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

Real Life Inspires Duo's Tribute To The Cowboy



Clay Lindley, left, and Gil Prather will be at the Kinney County Cowboy Cauldron.

The twangy, high-pitched voice of Gil Prather rings out over a courtyard crowded with upwards of a thousand people. "Hey, Nerd," he yells at his partner, Clay Lindley. The location could just as well be a county fair, the backstage of a large college theater, a street dance at a small-town homecoming, or at "The Cowboy Cauldron" in Brackettville, Texas.

And they will be appearing at The Cowboy Cauldron, sponsored by the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce, on Saturday, September 12, 1992, in the Kinney County Civic Center.

Prather and Lindley are entertainers who specialize in western music and comedy that pokes fun at two predominant figures in the Southwest (past and present) - the cowboy and the vaquero. And while veiled in humor, a deep respect for the Hispanic influence on the region and its descendants is apparent.

Anyone who is familiar with Prather's and Lindley's act realizes the double-meaning in the term "nerd," which Prather calls his partner. They laugh, knowing the "Cowboy Nerd" will have a comeback for Gil.

Gil wrote "The Cowboy Nerd" and other audience-popular songs and poems which the two perform throughout Texas, New Mexico and Colorado in their offbeat musical-comedy act, the twin Jose Brothers.

Based on characters created by Lindley in a poem about the first two cowboys on earth, the Jose Brothers' act has grown to attract sellout audiences of cowboys and vaqueros alike - plus many who are neither, but who appreciate their brand of humor, serious music and reflective, moving stories and poems about the cowboy and his life in the old - and new - West.

Lindley and Prather have been able to send multicultural audiences away feeling good, despite the fact that the two are "Gringos" portraying Mexicans and despite the intentionally mispronounced Spanish words in their stories and poems.

It is highly likely that the act survives - as well as its creators - because they present it with total respect for the two cultures they identify in the act. And even though it is sometimes disguised in comedy, the fact comes across to their audiences.

As the twin Jose Brothers, Lindley and Prather portray the

mythical JosA (pronounced "Hose-A") and JosB (pronounced "Hose-B") never really made it into history. The humorous story of the infamous brothers has created an immediate recognition for the entertainers.

Poems like Prather's "Requeros," the rememberer, illustrate an admiration and respect for their multicultural audiences and belie his and Lindley's own upbringings in Texas and New Mexico. A small Mexican boy came up recently to Randy Jackson, the Jose Brothers' booking agent and manager, and told Jackson he had heard in Alpine "these two cowboys who did a song about a Mexican and all the things he did for the cowboy. It was so beautiful, it made me swell up inside," he said.

Prather, 52, who claims there is only three years difference between himself and Lindley ("I've just lived a hard life."), recently moved to Ruidosa, New Mexico, from Alpine, Texas. He is the musical genius of the duo, with some 40 years of experience writing and singing traditional western music.

His renditions of country and cowboy music are known by many of the big names in Nashville, where Prather worked for many years. His singing voice is clear and gentle, despite the decades of use and abuse from hitting the high notes in such songs as "Santa Anna," better known by audiences as "Remember the Alamo."

"I tried to hit that high note one night and couldn't," Prather grumbled. "So we do it now in the Jose Brothers part, and it works because Clay can hit the high notes and make a comedy of it."

Lindley, 32, is clown and poet alike, and, according to Prather, he even has a little bit of musical talent. "He just can't keep meter," he said in typical tenor twang. Though the funny man on stage, he, like Prather, has a very serious side. Lindley's talent includes writing story poems about some real-life events and believable characters, like the horse named Lonesome, and the Cowboy Nerd.

"The Cowboy Nerd is very real. Every ranch seems to have one," Lindley said, and he described the Nerd:

**Cowboy Cauldron
September 12, 1992**

*"On his head was a you-roll-it hat
With chicken feathers, pins, and stuff
like that.*

*It had a 6-inch triangular crown and a
3-inch brim,
And, of course, his glasses they were
horn-rimmed.*

*He had on a short-sleeved tee-shirt
That was stained with oil and dirt.
His britches was about 3-inches too
high*

*With a hole in them exposing a hairy
thigh.
Now on his feet was Acme boots,
Nicely polished and free of cow-poot.
We all looked at each other and said
not a word,
Cause everyone was watching this
cowboy nerd."*

Both Prather and Lindley have done their share of cowboying, so their stories and songs are written from real experiences of their own and those of their friends.

Lindley was born in Del Rio, Texas, and graduated from Silver City High School in New Mexico. The Hispanic influence is not lost in his accents and familiarity with the lingo in several poems and songs the duo include in their act.

Now a range conservationist in Van Horn, Texas, he has done little else in his life than cowboy. Lindley said that after he graduated from Sul Ross State University, he didn't want to be a government employee so he cowboied at ranches in the Davis Mountains of West Texas and in Nevada, Wyoming, and Montana.

"It just took a few years of that before I decided, yes, I do want to be a government employee," he said with a laugh. One of those life-changing events occurred July 17, 1978, on a Reynolds Long X Ranch horse called Lonesome. "He ran off a mountain with me," Lindley said, completely serious for once.

Prather is a native of Abilene and fourth-generation Texan. He attended Texas Tech University for a few weeks, until as he said, "I realized they expected us to actually read those books!" He transferred to Sul Ross where he continued his interest in rodeoing, music and cowboying. His years on Rio Grande ranches are reflected in his Border-style guitar music.

Their similar backgrounds and love of entertaining brought Prather and Lindley together two years ago in Lubbock, Texas, where they were appearing individually at a cowboy gathering.



Pictured (L to R) are Val Verde County Judge Val Cadena, Director of the Criminal Justice Division Doayne Bailey, and Kinney County Sheriff Norman Hooten. In the foreground is 277 pounds of marijuana seized by the Drug Task Force Monday.

Task Force Seizes Marijuana Receives Grant

Doayne Bailey, Director of the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's office, awarded a grant of nearly \$200,000 to Val Verde, Maverick, and Kinney counties to fund a high level drug trafficking task force.

This grant is part of \$4 million, administered by the Texas Nar-

cotics Control Program, that will be awarded to counties along the Texas border with Mexico. This money will be used to fund financial disruption task forces designed to strip high level drug traffickers and organizations of their assets.

This is the second year of funding for this task force and this year the award has been increased by more

than \$50,000. In addition to this grant, the area has also received another grant from the Governor's office to fund the multi-jurisdictional task force to fight street level drug dealers. These task forces have seized over \$5.2 million in illegal drugs and over \$45,000 in assets. To date the task force has arrested 143 individuals.

Rotary District Governor Visits

Mr. Donald E. Deal, Governor of Rotary International District 5840, visited the Brackettville Rotary Club on August 12 and 13, 1992. The Governor and his wife, Norma, arrived at Fort Clark on the evening of August 12, 1992. They enjoyed a dinner with Brackettville Rotary Officers, President Bob McCall and his wife Renetta, President Elect, LaShawn Wardlaw and Sergio Salinas, and Secretary/Treasurer Dottie Heninger and her husband Jeff. Also attending the dinner was Mr. Robert Crawford, Jr., the Governor's Representative for the Uvalde, Del Rio, Eagle Pass, Brackettville area.

After dinner Governor Deal and his wife were treated to a reception at the Fort Clark Springs Restaurant. Following the reception the Rotarians held a club assembly with the District Governor outlining ways for the club to be active in the four avenues of Rotary Service: Community, Club, Vocational, and International.

On August 13 Lashawn Wardlaw and Renetta McCall gave Governor Deal and Norma a tour of the area. The trip included Fort Clark Springs and the museum as well as a trip to Alamo Village. Following the tour the Governor addressed the regular Rotary meeting. In his speech he reiterated the goal of Rotary to be of service to mankind and emphasized the importance of participating in Rotary on a local, state, national and international level. The Rotary motto of **Service Above Self** meshes with the



Governor Donald E. Deal (third from left) and Mrs. Deal are shown with Brackett Rotary President Bob McCall (third from right) and Brackettville's Paul Harris Fellows' Happy Shahan, Alan Kreiger, Sr., and Lingo Sandoval who are past presidents of the local club.

current Rotary International President's Motto: **Happiness Is Serving Others** and Governor Deal's theme of **Dream The Impossible Dream**.

Governor Deal has been a Rotarian for 15 years all with perfect attendance. He is a member and past president of the Oakhills Rotary in San Antonio. He is a Certified Public Accountant and is self-employed. He met his wife, Norma, at the University of Texas while they were students. They have one daughter, Cynthia, who is a

graduate of U-T Nursing School. Both Governor Deal and Norma are Paul Harris Fellows and Benefactors of the Rotary Foundation. Don is a member of the Paul Harris Memorial Committee. He and his wife have attended 10 Rotary International Conventions.

In addition to his service as a Rotarian, Governor Deal has served as a Director on the boards of the Central Christian Church, Trinity National Bank, and the American Heart Association.

Whoosits Big Pile Good Time Garbage Band

On Saturday, September 12, 1992, Gil Prather and Clay Lindley will be joined by their friend, Curt Brummett who writes Querecho Flats in *The Brackett News*, Wash Tub Jerry from Fort Davis, J.B.

Allen from Whiteface, TX., Gene Grassie from Dexter, N.M., special Young Guns from Del Rio-Clint Aherns and Lucas Guillian, and the Whoosits Big Pile Good Time Gar-

bage Band (this band will perform at 3:00 p.m.). These fine entertainers will do short acts during the day Saturday and save some of their best material for an evening performance at 8:00 p.m. in the Civic Center.

The entertainment in the west room of the Civic Center will be emceed by Larry Scott of KWKH out of Shreveport, L.A. He has been the biggest cowboy poet gatherings and is promoting our event on his inter-

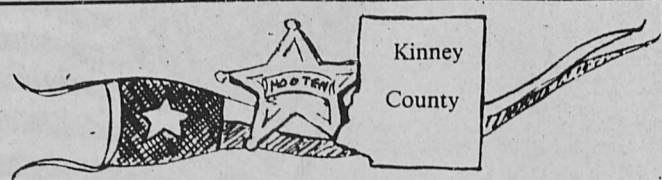
state road show on KWKH AM & FM, midnight to 6 a.m., Monday through Friday.

The east room of Civic Center will be full of booths with everything to please everyone from food and games, to arts and crafts. There will

be demonstrations going on in several booths, a sheep shearing and sheep dog demonstration, a chuckwagon chili cookoff and horseshoes.

Sheriff's Corner

By Sheriff Norman H. Hooten



On Friday, August 14, 1992 Justice Court convened with Judge Alvin Hall sitting. The court held a hearing on the three youthful suspects charged with the burglary of The Duck Inn on Ft. Clark the night of July 25th.

