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



Kinney County Judge Tim Ward, who is a member of the Brackettville Lions Club, is shown with Leslie Greive who spoke to the Lions Club Thursday of interest in getting a nursing home for Kinney County.

Lions Hear Ideas On Nursing Home

Judge Tim Ward spent most of Thursday, February 4, 1993, driving Mr. Leslie Greive of Flatonia around the Brackettville area. He escorted him to Lions Club that night where Mr. Greive told the Lions of his interest in building a nursing/retirement home in Kinney County. He is not a novice to the business since he already owns facilities in Flatonia, Pflugerville, Austin, and Schulenburg.

His construction cost projection for a 100 bed facility was \$1,700,118. He stated that for 100 residents of the home, 100 employees would be needed - nurses, aides, therapists, dietician, cooks, maids, office staff, maintenance,

etc. Patient cost was estimated at \$55 to \$69 per day with about 50% Medicare and 50% private pay.

Approximately 4 acres would be needed as a building site and Mr. Greive saw more than one location that would be suitable. Individual investment could be source of funding although there are other possibilities.

On Friday, Judge Ward shared this information with the Commissioners Court and added that the project would be a boost to the local economy, create jobs, provide a service and be an environmentally sound, positive business. The court was supportive and input from the community will be welcome.

School Board

The board of trustees, Brackettville Independent School District, held a regular business session at 6:30 p.m. Monday, February 8, 1993, in the board room. Answering roll call were Board President Jimmy Bader, Jewel Robinson, Lloyd Lee Davis, John Jones, Jim McDaniel, and Lingo Sandoval. Gloria Garcia arrived thereafter.

Minutes of one regular and two special meetings were accepted as printed.

The agenda was adjusted slightly to accommodate parents who were present in support of an overnight band trip proposal, a combined festival competition and pleasure trip. After a lengthy discussion, approval was given but carried a warning that all future proposals would follow the guidelines of obtaining board sanction before sharing possibilities with students.

Proposed construction projects were discussed and a special meeting was scheduled to allow detailed considerations before any action is taken.

A trustee election was called for May 1, and election officials were appointed.

President Bader discussed the Kinney County Appraisal District audit and the board commended Mr. Tidwell's management and agreed to support a budget freeze for the district.

The 1993-94 school calendar, as presented by faculty coordinator Judy Burks, was adopted with first day for students to attend set for August 13 and last day May 20. The first semester is scheduled to end before Christmas.

On the recommendation of Textbook Custodian Stoney Burks, the board voted to blank adopt all titles.

Superintendent Steve Mills gave a detailed report on a School Finance meeting he had recently attended, and also gave a report of State Property Tax values.

A letter from Maverick Wireless Cable Television suggesting that the school obtain a federal communications license and allow their company to use it for transmittals was designated for additional study.

In a report from Assistant Elementary Principal Carl Glass, he said 304 students were enrolled, and UIL preparations were in full gear.

Assistant Secondary Principal Stoney Burks reported a total of 268 secondary students. He presented plans for a student weekly progress report which received board approval.

Curriculum Director Taylor Stephenson, Business Manager Dottie Heninger, and Superintendent Mills all made administrative reports.

At 10:00 p.m. the board went into executive session to discuss salary/contract for the athletic director and evaluation/contract for the high school principal.



Bandstand - The bandstand at Fort Clark received a copper roof this past week-end virtually completing the project. Reggie Acosta and another employee (unidentified) of Beldon Roofing Company, San Antonio, are shown working on the project.

Chamber Of Commerce Mixer Thursday, February 11, 7 P.M. Brackett Senior Apartments

Local Governing Bodies Meet

Commissioners Court

The Kinney County Commissioners Court met on Monday, February 8, 1993, 9:00 a.m. in the County Court Room. Judge Tim Ward presided and all commissioners were present: Freddie Frerick, Plunker Sheedy, Cordelia Mendeke, and Alvin McClure.

Minutes of the January and early February meetings were read, corrected, and accepted.

Road Administrator Clifford Fritter presented both a written and verbal report. Signs have been placed on county roads, road and bridge work continues, and the road department responded to a request to help fight a grass fire.

The court authorized County Clerk Dolores Raney to order supplies and ballots for the May 1 election, and a possible run-off election. Election officials were designated. The only position on the county-wide election will be a replacement for former U. S. Senator Lloyd Bentsen.

Approval was also given for the clerk to have real estate records rebound with payment coming from

the Records Preservation assessment.

Approval was given for the use of the Civic Center to hold a multi-county/city Law Enforcement Training Seminar on February 19, 1993.

County Auditor Cordelia Barlow was appointed Loss Control Coordinator and each department head was designated to comprise the committee. This is in connection with Workers Comp and can result in a cost reduction of the premiums.

Action on zoning legislation was deferred to a special meeting on February 12, as was approving a county depository.

Approval was given for Thomas Justice to drop county-paid hospital insurance in lieu of \$50 monthly increase in salary.

Bills were scrutinized and a motion was made to pay city utility bills was passed with Commissioner Mendeke abstaining. A motion to pay all other bills passed unanimously.

Court was recessed until 1:30 p.m. Friday, February 12.

City Council

The City of Brackettville met in regular session on Tuesday, February 9, 1993, 7:00 p.m. in Slaton Hall. Mayor Carmen Berlanga presided. Council members Jean Seargeant, Chuck Hall, Julie Fuentes, and Ralph Gonzalez were present. Councilwoman Mary Flores was absent due to personal illness.

Visitors were acknowledged. They included college student Corey Ash who attended the meeting to fulfill a requirement of the government class he is taking.

Minutes of the regular and special January 1993 meetings were approved as were the city and utility department financial and operational reports.

A Historical Exemption was approved for property commonly referred to as "The Well" and owned by the Schroeders.

Dr. Zack Davis was appointed as the Local Health Authority in charge of Rabies Control and Eradication.

Mayor Berlanga broke a tie vote to endorse a request from CP&L that would grant an utility rate reduction on Killowatt hours to large commercial users (9 or more employees).

An agenda item to consider changing the council's meeting time/date was tabled since this council only has two months to serve.

The mayor was given direction to submit documented expenses involved in out-of-town travel, to represent the city, for reimbursement. To date she had borne her own expense when representing the city unless they were provided by another sponsoring entity.

City Secretary Mendeke was directed to contact James C. Howell, Jr. and invite him to attend the next council meeting. This was in response to a letter from him expressing interest in building additional affordable housing units in Brackettville.

The First State Bank of Brackettville was approved as the City Depository.

The Brackett News was designated as the city's official newspaper.

Possible changes to Animal Ordinance 1992-3-AC were deferred to allow additional study, as were any amendments to Personnel Policy 218-A,F.

Chief of Police David Luna presented his suggested budget adjustments that would take funds in the Police/Municipal Court budget and make them the direct use and responsibility of the Municipal Judge. When the budget was developed, the judge's position was vacant. Rachel Clementz has since been appointed as judge.

Councilman Chuck Hall, a teacher in the Brackett school system, thanked Police Chief Luna for his contribution of pencils that carried a "Drug Free" message to students. Mr. Hall said he saw students using the pencils and heard them discussing the slogan.

Chuck Puda and other members of the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department, reported that Unit 22, the large truck used in fighting grass fires was completely immobile. Mr. Puda had located a 1975 GMC, 2 1/2 ton, flat bed truck, in good condition, and could buy it from Mumme's Inc. of Uvalde for \$2500.00. He said equipment from old "22" could be transferred and the unit would be ready to fight a fire within an hour. The purchase was approved.

Councilwoman Jean Seargeant drew the Random Drug Testing name.

City Secretary Mendeke reported that a handicap ramp and parking was being established at City Hall; Chief Luna had been offered Hepatitis B and signed a waiver rejecting it; inventory of street/alley signs was in progress; Falcon Cable was on schedule with upgrading installations; Waste Water Grant was progressing and ground could be broken in mid-July; street paving grant should be approved in May; contact had been made with property owner who was co-operative for clearing the way for a traffic signal at 5-Points; light bulbs in street lights are being replaced to provide greater illumination and through a credit earned exchange would not cost the city.

Chief Luna reported on a case he handled Monday (see separate story) which resulted in juvenile authorities agreeing to work with him to certify an area at City Hall as a juvenile facility for conferences.

Vandals Apprehended By Chief Of Police Luna

At approximately 8:00 a.m., Monday, February 8, 1993, Brackettville Chief of Police David Luna responded to a call from Middle School Principal Stoney Burks. In vandalistic action, a brick had been thrown through a glass door of the auditorium on the gym side.

By 4:00 p.m. Monday, two juveniles and one 19-year old had been apprehended. The juveniles were later released to their parents and Justice of the Peace Alvin Hall arraigned the 19-year old on a charge of Criminal Mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Although free on bond, the 19-year old faces action in county court.



Fifty years after serving as General Patton's body guard, S.H. King had his picture made with a bronze bust of Patton which rests on a mantle in the Patton House, Fort Clark Springs.

Sam Houston King Visits Fort

Sam Houston King made a sentimental journey to Fort Clark Springs last week. He lives in Melbourne, Florida, and was participating in his very first Elderhostel. He chose Fort Clark so he could see where General George Patton had lived. General Patton was very important in King's life.

Sam Houston King was born in the coal mining region of West Virginia and grew up there. At a very young age, he joined the United States Army. On November 8, 1942, his Infantry Division went into North Africa.

During that Invasion, his outfit was virtually wiped out. Only 80 of 400 men survived and they were taken Prisoners of War. For eleven days they were held by the French and then were taken to Casablanca. In time they were released and awaited reassignment. General Patton who was in charge of the Armored Corps (tanks) heard of the outfit and came down to see the POWs. He sat down and talked to them at length, and asked the Lord's blessings on them.

Patton returned for a second visit to them. As they stood at parade with Patton reviewing them, he suddenly asked if they wanted to go with him. This was an outfit whose only remaining officer was a Second Lieutenant. They had no place else to go. Patton told them not to decide immediately. He would wait a day for their answer. They chose to go with him. They became "Military Police For Patton" which meant they became his elite corps of body guards.

Their first assignment was security for the Casablanca Conference in November/December 1942.

As Mr. King talked of General Patton, he related what a superb horseman Patton was. He told of the friendship that grew between Patton and the Sultan of Morocco through their mutual interest in horses.

From his memory bank, Mr. King emotionally recalled that General Patton was deeply religious, never missed attending church, prayed frequently, was compassionate and caring of his troops. He was also a strict disciplinarian, loved the GI, was honorable, generous, outspoken. He told many incidents attesting to these characteristics. The oft told "kid slapping" incident did take place and was intended to bring a young, hospitalized GI, deep in depression, back to reality.

As Mr. King spoke of Patton, he revealed a great deal about himself. He was proud of his service to his country, he was proud of the General he had served with, and was proud of being in the Elite Troop that provided security for not only the general but his country as well.

After World War II ended, Patton stayed in Germany on assignment and was later killed in a Jeep accident. Sam Houston King returned to the states, married his high school sweetheart. They moved to Washington, D. C. where Mrs. King worked as a secretary while Mr. King went to college and became an accountant. They lived in a number of states before Ohio became home. Mrs. King is deceased, their children and grandchildren still live in Ohio.

Houston For The People

Local country singer Sergio Salinas has been chosen to perform his song "Houston For The People" for the Bicentennial Birthday Celebration of Sam Houston.

Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas, is preparing for a grand celebration to honor a man whose life and decisions left indelible historic marks not only on Texas, but on the Nation as well.

While developing the activities for the celebration, it was decided that a song would be a tremendous addition. Plans for a contest evolved. Salinas' song was chosen from the many submitted to the University. Salinas wrote the song with his manager, Happy Shahan of Brackettville, and songwriter friend, Gene Poag, of Kingsport, Tennessee.

On March 2 (Texas Independence Day) 1993, the Nation will pause to recognize the 200th anniversary of the birth of Sam Houston, Texas' greatest hero and a national leader in his own right.

Salinas will be performing "Houston For The People" March 2 during the grand celebration luncheon at Sam Houston State and the song will be playing on many of the Texas radio stations.

