon winner
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Table with 3 columns: UNIT NO., LICENSE NO., DESCRIPTION. Rows include units 220, 235, 267, 273 with descriptions of Ford vehicles.

These vehicles are being sold on as is basis. Submit your bids to this office on or before February 14, 1992. We reserve the rights to reject any or all bids.

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Gift Horse (Continued from last week)

I was duly impressed with all that about the filly's Quarter Horse side, but I am a skeptic at times. And this was one of them.

For the next hour, I almost wished I had gone on to bed. Now, don't take that wrong. I have never accused my wife of being a nag. In fact, we've always got along great, like two ticks on a fat hog.

The drive to Bill's was forty miles from our place taking us into the heart of the scenic Texas Hill Country, one of our favorite places in the whole state. So I figured for the trip anyway it wouldn't be a total waste if we didn't like the filly after all.

The Upstagers Presents First Production of Season 'My Name is Alice' Feb. 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 8 P.M. Paul Poag Theatre Del Rio, TX Season Tickets Available at 'The Brackett News'

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NOTICE OF EARLY VOTING FOR DEMOCRAT & REPUBLICAN PRIMARY ELECTION MARCH 10, 1992. January 25, 1992, thru March 3, 1992 Absentee Voting Clerk may send ballots by mail to applicants as soon as ballots are available.

EMERGENCY ABSENTEE VOTING HOUR: 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 3/2/92 can obtain balloting materials.

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Top R&B/Soul 1. Tevin Campbell "Tell Me What You Want Me To Do," (Qwest/Warner) Last Week: No. 2 2. Michael Jackson "Black Or White," (Epic) No. 3 3. Keith Sweat "Keep It Comin'," (Elektra) No. 7

Top C&W Singles 1. Tracy Lawrence "Sticks And Stones," (Atlantic) Last Week: No. 2 2. The Remingtons "A Long Time Ago," (BNA) No. 3 3. Hal Ketchum "I Know Where Love Lives," (Curb) No. 11

Top 10 Singles 1. Hammer "2 Legit 2 Quit," (Capitol) Last Week: No. 2 2. Ce Ce Peniston "Finally," (A&M) No. 3 3. Hammer "Addams Groove," (Capitol) No. 8

Top Video Rentals 1. City Slickers starring Billy Crystal (Columbia TriStar - Rated: PG-13) Last Week: No. 19 2. Backdraft Kurt Russell (MCA/Universal - R) No. 2

PLANT TREES! Illustration of a man and a woman in a garden setting.



**Meditations**

by Preston Taylor

We remember Simon Peter as a tough fisherman. He walked on water one windy day, but he quickly came to the end of his "runway." Simon Peter nearly sank into the deep water of the Sea of Galilee. The strong arm of Jesus rescued the soaked Apostle.

Stuart Hamblen lived a rugged life -- a cowboy, a singer, a gambler, an alcoholic. Stuart Hamblen had come to "the end of his rope" when Jesus rescued him. A few words of one of that cowboy's songs goes like this, "Someone slipped and fell, was that someone you?"

Any person can step out on "sinking sand." Family life, business, or youthful dreams can crash and leave us with a fading,

flickering hope.

A postscript can be added to every story. What seems to be a setting sun can become the dawn of a new day. The Lord can enter life at the point of our greatest frustration.

Jesus didn't say to Peter, "Take ten swimming lessons and you can get to the shore." He never told Stuart Hamblen, "Dry out and I'll talk to you later." Help is offered now -- at the moment when rescue is desperately needed.

If we waited until everything has begun to fail us, then let's give God a chance with life. He never turns anyone away. This is good news, don't you agree? Try Jesus. He's the Conquering Christ who wants to help us all.

**Frontier Baptist Church**

by Joe Townsend

Sunday will be another day at Frontier Baptist Church when people gather to worship God and be blessed. Singing and praying tunes hearts to the message to follow as people express their praise,

**The Bible Says**

"As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."

Everything a person does is a result of what he is. His physical being acts on impetus from the inner man. What a person does is an open display of what he truly is.

