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January 20



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

## Local Governing Bodies Meet

### Commissioners Court

In the County Court Room at 9:00 a.m., Monday, January 11, 1993, Kinney County Judge Ward called the meeting of the Commissioners Court to order with all commissioners present: Freddie Frerich, Plunker Sheedy, Cordelia Mendeke, and Alvin McClure. Judge Ward led the opening prayer and pledge of allegiance.

Minutes of the December 14 and 18 meetings were approved.

Road Administrator Clifford Fritter reported that it would cost in excess of \$12,000 to run electricity to supply warning lights at the Pinto Creek Bridge. He was directed to add additional reflective materials along the approaches to the bridge. A decision was made to investigate the replacement of a trailer.

Historical Tax Exemptions for 1993 were approved on the same basis as 1992.

The following were reappointed to the Kinney County Historical Commission for 1993-1994: B. Peter Pohl, Tracy Gilbreth, Barbara Niemann, Charlie Ward, Zack Davis, Warren Outlaw, Agnes Vondy, Charles Emily Wilson, Don Swanson, Richard Mountain, Bob Conrey, J. Lee Ballantyne, Alfred Pena, Rose Mary Slubar, Jewel Robinson, Agapito Saenz, Lisa Conoly, David Blair, Carmen Berlanga, Mike Bowlin, and Elise Sauer.

The court approved the following holidays for 1993: January 18 - Martin Luther King; February 15 - Presidents Day; March 2 - Texas Independence Day; April 9 - Good Friday; April 21 - San Jacinto Day; May 31 - Memorial Day; July 5 - Independence Day; September 6 - Labor Day; October 11 - Columbus Day; November 11 - Veteran's Day; November 24 & 26 - Thanksgiving Day; December 22 (noon) 23 & 24 - Christmas; December 31 - New Years.

Officials were placed on Salary Basis.

Names were drawn from the voter registration roll for the County 1993 Salary Grievance Committee: Tomas Gomez, Frances Franklin, Ida Flores, Ruby Munoz, Richard Wills, and Jeffrey Duncan. They join county officials Sheriff Norman Hooten, Tax Assessor/Collector Martha Hooten, Treasurer Carlotta DeLa Rosa, County/District Clerk Dolores Raney, and County Attorney Tully Shahan who are automatically on the committee. Judge Tim Ward, a non-voting member, is chairman.

The court approved a resolution in memory of Lloyd L. Davis, Sr. for his long time residence and ranching business, his dedication to country, family, church, community, military service, and service as a County Commissioner from January 1, 1965 through December 31, 1972. All members of the court signed the resolution over the official seal for presentation to the Davis family as a tribute to Mr. Davis' memory.

A certificate of appreciation was signed for out-going Commissioner Ruben Fuentes.

Bonds and deputations on all newly elected officials were approved. A reminder was made for all departments to turn in inventories to the judge and auditor by February 1. Directive was given to the auditor to work with department heads in implementing a system for logging gas usage, mileage, and maintenance on county owned vehicles and equipment.

Bret Trant, spokesman for a group of Kinney County citizens, requested the court to consider providing financial assistance in their opposition to Texcor's proposed waste facility at Spofford. Mr. Trant said he had a petition containing over 500 signatures which he would present to the court when and if they worked out a plan of action. Attorney Shahan explained that

county government was governed by specific statutes as to what they could do and that it was illegal for a county to pay attorney (or any bills) for anyone other than county-incurred liabilities. Mr. Trant said he understood that and only wanted the county to explore possibilities to help in the future. Judge Ward appointed Attorney Shahan, Commissioner Freddie Frerich, Bret Trant, Lisa Conoly, and Don Parks as a committee for the study. George Foster urged attendance at the February 10 hearing in Austin on the Texcor application.

The court passed a resolution opposing the closing of the Kinney County Soil Conservation office. Judge Ward reported he had received a letter from the Texas Water Commission granting permission for temporary removal of water from various streams in Kinney County for road compacting.

A representative from the County's health insurance carrier made a presentation for the benefit of those who were considering a cafeteria plan of coverage.

The court spent approximately an hour in executive session after which several agenda items were deferred to a continuation of the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Friday, January 15, before recessing.

### City Council

The Brackettville City Council met in regular session at Slatlor Hall on Tuesday evening, January 12, 1993, with Mayor Carmen Berlanga presiding. All council members were present: Chuck Hall, Jean Seargeant, Mary Flores, Julie Fuentes, and Ralph Gonzalez.

Visitors were acknowledged and the Council immediately announced an Executive Session to review applications for City Municipal Judge.

Back in regular session after twenty minutes, the Council set Monday, January 18, 7:00 p.m., City Hall, to interview applications for City Municipal Judge.

Minutes of December 4, 15, 22, and January 4 were corrected before being adopted. City and utility reports were adopted as printed.

An agenda item to discuss/amend/not amend a personnel policy (City Ordinance #218-A IV Compensation, was discussed and action tabled until additional research could be done including regulations from the Texas Labor Board.

Mayor Berlanga introduced a proposed Economic Encouragement Resolution requested by Central Power & Light that would give large businesses discounted rates for a five year period. This matter, too, was tabled for additional research.

Councilwoman Mary Flores drew the name for the City's Random Drug Testing Program.

City Secretary Cordelia Mendeke reported that the advertised city auction brought in \$1312.20. She also reported that the fire hydrant at Ann and Hwy. 334 had been replaced and one at Spring/Ellen Streets would be as soon as it could be scheduled. Signs for Carver School has been placed on Beaumont Street; the city was supplying some culverts for streets the county plans to pave; the contract for the landfill expires in February and renewal has been confirmed; and the city will be cutting new fire lanes at both the landfill and the location where brush is burned.

Notice of intent concerning the waste treatment facility has been submitted for publication on January 14 and 21. Copies will be furnished the EPA, MRGDC, etc. and City Engineer Rosin estimates drawing of plans can begin within thirty days after notices are distributed.

The Council adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

### School Board

The Board of Trustees of the Brackett Independent School District met at the District Board Room at 6:30 p.m., Monday, January 11, 1993. Board members Gloria Garcia was absent; members Jimmy Bader, Lingo Sandoval, Jewel Robinson, Jim McDaniel, John Jones, and Lloyd Lee Davis were present. President Bader presided.

Administrators, staff, and guests were acknowledged. Minutes of the regular meeting of December 14 and special meeting of December 17 were approved.

Superintendent Steve Mills reviewed proposed construction projects and offered possible alternatives. The board discussed several possibilities but made no decisions other than to gather more in-depth information.

The agenda item "superintendent evaluation" was handled by setting June 1993 and January 1994 as dates for such action since this is Mr. Mills' first month as superintendent.

Historical Tax Exemptions were reviewed and approved on the same basis as the 1992 arrangement.

Counselor Susan Harrison presented information on the TAAS Exit Results. The scores of junior level students who took the exam were right in line with the state level in writing and math but were much higher in reading. Students must pass this Exit exam before they can receive a high school diploma. Eleven Brackett High School seniors need to retest in one or more areas. May 4-5 are the next test dates.



Patricia Lopez displays the Peace Poster that earned her a first place award, a chance to compete at district level, and a \$50.00 Savings Bond from the Brackettville Lions Club. Also pictured are her very proud sixth grade teacher, Worth Mayfield, and Lion Laura Phillips, also a teacher, who made the presentation to Patricia.

### Lopez' Peace Poster Wins

Patricia A. Lopez, a 6th grade student at Brackett Middle School, has taken the first step to becoming an internationally-recognized artist by winning the local peace poster contest.

Patricia's poster is among thousands of entries submitted worldwide in the fifth annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Out of all the posters created by Brackett students, Miss Lopez's entry best portrayed the contest's theme, "An Environment for Peace". Lions Clubs International sponsors the contest to underscore the importance of world peace to young people everywhere.

Brackett Lions President Tom McNew said he was pleased with all the work the Brackett Students put into the project. "Looking at the entries, it was obvious all the students really gave the matter a lot of thought."

Graduation was set for Friday, May 21.

Superintendent Mills reported that the budget process for 1993-94 was already started and the proposed budget will be presented to the board in April.

Acting Elementary Principal Taylor Stephenson reported that 302 students were enrolled in Jones Elementary School and that attendance had improved until an average of only 10 students were absent compared to 40+ earlier. UIL practice has begun. He also reported that the 3-year old Handicap students were now coming onto campus and it was working well.

High School Principal Don Sims reported that secondary school enrollment had leveled off at 268. An Interdisciplinary Unit Plan is being implemented in the 7th grade. He invited everyone to the basketball games and other school activities.

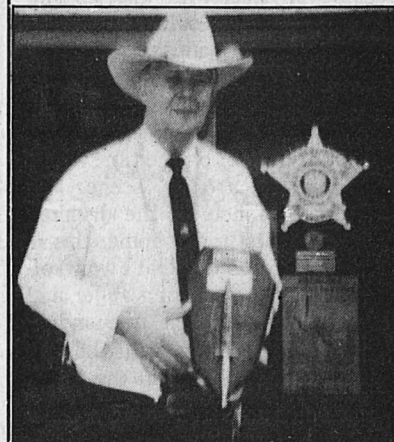
Both principals stated that the 2-day staff development on January 4 & 5 had been very beneficial.

Business Manager Dottie Heninger presented the financial report.

Superintendent Mills informed the board that revisions had been made in the telephone service. All calls will ring in a central location and be answered by Joy Ralston. A rotary system is in place so if a dialed number is busy, the call will rotate to the next number on line. No additional expense will be incurred. He also stated that no money would be left in any building overnight. The after hours depository at the bank will be utilized.

The board went into executive session for personnel matters but no action items resulted so the meeting was adjourned.

### SFC Hooten Graduates From Ranger School



Kinney County Sheriff Norman H. Hooten is pictured holding the "Enlisted William O. Darby Award" for the U. S. Army Ranger Class 12-92 received by his son, Sgt. First Class Norman G. Hooten, U. S. Army Special Forces, upon graduation from the U. S. Army Ranger Training Brigade at Ft. Benning, Georgia, in December, 1992.

SFC Hooten, a 12 year veteran of the U. S. Army Special Forces (Green Berets) headquartered at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, attended the intensive 3 month long Ranger School at Ft. Benning along with approximately 400 other U. S. Army officers and enlisted men to strengthen and broaden his already finely honed skills in warfare and covert operations. Of the 400 men who began the course in September, 1992, only 105 completed the course and graduated.

A special citation received by SFC Hooten along with the distinguished award and plaque reads, "The Enlisted William O. Darby Award for Ranger Class 12-92 is Sergeant First Class Norman G. Hooten. SFC

Hooten has met or exceeded the William O. Darby Award criteria established by the Ranger Training Brigade, and for his outstanding performance he receives an engraved gold Fairbain Commando Knife and plaque provided by the Ranger Battalions Association of World War II. SFC Hooten also received two other distinguished awards at the graduation and awards ceremonies. They are the "Enlisted Distinguished Honor Graduate Award which is presented for meeting the criteria established by the Ranger Training Brigade, and for outstanding performance he received a certificate from the Ranger Training Brigade Commander, a black British Fairbain Commando Knife and a plaque provided by the Ranger Battalions Association of World War II.

SFC Hooten was one of two recipients of the Leadership Award for Ranger Class 12-92, the citation which reads, "The Leadership Award Recipients for Ranger Class 12-92 are Captain Mark L. Merchant, 10th Special Forces Group, and Sergeant First Class Norman G. Hooten, 5th Special Forces Group. This award is presented to the officer and enlisted Ranger students who demonstrate outstanding leadership as determined by the Ranger Battalion Commanders and the Brigade TAC. Both will receive an engraved black survival knife donated by ARRCO'S OF Columbus.

Sheriff Hooten, understandably proud of SFC Hooten's accomplishments stated that he was honored to receive the William O. Darby Award plaque and engraved gold Fairbain Commando Knife presented to his son at graduation from Ranger School and that the award will be honorably displayed on the wall in the Sheriff's Office.

### Brackett XXX Football

Brackett X's were scheduled to play one more football game last Saturday night. Some of these men have been away from the sport for a long time, but some how they always manage to get together and have fun doing what they did in high school.

The teams were decided as the men showed up, as the Black team battled the White team in what was sure to be a classical showdown. Throughout the game there were no serious injuries; a few pulled muscles, and a bunch of sore men the next day.

The Black team who was very quiet throughout the first half, was led by Mark Frerich and Jesus Aguirre.

To get things going for the game Mike Fuller, playing for the White team, intercepted Vance Frerich's pass on his own five yard line with 4 minutes and 36 seconds still remaining in the first quarter.