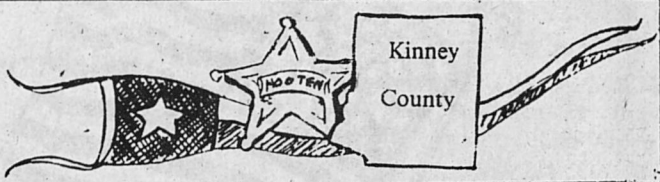


"Houston For The People" explains Houston's life in colorful, historic fashion. "This is a song that describes great things about Sam Houston in a concise way; his beliefs, his dream, his destiny. I feel that all ages, young and old, will enjoy this story song," said Salinas.

Editors Note: Each of us can help make "Houston For The People" and Sergio a success by calling radio stations and requesting them to play it.

Sheriff's Corner

By Sheriff Norman H. Hooten



Everyone I know needs and wants to make a decent living and receive at least an adequate wage for an honest days work in his or her chosen profession or job. However, being from the "old school" of Texas peace officers I never cease to be amazed at the antics and actions of the "new breed" of the "want something for nothing" crowd that are slowly but surely worming their way into a profession that once stood for something more solid, honest, and honorable than success based on how much money one made or how much one could "pad" their time sheet, showing many more hours worked than actual, just so one could receive more money. And, the actions of those self-serving, so-called "public servants" leads me to believe ever more firmly in the old adage "do not expect honorable things from those who have no honor".

A claim (complaint) filed with the U.S. Department of Labor-Wage & Hour Division several months ago by former Chief Deputy David Luna (currently Brackettville Chief of Police) has ended up costing Kinney County taxpayers several thousands of dollars in alleged back wages for "overtime" and unused "compensatory time" alleged to have been accumulated by Mr. Luna during his tenure with the Sheriff's Department. His complaint to the Department of Labor was filed shortly after he walked off the job in a fit of anger brought about because I refused to fire another deputy assigned to the Drug Task Force at Luna's demand and give the job to Luna because the deputy was making more money than Luna from the grant financing the task force and, in Luna's opinion, this constituted an insult to his position

and prestige. Ironically that job had been offered to Luna when it first became available but he refused it, again because it did not offer the prestige and power he thought the job as Chief Deputy had. Mr. Luna seemed to have forgotten all too soon that he was out of work with no prospects for employment when I gave him a job at the Sheriff's Department. And, he forgot, all too soon, the continual assistance I gave him and the opportunities afforded him by me in his obtaining the training and experience needed to further his new found career in law enforcement. But, we must remember that old adage relating to honor.

The Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended following the result of a federal lawsuit filed in the mid-80's by a San Antonio bus driver who took his employers to court over wages and hours, dictates the standards of wages and hours that employers may expect of their employees. As is the case in most so-called "minority claims" of various injustices these days the courts held in favor of the claimant and as a result the new standards for wages and hours were set, though different standards were set for public safety employees of various agencies such as fire departments, EMS, and law enforcement.

The new standards set by the controversial court decision and the subsequent amendment to the Fair Labor Standards Act sent hundreds of the "new breed" scurrying about filing claims against the agencies they worked for and has ultimately cost Texas taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars in alleged back wages for overtime and unused "comp-time" to settle the claims, proving once again that in these days and times there is, truly, a

price tag on honor.

Subsequent to the San Antonio case and the new standards set by the amended Fair Labor Standards Act, the Kinney County Commissioners Court met and decided that the County could not afford to pay "overtime" and opted to adopt the policy of allowing "compensatory time off" for overtime hours accumulated by County employees at the rate of 1 1/2 hours off for every one hour of overtime worked. Under the standards set by the Act public safety employees could work up to 172 hours in a 28 day work period and could build up a "comp-time bank" of up to 400 hours.

The time sheets kept by County employees, in particular Sheriff's deputies, are based on the "honor system" (there's that word again). Though the basic duty shifts are scheduled, due to the very nature of the law enforcement profession and the fact that the Sheriff's Department is eternally short-handed, flexibility in duty hours is necessary in order to serve the public as needed. This was discussed with Mr. Luna as it has been with all Sheriff's Department personnel, and was accepted at the time as the "honorable" thing to do.

The "old breed" of Texas peace officer has always understood that we must work when the need arises and take time off when circumstances allowed. We accepted and understood that our profession demanded more of us than "normal" folks in all areas of our professional and even personal life. We understood and accepted the fact that to be a law enforcement officer meant long hours with low pay and that "self-satisfaction" was most often gained from the knowledge that we were doing our very best to serve and protect our friends, neighbors, and fellow citizens in a way that perhaps made them sleep a little better at night and feel safer in our respective communities. It has become evident that the "new breed" places far too much emphasis on "wages and hours" and appear to measure "self-satisfaction" and success on how much money they make instead of the old, traditional values. If they want bankers hours and executive pay scales maybe they are in the wrong business!

At any rate, Mr. Luna's complaint filed with the U.S. Department of Labor caused a subsequent investigation by the watchdog federal agency that eventually led to an order from them to the Commissioners Court to pay back wages for overtime and unused compensatory to not only Luna, but several other Sheriff's Department employees as well. It is my understanding that the demanded payments have been made and the case now closed even though it has left several unanswered questions in my mind about how we at the Sheriff's Department are going to maintain the standards of law enforcement service and protection to and for the people of Kinney County that has been administered in the past.

The answer is basically simple, though probably not one the taxpayers or the Commissioners Court want to hear. Either pay Sheriff's deputies and other personnel for overtime and comp time or budget more money for additional deputies and jailers.

No, I nor any other clear thinking individual expects anyone to work for less than a living wage, but as for the methods and actions of the "new breed", well, do not expect honorable things from those who have no honor!

THAT'S ALL!

DPA Schedule Driving Tests 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.

Gallego Named To Important Posts

State Representative Pete P. Gallego (D-Alpine) was named to four important posts in the House of Representatives. Gallego was elected Chairman of the House Democratic Caucus and named Vice-Chair of the Judicial Affairs Committee and member of the powerful Appropriations and Calendars Committees.

The appointments to Judicial Affairs will provide Gallego the opportunity to help reform the state's judicial system. "It's a chance to affect real change in a system currently being tested to its limits," he said.



Between Us

By Joe Townsend



Last week's column by Sheriff Hooten is a classic and should be required reading for every person in the United States.

While the writing speaks excellently for itself, there is a tangential angle I want to touch on.

Gibbons is perhaps the greatest authority on the Roman Empire. In his *Decline And Fall Of The Roman Empire*, he points to five major causes of the fall.

Sheriff Hooten covered rather well the same ground Gibbons set forth. While inherent in the Sheriff's exposition there is one point I want to elaborate on.

One of the five causes was that the government and the people turned away from their "gods."

He points out that though their gods were idols with no true diety they nevertheless helped keep the hearts and minds of the people on a higher plane and with ideas and ideals above the materialism and humanism that dragged them down. When they turned away from their "gods," they lost their anchorage and rapidly declined as a nation to the dust of what "used to be."

In 93 A.D. God spoke to the Apostle John on the Isle of Patmos "to show his servants what must soon take place." The soon means the same in the original Greek that it means in today's English. The Romans had begun to persecute Christians just because they were Christians.

They were being fed to hungry lions before amphitheaters crowded with people crying out for their deaths. They were being thrown alive into boiling cauldrons of oil. They were being crushed beneath wheels of heavy-laden vehicles. They were being crucified and burned as torches on the crosses.

The lucky ones simply had their heads cut off with the sword.

As Christians began to cry out to God and ask "Why us," God sent a message of encouragement. The Book of Revelation has one predominant message *The Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.*

Congressman Bonilla Co-sponsors Balanced Budget Amendment

Congressman Henry Bonilla kept another promise and commitment to the people of the 23rd District of Texas when he became an original co-sponsor of the Balanced Budget Amendment. This legislation would amend the Constitution to require a balanced budget.

Congressman Bonilla pointed out that the federal government has run deficits for more than 20 consecutive years and for 52 of the last 60 years. The interest payments on the over \$4 trillion federal debt now exceeds \$200 billion annually.

Bonilla further states that wasteful government spending must stop so as not to saddle future generations with the bills for the current wasteful spending, and a Balanced Budget Amendment is the answer.

"As Chair of the Caucus, I will have the opportunity to work with and form alliances with every House member." Gallego had previously served as Caucus Co-Chair during the interim.

The committee appointments will nearly triple the local leader's work load. "I did not ask to be elected to do easy things. I will face these challenges head on. Our state deserves no less," said Gallego.

"We must begin mark-up of our budget, set bills on the calendars, and break new ground in our judicial system," he said.

He let them know that the church would be victorious and the Roman Empire would utterly fall.

Rome went merrily on her way without interference from God until she began to fight God and His people. God always stands with His people.

God's judgment always falls when people turn away from Him and begin to fight against Him and His word. God used the foibles of the Roman Empire to boomerang to destruction of the Empire.

One conversant with God's word and history cannot but pause and wonder how long God will delay His judgment on America. With national leadership (elected by the people) that makes a mockery of God's teachings while proclaiming loudly his and her devotion to Him is not being hidden from the heart of God.

There is not a single world class military that allows what "Slick Willy" wants for the U. S. No nation openly flaunts homosexuality as Clinton wants. No nation pays out of taxpayers pockets and promotes openly abortion as "Willy" wants.

This shows utter disregard for the Bible and God's way. The tragedy is not that the President and his President #2 feel as they do but that people, knowing his ideas, elected him.

God will not bring down a nation because one pair of leaders mock Him but He will bring down a nation that throws morals and God's way into the dust.

Because people deny and defy God does not weaken Him nor His word, but a decadent people will be ground to dust while God and His way stand supreme.

Letter To Editor: Seasonal Worker Housing

Dear Editor:

I am a member of the Kittitas County Housing Coalition located in Ellensburg, Washington. A large number of families living in your area travel to Ellensburg in the spring to work at a local food processing plant. Our county is facing a severe housing shortage and it has worsened since last spring.

A few weeks ago, I called your newspaper and asked that if the housing coalition sent a letter to your newspaper would you consider running it in the letters to the editor or better if possible to run it in the main body of the newspaper. The helpful woman on the phone from your newspaper said you would do the best you could.

Enclosed is the letter in both English and Spanish. Our housing coalition has no funding, it is a volunteer group. If there is a charge for running the letter in the main body, then this would be out of the question because we have no funds to cover that. We would be very appreciative if you could place it in your paper as a service to your local population that travels to our state so they will be aware of the hardships they may be facing if they return to Ellensburg this next spring.

Thank you for your cooperation. Sincerely /s/Diane Harris, Member of the Kittitas County Housing Coalition

To Twin City Foods Employees

We would like to take this opportunity to tell you what you may be facing if you are planning to return to Ellensburg, Wash., to work in the spring of 1993.

This past year the Ellensburg community lost several of the rental units at the Branding Iron Motel when a new paint store was built. It is possible that the remainder of

those units will also be removed by the Spring of 1993. There has been no new construction of the type of rental units you may be looking for. The local renters have reported that most of the landlords in the Ellensburg area have increased the rent amounts. Rent amounts are reported at between \$350.00 and \$750.00.

If you are planning on returning to Ellensburg, please be aware that the housing situation will most likely be worse than last year. You may want to bring camping equipment or travel trailers with you. Sincerely, Housing Coalition

A Los Empleados De Twin City Foods.

Queremos tomar esta oportunidad para informales acerca de lo que pueden enfrentar si es que estan planeando regresar a trabajar a Ellensburg, Wash. in la primavera de 1993.

Este ano pasdo la comunidad de Ellensburg perdio varias unidades de renta en el Motel Branding Iron, cuando se construyo una tienda nueva de pintura. Es posible que lo que resta de esas unidades tambien sean eliminadas para la primavera de 1993. No ha habido nuevas construcciones de este tipo de unidades de renta de las cuales ustedes estuvieron buscando.

Las personas que rentan localmente reportaron que la mayoria de las personas que rentan en el area de Ellensburg aumentaron los pagos de la renta. Los pagos de renta se han reportado de \$350.00 a \$750.00.

Si usted esta planeando en regresar Ellensburg, por favor este conciente de que lo mas probable es que la situacion de la vivienda va a ser peor que el ano pasado. Usted pudiera traer equipo de campamento o trailers de viaje consigo. Sinceramente, Coalicion De La Vivienda

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Big Mama Sez!