In a pre-arranged agreement between all parties concerned the three young men each received six (6) months probation and were ordered by the court to make restitution to the victims, Ft. Clark Springs and lessee Ronnie Dunham in the amount of \$350.47 (\$310.27 to Ft. Clark for damages and reward reimbursement and \$40.20 to Ronnie Dunham for property taken). This total was split three ways between the offenders. They were further ordered to perform sixty (60) hours each of community service to Ft. Clark Springs and to report to Ft. Clark General Manager Steve Smith at 9:00 am til 3:00 pm each Saturday until the 60 hours is completed by each. Computed at minimum wage of \$4.35 per man hour this is an additional \$783.00 total or \$261.00 each.

The court mandate further stipulates that if at the end of the 6 month probation no further problems have been experienced with the offenders the charges will be dismissed.

No one I know wants any of our youngsters to start their young lives with a criminal record but neither do we want them to think that they can commit crimes against society and get away with it. Thus the reason for the agreement by all parties concerned as stipulated above. These kids get a 2nd chance but still have to pay for their mistakes. I most certainly appreciate the cooperative attitude

and efforts of all concerned, including; Ft. Clark General Manager Steve Smith, the Ft. Clark Board of Directors, Judge Alvin Hall, victim Ronnie Dunham, and the parents of the youngsters involved. With this type consolidated and cooperative effort we can, hopefully, steer our young folks in the right direction and give them a "2nd chance" when the circumstances allow. This does not mean that those so inclined to commit crimes against society have a built-in green light with a guarantee of a "soft" penalty upon conviction, it just means that we will do

our part to lend a helping hand to those who deserve it.

BUDGET REPORT:

According to the auditor's Report at the August 10th Regular Meeting of the Commissioners Court the Kinney County Sheriff's Department has expended a total of \$221,145.39 thru July, 1992 of this fiscal year. For the same period we have generated a total of \$222,540.00 leaving us in the black by \$1,694.61.

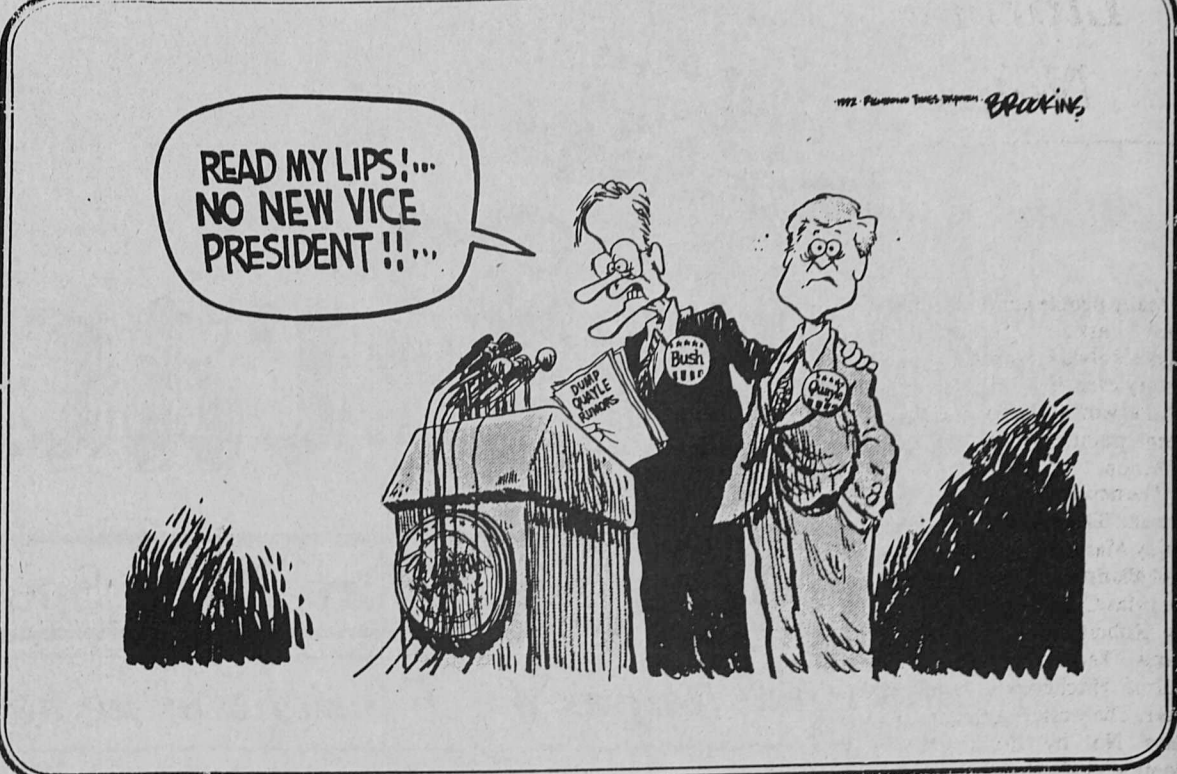
A breakdown of those totals is listed below:

REVENUE (prisoner care fees)	YEAR TO DATE
U.S. BORDER PATROL	\$390.00
BUREAU OF PRISONS	\$217,950.00
U.S. MARSHAL'S OFFICE	\$3,780.00
TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS	\$420.00
TOTAL	\$222,540.00

EXPENSES:	YEAR TO DATE
OPERATING-General Fund	\$91,114.59
GROSS SALARIES-Officer's Salary Fund	\$105,491.62
Fringe benefits	\$24,539.18
	\$221,145.39



We hope to maintain these averages for the balance of this fiscal year and if so we will end this fiscal year at near the "break-even" point. If so, in reality, it will have allowed us to operate the Sheriff's Department and County Jail 24 hours a day, 7 days a week providing round-the-clock County Jail operations and law enforcement service and protection for our citizens at NO cost to the taxpayer! THAT'S ALL!



Between Us

By Joe Townsend



For any who were gullible enough to put any credibility in the arrogant mental meanderings and manipulative actions of Ross Perot they had a chance to see him unfrocked this week. He has long played out the theme that there are still Americans alive and in captivity in Southeast Asia. He has made several trips there ostensibly to crack open the secret of MIAs. Of course he was trying to get a foot in the door over all others to establish business connections to add to his so called "billions".

This week when he appeared before a sub-committee of the U.S. Senate he revealed himself as a pompous, arrogant loud mouth. As he went on with his diatribe he was asked what proof he had that there were still Americans in Southeast Asia. His reply reminded me of a feist dog snapping at the heels of a Great Dane. He loudly stated it was not his responsibility to prove what he said but it was up to the U.S. Government to prove he was wrong. He reminded me of a little Bantam rooster standing at a distance and clucking at a fighting cock. His

veiled remarks and threats about how his followers would rise up and overthrow the present conditions rattle like a mustard seed in a box car. At the rate of his demise these "followers" could likely hold a convention in a telephone booth. It's always true of an egomaniac that if you give him enough rope he'll hang himself. So another flash in the pan of American politics shows the temporary gullibility of frustrated people to follow the braying of a recalcitrant foul ball.

Big Mama Sez!



If you are sure you are right, you can afford to keep quiet.

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.

Something To Think About

What would you say if your bank credited your account every morning with \$86,400.00, but cancelled what you failed to use during the day. You have such a bank. Every morning GOD credits your account with 86,400 seconds. Every night HE cancels whatever you have failed to use. You cannot buy time and you cannot save it. Yesterday is a cancelled check; tomorrow is a promissory note; today is all the cash you can spend. Spend it wisely!!

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Have any of you seen our old 6x6 truck with its hood up and wondered why? The engine overheated and caused some damage but repairs are coming along and our old **Brush Masher** should be back in the bay soon. The Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department had a benefit BBQ last Sunday and we thank those that came to sample our fare. We did not enjoy the success of our last one, but we did well. Sunday afternoon there was a small grass fire on Hwy. 90 East about eighteen miles out. Tuesday, about 5:30, we were called on a school bus fire about one mile out of town. Fortunately no one was hurt and the fire was small. Tuesday night at a regularly scheduled meeting, the Department with a 2/3 majority vote from the membership, voted to terminate the acting Fire Chief from the rolls of the Department. This was done under section 7.7 of our Bylaws. We will elect a new Chief at our next business meeting. Richard Willis, Captain, BVFD

Consumers Should Become Treadwear Literate About Their Tires

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--Being well read means more than just how many books you've read. If you're not literate where your tires are concerned, treadwear problems can become a "big concern" for your vehicle and your ability to drive safely. Treadwear problems with tires can take many forms including cuts or punctures in the tread, irregular treadwear which can cause a noisy or uncomfortable ride, and lack of proper tread depth which can lead to more serious problems in adverse driving conditions. Firestone's Consumer Products Manager, Stan Cooper, says you should check your tires at least once a month for potential treadwear problems. Uneven wear problems can be caused by several factors including improper inflation pressures, misalignment, poor suspension and improper balance, Cooper says. If these problems are not recognized and corrected, more serious tire damage can occur. One of the most important aspects of treadwear, proper tread depth, requires constant attention. When the tread is worn down to one-sixteenth of an inch, the tires need to be replaced. A simple test using a penny can help you determine the safeness of your tires' tread depth. Simply insert a penny between the tire tread with Abe Lincoln's head facing down into the tread. If part of Lincoln's head is obscured by the tread, you're driving with a safe amount of tread. If, on the other hand, you can see the top of Lincoln's head, you need a new tire. Another way to check for proper tread depth is to look for wear bars which typically appear on your tires when the tread has reached unsafe levels. Wear bars, which look like narrow strips of smooth rubber across the tread, will appear on the tire when the tire is worn out. As you continue to "read" your tires for potential problems, look closely for any pieces of glass, stones, or metal or other foreign objects wedged in the tread, Cooper says. These objects can work themselves deeper into the tread causing air loss. Certain uneven wear patterns may show that your tires are suffering from internal structural damage. One way to determine this is to use your hands periodically to feel the tread of your tires. If high, low or unusually smooth areas are noticed, you should have your tires inspected by your tire dealer. Becoming treadwear literate doesn't require spending countless hours in the library. Rather, just a few minutes to look for potential problems with your tire tread and taking the time to do so.