After the ball changed positions a few times it was Mike Fuller's turn again. Gilbert Perez hit Mike Fuller for a 65 yard touch down reception with only 4 seconds left in the first quarter. The White then decided to go for a two point conversion. The Black team's defense stepped up and denied them their extra two points. This made the score 6-0 at the end of the first quarter.

Going into the second quarter, the Black team was down but definitely not out. Plays kept rolling and the two teams kept battling it out but nothing was happening until Tevin Senne got the crowd interested by making an excellent bobbling catch for a twenty five yard gain. This set up a good chance for the White team to score once again. The Black team's defense stepped up one more time to stop the White and force a field goal situation. Frank Morgan kicked the ball and there was Black's defense there to block the field goal.

This batted down field goal lifted the spirits of the Black offense and they were ready to score. The Black was working on a good drive until Vance Frerich was picked off again. This time it was Marty Mcgee there to do the job, he returned the ball forty yards for yet another White touch down with 5 minutes and 22

seconds left in the second quarter. The two point conversion was denied again to make the score 12-0 in favor of the White team.

Black's offense was ready again to score until Vance Frerich threw his third interception of the first half. This time it was who else but Mike Fuller to do the job with 4 minutes and 47 seconds remaining in the first half.

Black's offense just couldn't seem to generate enough electricity to beat the White team's stunning secondary. The secondary wasn't all they couldn't stop, Dieto Garcia of White's defensive line had nine sacks on the night.

There was 31 seconds left in the first half and Black's offense had control of the ball. But one more time, Vance threw another interception, Tevin Senne pulled it down this time. Through all of Blacks interceptions and good plays, Black was only down at half time.

To get things going in the second half it had to be Mike Fuller there to catch Vance Frerich's fifth interception with 10 minutes and 10 seconds left in the third quarter.

Black took over on their own yard line and had a good drive going until Vance threw his sixth interception of the night. Black was due, something good had to happen for them to keep their spirit alive. I would imagine Jesus Aguirre agreed. Jesus caught Gilbert Perez's first interception thrown and returned it fourteen yards before J.J. Guidry was there to pull his flag. Jesus showed he still had the moves that he had in high school on this run. With nine minutes left on the clock the two teams got to play without interceptions for a full 8 1/2 minutes until finally Mitch Frerich broke loose for a thirteen yard run which set up, who else but Mike Fuller to receive Gilbert Perez's 8 yard touch down pass with only 31 seconds left to play. To follow that touch down would be the connection between Gilbert Perez and Frank Morgan for the two point conversion.

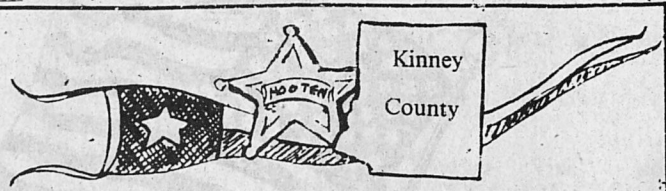
The game was concluded with the final score, the White team twenty and Black nothing. Needless to say "Some still have it, some don't!"

By Brian Hooker



Sheriff's Corner

By Sheriff Norman H. Hooten



The two young juvenile males charged with two 3rd degree felony burglaries that occurred during an early morning crime spree by the two the morning of Sunday, January 3, 1993, remain in custody of Juvenile authorities at the Juvenile Detention Center in Del Rio. They are being held pending hearings before Juvenile Court on the charges against them.

I talked with Chief Probation Officer Roger Soto on Monday, January 11, 1993, who informed me that a request for appointment of attorneys to represent the two would be made of County Judge Tim Ward on that date. Under juvenile law, juveniles charged with serious crimes and/or misconduct can be held in detention for up to ten days at a time with subsequent 10 day extensions pending hearings before the Court. However, they must receive legal representation by the end of the first 10 days and hearings must be held to determine if there is a need to hold them for additional 10 day periods.

Due to the past conduct of the juveniles in question and the obvious lack of adequate parental supervision, juvenile authorities are requesting they be held the additional 10 days. Trial dates on the total charges against them (four (4) burglaries and one (1) Criminal Mischief) have not been set as of the time of this writing due to crowded court dockets and a series of three murder trials scheduled by the District Attorney's Office. The pair are also suspects in at least two vehicle burglaries under investigation by the Sheriff's Department at this time.

Domestic violence is one of the most common, time consuming, and dangerous crimes occurring in Kin-

ney County. Each week this writer and/or Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter respond to and investigate an average of 3 or 4 calls for assistance in cases of domestic violence between family members. Sometimes the violence is directed against children of the family in question by one parent or the other and sometimes both, but most of the cases involve violence directed against wives or girlfriends by husbands or boyfriends. In well over 95% of the cases alcohol abuse is the leading cause of the violence. Alcohol is a depressant and lowers control of inhibitions of the person under excessive influence of alcohol. Drunken arguments result and old and new accusations of misdeeds are leveled one against the other of the spouses or girlfriends/boyfriends in the home. These arguments, fueled by intoxication and anger often lead to violent confrontations that become physical with injuries and property damage resulting.

As stated previously, domestic violence is one of the most volatile and dangerous calls peace officers must respond to. The situation is often out of control by the time an officer arrives at the scene and territorial instincts of the drunken adult or adults in the home (this is my house and I'll do what I want) often directs the occurring anger and frustration towards the responding officer. This, coupled with the fact of access to weapons in the home and the fact that it often becomes necessary to arrest one or both of the combatants, results in thousands of injuries and too often deaths to law enforcement officers throughout the U.S. each year. The very large majority of those who commit violence towards family members and responding peace officers

invariably state, "I wouldn't have done it had I been sober." But, that realization often comes too late and too little when the offender is charged with various assault charges and sometimes murder.

Another item of concern that exists in Kinney County is that of depredation of domestic livestock by dogs, most of which are family pets of town dwellers that are allowed to run loose or which are allowed to run loose at night "for exercise".

All domestic dogs are descendants of wild dogs or wolves. They all have centuries of instincts to hunt and kill, particularly in packs of two or more. Nearly all dogs, especially the larger strains of hunting or working dogs, must be trained not to kill or maim other animals or fowl such as chickens. And I have observed numerous situations involving trained stock dogs that would never kill or maim livestock or fowl on their home place but would travel, sometimes great distances, at night to a neighbors place and main and kill livestock and/or fowl, returning home to be lying on the front porch the next morning when their owner arose. It sometimes takes an in-depth investigation by a concerned owner to finally realize and prove that his trained, trusted stock dog is the culprit causing the livestock depredations of his neighbors stock.

By the same token it is often very hard for pet owners of dogs in town to clearly understand or believe that their trusted and loved family pet could become a raging killer beast if allowed to run loose, particularly at night and with other dogs. The underlying instincts to travel in packs and kill weaker animals and fowl exist in all dogs, no matter the breed or the training they have received, the full impact of these instincts of course are more fully realized in the larger dogs because of their increased size and strength. A single dog will hunt and kill but these instincts become more readily apparent when the dog is accompanied by one or more companions.

Livestock depredations by dogs is often very costly to the rancher or livestock owner/victim of their attacks. The killing committed by one or more dogs in one night can often make the difference between the profit and loss of a whole year's hard work for a small rancher or livestock owner such as a 4-H Club member with show lambs. There have been several incidents in and around town where dogs, all family pets, have killed and/or maimed sheep, goats, hogs, and chickens in one night's frenzied pack hunting, causing hundreds and sometimes thousands of dollars worth of damage.

Though it is hard for the owner(s) of a loved and trusted family dog to believe that their dog or dogs could be guilty of the actions described above, it is even harder for them to accept when the family pet is shot dead or poisoned by a rancher or livestock owner who has been victimized by dogs killing livestock.

There is a provision under Article 42.11 (e) of the Texas Penal Code that in effect allows a person to kill an animal (dog) discovered on the person's property in the act of or immediately after injuring or killing the person's goats, sheep, cattle, horses, swine, or poultry. It is also understandable that dogs discovered crossing fences and roaming on property where depredations have occurred are immediate suspects in the prior killings.

Dog owners in Brackettville, Spofford, and Ft. Clark must keep their dogs contained, either by chain, leash, or fence. This not only prevents the dogs from obeying their natural wild instincts to roam and kill, but it also protects the rancher and other livestock owners from suffering the losses caused by dogs. And, it also protects the dogs from being killed by the victim rancher and/or livestock owners. Ranchers and livestock owners cannot afford the losses inflicted upon them by roaming town dogs and pet owners do not want to lose their pets. The answer, the only answer, is for pet owners to keep their dogs contained. Do not allow your dogs to roam unattended, especially at night. Keep your dogs at home where they belong and they will not lose their lives at the hands of an angry rancher or other livestock owner who is, after all, only protecting his property. Do you know where your dog is?

That's All!

License Renewal

An officer from the Texas Department of Public Safety will be at the County Courtroom, Kinney County Court House, each 1st and 3rd Thursday, and each 5th Thursday, during the normal working hours of county offices.

The officer will be available to give driving tests, or to renew drivers licenses.



Between Us

By Joe Townsend



Under the present moral climate in the United States too often the wrong is exalted and the right is nullified. The current hysteria regarding AIDS is a case in point.

An honest appraisal regarding the actual numbers and money spent as well as an analysis of who are victims would rob both do-gooders and politicians as well as the news media of a sugar stick they try to force down the throats of the American people; a totally emotional and fallacious flag to wave.

The recent push by the TV hype, soap operas, movies, and other immoral groups to try to legitimize homo-sexuality is forboding. All

sorts of stupid tenets have been fostered to make the behavior acceptable. The most widely touted is the propaganda that a person is born homosexual. I grow weary of the plaintive cry from these deviates wanting public approval allowing them to be comfortable with the characteristics they were born with. In truth, they are homo-sexual because they choose to and like it.

Now comes the State of Colorado. Under the degraded pressure by these debased individuals many legislative groups have recognized this faction as a special group granted special favor and treatment. Finally the people of Colorado said, "Enough!"

They voted out all actions favorable to homo-sexuals and lesbians. There is no longer any recognition of this group as special and legitimate.

It is amazing that any individual would seek to legitimize a behavior that is condemned throughout the Bible, both Old and New Testaments.

To openly flaunt God and His Word is bad enough. But to seek to force governmental agencies and the masses of right thinking people to accept their behavior as right is abominable.

Sure enough when the people of Colorado finally took a stand for morality and sanity on the issue, the enraged outcry was long and loud.

The abhorrent behavior has been too often accepted until they have developed an arrogance that leads them to demand special treatment. If there had never been the tendency to force acceptance there would not now be a condition which so loudly reacts.

If each of these sexual deviates would read in the Bible what God says and believe the judgement He promises, there might be more who would "go straight" and find the real blessings and joys God gives to those who obey and follow Him.

Kinney County Chamber of Commerce

Extends to all Kinney County Businesses  
Chamber Members and Potential Members  
A Cordial Invitation To Attend The Second MIXER  
Cavalry Room, Las Moras Restaurant  
Thursday, January 14, 1993, 7:00 P.M.

Sponsored and hosted by Fort Clark Springs Association  
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Book Club Tours Historic Brackettville

The group met at the Kinney County Library parking lot to board Marj Clonce's RV to begin a Historic Tour. Mayor Carmen Berlanga, Tour Guide, gave us city maps which she used to show us locations of buildings present and past.

The highlight for the Historic Tour Group was a stop at the Gonzalez General Store on W. El Paso Street, across from the Philippine Building. The gray wooden building is nearly 100 years old. A coat of Thompson's Cedar Preservative is used on the outside to keep the wood from deteriorating. There is no sign on the outside to tell you what is inside.

The building is constructed of 1 x 12 spruce boards nailed vertically with a special cleat fastened over the cracks between the wide boards. Many buildings in the neighborhood are made of vertical boards like this one. A friend tells me that the inside of some of these buildings used cloth to cover the frame, then the cloth was loaded with paste and finished with wall paper.

The inside of the Gonzalez store has high ceilings and original 1 x 4 wooden flooring. It is a well patronized store, serving the neighborhood as well as some ranch workers. It continues to be general store with shoes, clothing, kitchen utensils, groceries, modern freezers with frozen foods and ice cream, and a cooler for eggs, milk, soft drinks and more. The Gonzalez store is supplied by trucks that supply other stores in Brackettville. However, some salesman no longer come and supplies have to be ordered direct.