Middle age is when you burn the midnight oil around 9 p.m.

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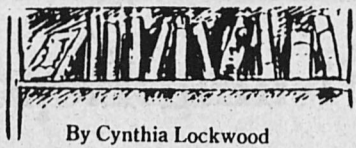
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Library Notes



By Cynthia Lockwood

Library Hours 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
Closed Tuesday

The Librarian has had a family emergency so is not available to write the news this week. She will be back on Wednesday and will have all the news in next week's paper.

The Friends of the Library had a memorial this week for Julian Lucas from Marjorie Moore. All of Julian's old friends will remember how hard she worked as a Friend of the Library.

Earline Thurber

Masons & Rainbow Girls To Be Honored

Del Rio Chapter #204, Order of the Eastern Star, will honor Masons and Rainbow Girls on Tuesday, February 16, 1993, at the Masonic Hall, 704 Bedell Avenue, Del Rio.

Chapter will open at 7:30 p.m. and a special program will be presented at 8:00 p.m.

All Masons, Rainbow Girls, and their families are invited. Eastern Star members are urged to attend.

Refreshments will be served during a time of fellowship immediately following the meeting.

Jean and Tom Faulkenberry, respectively, are Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of the Del Rio chapter.

Shoe Box Not A Good Place To Store Medical Bills

A shoe box, for some, is a logical storage container for odds and ends. But, it also can be the cause of consternation when it is filled with last year's medical bills thrown in haphazardly and at random.

To simplify life, keep a copy of all your medical bills. When an explanation of benefits (EOB) from any insurance company arrives; attach it to the corresponding bill; such as a bill with a Medicare EOB.

To match bills and EOBs, check for the name of the provider, date of the service, and amount of the charge. Do not compare amounts paid, approved, etc. They may not balance.

Then when a question or concern arises about these bills, everything related will be together. Life will be simpler, even the life of shoe box filing.

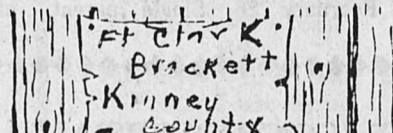
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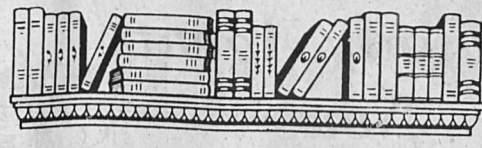


Community Calendar



- 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.
- Beta Sigma Phi
- R of J Beta Epsilon Omicron (Sept-May) 1st & 3rd Monday, 7 p.m.
- Preceptor Theta Sigma (Sept-May) 1st & 3rd Monday, 7 p.m.
- Laureate Iota Epsilon (all year) 3rd Monday, 7 p.m.
- Book Club Thursdays, 9:30, Golf Club
- 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., Shafter Hall.
- FCS Art Club: Work days Monday and Saturday 11 a.m., Meeting 1st Monday, 1 p.m., Art Studio.
- FCS Community Council: 2nd Saturday, 9 a.m., Shafter Hall.
- FCS Board of Directors: 3rd Saturday, 9 a.m., Board Room.
- FCS Historical Society: 4th Saturday, 10 a.m., Sabre Room.
- FCS Museum/Sutler's Store: Saturday & Sunday, 1 - 4 p.m.
- FCS Ladies Luncheon: 2nd Wednesday, Noon, Las Moras Restaurant. Make reservations at Adult Center.
- FCS VFW Post #8380 & Auxiliary: 4th Wednesday, 6 p.m., Pot Luck, 7 p.m. Meeting, NCO Club.
- FCS Bingo: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Shafter Hall.
- FCS 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.
- 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.

Book Club Notes



Ladies of the Club are very busy. They take time to be involved in civic projects that contribute to the betterment of the community. We're proud of them.

The topic of Club discussion continues to be Michener's *Texas*.

Former Governor Clements envisioned a book for the bicentennial that would illuminate our history for school children. He turned to James Michener to write such a book.

In three years, Michener gathered material and produced this long novel. It is much too big and heavy for a child to lug around, much less want to read, but the story does interest all Texans, and especially educators for its historic content. The feeling one gets for truth and heritage, as he reads the book, can be passed on and understood by children.

Then history is fiction? Not at all, but the two together make both more valuable and readable. It is safe to say that history facts are the framework - the skeleton - around which Michener weaves the fabric of the novel - fiction - to make a beautiful though sometimes a raw, cruel picture.

Michener begins his story with the convening of a Task Force to carry out the governor's wishes. This is fiction? Yes, but not exactly all fiction for Michener did have valued helpers in creating his book. The fictional or not helpers seem to have a dual purpose; the tracing of their ancestry, and contributing to the actual choosing of content.

One of its members is a Dr. Garza, Professor of Sociology at Texas A&M. The first character we meet in the novel is one of Garza's ancestors - 450 years ago - who is a muleteer at the age of 8. The boy is forced by a cruel master to work the

trails carrying supplies for the Spanish army.

Later in the story, in another time and era, we meet a Quimby from Tennessee. The Tennessean contributes to the story as a trader, Indian fighter, and ferry handler. A Lorenzo Quimper (name near enough), is a rich wheeler-dealer, a very important member of the Task Force.

So fact and fiction are woven together in tracing the ancestry of each member of the Task Force to make an absorbing story.

As we read, we tend to become involved, to love and care for the characters like the Mestizo boy, and feel the cruelty that he endures; we learn to know the heroes he finds; and we sympathize with his ambition to learn. The fiction becomes fact and brings us as close to understanding history as we can possibly get. And, so it goes with all the characters whose ancestors we meet and care about as they make history that goes into the book *Texas*.

The Book Club meets at the Golf Club Snack Bar every Thursday morning at 9:30. We will continue with books, and with our five-minute Spanish Class, courtesy of Carmen Berlanga, Mayor of Brackettville.

Join us.

DISCOVER

A Bundle Of Money In The Classifieds



Where were you born: Abilene, Texas.
When is your birthday: January 21.
What is your favorite food: Anything except wild game.
What is your favorite movie: *Gone With The Wind*.
What is your favorite book: Historical novels, biographical writings.
What are your hobbies: Reading, needlework, flowers, music, cooking and traveling.
How do your friends describe you: Hard working, honest and caring.
Describe yourself: People and goal oriented.
How long have you lived in Kinney County: 2 years, owned property here 7 years.
If you could go anywhere, where would you go: Germany.

Just For The Fun Of It



Barbara Niemann
 If you could change Brackettville (Kinney County), how would you change it: Restore our important historical buildings, promote more community projects.
What would you like to be if you could change your life: Attorney or Physician.

No Winner This Week!
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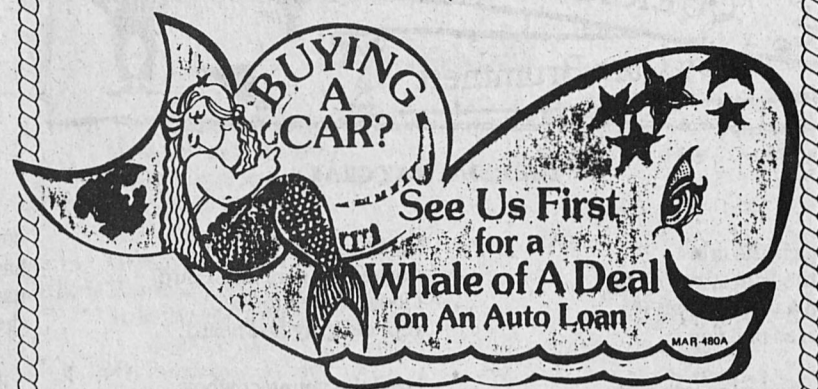
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Around the Fort

By Mike Bowlin



Planning Committee

Don't forget the "Sweets For Your Sweetheart" Bake Sale and "Trash and Treasures" Sale sponsored by the Planning Committee to benefit the Band Stand.

This will be Saturday, February 13, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Adult Center.

To donate items call Kay at 563-336, or Barbara at 563-9471.

Recreation Department

Valentine Dance, Town Hall, 8:00 p.m. to Midnight, Saturday, February 13. Music by Sergio Diaz, DJ. \$3.00 per person.

Valentine Party, Adult Center, 7:00 p.m., Saturday, February 13. Bring snacks - tea and coffee furnished.

Pot Luck Supper - NCO Club, 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 17. Bring a "big" dish of food and table service. Tea and coffee furnished.

Kinney County Kickers

2nd & 4th Thursdays - Square Dance - Main Stream - NCO Club, 7 p.m.
 Every Tuesday - Square Dance lessons - Beginners - NCO Club, 7 to 9 p.m.
 Every Tuesday - Round Dance lessons - NCO Club, 4 to 6 p.m.
 Every Friday - Square Dance plus lesson - NCO Club, 5 to 7 p.m.
 Every Friday - Round Dancing - Beginners - lessons - NCO Club - 7 to 9 p.m.

Fort Clark Voices

Every Monday - Town Hall, 5 p.m. Everyone welcome!

Las Moras Inn

Pizza added to menu. Carryout available. Sausage, Pepperoni, Supreme.

MEMBER 1993
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Bridge Anyone?

The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge met Tuesday, February 2, with a good group of 8 1/2 tables playing the Mitchell Movement.

Ann Hibler and Betty Inman won first place in the E/W direction. Betty Schlatterer and Mary Butler took second place.

In the N/S direction, Helen Lynch and Flo Stafford had another first place win. Molly Schroeder and Carol Benefield came in second place.

Play is in Shafter Hall each Tuesday evening at 7:00.

Husbands Bribed!

With Pot Roast Luncheon

At 10:30 Saturday morning, January 6, a group of Beta Sigma Phis, in "Highway Orange" vests were hard at work cleaning their "Adopt-A-Spot," a 2-mile stretch of Highway 90 East of Brackettville.

Several times this past year this active group, along with their ever faithful husbands, have been seen policing these grounds and showing their community spirit and pride. Saturday, at noon, across town at the Frontier Baptist Church, were more active Betas serving a homecooked meal of pot roast, tantalizing salads, and mouth watering desserts to the hungry highway workers.

The highway cleanup is a joint adventure of the Beta Sigma Phi Chapter of Brackettville and Fort Clark, and a showing of the 1992-93 annual theme of "Together We Grow."

SASLAV VIOLIN/PIANO CONCERT ARTISTS TO APPEAR IN DEL RIO

Val Verde Friends of the Arts Ninth Annual Concert features renowned pianist/educator, Ann Saslav and her husband, Isidor Saslav, concertmaster of the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, performing at the Paul Poag Theatre on Thursday evening, February 18th, at 7:30 PM.

Tickets for adults are \$6.00, for students 18 and under, \$3.00, and are available from VVFA board members. Simply Beautiful and the Del Rio Council for the Arts. For further information call 775-0561.



THE RUN AWAY GRAY

This is the tale of the Run Away Gray, and a young cowboy I hired one day.

We had gone into town for groceries and treats, we was drinking a cold one when he came in from the heat.

He looked pretty young, I guessed 'im dead broke, when he eased up to me and asked for a smoke.

Then he asked if I knew where a job could be found? Said he was a long ways from home, not much work around.

He said he had worked cattle on wheat fields and such. Been in 2 different feedyards but they didn't suit much.

So he came to the desert he was hoping to find work on a big ranch to be with the cowboy kind.

I bought 'im a cold drink explained what I had. A camp in the canyons, we gather cattle that'd gone bad.

He said he could rope, ride a bronc fairly good. He would sure like a chance and that's how he stood.

We was short handed with 2 men crippled up. So me and the boys said let's help 'im out.

I explained all the dangers of running wild cattle, how he was expected to be there should there come a battle.

We got to our camp at China Draws head, the next morning started something that made 'im wish he was dead.

We had 28 horses and divided 4 ways, gave us plenty to choose from but for 'im I picked the gray.

I broke this old gray horse some 6 years back. He would hunt and run cattle and sure test your tack.

Never a time had the gray tried to buck, But when running wild cattle he'd sure stretch your luck.

I told the young cowboy to saddle the gray, he was the best in my string and we would see if he'd stay.

2 hours later in a canyon south of camp, Pete and Miguel went east, and we went west.