Days Past

by Dorothy Payne



August 29, 1779 - American forces at Newtown defeated Indians and Loyalists led by Chief Joseph Brant and pursued the Indians northward. They destroyed a number of villages and considerable food stores of potential use to the Loyalists. August 19, 1782 - Indians and Loyalists raided settlements in Kentucky and won a battle at Blue Licks. August 25, 1782 - Chief Joseph Brant of the Mohawks continued to raid throughout the Pennsylvania and Kentucky territories. August 29, 1786 - John Jay, for the United States, and Don Diego de Gardoqui, for Spain, worked out a plan by which the United States formally revoked claims to navigate the lower Mississippi for twenty-five years, but Congress rejected the plan. August 17, 1788 - Losantiville (present day Cincinnati) was founded at the confluence of the Ohio and Great Miami Rivers by New Jersey Judge John Cleves, who also founded Columbus. August 7, 1790 - In the never-implemented treaty of New York, Alexander McGillivray, the Scott-Creek chieftain, pledged loyalty to the United States on behalf of the Creek Indians; however, within months McGillivray, in the pay of the Spanish, led attacks on frontier settlements. August 3, 1795 - In the Treaty of Greenville, between Anthony Wayne and the local Indians, the Indians relinquished two-thirds of Ohio and part of Indiana to the United States, and granted permission for sixteen forts to be built in the remaining Indian territory. August 6, 1801 - The religious "Great Revival" of the West began at Cane Ridge, Kentucky, near the home of the Methodist preacher Peter Cartwright. Between 10,000 and 25,000 people were present. August 31, 1803 - Meriwether Lewis and William Clark began to descend the Ohio River as the first step of their expedition across the Continent. August 13, 1804 - Governor Harrison bought the land between the Wabash and the Ohio Rivers from the Delaware Indians. August 17, 1805 - Good fortune came to the Lewis and Clark Expedition when it encountered a band of Shoshone Indians whose chief was the brother of Sacajawea. The expedition spent the month of September wandering through some of the hardest terrain yet encountered, namely the Bitterroot Mountains.

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Letter To The Editor

HOORAY for Sheriff Hooten! He pretty much hit the nail on the head when he said that the criminals were getting too many privileges. Our criminal justice has gone to the extreme in coddling and protecting our criminals. Once a crime is committed the criminal is afforded all the rights, at taxpayers' expense, while the poor victim is left to fend for himself. Occasionally the media will pick up the plight of some policeman's widow and family and start a charity fund. Who said crime doesn't pay? It pays most of the time for the criminal, since so few are caught and of those many still beat the rap because the taxpayers can afford good lawyers for them and, of course, it always pays for the lawyers. That is where the problem starts. Our Congress is loaded with attorneys who write loopholes into the laws so that their profession will always be a very profitable one. Who doesn't know how money talks? Notice how the big drug criminals with their unlimited funds can hire a battery of high-priced lawyers that can usually make the poor district attorney look like an idiot. We will never solve the drug problem until we can take away the dealers' money so they can't hire the best lawyers to get them off the hook. That will not happen as long as Congress is controlled by lawyers. They would lose too much money. Here is one more thing to think about. This country has more criminals and more lawyers than any country in the world. Which do you think came first? Kinda like which came first - the chicken or the egg! /s/ Roland Boyson

No two drivers are alike...

BE ALERT

A Public Service Announcement from The Texas Highway Patrol Association

Clarification

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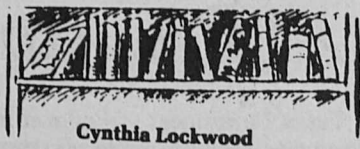
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Many people come into the library and ask, "What's new?" There is always something new in our library even if it isn't something new to the world. Keep asking and I'll keep pointing you in the right direction.

The new San Antonio circuit books are in. The mystery readers should enjoy Martha Grimes' *The Five Bells and Bladstone*, *The Jeweled Eye* by Douglas Clark, *Out of the Blackout* by Robert Barnard, *The Looking Glass War* by John LeCarre, and Alfred Hitchcock's *Your Share of Fear*. The western titles are Buchanan Says No by Jonas Ward, *The Southwest Drifter and Showdown in Sonora* by Gordon D. Shirreffs, and *Gunlock* by Wayne D. Overholser. For the romance readers we have *Love Came Riding* by Margaret Wood, *Girl in a Mask and Hide My Heart* by Mary Raymond, *Terms of Surrender* by Janet Dailey, and *Seasons of the Heart* by Cynthia Freeman. Some other titles are *Grace: The Secret Lives of A Princess* the biography of Grace Kelly and *The Girl Who Was Clairvoyant* by Mignon Warner.

On the front table as you enter the library, we are still displaying the books that Sterling C. Evans donated to our library. We now have added a few more fiction books to this pile. They are new to us, not necessarily to the world.

Check out Phyllis Whitney's *Silversword* and *Flaming Tree*. The

Caine Mutiny by Herman Wouk, **The Ugly American** by William J. Lederer and Eugene Burdick, the once banned **The French Lieutenant's Woman** by John Fowles, and James Clavell's **Tai-Pan**. From the author who gave us **From Here To Eternity**, James Jones, we have **Go To The Widow-Maker**. We also have **Von Ryan's Express** by David Westheimer and **Hawaii** by James Michener.

An interesting book to our collection is **Farm and Ranch Spanish** by George W. Kelly and Rex R. Kelly. The authors of this book were born near the Mexican border and grew up speaking the local Spanish. Later, they took up Spanish at the university level and discovered the differences between the Spanish of Spain and border Spanish, or "Tex-Mex." This book is filled with phrases and vocabulary that would be spoken in this area by the border. If you want to learn to speak Spanish around the Mexican border, pick up this book.

Finally, we do have some new books that are actually new. **Inzadi** by Peter Davis is the latest volume of the **Star Trek: The Next Generation** series, and Terry McMillan's best seller **Waiting to Exhale**.

Many thanks to those who donated books and magazines to the library this past week: Richard Mountain and Bess Fritter.

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

Kinney County Library
 Staff & Volunteers

Bridge Anyone

By NORMA GOULD



The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club met Tuesday, August 11, with four tables playing the Howell Movement.

First place was won by Ann Hibler and Betty Inman. There was a tie in second place between the pairs of Ben Pingnot - Norma Gould, and Joan Lindley - Eileen Voracek.

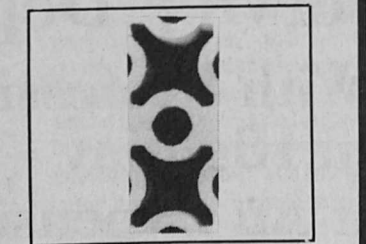
Have a Good Day
 Janice



Mirza Clarke

Identify The Picture

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



Answers to Super Crossword

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ERIC	TACT	ANSA	MANET										
ARTHUR	ASH	JOHNNY	CASH										
RETHE	ALGOVE	SETA	ENNA										
STY	OLTO	ERS	RUTA	EEEN									
51	OPERAS	SOLARIA	HARASS										
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Beyond The Horizon

By Dorothy Payne



Probably the most colorful but elusive of the legendary of the American West was Dona Maria Gertrudis Barcelo who dominated the Santa Fe, New Mexico, scene in the early 19th century.

Some historians still insist she came from Taos, but now it is believed she was born in Mexico around 1800. There is a record of her marriage to Manuel Sisneros at Tome on June 23, 1823. The records also show two sons born to her died as babies.

LaTules, as she was called, was addicted to gambling and was soon running games at a mining camp in the Ortiz Mountains south of Santa Fe around 1835. She started out as a harlot and gained the title of Dona by accident, perhaps because she was literate, which was unusual at the time and place.

At the time Santa Fe was an isolated outpost where among other things women enjoyed more freedom than women of the east including gambling, smoking, and drinking.

Unsung Hero

by Joe Townsend



There is a fine man who has been here long enough to father a fine family who are now fine adults.

His two daughters are well respected as is his son.

He is a somewhat backward type of man but a very fine man in every respect. He is a wonderful neighbor and most helpful when needed.

He does the finest job of taking care of his responsibilities of any I've known. He was called to my attention by a member of people who do not know him but appreciate the fine way he cares for his job and the friendly spirit he shows to those who see him at work.

Surely Manuel Hernandez is an "Unsung Hero".

LaTules was a business woman who was shrewd and she quickly gained wealth and power in a world run by men. Her husband helped run her business for a time. She soon opened the most popular saloon in Santa Fe. It was located on Burro Alley between Palace Avenue and San Francisco Street. Her card rooms were popular with men of all types - rich or poor.

She became the business partner of Governor Manuel Armijo. Some say she was also his mistress.

In August, 1846, General Stephen Watts Kearney of the American Army occupied Santa Fe unopposed. After he came, LaTules befriended the army personnel and even loaned them money for an expedition to Chihuahua. The men who enjoyed her company, and saloon, could not openly do so because their wives would object.

Dona Tules died in January, 1852. People of all walks of life attended her elaborate funeral which was typical of her time and status.

She left a brother and some sisters. In her will, she took care of them, her servants, and the cost of her burial. So passed Dona Tules, a woman who had the respect of her community and strong family relationships.

It is not known about her husband's lot except she probably became a widow at an early age.

Soon after her death, the territorial authorities did away with gambling saloons.

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Jonesie

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 Describe yourself: Outgoing.
 What is your favorite movie: *Wake of the Red Witch*.
 What is your favorite book: *Sea Jade*.
 If you could go anywhere, where would you go: Europe.
 What would you like to be if you could change your life: Richer.
 If you could change Brackettville, how would you change it: I wouldn't.



Mary Mellor

Community Calender

AA: Mondays, 8 p.m., Slator Hall, 109 W. James St.
AI-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.
BISD School Board: 2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m., School Board Room.
Chamber of Commerce: 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Cavalry Room.
City Council: 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Slator 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., 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 Post #8380 & Auxiliary: 4th Wednesday, 6 p.m., Pot Luck. 7 p.m. Meeting, NCO Club.
FCS Bingo: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Shafter Hall.
FCS Jan 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 Thursdays, 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, Slator Hall. Please make reservations.
Preceptor Theta Sigma Sorority: 3rd Monday, 7 p.m.
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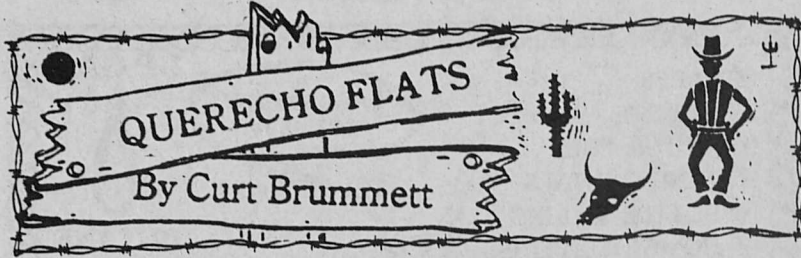
Garbage and what we do with it is everyone's concern! Most communities today generate more solid waste than they can dispose of in landfills; other means of disposal are not acceptable because they pollute the air or the water. Clearly, clean solutions must be found. That is why more and more communities are initiating voluntary or mandatory recycling programs.

About one-third of municipal solid waste, by weight, consists of packaging, and much of this is valuable material that can be recovered and reused. Studies have shown that as much as 40% of what we currently throw out may be recyclable!

While most people are familiar with glass, newspaper and aluminum recycling, not everyone knows that plastics too are a valuable recyclable material. As more and more uses for recycled plastic are developed and the technologies perfected, plastics recycling programs are rapidly spreading across the United States.