No one and no situation can be blamed for what one does. One can stand aside from any condition, person or group and be and do what should be. After all no one makes a choice for us.

If we concede to another's persuasion or to adverse leading of any situation, we show lack of character in the inner being. What we are on the outside simply reflects our inner character.

I often hear, "It's not important what a person wears, how the hair is worn, or how the face is fixed; it's what the person is on the inside that counts." This is true; and how a person dresses, how the hair is worn and how the face is fixed openly shows to the world what is "inside."

"As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."

commitment and dependence on God.

The sermon by the pastor will bring encouragement, and challenges as it brings food for the soul. The communication with the Heavenly Father will send each person forth from worship refreshed in his heart better prepared for the week ahead.

Come and see!

**Unsung Hero**

by Joe Townsend



A good many years ago a lady and her husband moved to Brackettville to retire.

She was faithful and devoted to her husband and his interests until he passed away. Since that time she has now redoubled her efforts to make her life count. She often lends a helping hand and material support to those in need.

Her contribution, work and interest in the library has been invaluable and continues to this day. She is a lovely lady filled with a warm heart and friendly spirit. She is a well educated, thinking individual.

Surely Earlene Thurber is an "Unsung Hero".

**St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church**

On March 18 Msgr. Gerald Barnes, rector at San Antonio's Assumption Seminary, will be ordained a bishop at Holy Rosary Cathedral in San Bernardino, California.

His appointment was announced January 28 in Washington, D. C. by Archbishop Agostino Cacciavillan, papal pro-nuncio to the United States.

With his episcopal ordination, the 46-year old bishop-elect will become the 21st Hispanic bishop in the United States.

As announced in "Today's Catholic Paper" and effective January 20, 1992, Reverend David Zumaya's present appointment as pastor of St. Mary Magdalene Parish, Brackettville, Texas, has been extended to May 31, 1992.

Priests who are members of the Uvalde Deanery met in the retreat house in Laredo February 12 - 13 for their monthly meeting. Msgr. Tomayo, episcopal vicar from Corpus Christi met with them.

A new diocese is being formed and application has been sent to Rome to request appointment of a bishop for the new diocese.

**Valentine Day**

By DORTHY PAYNE Brackett News Writer



Different authorities believe Valentine's Day began in several ways. Some trace it to an ancient Roman festival called Lupercalia.

Other experts connected the event with one or more saints of the early Christian Church. Others link it with an old English belief that birds choose their mates on February 14.

Valentine's Day probably came from a combination of all three of those sources, plus the belief that spring is the time for lovers.

The earliest records of Valentine's Day in English tell that birds chose their mates on that day.

Many Valentines of the 1800s were hand painted. Some featured a fat cupid or showed arrows piercing a heart.

**National**

**Engineering Week**

February 16 - 24

By DORTHY PAYNE Brackett News Writer

Since 1900, the number of engineers and engineering specialties has expanded.

Artificial hearts, airplanes, computers, lasers, nuclear energy, plastics, space travel, and television are only a few.

Engineers have to keep pace with the latest advances while planning for the ones of the future. They must continually update their knowledge by taking courses and studying technical journals.

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**News From**



RGEC held its 2nd annual Employee Service Awards Luncheon Wednesday, February 5, 1992 at its Brackettville office.

Awards were presented to Brackettville and Carrizo Springs employees by General Manager Daniel G. Laws. Receiving awards for 5 years of service were Brackettville employee Clinton Brown, Meter and Apparatus Supervisor, and Carrizo employee Gilbert Gallegos, 1st Class Lineman.

Receiving 10 year awards were Brackettville employees Lee Canty, Draftsman, and Melba Foreman, Billing Specialist.

A luncheon was held in Marfa Tuesday, February 4th to honor employees from Dell City, Marfa, and Fort Stockton.

**Presidents Day**

By DORTHY PAYNE Brackett News Writer



Since the birth of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln both fall in the month of February, President's Day is celebrated on February 17 in the U. S. A.

Washington will be remembered as the "Father Of Our Country" since he was the first president. Abraham Lincoln is called the "Great Emancipator."



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