I told 'im of 2 bulls we'd been tracking a while, they should be close to water we'd go check 'em out now.

My little brown horse worked his ears like a bird I looked back to see, yep, old gray had heard.

I told the young cowboy "cinch up" then sit tight, cause you're fixing to see what causes good stories at night.

The gray sensed the bulls he was ready to go My brown was quick stepping he wanted to start the show.

We'll take 'em to the west, that draw levels out. Get 'em both tied down, then come lead 'em both out.

We eased to the edge of that thick mesquite brush, there they both stood drinking their lunch.

Before I could holler, the gray took the bit. He cut off the muley, the kid's having a fit.

I took the bridle, he was going west. When I looked around, the kid was doing his best... **to stop old gray!!!**

I get the bridle tied down and come back to see, If the kid and old gray had been faster than me.

When I got back to the water, tracks was all that I found, leading up the canyon wall. Gray and the kid was no where to be found.

The tracks followed a trail not much wider than your hat. They were headed up top, Yep that's where they was at.

Brownie and me finally topped out seemed like it took all day. I had to laugh a mile out on the flat, I seen the kid and old gray.

He was leading his horse coming back my way. I had to laugh out loud when I heard 'im say.

"I want another horse this 'un ain't got no sense. Why he run up that wall like he was jumping a fence."

"I couldn't stop 'im he just stampeded on, he bumped that old bull, but my rope was gone."

"I know it's not proper to ask for a change, But if he's the best you've got, I'll just hunt different range."

I talked 'im into staying and he worked out ok, we finished cleaning off that ranch, But he never again rode the RUN AWAY GRAY.

County Agent News
By Allan McWilliams

TREES WILL DO WELL IF PLANTED CORRECTLY

Selection and correct planting could mean the difference between having a beautiful shade or ornamental tree, or having wood for the fireplace.

In our area generally, December, January and February are the best months to plant bare-rooted trees. Container-grown or "ball and burlap" trees can usually be planted any time of the year.

The most important thing to remember, no matter which type of tree you plant, is to set it in the right spot.

Soil is the first factor to consider when choosing that perfect spot. Sandy loam soil will grow almost anything, while clay soils can limit the type of tree that will flourish.

Secondly, cold hardiness must be considered. Many trees simply cannot survive or do well if they are too far from their climate tolerance. Palm trees do not do well in the Hill Country.

Keep in mind also the special characteristics of a tree when picking a site, such as flowering features which require full or partial sunlight.

A fourth factor to consider is how big the tree will grow. This is all too often ignored until it is too late and the homeowner has a problem. Short trees should be planted under utility lines, for instance.

Additionally, trees with surface roots should be planted away from foundations and sidewalks to avoid later problems.

Trees should be adapted to the area in which they will be growing. Trees from another part of Texas may have more insect and disease problems when planted in this area.

After the tree is planted, water it well during the first year or two, especially during extended dry periods.

As a general rule, we don't recommend fertilizing the newly planted tree the first year. Often fertilizer promotes a flush of top growth, which the root zone may or may not be able to withstand. All a tree's nutrients and water come from the roots, so it will only be able to support a naturally occurring top development.

Mulch is a very important tool in management. Mulch will hold moisture in the soil around the roots during the dry periods. It keeps the root zone cooler so that roots can develop better. Mulch also reduces the amount of weeds around the tree so the homeowner does not have to get as close to the tree trunk with lawnmowers and weed eaters. I see a great deal of trunk damage every year from carelessness and in many cases the loss of the tree results when too much of the bark is damaged.

It is a good idea to use soil that comes from the immediate area in the hole at planting, instead of organic fillers. This will enable the tree to establish a root system and water to move easier within the planting zone.

When planting large container-grown or "ball and burlap" trees, the dirt ball needs to be a couple of inches higher than the surrounding ground. As the tree settles into the planting hole, this will keep the top of the dirt ball from dropping below ground height. If too much water gathers and remains around the trunk the tree is in danger of drowning.

For more information you can call the Kinney County Extension Office at 563-2442.

HOME GARDENING SEMINAR

On Wednesday February 24, 1993 we will be conducting a home gardening seminar at the Town Hall building at Fort Clark Springs. The program will be held from 7:00-9:00 p.m. and will be a very informal question and answer session.

Speakers for the seminar will include Dr. Jerry Parsons, Extension Vegetable Specialist, Dr. J. W. Stewart, Extension Entomologist, and Dr. Mark Black, Extension Plant Pathologist. They will each present an informative view of vegetable gardening and will answer homeowner's questions about water conservation, variety selection, diseases and insects.

Many of you have heard Dr. Parsons on radio and television programs in San Antonio. Dr. Stewart and Dr. Black are both headquartered at the Texas A & M Center in Uvalde.

The program is for all residents in Kinney County and absolutely free of charge. It is sponsored by the Kinney County office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Fort Clark Springs.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.

The Home Gardening Seminar at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24, will be at **Town Hall, Fort Clark.**

For information call the Kinney County Extension Agent, 563-2442.

Change Of Location

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RIK PERRY REGARDING SIERRA CLUB VS. LUJAN

The following is a statement by Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry on Judge Lucius D. Bunton's ruling on the Sierra Club vs. Lujan trial:

"We don't agree with the judge's findings of fact and law. The Texas Department of Agriculture will appeal to protect private property rights, to protect agriculture from an overreaching interpretation of the Endangered Species Act, and to protect the sovereignty of the state in regulating its own natural resources."

Fishing Report



AMISTAD: Water clear, 55 degrees, 2 feet above normal level; black bass are good to 9 pounds on dark worms, spinners and some topwaters; stripers are fair in the smaller sizes; white bass are good all over the lake on slabs; crappie are fairly slow; catfish are good on cheese stinkbait and nightcrawlers in 40 to 100 feet of water.

BRAUNIG: Water murky 57 degrees, normal level; black bass are fairly slow to 7 pounds, 7 ounces on cranks; stripers are slow to 3 1/2 pounds on chicken livers; catfish are slow; redfish are slow to 19 1/2 pounds on tilapia and crawfish from the bank; live crawfish available now and lake is open 24 hours per day.

CALAVERAS: Water murky, 60 degrees, normal level; black bass are fairly good through 6 pounds, 3 ounces on artificials; stripers are slow; catfish are good to 1 1/2 pounds on chicken livers, shad and night-crawlers; redfish are slow; corvina are slow.

CHOKO: Water clear, 58 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 9 1/2 pounds on topwaters in 3-7 feet of water around Calliham, Possum Creek, Mason Point and Greyhound Point, most productive time to fish is from 2 p.m. through dark; stripers are slow; white bass are good and are running up the river around Tilden on minnows, white grubs and chrome cranks, white bass limits easy to get; crappie are scattered and slow; catfish are slow.

COLETO CREEK: Water clear, 57 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 14 inches plus on a

variety of baits; stripers are excellent with limits on spoons; crappie are poor; catfish are good to 14 inches plus on minnow baited trotlines.

CORPUS CHRISTI: Water clear, 57 degrees, 2 1/2 feet low; black bass are slow with a few fishermen on the lake; stripers and white bass are fair at night on white jigs and minnows from state park piers, a few white bass are showing up in the river on chrome Tiny Traps; crappie are fair to 1 1/2 pounds in 12 to 15 feet of water at the state park and at the Alice Pump House on minnows and fleafly jigs, no spawning action in the coves yet; Crappiethon begins Feb. 20; blue catfish are good from 12 to 88 pounds on trotlines set in 25 to 30 feet of water, trotlines are baited with goldfish; the 88-pounder would have been a lake record but was filleted before certified.

FALCON: Water clear, 59 degrees, 3 inches low; black bass are excellent to 10 1/2 pounds on blue fleck Power Worms; stripers are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are good under birds on slabs and spoons; catfish are good to 6 pounds on shrimp with limits caught on all day fishing trips.

MEDINA: Water clear, 2 1/2 feet low; black bass are good to 6 pounds on Power Worms and Rattle Traps; stripers are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are slow; catfish are fair to 3 pounds on cheese baits.

TEXANA: Water muddy, normal level; black bass, white bass and crappie are very slow; catfish are fair in the 1-3 pound range on trotlines with an occasional 20-pounder on live perch.

San Angelo Hosts Special Fishing Week-end

Most folks probably think rain-bow trout fishing and San Angelo do not have much in common. Normally, that may be true, but on February 27 - 28 and March 1, that will change.

As part of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's attempt to provide fishing opportunities to youth, especially in urban areas, anglers from all ages and backgrounds will be able to fish for trout during these three days.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the City Employee/San Angelo ISD Bass Club and the Texans' War on Drugs will join the San Angelo Police Department in sponsoring the first single parent fishing seminar on February 27. Single parents and their children can receive one hour of classroom education about fishing, then fish for two hours in the Concho River at Santa Fe Park.

About 2,500 trout will be stocked on February 26. Single parent

seminars are scheduled for 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., and 4 p.m. There will be openings for about 150 single parent families.

Another 1,500 trout will be stocked the evening of February 27. On February 28, GTE is sponsoring a day of trout fishing for the handicapped. This program began about six years ago with the department and the Governor's Council for Disabled Persons. As many as 400 handicapped anglers have participated annually in this event.

On March 2, GTE and the San Angelo Police will sponsor a trout fishing day that is open to the public.

To sign up for the single parent fishing seminar, contact the San Angelo Police Department at (915) 657-4336 or the TPWD at (915) 655-1528. For information on the handicapped fishing, contact the San Angelo City Recreation Department at (915) 657-4450. To participate during the open fishing day on March 1, just show up.

THIS IS THE "CONTROVERSIAL" LETTER WRITTEN BY F.C.S. BOARD PRESIDENT ELSA O'ROURKE THAT THE BOARD MAJORITY REFUSED TO ALLOW PRINTED IN THE FORT CLARK SENTINEL

This letter is directed primarily to the non-resident members of Fort Clark. Once a year, at election time, those of you who do not live on the Fort are the ones who decide the outcome of the election (for Board of Directors) since you are in the majority. What you have to help you arrive at a decision is a short resumé below the photograph of the candidates. At times, some of those resúmes sound quite bad, while others appear too good to be true. So...what to do? Many voters go eeny, meeney, miney, mo, then pick one woman candidate and the rest men. You might also receive those carefully written, very convincing letters from one or two candidates. Predictably, those end up among the winners. That is good sometimes, but sometimes it makes the locals, who know the candidates, gasp in horror or groan with dismay.

Some of the people who run for this obscure little Board in this obscure little community are no different from those who run for big-time political positions. There are the glory seekers, the opportunists, the egotists, and the ones who think they can lead, but once in office are easily led, or, I should say, misled. Some candidates are all of the above. Thank God we also have honest, intelligent, individual thinkers, who put the well-being of the Association first, no matter what it takes.

How can you, the non-resident members, determine between the good, the incompetent, and the masters of deception? That is the question you must ask yourselves before placing that "X" in front of a name.

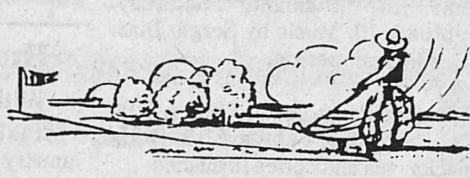
Please try to cast a well-informed vote this year. The future of this Association rests with that crucial decision. It is a big responsibility, and it falls mainly on the non-resident members.

Elsa Ponce O'Rourke
President, Board of Directors

Fort Clark Springs members who have not yet voted should follow the admonition of Board President Elsa O'Rourke by casting a well-informed vote. Members can do this by placing an "X" by the names of Jack Legg, Barbara Niemann, and Tom Powell. These candidates for Board of Directors are listed in places 1, 2, and 4 on the ballot. Help return Fort government to the members and remove it from the hands of the special interests. Vote 1, 2 & 4.

A paid political advertisement by the Good Government Group of Fort Clark Springs

Golf News



Ladies League

Tuesday, February 2, 1993
Low Gross - Low Net
Low Gross
1st: Jan Chism with 82. Pat McKelvy, Mae Roper and Lou Green tied at 89.

Low Net
1st: Betty Dennis - 56; Jean Petaja - 62; Ann Bramble, LaVon McLane, and Elinor Herron tied at 64.