Plastic is not a single material, but a wide range of resins with varying characteristics that make them suitable for different types of packaging. "PET," or polyethylene terephthalate, is familiar to most people as the resin used in plastic containers for soft drinks.

To find out where to recycle PET plastics in your community or how you can help initiate a local program, call your city sanitation department. Helpful information about plastics recycling is also available from NAPCOR, the National Association for Plastic Container Recovery at 1-800-7-NAPCOR, and the Society of the Plastics Industry (SPI), 1275 K Street, N.W., Suite 400, Washington, D.C. 20005.



Humor Or Lack There Of

There has on occasion been a question asked about the people of Querecho Flats. It is never asked by any of the local crazies, it's always come from an outsider.

The question in question, is pretty simple.

Why is everthing so damn funny?

This question has been asked by many types of people that has passed through our little town and generally the ones that asked the question never stayed long enough to find out the answer.

I have to admit that we do have a little different out look on life than most. But then our life is considerably different from most.

You see, living out in the middle of no where, puts us at a severe disadvantage when it comes to entertainment.

Yep, we have to create our own.

This entertainment can be impromptu, or really well thought out. It can involve one person or a whole group. It can create hate and discontent, or it can just liven things up and put everyone in a good mood.

The good mood part is very rare and only happens when someone does something to me.

A lot of our entertainment comes from watching tourists. When a tourist stops in Querecho Flats, there is generally something wrong. Car trouble, someone is sick, most of the time, they are just lost.

Depending on the intelligence of the tourist, the lost ones generally leave, fixing to be really lost.

Example, one tourist asked how to get to Roswell from here. He was a yuppie yankee and thought he was about 3 points better than God. He talked down to Garlan and Lucille like they were just so much trash.

Generally it's Garlan, Karl or me that messes with the tourists, but this old boy made Lucille mad the way he was treating them and she took over the job of town messenger.

She told the yuppie that he had to go back on top of the cap and take the first road to the right. After about 26 miles there would be a sign saying Vaughn 96 miles. Take the road to Vaughn and when you get there take the road marked highway 132. And that road would take him right into Roswell. The first 26 miles was rough dirt road. And the rest of the way was about 175 miles out of the way. Only one gas station after you left Querecho Flats.

Garlan told me about how proud he was of Lucille and I had to admit that she had done an extremely fine job.

I asked her how she got the idea and her reply was heart warming to say the least.

"I figured if he thought he was as important as he acted, he needed to be straightened out. I knew if I let 'im get to Garlan or you he wouldn't have a chance. So, I did what I thought you boys might do and had fun doing it."

The yuppie came back through about 3 or 4 days later and he seemed to be a little miffed.

He told me that he had run out of gas about half way to Vaughn and had to sit on the side of the road for about 5 hours before any one came by. It was a rancher that found 'im and he just happened to have a can of gas with 'im. He also stated that the rancher was so stupid that he wouldn't even take the money that was offered for the gas. The rancher did tell 'im that when he came to the sign that read Vaughn 96 mile, he should 'ave turned left because Roswell was only 23 miles from that intersection.

Yep he had full intentions of telling Lucille just how sorry he thought she really was.

What he said about the rancher, made me mad and I figured it was open season on yuppie yankees.

I told 'im that Lucille wouldn't be in till after dark, but I would be more than happy to give her the message. That's when he asked for gas.

Karl was closed for the day and Garlan's 3 gas pumps were the only thing in town that was working. Actually 2 were gas pumps, the other was for Barsol. The Gritty Oil Company kept it for various cleaning jobs and paid Garlan rent on the old tank.

I got even for the rancher. The yuppie wanted super unleaded.

When I told 'im we had only regular and unleaded but we could mix some of the kerosene with the unleaded to make up the difference he went for it.

Barsol and unleaded gas shore makes a "caddy" cough.

The last I saw of the yuppie, he was just topping the cap and blowing black smoke. He probably figured I was pretty stupid too for not taking the money for the gas. But I told 'im it was just my way of making up for Lucille's bad joke.

I don't know what kind of mileage he got between Querecho and Logaville, but I bet he got there in a hurry. Barsol sure runs hot.

Fishing Report



AMISTAD: Water clear, 82 degrees, 1 foot above normal level; black bass are fairly good in the 2-6 pound range early on spinners and buzz baits, worms are good in the middle of the day; striper are slow and deep, those caught are on jigs; crappie are fair up the Devils River; white bass are fairly good all over the lake on slabs during the day and at night on minnows; catfish are good to 4 pounds in 5 to 20 feet of water on cheese baits.

BRAUNIG: Water clear, 80 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 6 1/2 pounds on crawfish; hybrid striper are fairly good in the 5 1/2 pound range on spoons and liver; channel catfish are good to 3 pounds on chicken liver, shad and shrimp; yellow catfish are slow; blue catfish are good to 2 pounds on chicken liver and shad; redfish are picking up to 21 pounds on perch, night-crawlers, shad and spoons; corvina are slow.

CALAVERAS: Water murky, normal level; black bass are slow; stiper are fair to 4 pounds on artificials; crappie are slow; catfish are fair to 3 pounds on shad; redfish are slow; corvina are excellent to 12 pounds on live perch.

CHOKE: Water clear, 89 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair early to 10 1/4 pounds on plastic worms in 10-15 feet off of the humps near Mason point; striper are slow; crappie are fair at 99 bridge on minnows; white bass are fair near the dam; catfish are good in the 15 to 30 pound range on trotlines with cut bait and live bait in 5 to 15 feet of water.

COLETO CREEK: Water a little murky, 87 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 9 pounds on topwaters and worms; crappie are fair to 12 inches on minnows; catfish are good to 6 pounds on liver.

CORPUS CHRISTI: Water clear, 86 degrees, lake full; black bass are fair to 4 1/2 pounds early on topwaters in the coves above 534 bridge on red shad and Power Worms are best later; striper are slow; white bass are good from Goat Island to Hog Island on white slabs and spoons; crappie are fair in 15 to 20 feet of water at the old submerged dam near the buoy line and Alice Pump House on Minners; blue catfish are good to 9 pounds on live and cut sunfish; pan sized channel catfish are good on dead shrimp from Mount Echo to KOA camp and off the deep points at the state park.

FALCON: Water clear, 83 degrees, 6 inches low; black bass are good to 7.6 pounds on Power Worms in 10 feet of water; striper are excellent in the dam area on Knocker Spoons; crappie are slow; white bass are excellent in the dam area on Knocker Spoons; catfish are excellent to 5 pounds on rod and reel baited with frozen shrimp.

MEDINA: Water clear, 2 inches above normal level; black bass are

slow; striper are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are slow; catfish are fair to 4 pounds on nightcrawlers and cheese baits; few fishermen midweek.

TEXANA: Water fairly clear, 88 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to 3 pounds on Craw Worms; crappie are very good on minnows to 20 fish per stringer in the Navidad and Sandies; catfish are very slow.

Nutrition Center Menu

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

- Hamburger Patties
- French Fries
- Buttered Corn
- Tapioca Pudding
- Hot Rolls

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

- Mozzarella Patties
- Rice/Broccoli/Cheese
- Beets - Pear
- Biscuits

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

- Meat Loaf
- Macaroni/Cheese
- Stir Fried Vegetables
- Fruit Cocktail
- Hot Rolls

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

- Lima Beans/Ham
- Golden Carrots
- Tossed Salad
- Banana Pudding
- Hot Rolls

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

- Chicken Fried Steak
- Mashed Potatoes
- Peas/Carrots
- Cupcakes
- Biscuits

JTPA Alumni Month

Texas Department of Commerce Executive Director Cathy Bonner today announced Governor Ann Richards' proclamation of August as "JTPA Alumni Month," saluting those who have successfully completed training through the Job Training Partnership Act.

During August, local Service Delivery Areas will designate and recognize their outstanding JTPA alumni so local businesses are made aware of the many benefits of hiring JTPA participants. Depending on their particular needs, participants may receive a wide variety of job counseling and training through JTPA. It also is possible to tailor training programs to a particular employer's requirements. The Governor's proclamation reads:

"The federally-funded Job Training Partnership Act is an effective program for assisting youth at-risk, welfare recipients, unskilled adults, dislocated workers and others who face serious barriers to employment.

"The members of Congress, our communities and the media should be informed of the positive impact JTPA has on the lives of our fellow citizens.

"All the partners at all levels in the JTPA system, including federal, state, local, business, labor, education, community-based organizations and service providers, must assume an active role in effectively communicating the success of the program.

"JTPA alumni, those individuals who have successfully completed the program, have overcome barriers to employment and are now productive members of our communities, are the best advocates for the program.

"The people of Texas should be encouraged to recognize and appreciate the achievements of JTPA alumni and to support the program.

"Therefore, I, Ann W. Richards, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim the month of August 1992 as **Job Training Partnership Act Alumni Month.**"

During the last week of August, designated alumni from the local SDAs will receive personalized certificates from the Governor recognizing their achievements. The Job Training Partnership Act is administered by the Texas Department of Commerce.

12 Step Program Everybody Welcome

The 12-Step Program which meets each Thursday night at the First Baptist Church provides information and support to those who are seeking to take charge of, and improve the quality of their own life in ways such as stress control, building a positive self-image, assertiveness, substance avoidance, making new friends, filling a lonely evening, or helping someone else.

Although not affiliated with either, the 12-Step Program is a spin-off of both AA and NA.

The meetings are open to anyone who cares to attend. The time is 7:00 p.m. There is no charge. Refreshments will be shared. Information may be obtained by calling 563-9339 after 4:00 p.m.

Do You Ever Ask These Questions?

"Who will take care of my children while I attend G.E.D. classes?"

"I've never had a job before. How can I get started?"

"Where do I find the training I need to help me find the job I want?"

"I can't decide on a career!"

"I need to brush up' on my skills so I can get ahead. Where do I go?"

"My family's income is pretty low. Can you help me?"

"I just can't seem to find a good paying job. Where can I go for help?"

"What can I do to prepare myself for a job that will pay more than minimum wage?"

"I have trouble motivating myself. What can I do?"

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Golf News



LADIES DAY Tuesday, August 11

Seventeen ladies teed off at 8:00 on a beautiful morning to play a Nassau.

Louise Williamson won the 18 holes with a score of 61.

Tied on the front 9 with a 31 were Betty Dennis and Flo Stafford.

The back 9 was won by Vicki Nichols with a 28.

MENS DAY Wednesday, August 12

A group of twenty-seven golfers came out to play a 3-Man-Team - Best Two Pars competition.

Coming in first with a score of 149 were: Chip Salsman, Doc Cruise and E.W. Williamson.

2nd place with 151: Bob Houk, Bob Gaston and Bill Mills.

3rd place with 152: Pat Owens, Bill Mitchell and Dan Isenberg.

4th place with 153: Ralph Viestenz, Chuck Kauffman and Dwite Gilliland.