Mary Gonzalez is buyer, manager, bookkeeper - she does it all-probably including janitor just like Sam Walton did. Four generations have owned the store beginning with Mary's grandfather, Emilio Gonzalez, who began selling supplies from his home. After a year or two he built the present store in 1906.

Mary's father, Emilio Gonzalez, Jr. took over and continued operating the store until he was past 80 years of age. Mary, his daughter, worked in Civil Service for many years on the Fort. When the Fort closed, she was transferred to the base at Laughlin. About 35 years ago, Mary left the Civil Service to come home and take care of her parents, and to help her father in the store. Now Mary 'keeps store' for

her daughter who lives in San Antonio and is the present owner.

Mary's father was among those store keepers who handed candy "pilon" to children as their parents completed purchases. Mary remembers that being the child of the owner did not mean unlimited access to the pilon. The Gonzalez children had to wait for their father to bring them treats as he left the store at night. Even when Father was late, the children managed to be awake to get their candies from his pockets.

Seeing the store as part of history is not enough. Mary keeps a fresh supply of modern necessities besides a surprising number of general items. Recently the SAS shoe company raided her store to buy shoes and boots for their collection of name-brand shoes.

Mary is a nice looking, friendly lady, who greets you from the grocery counter. She is ready to spend time visiting or in helping you to find whatever you want.

At the beginning of the Tour, we learned about present buildings as well as about those that once were on Spring Street. If you are wondering as I did, why the new Library addition was not attached to become part of the main building, the answer is simple. The new building, the Fritter Room, is actually a reproduction of the rock house that stood on that site. It is easy to imagine living in that home so near to downtown businesses.

The pile of rock and debris on the N.E. corner of Ann and Spring was a drug store when Carmen Berlanga was growing up. On to the North, past El Paso Street is another pile of building stones that is all that is left of the Teen Canteen that Carmen's mother operated for many years.

The present rock building on the S.E. corner of Spring and Ann across from the Davis Hardware, used to be a large thriving department and general store. After WWII when the Government closed the Fort, many businesses closed and young people had to leave Brackettville to find work elsewhere.

Going west from Ann Street, our RV chariot took us to many old buildings and then back east on El Paso to the Sergeant Hotel. El Paso is a wide street intended for many businesses to serve the Stage. It is designated as the Old San Antonio - To San Diego Mail Route, with the Sergeant Hotel as an overnight stop. The Hotel is a historic landmark that is being restored by Kay Gubreth and her husband. We learned that restoring historic buildings is a complicated and expensive affair. Mike Bowlin, from the Fort, who is interested in history and who spends time researching the early history of buildings in Brackettville as well as the Fort, met us at the Sergeant.

Mike is to be complimented on the fact that he remembers history and can tell an accurate story. There are many mysteries and unknowns about the old Hotel. Excavations reveal underground rooms that could have been used for hiding from the Indians. Revealed also are many possible leads to tunnels going who knows where.

True to its name and fame, Kay Gubreth served us coffee and tea cakes as we stopped to investigate the buildings about the Hotel.

On January 14, the Tour will continue from the Sergeant.

Helen S. Smith  
Reporter



Barbara Niemann, Marj Clonce, Ruby and Frank Cheaney stand outside the Gonzalez Store with tour guide Carmen Berlanga.

Big Mama Sez!



Keep going; if you cannot walk, creep.

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.



MEMBER 1993

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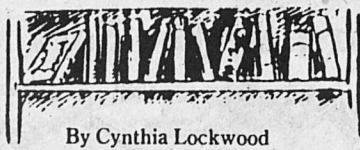
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Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
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The book store in Del Rio is closing soon so I went to see what I could find for the library. I found Nelson Demille's *By The Rivers Of Babylon*, *Sullivan's Sting* by Lawrence Sanders, *Mirror Image, Best Kept Secrets*, and *Slow Heat In Heaven* by Sandra Brown. We have *The Joe Leaphorn Mysteries* by Tony Hillerman, *The Cat Who Could Read Backwards*, *Ate Danish Modern*, and *Turned On & Off* by Lilian Jackson Braun, *Shadow Prey* by John Sandford, and the hilarious *More Than Complete Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy* by Douglas Adams. I was even able to find 2 new large print books; *The Enchanted Oasis* by Faith Baldwin and *Miss Seaton Draws The Line* by Heron Carvic.

The San Antonio circuit videos are in with 30 new English and 10 new Spanish selections. Check out Hitchcock's *The Man Who Knew Too Much*, *Dr. Strangelove*, *Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home*, *The Trip To Bountiful*, and *The Blob*. We also have *The Innocent's Abroad* by Mark Twain, *The Frisco Kid* with Gene Wilder and Harrison Ford, *Time After Time*, *Lady Hawk*, *On Golden Pond*, and John Wayne in *The Sands Of Iwo Jima*. For the kids, we have Disney's *Johnny Tremain* & *The Sons Of Liberty*, *There's A Nightmare In My Closet*, *Ramona*, and *Captain Kangaroo*.

If you're missing a tax form or haven't received yours yet and are anxious to get started, the Kinney County Library has several tax forms and publications for public distribution. We have both individual forms which are free or a master book from which copies can be made for 15 cents a piece. If we don't have what you need right now, it's probably on the way.

Many thanks to everyone who donated books and magazines to the Library this past week.

The library will be closed on Monday, January 18th for Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. We will reopen on Wednesday, January 20th.

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



By Mary Mitchell

**Baby Houston**  
By JUNE ARNOLD

This book was published posthumously. Ms. Arnold died in 1982. She finished the book shortly before her death. It wasn't published until 1987.

Those of you who enjoy novels with historic significance must read this one. Ms. Arnold wrote this book as her mother who was a native Houstonian.

She was one of the elite during the pre-boom years of the early 40s. Sights, sounds and landmarks, and personalities of this era are bright and clear in her presentation. It is a precise word picture of Houston and her people.

Please give this book a second glance. It is historically accurate and wonderfully descriptive. It has something for everyone who enjoys well-written novels.

**Wages Of Sin**  
By ANDREW GREELEY

Andrew Greeley, sociologist, priest, professor and novelist, has again provided a thoroughly engrossing story.

He is among the top writers today and produces consistently high quality material. In his latest, set in Chicago, mystery and human relationships form a powerful maelstrom.

Compelling and thoroughly entertaining...as expected. A "must read."

**The Gossamer Cord**  
By PHILIPPA CARR

Remember that this is a pseudonym of Victoria Holt. We are provided with mystery and romance in her books under this name.

While she is always good, this isn't one of her better ones.

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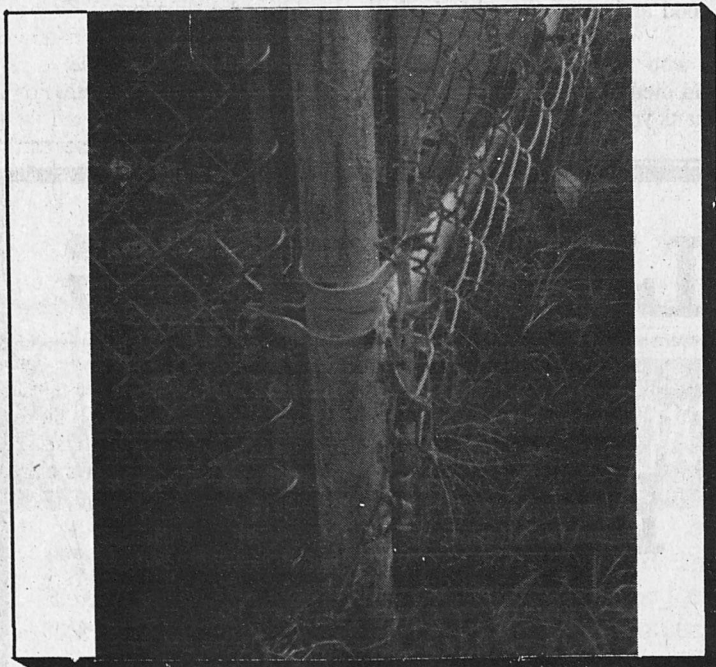
To CAROL BENEFIELD whose name was inadvertently "covered up" in last week's "Just For The Fun Of It," we apologize.

**The Rule Of Three**

- Three things to govern: temper, tongue, conduct.
- Three things to love: courage, gentleness, affection.
- Three things to hate: cruelty, arrogance, ingratitude.
- Three things to wish for: health, friends, a cheerful spirit.
- Three things to fight for: honor, country, home.

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**Del Rio Community Concert**

Del Rio Community Concerts Association announces that on Monday, January 18, "Traveling Light" with Sam Palafian, tuba; Frank Vignola, guitar; and Mark Shane, piano, will be presented in a classic jazz and swing concert.

The program at the Paul Poag Theater will be at 7:30 p.m. with doors opening at 7:00 p.m. Members are asked to please present membership cards.

**Just For The Fun Of It**

**Where were you born:** Colorado.  
**When is your birthday:** December 3.  
**What is your favorite food:** Chicken (fried, broiled, or soup).

**What is your favorite movie:** Home Alone, mystery and adventure.  
**What is your favorite book:** Mystery and adventure.  
**What are your hobbies:** Golf, travel, bridge.

**How do your friends describe you:** Friendly.  
**Describe yourself:** Quiet and interested in others.

**How long have you lived in Kinney County:** 5 1/2 years.  
**If you could go anywhere, where would you go:** Stay here, except for visits to other places.



**Marty Isenberg**

If you could change Brackettville (Kinney County), how would you change it: No change. I like the people, the climate, and my home.

**Community Calender**



- AA:** Mondays, 8 p.m., Slaton Hall, 109 W. James St.
- 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.
- 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., Slaton 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/Butler'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 #8360 & Auxiliary:** 4th Wednesday, 6 p.m., Pot Luck, 7 p.m. Meeting, NCO Club.
- FCS Bingo:** Friday, 7:30 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 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, Slaton Hall. Please make reservations.
- Preceptor Theta Sigma Sorority:** 3rd Monday, 7 p.m.
- 12-Step Program:** Every Thursday, 7 p.m., Fellowship Hall, First Baptist Church.
- Creative Writing Group:** Fridays, 9:30 a.m., Golf Club Snack Bar.

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**Book Club Notes**

A change of plans for the Book Club marked the meeting on January 4. Tour Time ran out at the old Seargeant Hotel and since there was so much left to see, it was decided to continue the Tour another week.

Carmen Berlanga will take us to more historic sites, including some forgotten cemeteries, on Thursday, January 14. As before, we will meet at the Library at 9:20 and proceed to the Seargeant to begin another couple of hours with our Tour Guide. At the end of the Tour, members and guests are invited to the Snack Bar for lunch.

On January 21, we will meet at our usual place at the Golf Club to discuss historic Brackettville as we

have just seen it by RV Tour. This will also be a planning meeting for February's books and activities. Since being bitten by the "Historic Tour Bug," Ladies of the Club will probably want to go-go-go. Watch for announcements and join us.

January 28 is designated as the day for having completed the reading of *Texas* and discussing it. The Book Club has no strict organization and no dues. Everyone who likes to read is invited to join us.

We want to get at least ten members who like to talk and read as well. Join us at the Golf Club Snack Bar every Thursday morning at 9:30.

**Your Best Friends and Sisters Wish You Both A Happy Birthday**  
Veronica Rivas  
January 14  
Juanita Talamantez  
January 15

**Unsung Hero**  
by Joe Townsend  
There is a fine lady in Brackettville who was one of a number in a fine family. She grew up and married a local man who was one of a very fine family. They in turn reared an exceptionally fine family. She has always been devoted to her husband and family. She has been an outstanding mother as evidenced by her family. She is a warm hearted individual. Though she was not an outgoing civic leader, through her children has made many valuable contributions to the community. She is well thought of and well liked by all who know her. Surely Maria (Mrs. Faustino) Sandoval is an "Unsung Hero."