Mens League

Wednesday, February 3, 1993
1st: Dyer, McKelvy, Shuller, Mathison. 2nd: Garza, Woolston, Dillahunt, D. Herron. 3rd (tie) Beatty, Sterling, Land, McLane; Nelson, Cruse, Mayberry, Pomeroy, Kendrick. 5th (tie) C. Smith, Westrick, Petaja, Osborn; Lundquist, Gaston, Stafford, and Williamson.

3-Par Scramble

Monday, February 8, 1993

Eleven beautiful lady golfers showed their skills on how to hit that little white ball on a wonderful sunny day. The old boys need to take a few lessons from them, huh?

Again, a total of forty-five golfers participated and were divided into nine teams of five each.

Six teams tied at 1 under par 26: Chuck Endris, Jo Workman, Tom Baldwin, Red Udy, Margo Kendrick; Fay Gooch, Jackie Marrs, Jim

Palmer, Ray Tredby, Art Ray; James Stafford, Carol Benefield, Fran Gerten, Gerald Gallion, Ed Boyko; Ed Thies, Camille Neal, Lou

Sofaly, Jack Workman, Marg Madrick; Bill Koons, Shirley Stephenson, Andrew Stephenson; Ron Buckles, Bud Gerten; Donnie

Guajardo, Lorraine Osborn, Ken TeGrotenhuis, Ted Thatcher, and Wayne Marrs.

Representing their respective teams in a chip-off for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd was Red Udy, Fay Gooch, and Ed Boyko. Camille Neal was 4th, Bill Koons, 5th, and Ken TeGrotenhuis 6th.

Coming in at even par 27 was the team of Dave Yates, Helen Westrick, Don Jeffrey, Ron Frisby and Walt Baugness.

At 1 over par 28 was John Osborn, Pat McKelvy, Keith Bickle, Don Packer and Stanley Westrick. At 2 over par 29 were Robert

Correa, Henry Smith, Mac McCanness, Edith Palmer and Lyle Neal.

Umphrey Named Vice-Chairman TPWD

Beaumont attorney Walter Umphrey was elected vice-chairman of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission during a public hearing January 21.

Umphrey was appointed to a six year term on the nine member commission by Gov. Ann Richards on January 24, 1991.

Umphrey is a graduate of Baylor University School of Law. He is senior partner in the law firm of Umphrey, Eddins and Carver.

During the public hearing, three other commissioners were honored for their service to the commission. The six year terms of Henry C. (Peter) Beck III and Beatrice Carr Pickens, both of Dallas, and Chuck Nash of San Marcos, expired February 1.

Gov. Richards is expected to announce three new commissioners before the next commission meeting in March.

Wild Hog Festival

The Sabinal Lions Club is hosting its annual Wild Hog Festival on April 17, 1993. Included will be the World Championship Wild Hog

Catching Contest, a Wild Game Cook-off, arts and crafts booths, head mount displays, and booths from businesses concerned with hunting leases and hunting paraphernalia. Booths, 10' x 10', are available for \$15.00.

For a booth application contact Sabinal Lions Club, Wild Hog Festival, P. O. Box 233, Sabinal, TX 78881. For more information call Maurice Chambers (210) 363-4252 or Ross Burris (210) 988-2709.

Reviews - Previews

Tiger Turf

Making A Difference

By TAYLOR STEPHENSON, Curriculum Director

BHS Girls Basketball Team Trendsetters

Brackett High School's Girls Basketball Team has a record of 23 wins and 4 losses, and it's time to talk girls basketball. This week, the Tigerettes can (and will) clinch the district championship. This team is unusual in that it starts five seniors--Wendy McDaniel, Theresa Terezas, Tanya Frerich, Dee Ann Frerich, and Corina Gonzalez. Playing together for four years of high school, a nucleus of a great team has been formed. Ida Aguilar is the only junior on the team. Sophomores include Kim Ahrens, Jennifer Terrazas, Sandra Samaniego, Vicky Abrigo, and Lolly Hernandez. Two freshmen have been included this year: Denise Frerich and Angie Jaso. Manager is Danny Martinez, and Jessica Taylor keeps books and stats. This team is classy in many ways. Out of town travel brings many compliments on the way our players look and behave. I sure like the idea of being winners off the court as well as on the court. There are always young, impressionable folks looking at our leaders.

In the past four years, the girls teams have compiled a fabulous record of 3 district championships and one second place finish. This year, we can add to what looks like a dynasty. Greg Nowlin has coached girls basketball for five years and has a record of 103 wins and 35 losses. He's a calm basketball coach, who is not a "yeller" who shows frustration only through running his hand through his hair. His players don't seem to have any problem knowing when he is upset! It is nice to see a calm coach who can get results. Nowlin says this team plays together to win, and they pass better than the other teams. The Tigerettes are number one in the area in defense--holding opponents to an average of 32.4 points per game. We have scored an average of 62 points each game.

Basketball at Brackett begins with a 7th and 8th grade basketball team. Shelly Naylor and Dawn Hudson coached this team to an excellent season. The JV team finished the season with 9 Ws and 4 of the other kind (losses). Freshman players include: Jackie Smith, Roxanne Payne, Teresa Perez, Vicky Abrigo, Jennifer Terrazas, Denise Frerich and Angie Jaso. Young people are very fortunate to have a school system that opens its gym in the summer. Our gym is open from 9 till 12 and from 1 till 4 each day for "pick up" games. With the tremendous reputation of past teams, our girls work hard to carry on the tradition of winning basketball.

Texas is a tough state for girls basketball. We expect to meet excellent teams from Marion and Poth at the Area level this year, and will probably play Freer or Santa Rosa early.

Teams from Brackett won Bi-District in 1988-89 and in 1989-90. Nowlin thinks that this year's team

is aggressive enough to win post season games. He believes we have to avoid injury, be aggressive and hungry to win, and that a little luck sometimes determines the winners from the losers.

Tulisha Wardlaw tells me that girls basketball began at BHS in the Fall of 1953. She loves the sport, and once coached it for a couple of years in Junction. Mrs. Wardlaw says she once scored 56 points in a game at Sanderson. (She said the competition wasn't great early on, but this is still quite a feat.) Her daughters LaShawn and Leisha were fine players for Brackett High.

Her sister, Jamie, is still actively coaching in the Fort Worth area. It was interesting talking to Coach Nowlin and to Mrs. Wardlaw. They believe that winning is important, and that it gives a person lots of self confidence to graduate from high

school a winner. They believe in setting good examples off the court as well as while the game is being played. Tulisha knew Coach Nowlin while he was in Del Rio coaching one of her nieces, and is complimentary of his coaching ability. Competition builds winners, but in takes a cooperative team effort to win. Apparently the earliest Brackett girls basketball teams coached by Kenneth Flory and Coach Guthrie taught some of the same values and philosophy that is still working today. Folks, they are the same values that families try to teach kids. Teams reinforce the learning!

In the 50's, Brackett ISD became a trend setter in girls basketball. This tradition is still alive and well today. We have had our ups and downs in competition throughout the years, but most of our teams have been winners. I am proud of The Tigerettes and their accomplishments this year and of our fine teams from the past. I have learned that winning takes commitment in self discipline and in skill development. I have learned that nice folks can finish first. Brackett Tigerette Basketball Team and Coach Nowlin--you are making a difference! Thanks for a great season. Take us all the way to the Superdrum!



SCHOOL MENU

Breakfast

- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15
Cold Cereal - Toast
Fruit
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16
French Toast - Syrup
Fruit
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17
No School
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18
No School
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19
No School

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

- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15
Hot Ham and Cheese
Hearty Beef Veg. Soup
Fresh Fruit - Milk
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16
Meat Loaf/Gravy
Whipped Potatoes
Choice Of Vegetables
Fruit - Roll - Milk
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17
No School
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18
No School
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19
No School



Basketball

Tigerettes Bury Cowgirls

The Tigerettes met up with the D'Hanis Cowgirls in non-district action Friday evening.

Four ladies scored in double figures in a 79-58 victory.

Tanya Frerich scored 22 in her best performance. Theresa Terrazas scored 11 of her 20 points in the first period.

Kim Ahrens had 12, Wendy McDaniel 10, Dee Frerich 7, and 2 each were marked up for Nina Gonzalez, Ida Aguilar, and Jennifer Terrazas.

We Believe In The Tigers!

Brackett Exes On Honor Rolls

The Angelo State University Honor Roll includes Bonnie M. Frerich (Accounting major), Lisa Frerich (Psychology major), Tanny Frerich (Communication major), Fidel Hernandez (Biology major) and Jenifer Shahan (Journalism major). This honor requires at least a 3.50 of a possible 4.00 GPA.

Tigers Lose One More

The Tigers lost once again on the road in San Antonio - 78-58.

After a 19-17 lead in the first quarter, The Tigers self-destructed again by shooting only 27%.

Jesse Terrazas hit four three-point baskets and had 10 assists to lead the Tigers for his best performance.

Mathew Rocha came off the bench for his best game and scored 12.

Others contributing were Ricky Flores - 10, Mike Munoz - 6; J.J. Sandoval and Lynn Floyd each 4; Chris Hale 2, and Ruben Terrazas added a free throw.

Mathematically the Tigers still have a shot at the runner-up spot. The way these guys play, you never know what may happen.

From Sul Ross State University, we have the report that Bonne J. Jones was named to the fall semester Dean's List with a 4.0 average. To be listed on the Dean's List, an undergraduate student must carry at least 12 semester hours and earn at least a 3.3 GPA.

Southwest Texas State University notified Yvonne M. Luna that she qualified for the Dean's List for the fall semester.

Spring 1993 TAAS/Teams Out-Of-School Registration

Individuals who are no longer enrolled in school and who have not previously met minimum expectations on all sections of the Teams or TAAS Test, but have met all other graduation requirements, may retake the necessary section(s).

Registration packets are available at Brackett High School from Susan Harrison in the Counselor's Office. The test registration form must be completed and returned in the pre-addressed envelope and must be RECEIVED in Iowa City, Iowa NO later than 5:00 p.m. on the dates indicated below:

- *February 18, 1993--TAAS Writing Test
 - *April 12, 1993 -- TAAS Reading, TAAS Math, or Either Teams Test
- The Texas Education Agency and National Computer Systems will not be responsible for registration forms that are delayed or lost in the mail. To ensure that individuals are registered, forms should be sent either by registered or certified mail.

Get The Tiger Spirit!

Krueger Announces Audit Program To Impound Federal Waste Reduces Own Salary

AUSTIN -- Calling on "government to sacrifice first," U.S. Senator Bob Krueger announced a tough, new initiative to eliminate wasteful government spending.

Krueger also announced he will cut his own salary and office expenses by 20 percent.

"Washington simply doesn't get it," Krueger said, "all I've heard in my first 12 days in Washington is that the taxpayers must sacrifice. I agree it's time for sacrifice. This time however, government must sacrifice first."

Krueger said he will introduce legislation immediately to create an audit and performance review team made up of aggressive front-line, federal employees, business leaders and entrepreneurs -- that will be empowered to expose waste in government.

The team will conduct a no-holds-barred, six month audit of waste in government.

"But my bill goes beyond other studies of waste," Krueger explained. "This legislation will give the executive branch the authority to 'impound' wasteful dollars identified by the audit."

"In short, if the bureaucracy tries to cover up the waste, or Congress refuses to act, the executive branch has the power to take the keys, lock the doors, seize the money and apply it to the federal debt."

"In other words, I intend to make wasteful spending against the law."

"That is why I am going to reduce overall spending in my Senate office by 20 percent within the first full year. And I am immediately going to reduce my own salary by 20 percent."

"In addition, my office will immediately eliminate all newsletter-type mass mailings."

Senator Krueger will not send out any newsletter mailings to constituents because of the huge costs involved. Instead, he will continue his practice of writing newspaper columns and seek other means to communicate with constituents. Senator Krueger will put the frank to its intended use, responding to letters sent by constituents.