COUPLES SCRAMBLE Thursday, August 13

Winners were: Mary Stephenson, Charlie Smith, Don Parker and Lou Green.

2nd place were: Vicki Nichols, Julian Garza, Eillen and Herb Voracek.

Tie for 3rd were: Robbie and Ruth Robinson and Hubie and Pat McKelvy, Bob and Jane Young and Gene Graham and Bill Koons.

UT-EXES

Bud Conoly hosted his former classmates from the University of Texas for a two day competition. This is an annual event with old friends and families enjoying a weekend in our area. Many nice remarks were made by the Texas Exes regarding the condition of the golf course. Congratulations to all the golf course workers for a job well done.

Effective immediately the golf course and club house will be closed to the public on Mondays.

The dining room will be open from early AM til 2:00 daily (except Mondays) for breakfast and lunch. After 2:00, snacks and drinks only will be available.

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Preview Of Things To Come

Tiger Football

It's back! Brackett Tiger Football is underway!

Last week the Tigers went through the always dreaded two-a-day workouts. With only thirty students coming out to play, there is a slim chance for a JV squad which may limit the playing time and experience for underclassmen.

Greg Nowlin is back as head coach - he took his Tigers to the playoffs after finishing second in the district. Brackett lost that game 60 - 16 to Wimberly in the first round.

The Tigers may very well return to post-season play with some talented players returning. First team all-district quarterback Senior Adrian Pena returns but will be given the job as tailback this year. Pena had 1750 all-purpose yards last year. He was also named to all-district corner back but will be playing middle linebacker on defense.

Angel Jaso, a 200-pound fullback, returns for his final year in a Tiger uniform. Jaso also received all-district recognition both ways and will definitely be a tough task to handle for the opposition.

Lynn Floyd will be taking the snap from center as a quarterback. Floyd is coming off a disappointing year after struggling with an ankle injury late last year. When Floyd isn't handing the ball off to Pena and Jaso, he will be taking it to the air

with the ball addressed to Juniors Jesse Terrazas and Frank Guajardo.

Both Terrazas and Guajardo have the ability to get in the open and break tackles after great catches.

Albert Coronado and Patrick Melancon will also see some quality time as receivers.

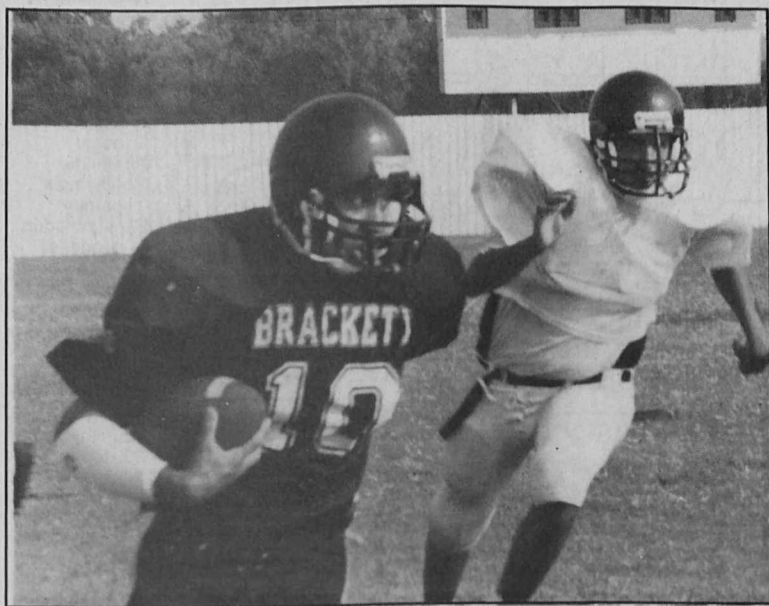
The Tigers weak point may come from the offensive line. Junior Lupe Rodriguez and Sophomore Wil Shaha are the "veterans" on the line returning as starters. Matthew Benacci, Manuel Ramon and Dale Smith finish out the rest of the "beef."

Other returning lettermen include Victor Sanchez, Earl Wright, and John Ingram. Ingram will certainly be a threat as back-up running back and outside linebacker.

Newcomers include Ricky Flores, a senior move-in from Illinois. We will surely be seeing a lot from him this season. Jason Ash, who transferred from Del Rio, will see some action also.

It's too early to tell, but can the experienced backfield make up for its young line? With Asherton dropping out of the district, will it be an advantage for Nowlin and his posse?

Come see for yourself as the Tigers get to satisfy their taste buds on the gridiron against the Leakey Eagles Friday, August 21, at Tiger Stadium in a scrimmage beginning at 600 p.m.



Tigerette Volleyball

Coach Tammy Coggins has had the Tigerette Volleyball Team going through her style of "training camp" preparing for the upcoming season. The Tigerettes ended last year one victory away from a play-off berth.

First team all-district recipient Wendy McDaniel returns this year. Senior Theresa Terrazas, a second team all-district winner, will be seen in the starting rotation.

Junior Amanda Davis, who earned all-district Honorable Mention last year, is back as is Kim Ahrens, the only freshmen who received honors last year.

Other lettermen include Jessica Taylor, Yvette Rocha, and Jennifer Terrazas. Ida Aguillar will be on the Varsity squad this year.

The Tigerettes have the experience, the height, and the talent to send havoc through their opponents. When Coach Coggins was asked who the team to beat was, she commented, "Us!"

The Tigerettes can be seen in action Thursday (today) in a scrimmage against the Del Rio Queens here at The Jungle at 6:00 p.m. immediately following the JV game.



Varsity Volleyball, 1992, (L to R) Amanda Davis, Wendy McDaniel, Yvette Rocha, Ida Aguillar, Theresa Terrazas, Jessica Taylor, Kim Ahrens, and Jennifer Terrazas.

Varsity Volleyball Roster

Grade	Player
12	Theresa Terrazas
12	Wendy McDaniel
11	Jessica Taylor
11	Uvetta Rocha
11	Amanda Davis
11	Ida Aguillar
10	Jennifer Terrazas
10	Kim Ahrens

Managers

Aurelia Rivas & Isela Valdez

Junior Varsity Volleyball

Grade	Player
10	Vicky Abrego
10	Teresa Perez
11	Gabby Flores
10	Charlie Hall
10	Lolly Hernandez
10	Zoila Herrera
10	Leticia Rivas
10	Sandra Samaniego
9	Amber Davis
9	Debra Ferich
9	Denice Ferich
9	Katie Hall
9	Samantha Luna
9	Monica Rodriguez
9	Jackie Smith
9	Casey Tipps

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Sept. 7	Batesville	HERE	5, 6
Sept. 14	Eagle Pass JH	HERE	5, 6
Sept. 19	Eagle Pass Tourney	AWAY	TBA
Sept. 21	Open		
Sept. 28	Del Rio W	HERE	5, 6
Oct. 5	Open		
Oct. 12	Del Rio B	AWAY	5, 6
Oct. 19	Eagle Pass Mem.	AWAY	5, 6
Oct. 24	Del Rio Tourney	AWAY	TBA

COACH TAMMY COGGINS

SCHOOL MENU

Breakfast

Hey Mom! Hey Dad! Breakfast is important for you, too. Why not join your kid(s) for breakfast at school sometime!

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

Sausage Patty Biscuit Fruit

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

French Toast Fruit

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

Fruit Muffins Juice

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

Taquito Juice

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

Pancakes/Syrup Fruit

Lunch

Salad Bar Daily

All Menus Subject To Change "B" Line - Hot sandwich, French Fries, Fresh Fruit. Milk served with all meals.

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

Chicken Patty Whipped Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Roll

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

Corn Dog White Rice & Beans Veggie Sticks - Diced Peas

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

Hamburger - Burger Salad French Fries Plums

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

Tacos - Taco Salad Pinto Beans - Spanish Rice Grapes

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

Macaroni & Cheese W/Ham Seasoned Vegetables Diced Peaches Roll

The Ghost Of \$ Billions - Past And Future

On June 8, 1992, Governor Richards, Lt. Governor Bullock, and Speaker Lewis wrote to school administrators to tell them there will be "no new state money" to cover "the additional \$3 billion required to meet the increased funding levels established by Senate Bill 351 for the 1993-94 and 1994-95 school years," and "you can expect per pupil state aid to remain, at best, constant."

On June 19, the education community held a press conference and came out swinging. You're renegeing on your promise, giving up without a fight, hurting children, they said.

Oh, no, said the big three, you've got it wrong. The problem lies not with us, but with the state's economy, the taxpayers, and school boards and administrators. We three would keep the promise if only the economy were stronger, if the taxpayers would support new state money for education, and if local school officials would stop wasting all the new state money they've already gotten and show us some results. Bullock told reporters state aid has nearly doubled in the past decade, and Lewis proclaimed to the press that taxpayers are demanding to know, "Where have all the billions gone?"

Then on July 2, Bullock released an editorial headed "No New Money is Undue Alarm." It said the state will give school districts "a minimum of \$650 million...perhaps as much as \$1 billion "in new state aid" next biennium. Therefore, the editorial continues, "there is no room for any person or group" to say the state "has gone back on its commitment to excellence and equity."

Had something changed? Had educators overreacted to the June 8 letter? Not really. But unfortunately, that's what a lot of folks seem to think. Truth is Bullock was simply

filling in some blanks in the earlier letter. He wasn't adding one thin dime to the pot. He was talking about money that was already there. Money that was assumed, but not mentioned in the June 8 letter. Money that still leaves us \$3 billion short of the promise of SB 351.

So how does all this fit together, and what does it mean for public education?

The reality about where all the past billions have gone is that when you adjust for student population growth, inflation, and new state mandates, real state aid is about the same or less than it was a decade ago. After adjusting for growth and inflation alone, (the costs of new mandates are not as well known), we found an average annual increase of less than 1% a year from 1983-84 through 1992-93. (We'll be happy to share our math with anyone who asks.)

As for getting results, if the real increase is less than 1% per year, and if we assume there is some meaningful relationship between money and results, we really shouldn't expect to find any results traceable to state aid increases.

Perhaps we should be grateful the state has been keeping up with inflation. And we would be, if our public schools were funded at a competitive level. But they're not. Texas is in the bottom quarter of all states in per student funding.

We should also note that the increase for this year and next year are substantially better than for most of the other years included in our analysis. In fact, state aid increased more than 5% above and beyond growth and inflation this year, and will again next year. And next biennium, fully funded, would have given us four good years in a

row.

The reality about all the future billions promised in SB 351 is that they are not going to be there unless the education community somehow manages to change the course our state leaders are now steering. Educators may also be able to help change taxpayer attitudes. As for blaming the economy, we would simply note that the official projections are about the same now as they were when SB 351 was passed.