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**Answers to Super Crossword**  
1. LEISS 2. SIERRA 3. ALITA 4. OAMIS  
5. HELLOT 6. ARAL 7. FARS 8. ILGONA  
9. OMAHA 10. SNAKE 11. EYES 12. GODED  
13. PUTON 14. THE DODG 15. SKUNK 16. WEED  
17. ERE 18. DUES 19. RYE 20. SMOKE 21. SRA  
22. HISS 23. LAPSE 24. EARS  
25. DEBUNK 26. PINTAIL 27. REAPED  
28. TICING 29. COS 30. URTIS 31. OPIER  
32. DART 33. MARTIN 34. EMMA 35. GORE  
36. GOD 37. REDEEMED 38. PAGAN 39. GOD  
40. BRIDE 41. RAPID 42. RANGY  
43. PARAPETS 44. MARIETTA 45. BOB  
46. ALAN 47. STAG 48. LEGREE 49. DANE  
50. SLICE 51. ELLA 52. GAR 53. PENICE  
54. TENON 55. TIT 56. RADES 57. FLAKES  
58. ARTES 59. BALTER 60. GAOL  
61. CPA 62. REAM 63. BIB 64. ARID 65. SITE  
66. HORSE 67. PLAY 68. CAT 69. BIRDSEAT  
70. ALONA 71. MOUSE 72. TRAP 73. INTRA  
74. DEMIT 75. IRR 76. EASE 77. NEONS  
78. SAIPS 79. SITTE 80. SPED 81. GENS





**Querecho Remembers**

This is the start of the 18th year that I have managed to keep my residence in the quaint little village of Querecho Flats.

The Little Woman and I moved here from a county up North and have never regretted it. Well, maybe a time or two. But for the most part we have enjoyed living here.

In the county of Kortman, the village of Querecho Flats is considered to be comparable to that of a big old sore on the nose. But it is justified.

The good citizens of Querecho Flats are very politically out-spoken. Not out-spoken by many, but somewhere in Kortman County I feel sure there is someone that can out-spoke Rosalee or Marthalean or maybe even Louise.

We just haven't found 'em yet. I first got involved in the county politics when our kids were still in school.

I was the first one to mention to Clarence Brokemall that it was a funny thing to see his driveway paved while a school bus route in the middle of a small community couldn't be driven down unless it was in a 4-wheel drive.

We didn't get the road paved, but we did get a pretty good caliche top put on it and it's just now starting to wear out.

Since we have lived here, there has been 3 stabbings, 4 shootings, 11 divorces, 45 trial separations, 8 weddings, 29 deaths, 31 births, and 2 plane wrecks.

The powers that be have changed hands at least every third year. That is to say that the water co-op board members have been kicked out (by petition) and new ones installed, the fire chief has been run out of town at least six times and the meter reader has been fired at least once a year since I have been here.

I personally hold the record for being kicked off the water board more than any one else in Querecho Flats.

Yep, I've been removed from the water board 8 times in 18 years.

Someone in Logaville mentioned that we must have the most corrupt group of public servants in the West. Boy, did I get a chance to straighten him out.

I mentioned to him that we have yet to have any of our high dollar elected officials get sent to the pen, we haven't had any of our officials committed to the whacko ward, and we sure as hell haven't had any of us investigated by the F.B.I. That shut 'im up for a couple of minutes.

Then I mentioned that when we do have an election it is always fair. There isn't anyone from the cemetery that votes, and there isn't any of us that has tried to vote twice.

I also mentioned that the most corrupt any one has ever been out here was an old boy that got caught trying to tap into the main water line so he could water his sheep at no extra cost. The only reason he got caught was he managed to tap into a high pressure gas line, that when on fire attracted a lot of attention.

Yep, it's a great place to live if you like being around busy bodies, trouble makers, weirdos and so called Christians. The weather is pretty nice most of the time, there is always a breeze blowing. Of course, it may be coming from the Church Of The Better Than Thou and Pert-Near Perfect People's building but there is generally enough breeze to keep water in the stock tank.

If it wasn't for the fact that some of the people here weren't so goofy, I wouldn't like it at all.

**County Agent News**

By Allan McWilliams

**PLANT PECAN TREES PROPERLY**

One of the keys to growing pecans, whether in the backyard or in a commercial orchard, is to plant the trees properly so that they get off to a good start.

Tree planting time is almost at hand-January and early February are the best times-and here are a few guidelines.

To begin, select a tree 4 to 8 feet tall as soon as nurseries get their supplies. Plant as soon as possible, using care not let roots dry out or freeze.

Dig the hole only as large as the tree's root system. If the hole is too deep, the tree will settle and this can cause poor growth or death.

The taproot should sit in the bottom of the hole. If the hole cannot be as deep as the length of the roots, cut back the taproot to fit the hole.

Pack the original soil around roots as tightly as possible. Packing the soil in 2 to 3-inch layers is better than watering to pack the soil. Use adjacent soil to complete filling the hole, not light soil, sand or potting soil. The tree can drown in rainy weather if light fill soil is used on clay land.

Plant the tree at the same depth it grew in the nursery row. Look at the colors to determine the soil line: the bark is gray and the root is dark brown.

Cut off the top half of the tree at planting to balance the stem and roots and to force growth close to the soil line.

Wrap the lower 18 inches of the trunk with aluminum foil to prevent side shoots, sun scald and rabbit and deer damage. On large plantings, use a mixture of white latex paint and water (one part paint to three parts water).

Build a basin around the tree to hold water and give each tree five gallons of water immediately after planting. Make sure trees do not go longer than 14 days without water.

**PRESCRIBED BURNS PLANNED**

With the excellent 1992 growing conditions, many ranchers are planning to conduct prescribed burns this winter. Ranchers objectives in

using fire are: 1) to improve wildlife habitat, 2) control regrowth brush/cacti, and/or 3) remove dormant excess grass to improve forage quality for spring livestock grazing.

Prescribed burns are conducted under specific conditions following necessary preparations that result in safe burns that achieve ranch objectives. Many ranchers throughout Texas are now using prescribed fire. Because fires can escape and there are known techniques for safely and effectively conducting burns, ranchers are encouraged to receive training before using prescribed fire on their ranchers.

Prescribed burn workshops and demonstration burns are being conducted throughout the state by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. For information on the nearest program contact your County Extension Agent or Extension Range Specialist. Programs in the northern Rio Grande Plains and Edwards Plateau are planned for LaSalle, Zavala, Uvalde, Medina, Atascosa, Sutton and Edwards counties in January and February. All burns require proper weather conditions and adequate fuel, hence burns may be cancelled at the last minute.

The Uvalde county burns will begin with a workshop on Monday January 18, 1993 at the Texas Agricultural Research and Extension Center, Garner Field Road, Uvalde. The morning program begins at 9 am with discussion on "Necessary Preparations and Planning For Using Prescribed Fire" by Joe Franklin, Soil Conservation Service. The second presentation will discuss "Techniques and Conditions for Safely and Effectively Conducting A Prescribed Burn" by Larry D. White, Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The afternoon will be spent on the Mirasol Ranch, 15 miles S.W. of Uvalde on the old Eagle Pass highway (westside of Nueces River) learning to conduct a prescribed burn. Participants will have the opportunity to use backfires, strip fires, and head fires during the demonstration. The workshop is open to any one interested in learning how to use prescribed fire.

**Emergency Disaster Loans**

Kinney County Judge Tim Ward has passed on a reminder he received from the Division of Emergency, Texas Department of Public Safety, to eligible small businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers that Kinney County is included in the list of counties that have received a disaster declaration from the Secretary of Agriculture.

Kinney County has been designated as a natural disaster area where eligible family farmers may qualify for FmHA emergency loans due to damages and losses caused by excessive rain and flooding, which occurred from December 1, 1991, through June 30, 1992. Emergency loan applications will be received through July 16, 1993, for physical and production losses. EM

loans will be made under FmHA Instruction 1945-D.

Additionally businesses depending on farmers and ranchers can now apply for low interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). These loans are available to help businesses meet normal operating expenses that cannot be met due to the effects of a disaster. The excessive rain and flooding between December 1, 1991, and June 30, 1992, caused many farmers and ranchers to experience reduced incomes which may have had an adverse economic effect on businesses depending upon these producers.

For information on either program, contact Tom Millwee or Joan Peschke at 512-465-2431.

**Fishing Report**

**AMISTAD:** Water clear, 57 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 5 pounds on Power Worms and dark worms in 15 feet of water off points; striper are good with schooling around the dam and at San Pedro and are hitting 1 ounce Ponyhead jigs; white bass are good on green slabs while schooling under birds; catfish are excellent in 40-70 feet of water on cheese baits.

**BRAUNIG:** Water clear, 57 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow; striper are slow; catfish are slow to 4 pounds from the banks on cheese stink baits; redfish are slow.

**CALAVERAS:** Water clear, normal level; black bass are good to 5 pounds on jigs and plastic worms mostly in Granny's Cove; striper are slow to 4 pounds wade fishing with Rattle Traps in Granny's Cove; catfish are fair to 5 pounds on shad and cut bait; redfish are fair to 13 pounds on tilapia and cranks; corvina slow to 15 pounds on cranks.

**CHOKO:** Water clear, 57 degrees, 9 inches low; black bass are good through 9 1/4 pounds on buzz baits, shallow running cranks, chartreuse spinners and Crazy Shad in 4-8 feet of water; crappie are scattered on minnows along river channels in 1-25 feet of water and 2-8 feet along the shorelines; white bass are good around 12 inches in the river channel on minnows and white or chrome colored cranks, no runs yet; catfish are fair along the river south of 99 Bridge up to San Miguel Creek and under bird roosts, fish are caught on cheese baits and chicken liver;

trotilines and jug lines are producing fish to 29 pounds on cut bait.

**COLETO CREEK:** Water clear, 62 degrees; black bass are fair to 9 pounds on spinners; striper are fair to 18 inches on slab spoons and minnows; crappie are fair in the 10 inch range on minnows; catfish are fair around 9 inches and above on chicken livers.

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Water clear, 56 degrees, 2 1/2 feet low; black bass were good to 5 1/2 pounds before the front with a few limits caught on black and white 6 inch worms off the points at Pernitas Creek; a few striper to 7 pounds at the state park pier at night on white jigs; crappie are good to 1 1/2 pounds off the park piers early on minnows and white fleafly jigs; white bass are fair in midlake under the birds on L'il Georges and chrome Tiny Traps; blue catfish are excellent in 2 1/2 feet of water on trotlines baited with soap; a 32-pound yellow catfish was caught on live perch in the Nueces River channel near Highway 888; channel catfish, blue catfish and crappie are good below the dam.

**FALCON:** Water clear, 63 degrees, 1 inch low; black bass are good to 9 pounds on worms and spinners; striper are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are good in size on Knocker Spoons; catfish are good in the 2-4 pound range on shrimp.

**MEDINA:** Water clear, 2 feet low; black bass and all fishing slow since the front.

**TEXANA:** Water muddy, normal level; black bass are poor; white bass and crappie are poor; catfish are good to 10 pounds on trotlines with cut bait.

**Around the Fort**

By Mike Bowlin



Preparations are underway by Las Moras Inn Restaurant Manager Joe Niebert and his friendly staff for the Monthly Fish Fry and Dance.

This month's All-you-can-eat Fish (and all the trimmings) feast will take place at the NCO Club Saturday, January 23, from 5 until 8 p.m. Dancing will begin at 7 p.m. and continue until 11 p.m. with music provided by D.J. Sergio Diaz. Price is \$5.50 per person.

**Recreation Department**

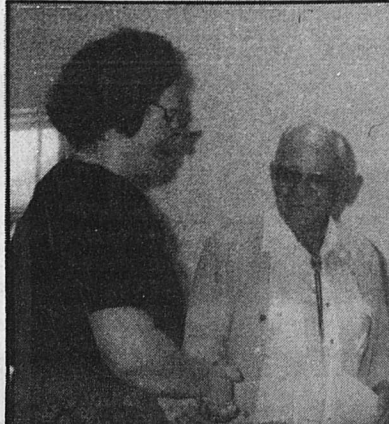
Forty-five fun-lovers showed up Friday night at Town Hall to learn two line dance steps - The Cotton Eyed Joe and the Electric Slide. Everybody not only learned but had a good time.

**Bridge Anyone?**

The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club met Tuesday, January 5, with 7 full tables playing the Mitchell Movement.

Lamont and Marie McCandless won first place in the North/South direction with Vernon and Betty Ebert winning second place.

In the East/West direction, Evelyn Whitely and Ray Kurtz won first with Marge Batchelor and Ruth Wilks winning second place.



**Community Council**

Saturday morning, January 9, Community Council Secretary Barbara Niemann presented the "Above and Beyond" Award to Lou Sofaly.



Johnny Coronado and Herb Bell have given "The Fort Horse" new life with a complete refinishing procedure including the saddle, bags, bridle and scabbard (which are real Cavalry issue) with fibre glass.

**TO ALL OF OUR WONDERFUL FRIENDS**

To all of our wonderful friends of Fort Clark and Brackettville, our thanks for your support, kindness, food, ambulance, contributions, all of the good and great thoughts for us.

Fran, who was born March 11, 1914, and died December 29, 1992, would thank you, too!