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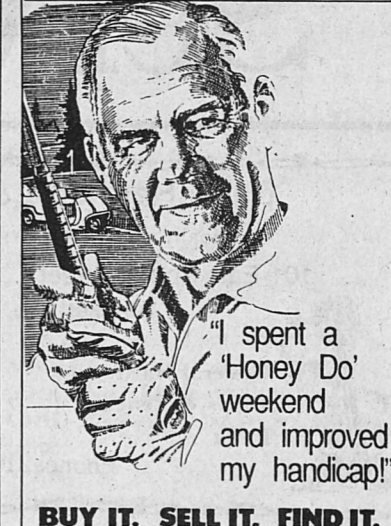
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For the first time ever, Houston Independent School District students are enjoying refreshing Texas orange juice after bid specifications were changed to allow juice produced and processed in the state to be sold to public schools.

The Houston school district is the state's largest school district with more than 190,000 students.

Texas Citrus Exchange is the only orange juice processor in the state. Its juice is sold under the name, "Big Tex." The company also processes other juice flavors from concentrate.



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85 Texas Farm And Ranch Families Honored At Family Land Heritage Ceremonies

The Texas Department of Agriculture honored 85 farm and ranch families from 50 counties at the agency's 19th Family Land Heritage Program ceremony in Austin. The program recognizes properties that have been in continuous agricultural production for 100 years or more.

Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry awarded each qualifying farm or ranch a Family Land Heritage Certificate recognizing its achievement.

Since the program began in 1974, the Texas Department of Agriculture has honored 2,749 families for their tenacity in holding on to the land. Their stories have not only been the history of agriculture but the history of Texas.

The oldest property inducted this year was the Belen de La Sacatosa-Luciano Canales Ranch in Starr County, founded in 1836 by Antonio Canales and Maria Rita Pena de

Canales. Mr. and Mrs. Luciano Canales III are the fifth generation to own the property. Their ranch was the first in Starr County to qualify for the Family Land Heritage Program.

Properties in Glasscock, Motley and Scurry counties were also recognized for the first time this year. Stephens County had the most honorees with five applicants who qualified.

Short biographies of the families will be published in the bi-annual Family Land Heritage Registry, a source of information for genealogists and historians.

The application period for the 20th certification program will begin March 15 and run through Aug. 15 of this year. Applications or information requests about the program should be addressed to Family Land Heritage, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711.

Ways To Access Texas Capital Fund

Start-up capital for a small business is not always easy to find. To help businesses find ways to fill their finance gap, the Texas Department of Commerce is offering a two day workshop March 1 and 2 in Austin on the Texas Capital Fund program. The workshop is open to the public and should be attended by anyone interested in starting a business or expanding the employee

base of an existing company. Texas businesses, bankers, chambers of commerce, economic development boards, city managers and mayors are encouraged to attend.

For more information about the Texas Capital Fund, the TCF workshop, or the Texas Leverage Fund, contact the Texas Department of Commerce Office of Business Finance at 512/320-9649.

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Natasha's Stars

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You know how to play your cards to get what you want and yet still remain fair to everyone else. This week you need to envision a better relationship and a stronger money situation. Come from a positive place, and you love the end results.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your creative juices can't help but flow, and you are not worse for it at all. Do permit, dear Bull, your imagination to go wild this week. You do manage to handle work and still have a ball. You are up for the romp and good times right now.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Focus first on security this week, then go for the more creative, pleasurable aspects of life. Be honest about how many changes you're willing to handle and what you must do to get what you truly want. Many of you will choose a busy weekend full of work rather than love.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) There are strong connections between you and another. You need to be more understanding, yet secure that what you are asking for is realistic. Use this weekend for amour and an early case of spring fever.

LEO (July 23-August 22) Watch spending this week as things could be difficult. Listen to your inner voice regarding a situation that could affect your security. You can't be too diplomatic or careful. Flow with opportunities that pop. Know the worst will be over by next week.

VIRGO (August 23-September 22) Understand more about what is happening between you and another. Talk about funds, but don't take anything for granted with a friendship. This weekend is for getting to know and understand another better.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22) You go from low to high this week as life steadily improves. Go for what it is you really want — money, power or love. Realize, however, you may not be able to have it all and that choices may be inevitable.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21) Follow your natural instincts, and this should be a successful week. Do not eliminate the downtime or isolation that your sign so badly needs. Be sure of what you want, as you have control here. Count on calling the shots all weekend long.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21) Release anxiety over work, a boss or loved one. You can pull rabbits out of hats this week. Allot time for group events which can open you up. Celebration is in order, though you may decide to do it privately this weekend.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 19) Reach for the stars and expect to get nothing less this week. Be aware your wish may entail greater responsibility than you are up for. What's bewildering to another, is quite clear to you. Plan on an early start to the weekend, doing something you very much want to.

AQUARIUS (January 20-February 18) Talk about what is on your mind with a partner. One-to-one negotiations may be the highlight of your week. You are going for what you want financially and emotionally. Be ready to explore new ideas.

PISCES (February 19-March 20) Others are dominant right now, and you need to understand this fact to make this week work. Resistance won't work, but being open about your feelings will. Negotiate with tact, and you will have a better chance of coming out ahead.

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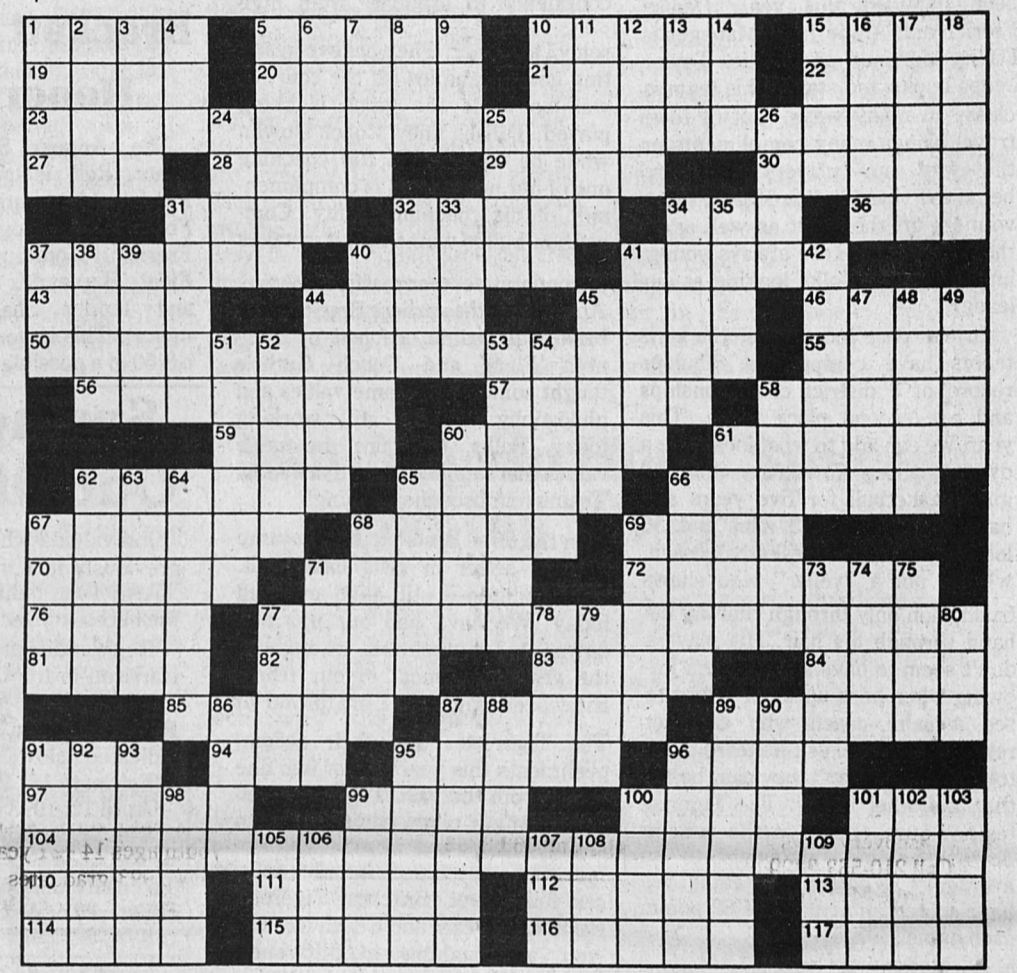
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(Answer On Page 3)

Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Genesis garden
- 5 African magic
- 10 Birthplace of Pythagoras
- 15 Auctioneer's word
- 19 Hollywood's elephant boy
- 20 The — Kid (O. Henry character)
- 21 Family or clan
- 22 Lily plant
- 23 1909 song, "Heaven Will"
- 27 Japanese coin
- 28 Guitar's cousin
- 29 Away from the storm
- 30 "Bolero" composer
- 31 Restore to health
- 32 Ornamental edging
- 34 Henri's friend
- 36 Alfonso's queen
- 37 Plays for time
- 40 Kevin of "Footloose"
- 41 Winged
- 43 Poi source
- 44 "I cannot tell —"
- 45 Recipe direction
- 46 Projecting points
- 50 It makes Jack rather dull
- 55 Wild plum
- 56 Hold within fixed limits
- 57 "— won't keep" (Whitehead)
- 58 Common talk
- 59 Female of the red deer
- 60 Frets
- 61 Source or origin
- 62 Keepsakes
- 65 Trading centers
- 66 Indy 500 contestants
- 67 Elaborate clothes
- 68 "— Marner"
- 69 Gordon or Roman
- 70 Zodiac sign
- 71 Former Egyptian VIP
- 72 River in Hades
- 76 Condo's kin
- 77 Workers' respite
- 81 Serf
- 82 Trusted confederate
- 83 Anger or irritate
- 84 Protective cover
- 85 Bagels or bialys
- 87 Rain! to go
- 89 Afternoon
- 91 Nincompoop
- 94 Actress Madigan
- 95 Basil and sage
- 96 Swan genus
- 97 Drummer Ringo
- 99 Abound
- 100 Isles off Ireland
- 101 Trig. function
- 104 "A fair day's —" (Carlyle)
- 110 Ripened, as cheese
- 111 Unex-tinguished
- 112 Stone pillar
- 113 Jai —
- 114 Monster's loch
- 115 Circus act star
- 116 Ancient chariot
- 117 Fender bender aftermath
- DOWN**
- 1 Catch sight of
- 2 Famous Virginia
- 3 Black
- 4 Fruitcake?
- 5 Comes to mind
- 6 If you please, in Bonn
- 7 Italian noble house
- 8 Exclamation
- 9 Cake or down lead-in
- 10 Underground stem
- 11 Decree of a sovereign
- 12 Farrell or Wallace
- 13 Japanese sash
- 14 Capitol VIP
- 15 Long adventure story
- 16 Popeye's girl
- 17 Star of "Two Women"
- 18 Party's aide
- 24 Twelfth Jewish month
- 25 City on the Brazos
- 26 Courage
- 31 Circus funny man
- 32 Aspirin's target
- 33 Topped off the cake
- 34 Otherwise called
- 35 Queen of Scotland
- 37 R.R. depot
- 38 Bath powder
- 39 Singel
- 40 Mild and soothing
- 41 He supported the heavens
- 42 Guarantee
- 44 Actor Claude
- 45 Gushes forth
- 47 Fudd of cartoons
- 48 Welcome benefits
- 49 Spanish muralist
- 51 Additional persons
- 52 Weather word
- 53 Chemical salt or ester
- 54 He wrote "Waiting for Lofly"
- 58 Marine biologist Carson
- 60 Pacific coast shrub
- 61 Logical lead-in
- 62 Novices
- 63 Pungent bulb
- 64 Prison guard
- 65 Midshipman
- 66 Fluted dress trimming
- 67 It's before value or card
- 68 Navigates
- 69 Mass meeting
- 71 Rand or Field
- 73 Kitchen gadget
- 74 Harem rooms
- 75 Political cartoonist of yore
- 77 Beach or Springs
- 78 Seize roughly
- 79 Helpful devices
- 80 Biblical assent
- 88 Rowers
- 87 Double-breasted coat
- 88 Columnist Bombeck
- 89 Got the best of a dragon
- 90 Charged atoms
- 91 City in Egypt
- 92 "— Door" (1937 movie)
- 93 Wise ones
- 95 Raise with effort
- 96 Papal veil
- 98 Warren Beatty movie
- 99 Make neat or tidy
- 100 Summer refreshers
- 101 Porter who carried a tune?
- 102 Algerian seaport
- 103 Short comic sketch
- 105 — cat (big contributor)
- 106 Palm leaf
- 107 Prom follower
- 108 Football positions: abbr.
- 109 Bankroll



Happy Birthday

Feb. 10	Herb Martinez
Feb. 11	Michael Montalvo
Feb. 11	Ethel Griffin
Feb. 12	Versie Burnes
Feb. 12	Earl Love
Feb. 12	Joaquin Davis
Feb. 12	Regina Ann Pena
Feb. 13	Tina Cervantes
Feb. 14	Hector Luna
Feb. 14	Dora Goodloe
Feb. 14	Kenneth R. Logue
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Feb. 14	Cerilla Daniels
Feb. 14	Dolores Jones
Feb. 14	Tina Smith
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City Of Brackettville 1993 Election Schedule

Place One (1) And Place Three (3) City Election To Be Held May 1, 1993

- February 15, 1993** - First day to apply for a place on the ballot (This is an official holiday so we will begin the 16th).
- March 1, 1993** - Recommended last day to appoint presiding and alternate judges.
- March 2, 1993** - First day to accept applications for early ballots to be voted by mail.
- March 15, 1993** - Last day to post notice of ballot position drawing if drawing is to be conducted on March 18, 1993.
- March 17, 1993** - Early voting clerk may begin mailing voting ballots to applicants as soon as ballots are available on or after this date. 5:00 p.m. - Deadline to file application for a place on the ballot. Last day to order Election
- March 18, 1993** - Recommended date to conduct ballot position drawing.
- March 26, 1993** - 5:00 p.m. last day for a candidate to withdraw.
- April 1, 1993** - First day of period during which notice of any City election must be published.
- Last day a person may register to vote in the May 1, 1993 Election** 5:00 p.m. - Deadline for write-in candidates for City office to file declaration of write-in candidacy with the City Secretary.