The state's own numbers indicate that SB 351 will cost the state at least \$3.78 billion more next biennium than was appropriated for this biennium. We can also calculate from the state's own numbers that it will take \$1 billion just to keep per pupil state aid constant, at the 1992-93 level.

But how do those numbers jibe with what our state leaders said in the June 8 letter and July 2 editorial? First of all, the key to making the numbers and words fit together is that "no new state money" really means "no new state money from new state taxes." There is, in fact, new state money in the state's projections, but it's only from economic growth, and the amounts assume public education will continue to get its current 38% share of available state funds.

The \$3 billion in the letter is the deficiency after taking into account the \$650 million cited in the editorial as the minimum anticipated increase. Read "no new state money" to mean "...beyond the \$650 million we expect from economic growth."

Now let's take a final look at the \$3.78 billion needed to keep the promise of SB 351. Student population growth, as we've said, will take \$1 billion. Inflation, we calculate, will take another \$980 million. That leaves \$1.8 billion for real progress toward equity and excellence.

If we get only \$650 million, we not only forego the promise of progress, we fall behind growth and inflation by \$1.33 billion. And if we get only \$1 billion, we cover growth, but not inflation. So we're still headed downhill. Is this really what the people are telling the governor they want for their kids?

EC is not unmindful or ungrateful that the state's record on the distribution of state aid has improved very substantially over the past decade. We thank our friends in all three branches of government for these improvements in equity. But the playing field is still not level. Our friends in other associations and in wealthy districts have taken the position that it is the state's responsibility to complete the leveling process with state funds. We agree.

The state has done just about all the leveling it feasibly can do with distribution schemes. The only way to get to equity and excellence without substantially more state money is to impose some form of massive recapture and outrageous property tax rates. State officials have been frantically looking for other options for nearly a decade now, and nobody has come even close.

It's not because the legislature can't add 1 + 1, as suggested in a recent Ben Sargent cartoon. It's because nobody, not even the legislature, can make 1 + 1 equal 4.

Craig Foster Executive Director of the Equity Center Austin, Texas

Natasha's Stars

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You WOW your world early in the week — make the most of it. Pretend you're the Emperor (or Empress) of your domain, and create exactly what you want. Go for the more spiritual values in life or you could be caught (like the Emperor) without any clothes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Get into your head and get more into your heart. You take action and move into new realms late in the week. You survey your gains as the week comes to a close. Indulge yourself and another.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be more upbeat about your direction and your needs. Aim for what you want with the full expectation of getting it. Play hermit midweek, if you have any questions as to which way you need to go. By the weekend, you feel renewed and ready.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You might as well take the lead this week, because everyone will dump the responsibility (yours and theirs) on you. Be more understanding of another's foibles and you discover a friendship is enriched. The fact is, if you put out this week, you get.

LEO (July 23-August 22) Your mind travels to distant lands and distant people this week. You might take this as inspiration and really push hard at work, so you can call it an early weekend. Now really, you big pussy cat, what is it that would really have you purring?

VIRGO (August 23-September 22) Getting down to the nitty-gritty of a partnership takes up a large part of your week. You have daydreams to fulfill, and you're able to make them yours this week. Be aware, however, that actions taken could have long-range implications.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22) Let others call the shots, as usual or for a change. Look at a partnership differently. Be willing to take a risk and open up. Consider a special weekend away (far away) where you make a dream happen.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21) Your efficiency at work is tested, as opportunities drop at your door. Socializing and getting to know a new member of your immediate circle take on importance. This weekend you finally know exactly what's there, and whether you want to pursue it.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21) You're forever a partier. (And a happy one at that.) You once more decide that the grass is greener on the other side — go ahead, take the risk. Put some of this high energy into your work, so that you can call it an early weekend and go on the prowl again.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 19) Stay focused on priorities, and worry less about the outcome. Take a risk, here and there, and you'll feel much better than you have in a long while. Romance floats into the picture.

AQUARIUS (January 20-February 18) You initiate action and need to deal with the outcome. Be more in touch with your feelings, and allow yourself some time to "clear" and begin again. Romance blooms.

PISCES (February 19-March 20) Money and long-term security dominate this week. You can have it, if you really explore your options. Be more grounded in what you want. Allow another to close the gap between the two of you. Complain less and smile more.

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Vision Teaser



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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Sign is smaller. 2. Leash is longer. 3. Ribbon is wider. 4. Book is missing. 5. Picture is moved. 6. Arm is lower.

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

- Barley
- Buckwheat
- Cereal
- Chaff
- Corn
- Flour
- Gluten
- Granary
- Grits
- Maize
- Millet
- Rye
- Semolina
- Thresh
- Winnow

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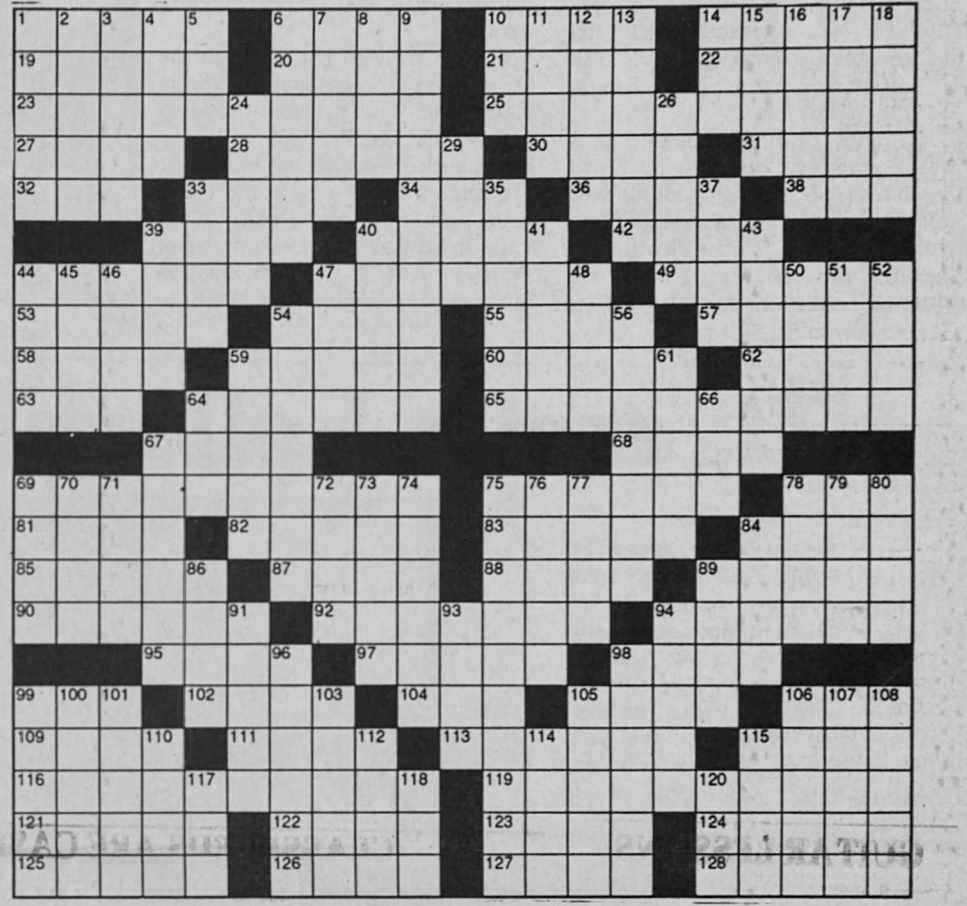
- ACROSS**
- 1 Former Egyptian VIP
 - 6 Fruit-flavored desserts
 - 10 Quantity of paper
 - 14 "Brother, can you spare —?"
 - 19 Author joke
 - 20 Diplomat's asset
 - 21 Handle
 - 22 "Olympia" painter
 - 23 Wimbledon winner of 1975
 - 25 "The Man in Black"
 - 27 Network
 - 28 Breakfast nook
 - 30 — precedent
 - 31 City in Sicily
 - 32 Filthy place
 - 33 Hodgepodge
 - 34 Stammering sounds
 - 36 TV actress
 - 38 Poetic contraction
 - 39 Oil-producers' org.
 - 40 Remains in readiness
 - 42 Ironwood tree
 - 44 "Faust" and "Carmen"
 - 47 Sun porches
 - 49 Torment repeatedly
 - 53 Kind of code
- DOWN**
- 54 Black bird
 - 55 Cake ingredients
 - 57 Compensate
 - 58 Emerald Isle
 - 59 Analyze a sentence
 - 60 Central American timber tree
 - 62 Rural dance site?
 - 63 Nest of pheasants
 - 64 Speed up
 - 65 Polish scientist who discovered radium
 - 67 Word before meeting or media
 - 68 Religious brothers
 - 69 Queen of the theater
 - 75 Island or Bay
 - 78 Swab
 - 81 The Bard's river
 - 82 Greek market place
 - 83 Banish
 - 84 Book or worthy lead-in
 - 85 Emulate
 - 87 Wield a blue pencil
 - 88 Kill violently
 - 89 Drawing room
 - 90 Repossessor's document
 - 92 Earphones
 - 94 Suggested indirectly
 - 95 Special periods
 - 97 Fits of pique
 - 98 Story of heroic deeds
 - 99 Kentucky bluegrass
 - 102 This, in Spain
 - 104 Pike-like fish
 - 105 Mountain lake
 - 106 Macaw
 - 109 Spheres
 - 111 Small fruit pie
 - 113 Crescent-shaped
 - 115 Seize suddenly
 - 116 Midnight equestrian
 - 119 She was "Peter Pan"
 - 121 Follow as a result
 - 122 List follower
 - 123 Affirm
 - 124 Della or Pea Wee
 - 125 High-spirited horse
 - 126 Highway hauler
 - 127 Monster's loch?
 - 128 Mary — Moore
 - 1 Brands with a hot iron
 - 2 Sovereign's decree
 - 3 Short, simple
 - 4 Yearn
 - 5 Greek letter
 - 6 Style of type
 - 7 Bay on the coast of Maine
 - 8 She loved Narcissus
 - 9 First host of "The Tonight Show"
 - 10 Rule, in India
 - 11 Baseball's Slaughter
 - 12 Son of Jacob
 - 13 Virgil's birthplace
 - 14 Tan or Vanderbilt
 - 15 Freshwater fish
 - 16 Senseless
 - 17 Middle, in law
 - 18 "— Frome"
 - 24 Chest sounds
 - 26 Of course: slang
 - 29 Assam silkworm
 - 33 Gem stone
 - 35 Flow copiously
 - 37 Winglike seaport
 - 39 Algerian order
 - 40 Not as good
 - 41 Greek letter
 - 43 Volcanic mountain on Ross Island
 - 44 Word before sea or secret
 - 45 Arouse:
 - prefix
 - 46 Arthurian lady
 - 47 Spanish muralist
 - 48 He was married to Shirley Temple
 - 50 On — (equivalent to)
 - 51 Calcutta garb
 - 52 Auld lang —
 - 54 Stimulating rubdown
 - 56 Rigidly
 - 59 Turkish official
 - 61 Uncanny
 - 64 Chinese dynasty
 - 66 Preserve food
 - 67 Household
 - 69 Companion of hounds
 - 70 Anagram of
 - 71 Word before seat or set
 - 72 Hebrew letter
 - 73 Iroquoian Indians
 - 74 Coin of Thailand
 - 75 Harry's First Lady
 - 76 Wheel spirals
 - 77 Arbitrary order
 - 78 Shed feathers
 - 79 Sioux Indian
 - 80 Await settlement
 - 84 Dog in "Peter Pan"
 - 86 Spend them in Florence
 - 89 Make the contract legal
 - 91 Savor
 - 93 Clock face
 - 94 Sheik's retreat
 - 96 Barrel strips
 - 98 Minor woodland
 - 99 John and Paul
 - 100 Female praying figure
 - 101 Mistreat
 - 103 Sharp mountain crest
 - 105 Biblical weeds
 - 106 Russian union
 - 107 Elevate
 - 108 Baseball's Doubleday
 - 110 Turn around a pivot
 - 112 London streetcar
 - 114 Wheel hub
 - 115 Jane or Zane
 - 117 See — (get angry)
 - 118 Yale grad.
 - 120 Louvre display