Mary Jane Kunis

**Brackettville Housing Authority**

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**Golf News**



**Mens Golf**

Wednesday, December 30  
2 Best Balls - 5 Man Teams

1st at 144: Tom McNew, Marv Maderich, P. M. Moore, Doug Schuler, John Osborn.

2nd at 146 (4 way tie): Roy Dyer, Max Fairchild, Charles Descheemaker, Don Herron and Rick Bacon; Gordon Lundquist, Les Roper, Howard Peck, Phil Land, and Ron Buckles; Hoagy Nelson, Bob Derrickson, Treg Mitchell, Gordon Petaja, and Vern Ebert; Tom Beatty, Doc Cruse, C. Blackburn, San Heninger, Fred Wetherell.

At 147: Julian Garza, Bill Mitchell, Dave Sharp, Roger Berset, and H. C. Barker.

At 149: Bob Houk, Clarke Horning, Jim Bussey, Bill Woolston, and Bill Koons.

At 150: Jack Legg, Bob Gaston, Newell Mayberry, Ward Pomeroy, and Bob Burkepile.

At 151: Ralph Viestenz, Louis Zilskeren, Pat Owens, Dan Isenberg, and Gordy Mathison.

**Mens Golf**

Wednesday, January 6  
Best 2 Balls

1st place: Dale Unruh, Bill Woolston, Jack Wood and Don Herron.

2nd place: Hoagy Nelson, Clarke Horning, Jack Wood, and Red Udy.

3rd place: Roy Dyer, Charlie Dillahunt, Charlie Descheemaker, and Bob Burkepile.

4th place (tie): Karl Chism, Bob Gaston, Dave Sharp, H. C. Barker; Marv Maderich, Pat Grant, P. M. Moore, and John Osborn.

**Ladies Golf**

December 29

Low Gross - Low Net  
Low Gross 1st place (tie) with 86: Darlene Horning and Pat McKelvy.

Low Net 1st place with 65: LaVon McLane; 2nd place with 67: Marge Maderich.

**3-Par**

There were seventeen hearty men and women out on a chilly Monday morning, January 11 for the Golf Scramble. Then, there was one Fictious Phantom present.

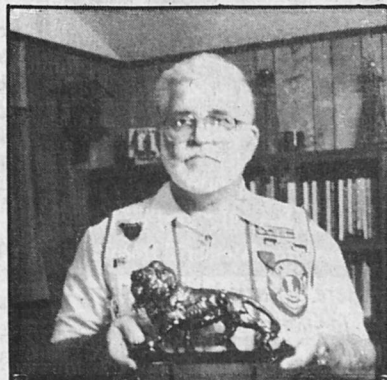
**Lions Hear Breen**

With President Tom McNew presiding, the Brackettville Lions Club met for their regular dinner meeting on Thursday, January 7, 1993.

The program was presented by Lion Nakai Breen who held her fellow members enthralled as she "wove the web that brought humans that first picture of the alphabet, or the tale of the spider" from Indian Folklore. Illustrations: Spider's body is made like the number eight, consisting of two lobe-like parts connected at the waist, and eight legs. Spider is the symbol for the infinite possibilities of creation. Her eight legs represent the four winds of change and the four directions on the medicine wheel.

After several intriguing anecdotes from the legends of the spider, Mrs. Breen closed with "Get moving, find joy and new ideas in the accomplishments of others, and use them to propel you into a new phase of creative spinning on your own web of delight."

**"Lion Of The Year"**



Tom Faulkenberry, immediate past president of the Brackettville Lions Club, was elected by his peers as the "Lion of the Year."



## Making A Difference

By TAYLOR STEPHENSON, Curriculum Director

### Brackett's Child Development Class

For the past three years, Brackett High School under the direction of Mary Lee Haby has pioneered a class in child development. The class is designed to bring parenting concepts and the concurrent development of children into a practical laboratory setting at Jones Elementary School (assisting children in the kindergarten through fourth grades).

Mrs. Haby begins her class by presenting basic information on human anatomy and physiology. Family planning is emphasized with primary emphasis on abstinence for our school youth until marriage. Pregnancy and birth are discussed with emphasis on the changes that take place in babies from the time of conception through the baby's birth. The all important first days at home for the baby are studied. The baby's first years from birth to 4 years of age are studied in detail. Other topics presented are health and safety of children. Job opportunities for young parents are interwoven into the instructional fabric of the classroom. This class presents information and helps students learn about real life situations.

Jones Elementary provides a setting for the application of child development concepts. Steve Mills and the elementary staff encouraged students to be assigned to classrooms where they could observe and work with students. Mrs. Haby is a strong believer that "Hands On Activities" that the students participate in will be put to use later in their lives.

Think about it! High school role models appearing in real life to children between the ages of 5 and 10. The little ones see their high school helpers in football, basketball, volleyball or band uniforms. They see them as cheerleaders, dressed up for the homecoming, or just walking tall on the high school campus. It's a perfect setting for learning. Someone you really admire can teach you something that may or may not be that much fun to learn. Somehow it becomes more fun when you "look up" to the teacher. Educators know this! That is why it is so important for us to be role models for children, and to let them see us involved in family, community and church activities. A role model can be positive or negative. Our high school helpers are positive role models.

How did it work? One youngster didn't want to read for anyone until a young man who played football entered the scene and charmed him into reading. The youngster developed reading practice and now can apply it. Other students helped make vests, Thanksgiving turkeys, staple notebooks together, and assisted in the myriad of tasks required in elementary classrooms.

At Christmas time, the child development students became caught up in the spirit of the holidays. They helped their cooperating teachers make special treats for their young charges. The high school students have learned to enjoy the activities, and they have learned to love and care for our little ones.

Some of the results for the high school students have been to raise their own self esteem. Mrs. Haby tells me that students have developed a healthy respect for the job that elementary teachers do, and that some of the students are considering careers as teachers. Elementary teachers are busy, and there is not enough time to decorate the bulletin boards, plan instruction in seven or eight different subjects, contact parents about concerns, take care of state requirements, guide and counsel kids, grade their papers, and to attend to the task of figuring out how to best get each student to respond in his/her learning style. The students in child development have helped take care of some of these chores. Enough about that! I hope to talk more about elementary teachers and instruction in later articles.

Mrs. Haby and the parenting and child development class has made a difference for teachers and students at Jones Elementary. I believe that the elementary teachers and kids have made a difference for the high school students. Thanks for a job well done! Members of the class are:

Sonya Cruz Myrna Gonzales  
Mary Dimery Monica McDonald  
Mary Falcon Wendy McDaniel  
Raquel Franklin Michael Pena  
Dee Ann Frerich Theresa Terrazas  
Tanya Frerich Isela Valdez  
Angel Jaso

### Show Your Tiger Spirit

#### Lunch

Milk served with all meals. Salad bar available everyday. "B" Line available every day.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18  
Chili Cheese Dog - French Fries  
Fresh Fruit  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19  
Ground Beef Stroganoff  
White Rice - Choice of Veg.  
Fruit - Roll  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20  
Hamburger - Burger Salad  
French Fries  
Fruited Jello  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 21  
Tacos - Taco Salad  
Ranch Beans - Spanish Rice  
Fruit  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 22  
Fried Chicken - Whipped Potatoes  
Green Beans - Roll

## "I Care Hotline" Incorporated

"Her boyfriend broke up with her. She got drunk and went out with another guy. Her boyfriend found out and called her some terrible names. She felt really bad. She called 3 minutes after trying to overdose; she took 8 Valium...and a handful of Dalname...was barely able to talk." A Youth Consultant Operator in Texas jotted these notes as she listened to a 15 year old girl in the midst of a suicide attempt. Although her speech was slurred, the Youth Consultant Operator was able to get a name, phone number, and part of an address. The Youth Consultant Operator called the local police, who rushed the girl to the hospital. Her stomach was pumped, and her life was saved.

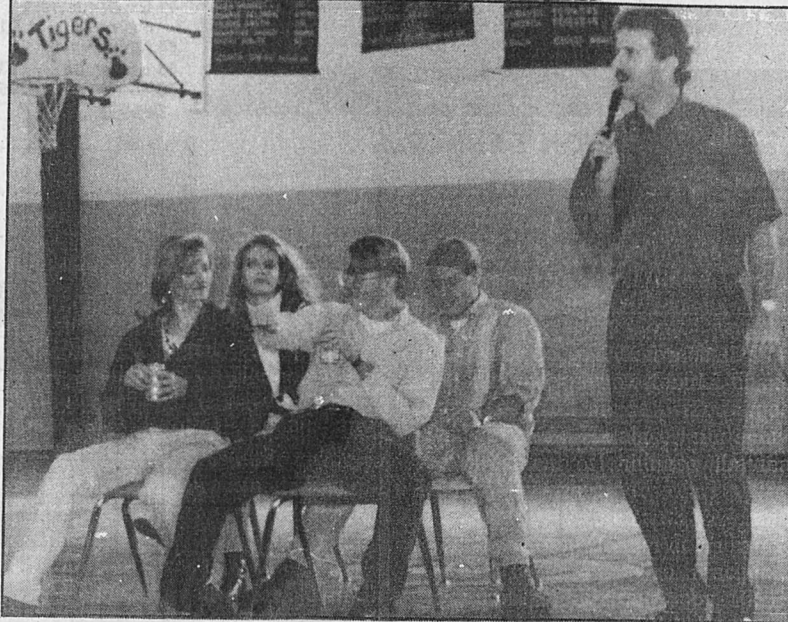
Too often school counselors find it difficult to handle the increasing caseload created by the growing number of teens in crisis. The Brackett ISD will be supplementing the counseling offered during school hours with the services of the I Care Hotline.

The National Youth I Care Hotline is a non-profit organization

founded in 1988 by Tony Overman and his good friend, baseball star Orel Hershiser, who offered a financial investment to help Tony get started. Today Hershiser serves as vice president of the all volunteer Board of Directors.

The I Care Hotline is a 24 hour, toll free, youth-oriented crisis intervention program. The first implementation step taken by BISD was an assembly in the Brackett High School Gym Thursday morning, January 7, 1993, presented by Ken Harris, Regional Consultant of the I Care Hotline. Issues covered in the program included peer pressure, self-esteem, alcohol, suicide, and sexuality. Students received magnets, cards, and stickers with the hotline number. A monthly report will be sent to each school district showing how many students called, what grades they were in and the topics of their call.

Information on the I Care Hotline may be obtained by writing to 4407 Walzem Road, Suite 207, San Antonio TX 78182, or calling 1-800-829-0989.



Students Charlie Hall, Wendy McDaniel, Jason Ash, and Dale Smith participate in a skit demonstrating peer pressure in a "drunk driver" situation. Ken Harris the narrator.

#### BRACKETT HIGH SCHOOL THIRD SIX WEEKS ALL "A" HONOR ROLL

9th Grade  
Jared Shahan

10th Grade

Kimberly Ahrens, Jeffrey Hood, Manuel Ramon and James "Wil" Shahan.

11th Grade

Bernie Allemeier and Rumaldo Serrano.

12th Grade

Charles Frerich and Wendy McDaniel.

#### "A" AND "B" HONOR ROLL

9th Grade

Ignacio Aguirre, Isabel Aguirre, Amber Davis, Debra Frerich, Denice Frerich, Kathleen Hall, Brian Hooker, Valerie Jimenez, Carlos Martinez, Maximo Mendoza, Jose L. Pena and Casandra Tipps.

10th Grade

Matthew Benacci, Sean Burks, Gerardo Cedillo, Lisa Dalton, Brian Gidge, Benjamin Guartuche, Christopher Hale, Karla Hall, Kelly Henrich, Zoila Herrera, Patrick Melancon, Teresa Perez and Jennifer Terrazas.

11th Grade

Willie Allemeier, Cesar Castillo, Amanda Davis, Juanita Elizondo, Tommy Gass, Daniel Martinez, Roxanne Payne, Josefina Talamantez, Jessica Taylor, Jesse Terrazas and Melissa Vela.

12 Grade

Jason Ash, Mary Falcon, Lynn Floyd, Raquel Franklin, Dee Ann Frerich, Tanya Frerich, Myrna Gonzales, Adrian Pena and Esmeralda Talamantez.

#### BRACKETT MIDDLE SCHOOL ALL "A" HONOR ROLL

8th Grade

Amanda Petrosky, Aaron Taylor, Melissa Thames and Jessica Taylor.

7th Grade

Jimmy W. Ballew, Samantha Perez and Alfredo Rodriguez.

8th Grade

Joshua Fitzgerald, Courtney Harrison, Lindy La Mascus and Brandy Ricks.