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- April 22, 1993** - Last day to publish notice of any City election.
- April 23, 1993** - Last day to received applications for early voting ballots to be voted by mail.
- April 27, 1993** - Last day to vote early by personal appearance.
- April 30, 1993** - Last day to post notice of City council's meeting to canvass returns of election if it is to take place on Monday, May 3, 1993. SPECIAL NOTE - Last day for canvassing is May 7, 1993.

- May 01, 1993**
 7:00 A.M. Polls Open At City Hall
 7:00P.M. Polls Close At City Hall
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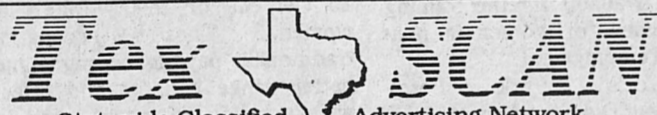
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The Middle Rio Grande Development Council is requesting proposals from eligible service providers for the provision of special instructional training...

The training will be provided in accordance with the Title IIB Summer Youth Program as developed by the Middle Rio Grande Development Council...

1. Summer School Remediation Program - This program is restricted to Independent School Districts located within the Middle Rio Grande Region...

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3. College Exploratory Program - This program is designed to serve youth ages 14 - 21 years old who are currently enrolled in high school...

4. College Bound Program - This program is designed to serve youth ages 14 - 21 years old who are currently enrolled in high school as a junior or senior...

Interested service providers may obtain a Proposal Packet by contacting:

Ramon S. Johnston
P. O. Box 1199
Carrizo Springs TX 78834
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Deadline for submission of proposals will be 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 22, 1993.

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GUITAR LESSONS

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

Aging Services Menu

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

On this day the center will be closed to celebrate President's Day

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Liver Smothered/Onions Green Beans - Cheesy Potatoes Hot Rolls - Cupcakes

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Beef Stew - Pinto Beans Salad - Hot Rolls Chocolate Pudding

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Beef Pie - Mashed Potatoes Zucchini Squash - Biscuits Prunes

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Ham - Cornbread Stuffing Broccoli/Cauliflower Hot Rolls - Fruited Jello

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Proceeds go to the Las Moras Masonic Cemetery Fund.

SIDEWALK SALE

Las Moras Masonic Lodge will have a sidewalk sale on Saturday, March 13, 1993. If you have any items to donate Please call:

Harold Miller - 563-9507
Howard Wakefield - 563-2989
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INTERNAL PARASITE SEASON IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Mild winters and above average moisture in recent years engender visions of a stockman's paradise. Green grass and warm winter days bring welcome relief from supplemental feeding routines...

Since the fall of 1990 (even earlier in some areas) weather conditions have been very favorable for the proliferation of internal parasites.

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Implementation of a strategic internal parasite management program begins with fecal egg counts - the best indicator of active internal parasite load.

Consult your veterinarian or County Extension Agent concerning the appropriate anthelmintic for your management program.

This Week In History

On February 10, 1763, a peace treaty was signed between the French and the British, ending the French and Indian War ...

February 8, 1861, seven southern states set up the Confederate States of America with Jefferson Davis as the president

February 9, 1943, the last Japanese were expelled from Guadalcanal ...

February 11, 1945, the Yalta Conference ended ...

February 12, 1955, the U.S. agreed to help train the South Vietnamese army ...

February 12, 1983, the coal freighter, Marine Electric, sank during a storm off Chincoteague, Va., killing 33 people ...

February 8, 1989, a Boeing 707 crashed into a mountain in the Azores Islands.

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Resolution

Designating The Brackett News as the official newspaper of the city of Brackettville, Texas, providing that all ordinances, resolutions and other matters required by law to be published therein;

PASSED AND APPROVED this 9th day of February, 1993.

/s/Cordelia Mendeke
City Secretary

/s/Carmen M. Berlanga
Mayor

Quality Service A Priority

By Judith Zaffirini
State Senator, District 21

As Chair of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services and a member of the Senate Finance and Education Committees, I will work closely with Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and Sen. John Montford...

Among the state leaders at the forefront of this process is Texas Comptroller John Sharp, who recently released "Against the Grain," the second performance review of Texas state government.

Based on the assumption that state government must be a low-cost provider of high-quality services, the report includes recommendations regarding health and human services, education, transportation, employee benefits, public safety and criminal justice, general government and natural resources.

Lt. Gov. Bullock's staff worked with Senate Research Center staff in analyzing and evaluating the recommendations and their implementation.

The analysis notes that some of Sharp's proposals, such as maximizing federal Title IV-A "At-Risk" child care funds, increasing education and employment opportunities for Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) recipients...

It adds that other recommendations, such as establishing state tax credits to encourage businesses to hire AFDC recipients...

Sharp's performance review proposals include making general revenue appropriations for higher education available in monthly rather than annual installments, reducing the competitive academic scholarship waiver cap...

Several of the recommendations focus on improving productivity: increasing the accountability of institutions of higher education, providing a guarantee for graduates of Texas high schools...

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dislocated workers, and conducting a performance review of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Comptroller Sharp also proposes increasing consolidation incentives for school districts, requiring agencies to use Medicaid for all eligible clients...

Some recommendations in the performance review report also were recommended by the Legislative Budget Board...

"Every situation, properly perceived, becomes an opportunity," wrote Helen Schucman and William Theford. The challenges before us present an opportunity to restructure Texas state government.

Tips For Better Sleep

Like fingerprints, sleeping patterns are highly individual. Techniques that help one person get to sleep may not help another.

*Reduce the time you spend in bed. Too much time in bed can cause shallow sleep. Cutting your bed time by an hour or two may help you to get a better night's sleep.

*Deal with worries before bedtime. If worries keep you awake or wake you at night, reserve 30 minutes in early evening to be alone. Write down those primary worries.

*Decide on the amount of sleep you need. Establish a bedtime that allows you to get the amount of sleep you need.

*Avoid clock-watching. If there's an alarm clock near your bed and you tend to watch it during the night, put the clock in a dresser drawer or under the bed.

*Have a healthful bedtime snack. Try a small glass of milk and a cookie. Doctors don't know exactly why food may help bring on sleep, but experiments show both people and animals sleep better if they aren't hungry.

*Avoid caffeine after your evening meal. Caffeine is a well-known cause of sleeplessness. Remember, you'll find caffeine in cola, tea, and cocoa, as well as in coffee.

*Shun tobacco. Nicotine in any form is unhealthy. It can cause shallow sleeping and restlessness.

*Relax. Perhaps most importantly, don't try to "attain" sleep. Some people simply work too hard at getting to sleep. Relax and let nature take over.

If sleep doesn't come naturally, read a book in bed, listen to music, or watch television and get your mind off the fact that you're having trouble getting to sleep.



Meditations

LINCOLN - DAY

Abraham Lincoln never won acclaim as a handsome man. He was described as a six foot four inch "bag of bones."

Lincoln never kept his hair well-combed. His long legs and arms attached to a haggard body never gave tailored the luxury of giving him well-fitted coats and trousers. His feet and hands -- oversized and clumsy! His battered hat failed to add a "touch of class" to his bony face.

Lincoln knew he had enormous defects. He set himself to the big job of mending his social graces and educational handicaps.

Lincoln's mother died when he was nine years of age. The son and his dad closed the eyes of the godly lady, made a rough coffin from a pine tree, dug a grave, and with tear-stained eyes and cheeks they gathered enough courage to carry her body to a lonely resting place near their cabin.

Lincoln always remembered his mother teaching him the Ten Commandments as they sat before a fire in their Kentucky log cabin. The echo of her words stayed with him, "I am the Lord thy God; thou shalt have no other gods before me."

Lincoln listened to "fiery, frontier preachers" as they jumped behind rough, unpainted pulpits and preached Sunday after Sunday -- mostly untrained, God-fearing, devil-hating, Bible-saturated men of the wilderness.

After the Civil War, Lincoln made a journey to the Gettysburg Battlefield where 48,000 soldiers had died. He said, "Then and there I consecrated myself to Christ." He told his friends that he had found the righteousness and faith he had longed to have.

As President and Mrs. Lincoln sat in Ford's Theatre in Washington one night, he spoke of making a trip with her to the Holy Land. He declared, "We'll visit Palestine, see Gethsemane and Calvary, and walk the streets of Jeru..."

A shot rang out. 1865. Lincoln slumped over, dead! No, he's not dead! His pilgrim feet now walk the streets of "The Eternal City."

News from ... The Pastor's Pen GIL ASH
First Baptist Church

As Sunday approaches so does Valentines Day and with it perhaps visions of hearts and cupids with their bows and potent dipped arrow tips that cause the minds of the young at heart to have endearing thoughts of love towards another.

Love is a word most often used to describe an emotion that really is quite unexplainable. One young man when asked to describe or define what love is, stated it this way. "Love is a feeling you feel when you feel like you are going to have a feeling you never felt before." Confusing, isn't it. But then love can be confusing.

I love my wife. I love my parents. I love my children. I do love all three

but that love takes on a different form of expression for each individual. Love therefore is not a matter of emotion but rather of active response. If you want to shout your expressions of love to your sweetheart let it be with action rather than words.

On thinking about the greatest love affair ever shown I am caused to remember, "But God commends his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8). Using that as an example of someone showing their love in deeds for someone else so unworthy of love, how will you say "I love you with all my heart" to the one you love?"

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church

The Knights of Columbus council #8223 is proud to announce that Jesus Hidalgo and Gus Garcia have joined the council.

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Workshop To Help DBEs

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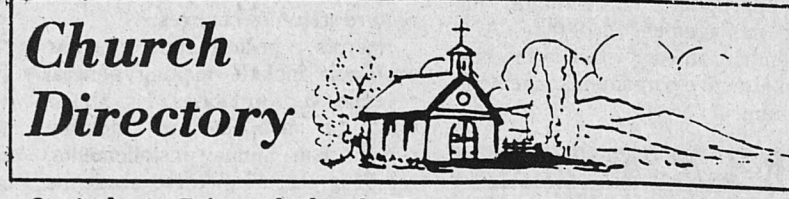
TxDOT's goal is to award \$200 million in work to qualified disadvantaged business enterprises (DBEs) this year through its construction and maintenance programs and the purchase of other goods and services.

Recruitment specialists from TxDOT's DBE program and the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) will hold a free one-on-one workshop to help qualified businesses become certified as DBEs.

The workshop, scheduled as follows, will explain the DBE program and outline opportunities that are available.