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Aug. 21	Delbert A. Kendrick
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Aug. 22	Hubert C. McKelvy
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Aug. 24	Nakai Breen
Aug. 24	Maggie Lee Lipich
Aug. 25	Clara Elks
Aug. 25	Gene E. Nixon
Aug. 26	Federico Martinez
Aug. 26	Terri Day
Aug. 26	Kay Gilbreath

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Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. August 24, 1992.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

1992 Community Development Fund Texas Community Development Program

Second Public Hearing

The second public hearing will be held at 5:00 p.m. on August 26, 1992, at City Hall in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant.

Topics to be discussed will include the application for street improvements in the amount of \$92,000.00 and the estimated amount of funds proposed for activities that will benefit low and moderate income persons.

The application will be available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

City Hall is accessible to the handicapped.

JOB OPENING

The Community Council of Southwest Texas, Inc., is accepting applications for the position of Part-time Janitor for the Head Start Program in Rocksprings, Campwood, Sabinal, Batesville, Brackettville, La Pryor Texas for School Year 1992-93.

Part-time: 2 hours daily, 5 days a week.

Qualifications: Must have experience in maintenance and up keeping skills in the custodial capacity and must be willing to carry out directives with a positive attitude.

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ASCS News

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The office staff and county committees will be attending training sessions at the Texas State ASCS Conference in Lubbock, Texas.

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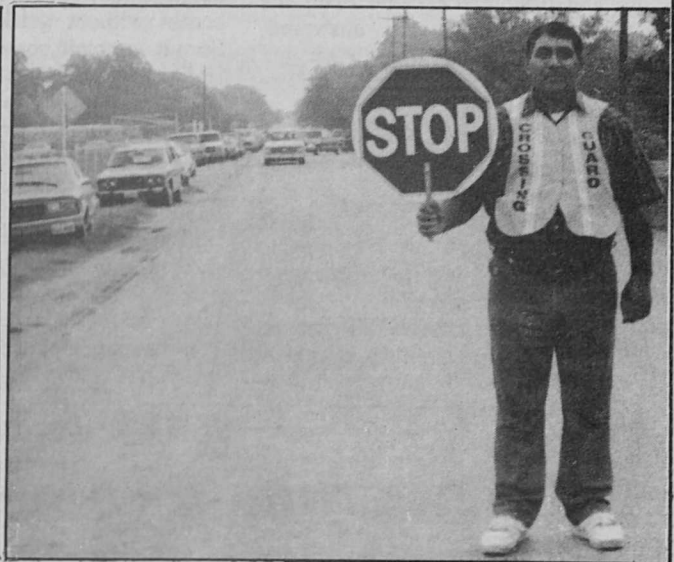
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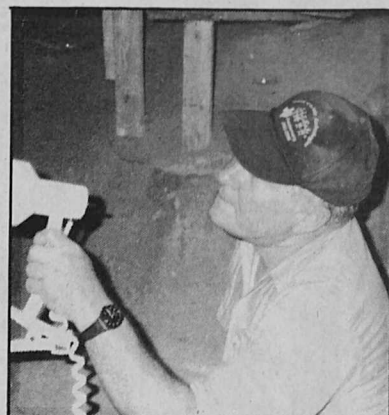
NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1992-93

The Kinney County Commissioners' Court has set a public hearing on Kinney County's proposed budget for fiscal year 1992-1993 on August 31, 1992 at 10:00 A.M. in the County Courtroom of the Courthouse in Brackettville, Texas. The proposed budget will be filed with the County Clerk and made available for public review on August 11th, 1992.

Witness my hand and seal of office this the 11th day of August, A.D. 1992.

Kinney County Commissioners' Court
/s/ Dolores Raney
County Clerk

Don't Drink and Drive!
The Brackett News



John Stockley

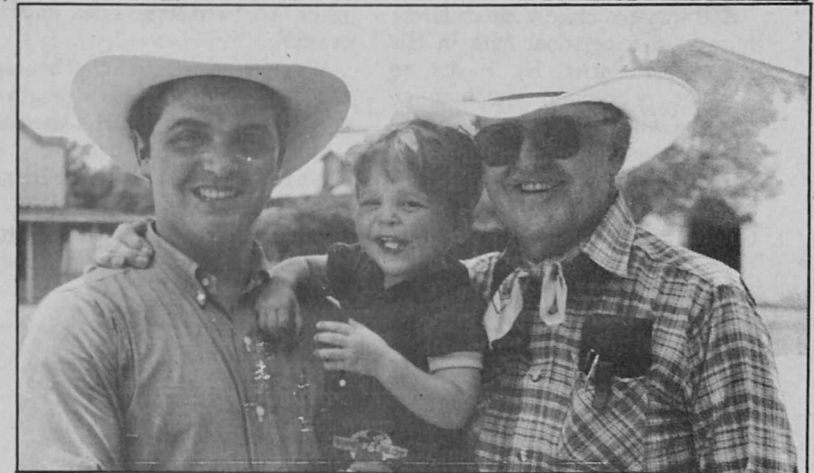
Although John Stockley is employed by the Dual Diagnosis Council of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation based in Eagle Pass, he is spending much of his free time in Brackettville. His function here is as a member of the Stewardship Committee of the Network of State Archeologist, an arm of the Texas Historical Commission. This means that he is an experienced, skilled amateur who volunteers his service to delve into the past in an effort to preserve our heritage.

Specifically, he is examining and evaluating an old piece of property which has been recently purchased by Tracy and Kay Gilbreth. The location is at the corner of El Paso and Fort Streets. The deed has been

Valentino:

For several years a featured performer at Alamo Village, Valentino Hernandez, with his family, visited Happy and Virginia Shahan last week.

He is pictured with his son, Alex, and Happy. Valentino is now enjoying top billing at the better clubs in the Reno, Nevada, area.



Movie Producer:

Frank Dobbs, author, photographer, script writer and movie producer, has recently been on location scouting at Alamo Village. He is shown here enjoying the Variety Night Show with script writer Rick Curilla.



Gilbreths Restoring Stage Stop

traced back to 1847 and they have learned that it was used as a stage coach stop, operated as the Sargent Hotel, used by the San Antonio - San Diego Stage line which was established in 1857 by James E. Burch. Famous frontiersman Big Foot Wallace drove the first stage from San Antonio to El Paso. The stage made a stop at the Sargent Hotel. Vinton E. James was a passenger and he wrote that he was served delicious meals. He also said the town (Brackettville) was the liveliest burg in West Texas, the night life could be compared to the saloons and gambling places that existed in the early days of the gold excitement in California and the Klondike.

Later the hotel was known as the Stagecoach Inn Museum. The fireplace was built with a hearth slightly higher than knee level. It was used mainly for cooking and was more convenient than the more conventional early American fireplaces with floor-level hearths.

Mr. Stockley reports that the underground room is filled with 10 to 15 yards of fill and in his opinion is the result of building materials "powdering" and sifting through

the cracks in the floor of the upper room as the soil is very sterile. He said the underground room could have either been built over a depression in the ground, or could have been dug out probably about 1880 judging by the type of nails used, and that it appears some of the wood used for framing was treated. The joists are about 3" x 3 1/2" x 12".

although the lumber is not uniform in size indicating it may have been hand sawed. He found absolutely no termites in any of the structure.

Mr. Stockley also said the condition of the floor joists (ceiling rafters for the underground room) were in exceptionally good condition. Nails have been driven into the rafters of the lower room and when more of the dirt is moved he expects

to be able to determine what the nails were used for and to gauge the size of the room. He is very cautious when guessing what the room was built/used for. He is also taking the "digging" very slowly so as not to destroy anything of historical significance. Nothing very exciting has been exposed from the diggings yet, but then there is always the possibility of a valuable "find." His theory is to take things slowly and not risk damaging anything that might be there.

Mr. Stockley is well qualified to conduct this project. He has been involved with the Commission for about ten years and worked on the Three Rivers Choke Canyon Dam, and the University of Texas at San Antonio Gateway Project. In October, he will make a presentation at the Texas Archeological Society's annual meeting in Corpus Christi on Guerra de Mexico.

The next several week-ends will be devoted to more evaluation of the buildings here in Brackettville. Then, the Gilbreths plan to restore them. They soon will be living in the front building. Not only will they gain a lovely, gracious, historic home, but Kinney County will gain yet another restored, historic landmark.

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Meditations

Most of us have not heard the name of Charles Spurgeon. At 21 years of age, and without a college education, Spurgeon became pastor in London of a church where four notable pastors had served for nearly one hundred fifty years.

Soon that "shrivelled up" church began to grow and within a few years five thousand attended the every Monday night Bible Study and Prayer Meeting. The Sunday services had such crowds that old and then new auditoriums couldn't "house" them.

One member of the Church enjoyed giving any preacher a tongue-lashing at any chance.

The first attack came upon the young Spurgeon who answered, "Oh yes, I'm quite well, thank you. And I hope you are fine, too." The attacker withdrew.

Another barrage of words came against Spurgeon a few days later by the same culprit. The preacher smiled and answered, "My goodness, it does look like it's going to rain. I had better rush because I don't have my umbrella!"

That caustic critic said in disgust, "Well, I believe the man is as deaf as a fence post. I'll not try to talk to

him anymore." And the problem ended.

Most of us can not play a "deaf and dumb game." And yet, maybe we can handle criticism in a way that won't start World War III.

Absorb the criticism. It dilutes rapidly when left alone. Use your "forgetter" and don't even think about the distasteful moment that may have ferreted a small cloud over your life.