#### ALL "A" AND "B" HONOR ROLL

8th Grade

Brent Smith and Cheryl Vernor.

7th Grade

Caleb Crumley, Windy Goodloe, Katy Hagler, Regina Johnson, Michael Meyer, Monique Pierce, Jessica Rodefer and Cecelia Ann Terrazas.

8th Grade

Miguel Aguirre, Jason R. Antillon, Amy Bader, Josh Crumley, Naiya Garcia, Francisca Garza, David Melancon, Beau Smallwood and Melissa Terrazas.

#### JONES ELEMENTARY THIRD - SIX WEEKS HONOR ROLL

Second Grade

Ashley Bingham, Celina Cano, Adam Caton, Amanda Cruz, Dennis Gazaway, Juan Hidalgo, Jared Hobbs, Elizabeth Jennings, Davina Luna, April Martinez, Maria Martinez, Nicole Mata, Zandra Melton, Philip Munoz, Megan McWilliams, Laura Negrete, Pedro Pacheco, Brian Rose and Jeffrey Tipps.

Third Grade

Michelle Bizzell, Lee Davis, Susannah Davis, Levi Duncan, Joey Escamilla, Alma Fuentes, Martin Garcia, Stephanie Gomez, Migdalia Gonzalez, Miguel Hernandez, Matthew Holloway, Duquesa Hunt, Candice Ingram, Marissa Melendez, Tony Molinar, Jaime Montalvo, Rebecca Perez, Isela Ramon, Maria Nelda Ramos, Juan Rivas, Ricky Sandoval, Amanda Smith, Ana Talamantez, Kevin Ternes, Deidra Townsend, Amanda Ward, Brandy Wilson and Asa York.

Fourth Grade

Josh Coe, Kayla Cruz, Erika Garcia Jarrett Harrison, Savannah Massingill, Jeffrey Mills, Stephanie Samaniego, Jenifer Sandoval and Kelson Smith.

Fifth Grade

Jamie Bader, Laura Lee Ballew, James Burks, Zachry Davis, Jerritt Meeks, Michelle Villarreal and Coty Joe Williams.

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## Basketball

### Tigerettes Declaw Panthers



Wendy McDaniel (23), Tanya Frerich (20).

The Tigerettes won again easily in the Jungle Friday evening, January 8, by a 67 - 20 margin against the Comstock Panthers.

Senior Theresa Terrazas had a big night scoring 22 points, 8 steals and 5 assists. Dee Ann Frerich scored 8 points in the third period for a total of ten. Dee Ann also grabbed 8 rebounds and had a blocked shot.

Nina Gonzalez scored 9, Wendy McDaniel 8, Kim Ahrens 6, Sophomore Jennifer Terrazas and

Freshman Denice Frerich scored 4, and Lolly Hernandez and Ida Aguilar contributed with 2 each.

Coach Greg Nowlin and his Fighting Tigerettes now go into district play with an impressive 15 - 4 record. In their past three opponents they have outscored their opponents an average of 75 - 13.

The Tigerettes are the defending 29AA District Champions and are favored to win it all again.

Don't be surprised if you see them in post-season play again.

#### Stats After 19 Games

PLAYER	POINTS	REBOUNDS	BK. ST.	ASSTS.
Theresa Terrazas	188	60		77
Wendy McDaniel	268	298	59	45
Dee Ann Frerich	188	227	29	54
Tanya Frerich	107	58		56
Nina Gonzalez	116	117	6	38
Kim Ahrens	101	121	2	55
Lolly Hernandez	25	75	15	8
Jennifer Terrazas	15	13		7

Tigerettes average 51 points per game to their opponents 29.

#### PERFECT ATTENDANCE

**Pre-Kindergarten**  
Erik Cedillo and Cassandra Mata.

**Kindergarten**  
Tillman Davis, Stevie Juarez, Kristin Meyer, Rolando Ortiz, Divina Pena and Charles Slaughter.

**1st Grade**  
Dietrich Davis, Jose De Leon, Ryan Garcia, Melissa Gazaway, Michael Holloway, Tony Jamail, Cesar Montoya, Glenn Morgan, Claudia Pena, Emily Petosky, Adrian Reyes and Angelica Talamantes.



J.J. Sandoval (10) jumps for the Tigers against Comstock Friday night.

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**Natasha's Stars**

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) Now that you're finally reaping the harvest of your efforts at work, it's time to consider a much-needed vacation. Even a weekend getaway would go a long way toward recharging those creative batteries.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) You may find it difficult this week to figure out what's motivating certain people's actions. Don't let this get you down. All will be clear very soon. In the meantime, try to have a relaxing, do-nothing weekend.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) Romance is in the stars for you this week, whether single or attached. Take full advantage of this. Let your imagination go, and indulge all those naughty fantasies. Your partner will be more than willing.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) It's time to move out of the play mode and get back to reality. Take care of all that unfinished business waiting for you at work. If you don't, you'll find yourself working into the weekend.

**LEO** (July 23-August 22) This is a good week for you to take stock of your physical needs. A bit more exercise wouldn't hurt, and it would be wise to pay attention to your diet. You've been a bit negligent in that area since the holidays.

**VIRGO** (August 23-September 22) While it's "back to the drawing board" time for you, you will find yourself feeling invigorated by the challenge. As a result, you'll be burning that midnight oil. A loved one may disapprove, but all your work will pay off.

**LIBRA** (September 23-October 22) Family and friends will be impressed with how well you handle some minor disappointments. By the end of the

week, everything will be looking up once again, leaving you refreshed and relieved for the weekend's socializing. Accept invitations out, and enjoy.

**SCORPIO** (October 23-November 21) Last week, it seemed you couldn't do anything wrong if you tried. This week, events don't flow quite so smoothly. However, you're up to the challenge and find creative ways of handling it. Rest up this weekend.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22-December 21) The time for lying low is over. Others will look to you this week for the answers, and you'll be able to provide that much-needed leadership with your innovative approach. Higher-ups take notice, and a financial bonus could very well be in your future.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22-January 19) The beginning of the week will find you somewhat lethargic, and a bit down. However, toward mid-week, things will once again be looking up. Even better, by the weekend, you will be positively beaming. Go out and party this weekend. You deserve it.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20-February 18) You're going to have to resist the temptation to fly off in a million different directions this week. A problem at hand will require all your energy and concentration. Let that brilliant Aquarian mind do its best stuff.

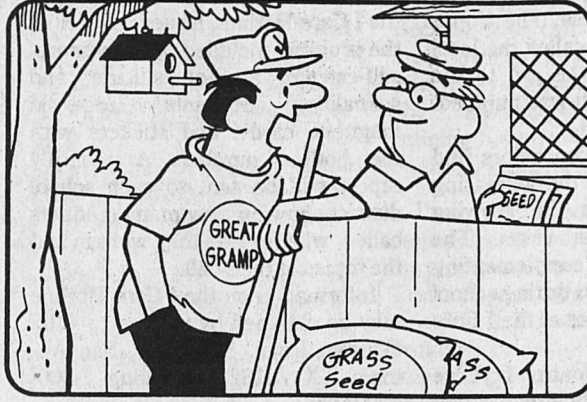
**PISCES** (February 19-March 20) You are not aware of it, but a loved one is not pleased with your tendency toward picky criticisms. Think carefully about this, and you will find some of your critiques are unjustified and blown out of proportion. Spend the weekend making up hurt feelings.

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**Vision Teaser**



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Birdhouse is added. 2. Emblem is changed. 3. Sacks are shorter. 4. Knives is missing. 5. Sweater is removed. 6. Window is different. 7. Window is different. 8. Window is different. 9. Window is different.

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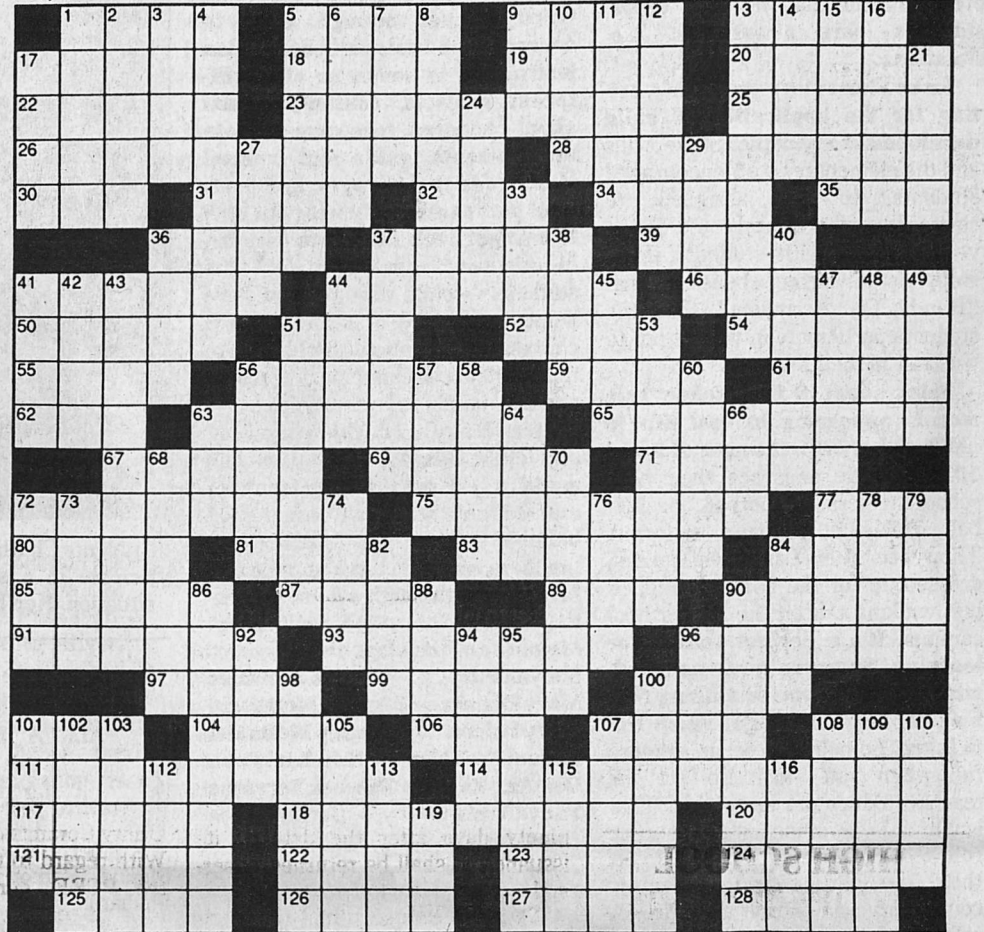
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- Barrier Boards Boundary Brick
- Chain link Concrete Enclose Gate
- Paint Posts Privacy Split rail
- Stain Strong Wood

**Super Crossword**

- ACROSS**
- 1 Ending for head or head
  - 5 Word repeated in a Doris Day song title
  - 9 Canadian prov.
  - 13 Beaver structures
  - 17 Spartan serf
  - 18 Inland sea of Asia
  - 19 Old salts
  - 20 Actress Massey
  - 22 Nebraska's largest city
  - 23 Two, at dice
  - 25 Put in symbolic writing
  - 26 Make a show of elegance
  - 28 Noxious plant
  - 30 Before
  - 31 Income source for clubs
  - 32 Dell loaf
  - 34 Captain Hook's aide
  - 35 Mme., in Madrid
  - 36 Goose or snake sound
  - 37 Slip of the tongue
  - 39 Dumbo's "wings"
  - 41 Expose false claims
  - 44 Kind of duck
  - 46 Harvested
  - 50 Top of the
- DOWN**
- 2 Monkey's cousin
  - 3 Gladden
  - 2 London district
  - 4 Rank or reputation
  - 5 Window frames
  - 6 White-tailed birds
  - 7 Electric catfish
  - 8 Moslem sacred book
  - 9 Raided the ice box
  - 10 Short, narrative poems
  - 11 Log entries for Captain Kirk
  - 12 Take for granted
  - 13 Traded by bargaining
  - 14 Below, to a sailor
  - 15 Current fashions
  - 16 Exhibit contempt
  - 17 Crosby's "Road" partner
  - 21 Egyptian skink
  - 24 Country bordering the Red Sea
  - 27 Long, pointed tooth
  - 29 Close at hand
  - 33 Jacob's twin
  - 36 "The — for Red October"
  - 37 Noted English surgeon
  - 38 Ireland
  - 40 Malay garment
  - 41 Queen of Carthage
  - 42 Habitat plant form
  - 43 Nitwit
  - 44 Gaze intently
  - 45 Lacking energy
  - 47 Place for savings?
  - 48 Architect Saarinen
  - 49 Controversial Scott
  - 51 Member of a Girl Scout division
  - 53 More chic
  - 56 Early Persians
  - 57 Mosque prayer leader
  - 58 Neighbor of Tibet
  - 60 Size of type
  - 63 Catskills sleeper
  - 64 Urgent literary collection
  - 68 Deep malice
  - 70 Rover, at times
  - 72 Historian's time frame
  - 73 Auk genus
  - 74 Box or bush lead-in
  - 76 Special times
  - 78 Story starter
  - 79 Quilting groups
  - 82 Overly smooth and
  - 84 "Let's Make a —"
  - 86 Asks earnestly
  - 88 Bedouin
  - 90 Pedestrian
  - 92 Leak out slowly
  - 94 Guest at a strange tea party
  - 95 Formal discussions
  - 96 Clear and sunny
  - 98 Highly seasoned game dishes
  - 100 Complained
  - 101 Country south of Libya
  - 102 Propels the gondola
  - 103 Bakery byproduct
  - 105 Native of New Zealand
  - 107 Degrade
  - 108 U.S. naturalist Ernest Thompson —
  - 109 Mountain lakes
  - 110 Anagram for seat
  - 112 The Bounty, for one
  - 113 Mongolian tent
  - 115 Speed or sand follower
  - 116 Small dagger
  - 119 Engineering org.