MIDLAND WORKSHOP
Date: Tuesday, Feb. 17
Time: 4-7 p.m.
Location: University of Permian Basin
Center for Energy and Economic Diversification
1400 North FM 1788, Midland
(Intersection of FM 1788 & Texas 191)

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



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

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

First Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church): 307 N. Ann Street. Sunday School 9:45 A.M., Sunday Worship 11:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M., Wednesday Worship 7:00 P.M. Gil Ash, Pastor, 563-2245.

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

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

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

A Dispatch From The Education Frontier

Kids, even if they are still in diapers, are welcome at Texas Woman's University, if they're accompanied by a mother who is a single parent.

Not only does TWU urge students who are single mothers to bring their children with them to the campus, but the school also houses them in a special dormitory. At last count, the red brick, two story Mary Huford Hall had 43 adults (mostly single moms) and 54 children in residence.

The program at the Denton school is believed to be the only one of its kind on any U.S. campus.

Volunteers from TWU faculty, staff and students provide daily supervision for children from 3 to 6 p.m. This frees the mothers for study, additional courses and even part-time employment. The volunteers also read and play games with the children, take them swimming in the university pool or on field trips in the area.

School-age children aren't neglected, either. Younger children go to the TWU Child Development Center near their home.

No family goes hungry either. The facility maintains a central pantry where families can borrow food without asking. They're asked to pay it back if and when they can, but nothing is said about it if they don't.

Mr. Pickering Goes To Washington

University of Houston President James H. Pickering is one Texas educator who has the ear of the new occupant of the White House.

Before his inauguration, President Clinton wanted advice from higher education leaders on his proposal to offer loans to college students in exchange for later community service.

He summoned the top administrators from 10 universities across the country to Washington. Dr. Pickering was the only Texan.

Waiting Game

An asteroid many times more destructive than the most powerful nuclear bomb is getting closer each time it crosses the path of the Earth.

Astronomers at The University of Texas at Austin, however, say there is no reason for worry. It missed the Earth by 2.2 million miles when it flew by in December. On its next fly-by in 2004, it will be a million miles closer.

Drs. Peter Shelus and Art Whipple say the asteroid named Toutatis will make five more passes by this planet by 2012. However, they calculate that it can't possibly strike Earth before 2069.

Meanwhile, their advice is to relax and forget it. But just in case, they will keep an eye on it from UT's McDonald Observatory in the Davis Mountains.

Endurance Test

Ruth S. Michael of Edinburg always intended to get her college degree one day.

A few weeks ago, she did. Ms. Michael received her Bachelor's degree in Psychology from The University of Texas - Pan American.

Fresh Approach

The first and only general medicine clinic exclusively serving deaf adults has opened in Houston.

Called the Silent Care Clinic, it is located in the city's Hermann Hospital. The physicians -- all from the University of Texas Medical School at Houston -- are learning sign language.

An Open Letter To All Who Drive

There's a killer-car on our streets. That makes me afraid.

I like to walk at night. I've never been afraid. I've been confident that the car behind me or coming ahead is fully under control, has good lights, and a driver who is alert.

It's God's Will. It Was Meant To Be. These words have been used since the dawn of time to keep slaves under control; serfs in suppression; and poor people on their knees, giving their last penny for a bit of Grace to save their souls. No questions asked.

God's hands are never on the steering wheel. Our hands are. We so often drive automatically, our thoughts wandering, tired. Business worries, stress of personal relationships, or a myriad of other things can cloud our ability to drive.

Your car, my car, anyone's car can become a killer-car. Every time we get under the wheel we need to be sure that we are fully able to drive. This heavy machine, lumbering or speedy, does have controls. We must be alert, have clear vision, be watchful, and ready to react.

Join me in begging each one as he starts a drive, to resolve to make the trip, no matter how short, a safe drive. Little old ladies, little children, and all of us, need to feel safe on our streets.

By Helen S. Smith, Retiree
Editor's Note: I agree. But I also want to urge each of you (us) who walk at night to take care. Wear white or light colored clothing. Walk as far off the driving area as possible, be alert, and react accordingly.

Indian Lodge To Host Mystery Weekends

FORT DAVIS - Who shot the judge? Was it the young man who had an affair with his daughter, a man the judge later convicted of murder and sent to jail? That is the mystery dozens of visitors will probe in February at Indian Lodge in West Texas.

It is 1958 and guests are attending a birthday party at the historic Indian Lodge when, gun shots! Screams! And two dead bodies. Who done it?

The first two mystery weekends are set for Feb. 5-7 and Feb. 26-28. The cost is \$163 for a single room and \$207 for a double, which includes two nights at Indian Lodge, Friday night hors d'oeuvres, Saturday continental breakfast and afternoon tea and Sunday brunch.

At the Indian Lodge events, guests will split into eight character teams, where they will collectively play the role of a character in the mystery. As the drama unfolds and character teams interact, the object is to try to solve the mystery first.

Legendary among seasoned travelers, Indian Lodge was voted the number one lodging choice in Texas by readers who responded to a survey in Texas Highways magazine in 1992.

Indian Lodge is located about 200 miles southeast of El Paso off Highway 118 near Fort Davis in Jeff Davis County. For information on the mystery weekends or Indian Lodge, contact the lodge at (915)426-3254.

Mayor's Report

By CARMEN M. BERLANGA
Mayor of Brackettville

Commissioners Settle Back Wages Issue

On Friday, February 5, 1993, Judge Tim Ward presided over an emergency/urgent public necessity meeting of the Kinney County Commissioners Court at 10:00 a.m. with all commissioners present. The subject of the meeting was to approve/disapprove paying back wages as required by the U.S. Department of Labor and approve/disapprove amending budget to cover back wages and fringe benefits.

Before the meeting started, Commissioner Mendeke pointed out to this writer that the report of the special session on Monday, February 1, printed in last week's Brackett News contained erroneous information. To correct any misunderstanding, an explanation is being made before proceeding with the report of the February 5 meeting.

The report stated that Ms. Mendeke had been advised to leave the executive session and had voluntarily done so. What actually happened was that Judge Ward announced that the court would go into executive session. All guests of the court, including this writer, left the court room. Before the executive portion was called into session a discussion arose as to whether Ms. Mendeke should be in the executive session. During the course of the discussion, Ms. Mendeke called her attorney for advice and also asked County Attorney Shahan to talk to her attorney which he did. Mr. Shahan also called the Attorney General's office after which he stated that in his opinion the executive session should not begin with Ms. Mendeke present.

At this point, after the discussion had lasted for more than an hour, Commissioner Mendeke said, "In an effort to allow the county to get on with business, in an effort not to affect the people involved in the wage pay back and with respect to the Judge and Commissioners time, I excuse myself," and left the room. Then the executive session began.

Another clarification is that she abstained from voting on the issue later in open session because she had not been in the executive session.

At the February 5 meeting, Judge Ward reported that he had been in touch with the U. S. Labor Board again and payment of the back wages must be made, and according to the Labor Board would cost even more than the court had approved on February 1. The amount could be up to \$11,000.00. The court amended the prior motion so as to settle the matter and made a budget amendment to transfer funds from the "appraisal district line item" and replace it with money from capital improvements (legally the appraisal district expense can be paid from this fund). Ms. Mendeke abstained from voting on the amendment since she had not voted on the original motion.

Why does the county owe back wages? One or more complaints was made to the U. S. Labor Board from a former employee, or employees, of the Sheriff's Department that back-wages were due. The Labor Board examined payroll records of the sheriff's department and determined that back wages were due to David Luna, Jay R. Smith, John S. Fritter, Jr., Jesus H. Garcia, Martha E. Ward McDonald, Manuel Pena, Jr., and Matias Sandoval.

This writer talked to Sheriff Hooten who affirmed the Kinney County policy, passed by a Commissioners Court, did not provide for paying overtime. Compensatory time is given instead, and an employee can build up to 400 hours in a compensatory time bank. He also affirmed that law enforcement and other public safety employees may work 172 hours in a 28-day work period rather than the standard 40-hour week.

According to the Labor Board, these employees, some of which are no longer in the county's employee, had not been given "comp" time in a timely fashion; therefore, the county must pay the back wages.

The objection to Commissioner Mendeke being present was because presently she and one of the former county employees both now work for the City of Brackettville. Each was hired by and each reports directly to the City Council - neither supervises the other.

Texas JTPA Program Awarded Grant

The Texas Job Training Partnership Act program has been awarded a \$250,000 grant from the Women's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Labor. The award is part of the Non-traditional Employment for Women Act. NEW amended JTPA to provide a wider range of training opportunities for women under existing JTPA programs; provide incentives for the establishment of programs that retain, place and retrain women in non-traditional fields; and facilitate coordination of JTPA and vocational education resources available for the training and placement of women in non-traditional employment.

Commerce's Work Force Development Division submitted the grant application on behalf of the Heart of Texas Service Delivery Area and the Texas State Technical College in Waco.

Project Texas is unique in the fact that the type of assistance available meets every conceivable need for services or resources that may hinder an individual's successful completion of long-term, technical training. The local JTPA program will provide a bridge between the Transformations-Training for Technology and the Women in Technical Education program offered at TSTC.

Non-traditional job fields are defined as those in which less than 25 percent of the workers are women. These occupations traditionally pay higher wages, have better fringe benefits and offer a wider variety of work schedules. Commerce's Work Force Development Division Director Barbara Cigainero says these are the types of jobs Texas needs.

STATE OF TEXAS
COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
CITY SALES TAX ALLOCATION SUMMARY
BRACKETTVILLE

	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988
JAN	\$1,110.45	\$1,333.13	\$1,764.86	\$1,705.89	\$1,801.10	\$1,824.21
FEB	\$4,513.89	\$4,463.90	\$5,082.14	\$7,058.87	\$6,342.33	\$5,734.45
MAR	\$1,101.81	\$900.66	\$2,183.47	\$3,045.58	\$1,401.22	\$3,432.35
APR		\$1,015.36	\$1,208.98	\$943.48	\$1,962.11	\$1,005.59
MAY	\$5,033.01	\$4,914.19	\$4,531.62	\$4,662.78	\$3,496.91	\$4,485.24
JUN	\$790.60	\$1,339.12	\$6,760.04	\$2,018.37	\$1,626.97	\$1,497.61
JUL		\$1,016.82	\$1,341.62	\$2,581.32	\$3,252.69	\$1,534.52
AUG	\$4,853.92	\$5,138.98	\$6,214.44	\$4,461.66	\$4,306.49	\$5,292.17
SEP	\$854.10	\$912.22	\$1,208.64	\$1,784.94	\$1,747.17	\$1,379.15
OCT	\$1,075.97	\$1,210.76	\$1,177.63	\$1,854.23	\$1,776.91	\$1,394.34
NOV	\$4,730.24	\$4,640.33	\$3,456.72	\$4,713.44	\$5,006.63	\$5,556.58
DEC	\$755.71	\$1,189.72	\$2,578.33	\$1,737.95	\$1,191.17	\$2,167.66
TOTAL	\$24,819.70	\$28,075.19	\$37,508.49	\$36,568.51	\$33,912.70	\$35,303.87

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
JAN	\$2,555.06	\$2,748.32	\$4,106.80	\$4,067.03	\$3,310.76
FEB	\$7,426.76	\$5,858.12	\$6,733.77	\$7,451.76	
MAR	\$2,360.64		\$2,692.87	\$1,375.45	
APR	\$2,203.26	\$2,510.84	\$2,522.84	\$4,499.67	
MAY	\$5,169.50	\$4,880.62	\$5,647.47	\$5,491.21	
JUN	\$1,933.85	\$3,345.82	\$3,316.70	\$3,762.84	
JUL	\$3,016.37	\$3,695.63	\$2,736.17	\$3,681.96	
AUG	\$4,771.32	\$5,776.58	\$5,385.64	\$4,571.21	
SEP	\$2,378.61	\$2,976.70	\$4,280.89	\$3,611.58	
OCT	\$2,343.50	\$2,463.12	\$2,936.82	\$2,144.87	
NOV	\$7,695.93	\$5,177.32	\$5,482.28	\$4,614.59	
DEC	\$2,818.49	\$3,122.61	\$1,443.15	\$3,606.74	
TOTAL	\$44,673.29	\$42,555.68	\$47,285.40	\$48,878.91	\$3,310.76

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