We sometimes see wild geese and ducks that stop over at some nearby tank or lake during their migratory flight. Those fowl go through a lot of bad weather. However, their feathers allow water to roll off their bodies without getting them wet. Sprout yourself some feathers and let any criticism roll off your life.

As long as we're in this life, we all are going to face casual or brutal criticism. As we face the "critic's corner," we can try some modification of the "Charles Spurgeon" approach and get through life without hurting ourselves or the one who stays by the big Launch Pad. Experiment with a non-retaliatory approach for a time and you may love it.

Frontier Baptist Church

By Joe Townsend

Sunday, the Lord's Day, is the time when Frontier Baptist Church takes time out to worship God and refresh the soul.

Fellowship is the core word. First fellowship over coffee before the service begins then fellowship with man and God in the worship service.

Traditional and loved songs are sung.

After attention is called to individuals and situations that need

special blessings from God, hearts are united in prayer for these needs.

The worshipers then are blessed by a sermon by the Pastor from God's Word, The Bible. The service is informal, lacking in liturgy and formalism but filled with moments that enrich hearts.

This happens each and every Sunday morning at Frontier Baptist Church.

Come and see.

The Bible Says

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble"

God watches closely his children; those with a personal faith in His Son, Jesus Christ. He is not an arrogant policeman, watching to catch us when we do wrong. He is rather a benefactor standing by to help when He is needed.

When we've reached the very end of our own resources He is ready to take over and give victory. He stands ready to offer a place of refuge.

When the storms of life threaten disaster. He offers a haven of safety inside His arms enfolded in His strength.

When we are about to fall beneath the load of life, He adds strength to carry us on to victory. His presence is as near as the air we breathe.

No trouble is unknown to Him nor beyond His power to conquer.

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1.

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Dona Petrita Terrazas who celebrated her 96th birthday on August 16. Best wishes and congratulations from St. Mary Magdalene and her parishioners.

On August 19 we bid farewell to Fr. Armando Saenz, and thank him for spending his vacation time with us here in Brackettville.

Welcome back Fr. David. All of us here in your home parish extend our welcome and hope you had a great vacation.

St. Mary Magdalene will be host to Seminarians from Guadalajara. If anyone is interested in inviting these young men for lunch or dinner, please contact Fr. David as soon as possible.

Knights of the Altar serving the week of August 16 - 22 are St. John's group: Frank Valenzuela, Saul Hidalgo, Jesus Hidalgo, J. J. Martinez, and Miguel DeLeon.

Dlida Matthews held ticket #541 which entitled her to the doll made by Mrs. Jaso and provided through the efforts of the Altar Society.

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 Service 11:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M., Wednesday Worship 7:00 P.M. Gil Ash, Pastor. 563-2245.

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.

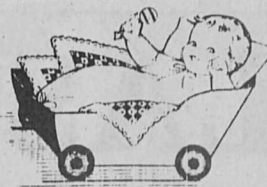
St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church: Masses Mon. & Fri. 7:00 A.M. Wed. & Sat. 6:30 P.M., Sunday (Spanish) 8:00 A.M. regular 10:30 A.M. Confessions Wed. & Sat. 6:00 P.M. Religion Classes Wed. 6:00 P.M. Sun. 9:00 A.M. Prayer Meeting (Spanish) Wed. 7:00 P.M. Father David G. Zumaya, Pastor.

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.

Classic Car Show
Fort Clark Springs
Sunday, September 6

It's A Girl!

Sarah Kothmann Davis



Sarah Kothmann Davis has been welcomed home by her four brothers - Zachry, Dietrich, Tillman, and Robert, and a very happy sister - Susannah.

Sarah was born Friday, August 14, 1992, and weighed 9 pounds and 6 ounces.

The proud parents are Zack and Kayla Davis. The equally proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Davis of Brackettville, Mr. and Mrs. Awbrey Kothmann of Mason, and great grandmother Mrs. Valeria Volkman of Menard.



Village Video

is owned and operated by Harriet Tidwell and her husband Arthur. They live at Camp Wood with their five children, Tammy (18), Terri (16), Michael (14), Sherry (11), and Summer Dale (2). They commute to Brackettville each day to keep their video and Nintendo store open from 3:00 to 10:00 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays, and on Friday and Saturday they are open from 1:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Why Brackettville? When Harriet was looking for a location to open her store she decided that Camp Wood (with 4 video stores) offered too much competition. She visited Brackettville and not only saw a market but fell in love with the community.

The store shelves hold approximately 1600 videos and 75 Nintendos. They have a large selection of movies and new releases including *Bugsy* and *Confessions Of A Serial Killer* featuring Berkley Garret of Brackettville.

Mrs. Tidwell had only vaguely thought of opening a business and then one day a friend went to her home and handed her the keys to his video store and asked her to run it for a while as a favor to him. She agreed and liked the business so much she decided she'd like to open her own place. Welcome to Brackettville, Mr. and Mrs. Tidwell.

Tiger Band Booster Club

The Band Booster Association will have a meeting August 25, 1992, 7:00 p.m. at the Brackett High School Band Hall.

Election of officers, fund raising, and up-coming events will be presented.

Anyone interested in the support of our first division/award winning band program is invited.

Come by or phone Band Director Lynnette Crane at 563-2491.

Tiger Athletic Booster Club

The Tiger Athletic Booster Club will meet Friday evening, August 21, following the scrimmage against Leakey.

Booster Club President Tully Shahan extends a cordial invitation to all interested persons to attend...this support group is not limited just to parents and coaches!

The time is approximately 8:00 p.m. and the place is the High School Library.



Tiger Power

Luna Named To "Who's Who"



David Luna

David Luna has been recognized with the United States Achievement Academy National Award and also named to Who's Who Among High School Students of 1992.

David is a sophomore at Brackett High School. Before entering BHS last year, he attended school at Lamesa, Texas. He is a strong academic student and also participates in basketball.

His proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. Kaminski. They, and we, commend David on his accomplishments.

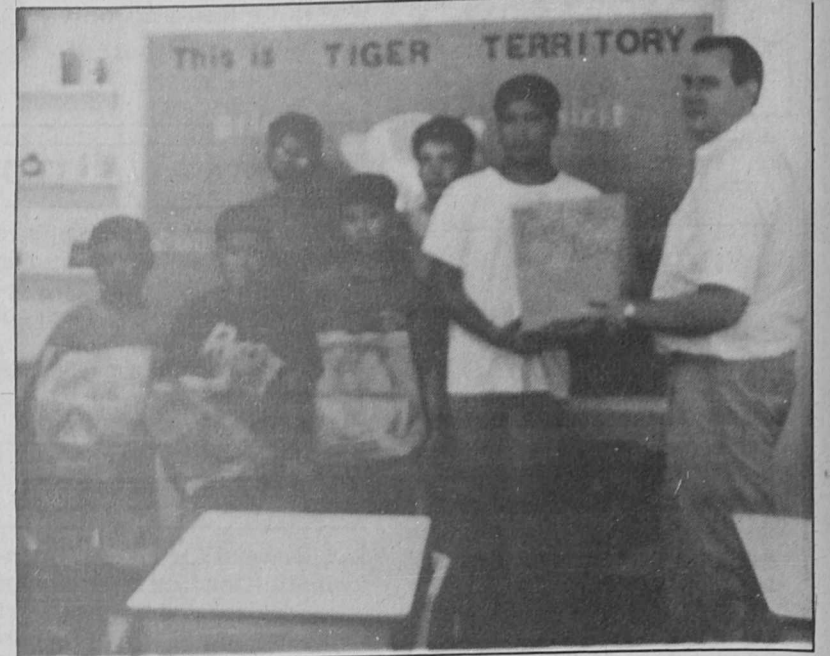
THANKS

A special thanks to all who donated flowers, food, and gifts during our recent loss.

A very special thanks to Judge Tim Ward and Alex Solis. Your kindness will always be remembered.

The Salmon Family
The Billings Family
The Herndon Family

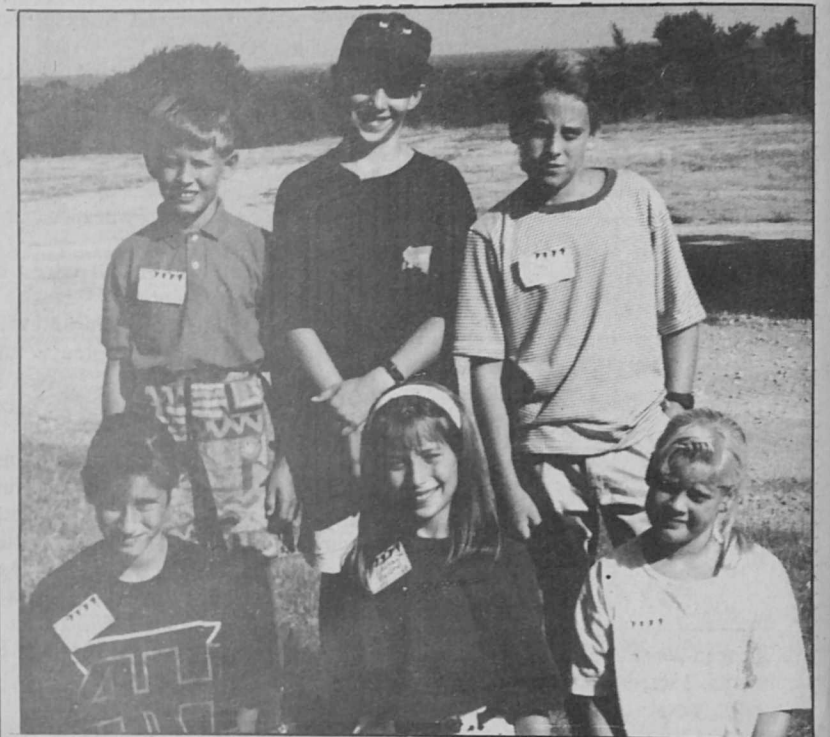
School Supplies Project



The Knights of the Altar, St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, collected school supplies which they presented to Jones Elementary School Principal Steve Mills on Friday, August 14.

Working on the project were (L to R) Jesse Hidalgo, David Lopez, Jaime Martinez, Eddie Esparza, Principal Steve Mills; back row, Saul Hidalgo and Mike Meyer. Gus Garcia is the sponsor of the group.

4-H Members Attend Camp



These six Kinney County 4-H Club members (bottom - L to R) Lisa Marshall, Laura Lee Ballew, Michelle Melancon, (top - L to R) Zachary Davis, J. Wayne Ballew, David Melancon, attended Prime Time '92.

They chose the week of July 29 - August 1. The young people participated in a variety of activities including canoeing, swimming, shooting sports, archery, arts and crafts, and a dance each evening.

This is a four day camp held at the Texas 4-H Center near Brownwood. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet kids from all over the state.

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