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- Jan. 14 Veronica Rivas
- Jan. 15 Mary Sandoval
- Jan. 15 Regina Pena
- Jan. 15 Juanita Talamantez
- Jan. 16 Nancy O'Brien
- Jan. 16 Stoney Burks
- Jan. 17 Lorraine Watson
- Jan. 18 Darwin Crane
- Jan. 19 Charles Endris
- Jan. 19 Lois Endris
- Jan. 19 Guy Wilson
- Jan. 20 Juan Reyes
- Jan. 20 David Seargeant, Jr.
- Jan. 20 Tommy Seargeant

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San Pedro Canyon Estates - big lakefront lot with gorgeous view of Lake Amistad. A great place to build that dream home!

Cheap - Fort Clark memberships.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO: JAY R. SMITH Respondent

GREETINGS:  
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 63rd Judicial District Court, Kinney County, Texas at the Courthouse of said County in Brackettville, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, and then to answer the petition of Tina Gail Smith. Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 9th day of December, 1992, against Jay R. Smith, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 2846 on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of Tina Gail Smith and Jay R. Smith", the nature of which suit is a request to grant a divorce, appoint sole managing conservator, attorneys fees, costs and all other relief requested, in the Petition.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding on you.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child adoption.<sup>2</sup>

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Brackettville Texas, this the 29 day of December, 1992.

/s/Dolores Raney Clerk,  
District Court,  
Kinney County, Texas

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice Of Local District Legislation

A bill relating to the creation, administration, powers, duties, operating and financing of the Kinney County Underground Water Conservation District will be introduced in the 73rd legislative session.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice Depository For Kinney County Funds 1993-1994

NOTICE is hereby given this 12th day of January, A.D. 1993, in compliance with Chapter 116.022, Local Government Code, by Kinney County Commissioners' Court, that said Court will accept applications from any banking corporation, association or individual bank in Kinney County for depositing of the public funds of such county, in such bank or banks.

Contract will be awarded at the regular meeting of Kinney County Commissioners' Court February 8, 1993 at 10:00 o'clock a.m.

Commissioners' Court Of Kinney County, Texas  
/s/ Tim Ward, County Judge

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF REQUEST TO BLEND POWER COST RECOVERY FACTORS AND TO RECOVER DEFERRED COSTS

Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, Inc. (RGE) has filed a Petition to Blend its Power Costs Recover Factors (PCRF) and to Recover Deferred South Texas Nuclear Power (STP) costs, together with supporting material, with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC). With regard to the request to blend the PCRF, currently, RGE has four power suppliers, West Texas Utilities Company (WTU), Central Power and Light Company (CPL), Medina Electric Cooperative, Inc. (MEC) and El Paso Electric Company (EPEC). RGE utilizes three PCRFs for each of these suppliers. Accordingly, those members located in the area served by a particular supplier incur a PCRF based on that supplier's rates. As a result, members pay different rates under the PCRF depending on their location.

The request to blend the PCRF would reduce the present 12 PCRFs to a single Kwh based PCRF for the GS-1, GS-3 and Lighting classes and blended demand (kW) and energy (kWh) based PCRFs for all remaining members. This proposal would create uniform PCRFs, not dependent on the location of the member or the supplier for a particular area. The blended PCRF would not raise the revenues for RGE but could result in slightly higher rates for certain customers depending on their present location and supplier and slightly lower rates for certain other customers depending on the same factors.

The request to recover deferred STP costs is simply a request to recover \$785,182.55 previously paid to CPL, as a result of a Settlement in FERC Docket No. 86-721-000. RGE actually paid \$809,182.55 to CPL, but in the Settlement of FERC Docket No. 90-289-000, CPL agreed to provide to RGE a credit of \$24,000.00 relating to certain charges concerning the Dabney Metering Point. This credit is being offset against the amount RGE seeks to recover from its members.

The request seeks to recover the deferred costs through a blended PCRF. If the request is granted, these costs will be recovered through the PCRF over a 5-year (60-month) period. Accordingly, the total amount recovered from RGE members in each month during the period will be \$13,086.00. The average residential customer will see an additional charge of \$0.86 per month.

Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission as soon as possible. A request to intervene, participate, or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400 North, Austin, Texas 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission Public Information Division at (512)458-0223 or (512)458-0227, or (512)458-0221, teletypewriter for the deaf.

REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS STAFF TRAINING ACCOMMODATIONS

The Middle Rio Grande Development Council is currently seeking quotations from qualified service providers for lodging and training accommodations to conduct large and small training sessions concurrently, April 18 through 21, 1993. Contractors should provide Cost Quotations and information for the following:

- Room Rates:
- Single occupancy
  - Double occupancy
  - Duplex
  - Four-plex
  - 1 Bedroom Suite
  - 2 Bedroom Suite
  - 3 Bedroom Suite
- Meeting Room Accommodates:
- Number of meeting rooms
  - Large group capacity (95-100 people)
  - Small group capacity (25-30 people in each)
- Meals: (must accommodate 95 to 100 people in group setting).
- Include Other Accommodations and Amenities Available Such As:
- Staff and setup crews
  - Recreational accommodations
  - Audio-visual equipment
  - Security
  - Check-in and check-out policy
  - Menu with prices
  - Other

The deadline for this RFQ is January 30, 1993. Please send a letter of intent with Cost Quotation to Alma McNeil, Director of Program Monitoring at the Middle Rio Grande Development Council, P.O. Box 1199, Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834, telephone number (210)876-3533. #5861

PUBLIC NOTICE

PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL NOTICE

The Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) has received an application for financial assistance from The City of Brackettville to improve/expand the existing sewer system primarily to provide services to the Brackettville and Fort Clark Springs area.

The specific elements of the proposed sanitary sewer expansion includes: (a) demolition/removal of the existing treatment facility and construction of a new wastewater treatment plant south of Fort Clark Springs along Las Moras Creek; (b.) approximately 30,000 linear feet of six (6), eight (8), ten (10), fifteen (15), and eighteen (18) inch gravity flow collection lines to include necessary manholes, cleanouts, and lift stations; (c.) approximately 17,000 linear feet of four (4), and eight (8) inch force main.

If implemented, the project has the potential to impact floodplain areas. Floodplains are designated in Community Panel Number 481176 0275 B of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Hazard Boundary Maps. Affected Floodplains occur generally south of U.S. Highway 90 and at the Las Moras Creek area east of the Fort Clark Springs' airport.

The City of Brackettville proposes to mitigate potential adverse impacts to floodplain areas by installing minimum size lines and restricting sewer services to future customers wanting to build in designated floodplains.

Anyone desiring to make comments or review maps showing the locations of important land resources, or to obtain additional information about the project may contact the office below. Written comments may be made by mail but must be received within thirty (30) days of this publication for consideration by Farmers Home Administration in preparation of the environmental review.

Farmers Home Administration  
District Office  
Attn: Thurman Bryant  
P. O. Drawer 3270  
Alice TX 78333

GUITAR LESSONS

Beginning Guitar Lessons \$10 per hour one hour a week. Call 563-2961 8-5 or 563-2077 after 5 p.m.

LOST

A Sterling Silver Rosary with beads shaped like roses was lost at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. If found, please call Kika, 563-2252.

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

JTPA is accepting qualified applications for the CDL program. Contact Michael Patterson, Middle Rio Grande Development Council, 209 N. Getty, Uvalde TX 78801; phone 210-278-2527; Fax 210-278-2929.

**KINNEY COUNTY LAND CO.** 210-563-2446  
210-563-2447  
P.O. BOX 1035  
BRACKETTVILLE, TX 78832

Lovely building lots in the Oaks on Fort Clark. Oaks & pecans. \$7500.00 and up.

2000 sq. ft. commercial bldg. on Highway 90. Central air & heat. Covered paved parking. For sale or lease. Reasonably priced.

405 E. 2nd St. Reduced to \$23,000. 2 bdrm. plus den. Very good condition. Good storage and workshop on cement foundation.

BRACKETT LAND AND REALTY

Sheedy St & Hwy 90 East, Brackettville  
Office: 210-563-9115 Home: 210-563-2836  
J. Sbarbaro: Broker Mona Miller: Agent

2 bedroom/1 bath Master's condo for sale. Priced right and ready for new owner - completely furnished.  
New homes are being built on Fort Clark Springs. Would you like to see plans, pick your own design, pick your lot and all interior colors, carpets, etc? Come by the office.  
400 acre ranch for sale 17 miles northeast of Brackettville. This ranch is perfect for hunting and/or grazing.  
Several ranches for sale between 350 to 5200 acres.

Pets: Lost Or Found

To Report  
Lost Or Found Animals  
Call 563-2704

To adopt, please check with the City to see if any pets are available.

KINNEY COUNTY, TEXAS  
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - (CASH BASIS) - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1992

REVENUES:	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
Ad Valorem Taxes		
Fees of Office and Other Fees	\$ 487,501	\$ 17,204
Fines	154,023	5,755
Prisoners	121,875	
Auto Registration	222,840	
Interest on Deposits		100,249
Intergovernmental	7,887	6,557
Other Revenues	1,135	60,199
	50,309	67,753
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>1,045,570</b>	<b>257,717</b>
EXPENDITURES:		
Judicial		
County-District Clerk	126,522	2,714
County Treasurer	51,161	
County Auditor	27,490	
County Tax Collector	19,309	
Law Enforcement	28,450	
Agriculture and Livestock	271,350	
Library	19,849	
Operation of Buildings	27,044	
County-Wide Expense	30,099	
Social Services	445,795	
Administration		108,409
Capital Outlay and Other		41,343
Maintenance and Operations		60,407
Capital Projects		144,984
Principal Retirement		
Interest and Fiscal Charges		
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>1,047,069</b>	<b>357,857</b>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(1,499)	(100,140)

DEBT SERVICE FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)

\$ 54,392	\$	\$ 559,097
		159,778
		121,875
		222,840
1,720		100,249
		16,164
	35,350	96,684
	10,119	128,181
56,112	45,469	1,404,868
		129,236
		51,161
		27,490
		19,309
		28,450
		271,350
		19,849
		27,044
		30,099
		445,795
		108,409
		41,343
		60,407
		144,984
		184,363
55,000	184,363	55,000
29,606		29,606
84,606	184,363	1,673,895
(28,494)	(138,894)	(269,027)

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF KINNEY. I, Dolores Raney, Clerk of the County Court in and for Kinney County, Texas do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances (Cash Basis) as prepared by Beyer, Telford & Co. in the annual audit ending September 30, 1992. The Complete audit is on file and available for public inspection in the County Auditor's Office or County Clerk's office.

Dolores Raney, County Clerk  
Kinney County, Texas.





**Meditations**

Some young people love tests. Others hate them! At the risk of placing before you something that is distasteful, let the suggestion be made that you take the following test.

We are not able to make 4.0 on this simple test. And yet, if you answer "yes" to most of the questions, you probably are living a wholesome, meaningful life. Answer honestly, please.

1. Are some of the major notes of my life love, joy, and peace? Ask those who know you how you measure up at this point.

2. Am I a pleasant person to be around? Do others enjoy my company or avoid me? This means that you don't get up nor go to bed at night with an angry or hard-to-get-along-with spirit.

3. Do I have a growing number of friends? Remember some of them move away and some die. Others break off the relationship, so we need to cultivate more all the time!

4. Do I spend a few minutes each day in some spiritual exercise? That is, do I read God's Word two or three times a week? (Try the Psalms, John or Ephesians). What about prayer? What about Church attendance? We need to stay alert and alive spiritually, don't you think?

Give yourself 25 points for each of the questions. If your grade-level is below 50, then ask God to do a thorough reformation work in your life. If you're above 75, congratulations, and keep going!

News from . . . *The Pastor's Pen* GIL ASH

**First Baptist Church**

While growing up they were friends. They often talked, dreamed and planned together. As the years passed, however, they drifted apart. Finally they met after a long separation. The woman asked her friend, "Do you remember that 'life plan' you used to talk about when we were in school? Did you ever really carry it out?"

"Sure did," her friend replied. "First I married a millionaire, next an actor, then a minister and now I'm married to an undertaker."

"Whew, four husbands!" exclaimed the woman. "But what does that have to do with your life plan?"

"You know," replied the friend, "one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go!"

Most people would agree with the importance of planning, whether it is for a lifetime or just today. But when it comes to planning spiritually, apparently not as many agree.

Jesus had a great deal to say about planning. In Luke 12:13-21, He told of a man who did a fine job of planning for his future. But while he planned for the goal, he forgot about the soul.

There is no question about it. God wants us to "plan ahead"—not just materially but spiritually as well.

It has been stated: "Nobody plans to fail; they just simply fail to plan."

Whatever your plans in life, in whatever area of life, be sure to include Jesus! Why not include Him this Sunday.



**Fisherman Wade Salmon** caught this 12-pound Black Bass Beauty January 8, 1993, on a plastic worm at Lake Amistad.

*Worship At The Church Of Your Choice This Sunday And Every Sunday*

**RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE IN TEXAS PRESERVATION**

The Texas Historical Commission announces that nomination deadlines for its slate of preservation awards are drawing near. The awards, many of which are presented at the THC's annual conference in April, are designed to honor individuals and organizations for their outstanding historic preservation efforts.

The awards fall into different categories of activity, including history, architecture, archeology, and museum services. Deadlines for nominations are:

**January 31, 1993** - Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award, John Ben Shepperd Leadership Award.

**February 28, 1993** - Governor's Award for Historic Preservation, Ruth B. Lester Lifetime Achievement Award, Award of Excellence in Historic Architecture, Award of Excellence in Archeology, Award of Excellence in Preserving History and Glenda Morgan Award of Excellence in Museums.

**March 1, 1993** - Museum Awards.

The THC encourages award nominations for meritorious candidates. To receive more information and awards guidelines, contact the THC at P.O. Box 12276, Austin, TX 78711-2276, or call 512/463-6100.

The Texas Historical Commission is the official state agency for historic preservation. Its staff administers a variety of programs to preserve the state's cultural heritage.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Meeting of the City Council of Spofford was called to order:**

In response to an advertisement by Texcor, residents and officials of Spofford absolutely reject any proposal which would allow Texcor to participate in any water supply project for Spofford. We have successfully dealt with our water situation in the past, and are perfectly capable of doing so in the future. Before we enter into any agreement with this corporate invader we will cheerfully continue as we are.

We consider Texcor to be an unwelcome intruder into our immediate neighborhood and a threat to future viability of this area. After four years of exposure to various deceptive and false statements by Texcor representatives, we hold the opinion that any agreement with that organization on any subject would be of absolutely no value.

Signed this 9th day of January, 1993.

/s/ Mayor J. B. Herndon  
/s/ Alderman Ester Cruz  
/s/ Alderman Joe Cruz  
/s/ Alderman Jessie Herndon  
/s/ Manuel Pena, Secretary

**FREE HEARING TESTS**  
Mon.-Thurs. 10-5  
PLAZA DEL SOL MALL  
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DEL RIO

**Lady Finds Overlooked Treasure**  
"In Texas Weeds, Grasses, Vines, and Pods"

The "Alamo Vine", and "Silverleaf Nightshade" are only a few of the exotic names of the all-too-often overlooked native and naturalized plants of Texas.

But an unassuming quiet and alert-eyed lady in a Caribbean style straw hat, has been seen wandering the Fort Clark trails with her little dog named "42", noting the profuse local flora.

This lady has introduced many of Texas' most common and important naturals in her beautiful book that takes the reader through all of the steps in utilizing naturals for their lovely display and arrangements indoors or for landscaping.

It includes historical comments about the plants and their earlier uses. Also it has a chapter on conservation, and species recommended for cultivation.

The Fort Clark Working Writer's Club happily welcomed author Quentin Steitz, who explained how she made her book an important tool for floral and landscape designers, decorators, botanists, horticulturalists, home gardeners, and folks who enjoy hands-on experience with Texas' vast array of native plants.

Her book is superbly arranged to present clear and concise descriptions of collecting and drying. Even the fullpage color photos are arrangement-designs contributed by nineteen notable floral designers using the author's materials. Photos show different stages of growth for easier identification in her book published by the University of Texas Press: "Grasses, Pods, Vines, Weeds: Decorating With Texas Naturals."

Quentin Steitz is Texas' foremost authority on the collection and preservation of Texas wild floral materials. She was the owner and designer for a company that supplied natural materials to the floral trade.

She explained that her interest has been in the decorative use of wild plants, especially for the design field, saying, "Fort Clark has so many beautiful species here; those that attract the birds and those that are recommended for cultivation. I set aside a time in my life to publish my book so that other people would become aware of the beauty of these wild plants."

Obviously well educated, her soft, well-pitched voice willingly shared her enthusiasm for her subject, saying, "My book includes a chapter on techniques and the natural application of designing;...and preserving the naturals without the use of chemicals."

"This book is perhaps the only one where the author has collected all of the vegetation that is shown, all the preparation of all the materials, and all the bases for the photographs were done by me."

Laughingly referring to her non-Texas style hat, she explained, "My daughter knows how enthralled I am, and very earnest about my knowledge about conservation of Texas plants, so she brought this back from the Caribbean. It is a hat made of the natural vegetation that they wove for her—maybe it's a palm, I don't know, but it's not indicative of Texas."

Fast thinking and patiently unperturbed about interruptions during this interview, Steitz proved a fountain of information about the various plant species around her as she talked. "I'd like to put to rest a myth about the Century Plant. Over here is one which came up by itself. It is not a true statement or information about how the Century Plant dies. It does die after it blooms, but sometimes it takes more than a century."

As she looked around she pointed out a tree, "In the background is a tree which I've been watering to get it to grow. It is a native Mulberry which I've been trying to preserve. I hope it will get large enough and supply some of the shade for the buildings here. I have made various comments to the people cutting down that big old oak tree, hoping they'll allow this Mulberry to stand and keep growing."

The huge old live oak that had stood for more than a hundred years was now just a giant stump. Its fresh cut trunk showed how only the small center heart was still alive when it had to be felled because of the killer-fungus that has destroyed many of the local oak trees. Some Fort residents say that even some of the pecan nut trees are becoming victim, and are asking the Fort administration to undertake a defensive spraying project.

The particular grandfather Live Oak tree to which Mrs. Steitz alluded is said to have been used by John Wayne in one of his movie scenes in *The Alamo*. Fort Clark residents were sorrowful by the loss of such a great specimen tree recently.

"There are such magnificent trees here on the Fort and I hope there will be people who will try to



**Author Quentin Steitz**

preserve them because we are fast losing this particular wealth in the state," Mrs. Steitz remarked sadly.

"In the background here on Las Moras Creek are several species of waterlilies, one has a beautiful yellow blossom. Our favorite waterlily in America is the AMERICAN LOTUS!"

Still looking around observantly, she added, "Also I've noticed this complex of Fort adobe buildings is so typical of the Southwest, I have been hoping they will keep the colors subtle and natural."

Apparently, her joy about nature expanded to the entire wilderness life, as she mentioned, "Birdwatchers are attracted to Fort Clark Springs, I've been told by the Parks and Wildlife people;...also that more and more birds are migrating to this area."

In an impassioned firm voice, author Steitz reminded the Fort Clark Working Writers Group, "So it is essential that we preserve our vegetation!"

Then she expressed her appreciation and surprise "...at finding such an inspirational, friendly and dedicated group of writers so far from a big city."

Studiously, the writers group admired the text and designs in her book with its more than 150 full color photographs. They all agreed it certainly revealed what the flyleaf promised: "Fresh, creative applications of Texas decorative naturals to increase our pleasure in the wonders of natural Texas."

Definitely the presence and successful authorship of Quentin Steitz has been a stimulus to keep the FCS critique-and-creativity writers working at their own publishing endeavors. The informal 9:30 Friday morning group work sessions at the Fort Clark Springs Golf Club restaurant are open to the public.

S. C. Donahue

**The Brackett News**  
**Kinney County Project Show**  
**4-H & FFA**  
**LIVESTOCK & PROJECT SHOW**

Kinney County Civic Center

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Thursday, Jan. 14, 1993

After 5:00 p.m.

Project Show Entries Arrive

Friday, Jan. 15, 1993

8:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon

8:00 a.m.

3:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

Weigh in of All Animals

Project Show

Market Swine Show

Junior Rabbit Show

Saturday, Jan. 16, 1993

8:30 a.m.

Market Lamb Show

Finewools

Crossbreds

Finewool Ewe Lamb Show

Junior Angora Goat Show

Buyers Barbecue Lunch

Stock Show Awards Presentation

Junior Livestock Auction Sale

\*All lambs will be sheared at the Foust Vocational Building on Thursday and Friday. You must take your lambs by to be sheared to be eligible to show. Official weigh-in will take place at the above scheduled time.

\*Please be prepared to pay for your shearing at the time your lambs are sheared. Shearing will be \$3.00 per head. We must have your money at that time.

**Department Of Veterans Affairs**

**NATIONWIDE, TOLL-FREE NUMBER VA IS A CALL WAY**

Dialing automatically connects the caller to the nearest VA regional office during normal office hours.

There are 58 regional benefits offices, at least one in each state, which process applications for veterans benefits and provide information and referral to veterans interested in VA medical care and non-VA programs for veterans. Prior to the new nationwide number, each regional office had its own toll-free number.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has launched a single, nationwide, toll-free number to make it easier for veterans and their dependents to inquire about and apply for VA benefits.

The number, 1-800-827-1000, can be dialed anywhere in the U.S., Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands.

**Invitation To Participate**

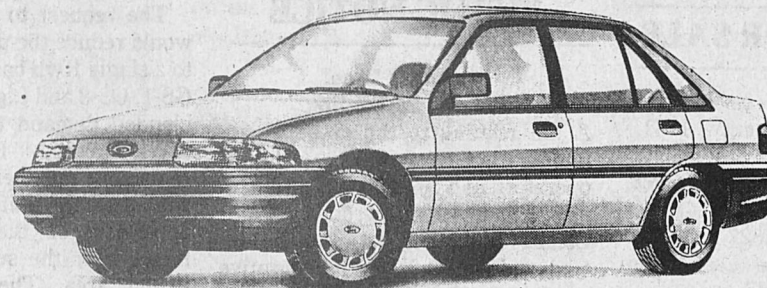
**Rabies Update/Planning For Prevention**

The Kimble County Commissioners Court, in cooperation with Public Health Region 3 of the Texas Department of Health, is sponsoring a RABIES UPDATE AND PLANNING FOR PREVENTION meeting to be held on Thursday, January 21, 1993. The meeting will be at the Coke Stevenson Center in Junction, Texas beginning at 9:00 a.m. and concluding not later than 4:00 p.m.

The objective of the meeting is to increase awareness and knowledge of this age-old fatal disease. With such information, some innovative and effective approaches may be developed by the participants to further public education and to reduce the incidence of exposure to rabies.

There is no charge to attend this meeting. For additional information, please contact: The Honorable Wilbur Dunk, Kimble County Judge at 915/446-2724 or Dr. Evret C. Newman, Regional Veterinarian Texas Department of Health at 915/774-6243.

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mile charge for mileage over 30,000.

Refundable security deposit/reconditioning reserve of \$200.00, cash down payment of \$711.30, first month's lease payment of \$199.99 totaling \$1,111.29 are due at lease inception. Total amount of payments is \$4,799.76. Lease payment includes destination, title, and license fees. Lease payment does not include sales or use tax. Lease subject to approval and adequate insurance as determined by Ford Credit. See us for complete details.



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