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

At 9:00 a.m., September 13, 1993, the Kinney County Commissioners Court met in regular session with Judge Tim Ward and Commissioners Freddie Frerich, Plunker Sheedy, Cordelia Mendeke, and Alvin McClure present.

Judge Ward offered the invocation and led the pledge to the flag. Minutes of regular and special meetings held August 9, 16, 18, 26, 31, and September 2 and 7 were approved as read.

When the request for elected officials comments/reports were called for, Precinct IV Commissioner Alvin McClure stated that Walter Fithian had a petition, signed by 90% of the Spofford residents, to read. Mr. Fithian read that the City of Spofford had not held city elections properly and that the signatories desired to establish a non-profit water corporation. Commissioner McClure asked if the services of Charlie Trost could be obtained. Judge Ward responded that the possibility could be explored, the petition would be reviewed and placed on a future agenda although the court did not have jurisdiction over the City of Spofford.

The agenda was rearranged to allow Mrs. J.B. "Tootsie" Herndon to make her presentation next. She prefaced her remarks by pin-pointing an article written by Gus Garcia and printed in the *Del Rio News Herald* stating that Spofford had received \$900,000 in grant money from Middle Rio Grande Development Council. She distributed a printed report showing that all grant money had come from the Texas Community Development Program. In 1986 the amount was

County Will Implement Selection Of Jury By Computer

\$12,750 for a planning grant which was completed in August 1987.

The second grant was in 1987 in the amount of \$88,048 for water system improvements and was used for 5,663 l.f. of water distribution line, 39 house connections and meters, hypochlorination equipment including chemical feed pump, solution reservoir and inflow switch. This project was completed in the spring of 1990.

A third grant in the amount of \$85,783 was received for water system improvements including the proposed construction of a 22,000 ground storage tank, probeless level indicator on existing pressure tank, yard piping, fencing and new service pump. This project has not been completed but an alternate plan has been filed.

Mrs. Herndon also stated the City of Spofford officials would not fight the petition (presented by Mr. Fithian) if that was what the citizens of Spofford really wanted. She then reviewed efforts made by the current city administration, specifically the services of Mayor Herndon who also serves as the unpaid water administrator.

Pamela McClure expressed respect and appreciation for Mayor Herndon but reiterated that Spofford's water supply was inadequate and their concern was to get water and that the grant funds had not been sufficient.

Judge Ward emphasized that the court could not "take sides" but was interested in what could be done legally to help all Kinney County residents, and urged everyone to continue working together.

Road Administrator Clifford Fritter gave an update from his department: paving of the street behind the Aging Services building had been halted because just as the road bed had been completed, the telephone company, with the city's permission, had dug a trench to bury cable thus destroying much of the completed work; time had been devoted to county roads repair and equipment maintenance. Judge Ward added that Commissioners Mendeke and Regina Pena had gone to Spofford and surveyed resident needs to comply with a proposed grant requirement in relation to replacing Pinto Creek Bridge.

The court reviewed employee and overtime policies and affirmed they would remain as adopted. The resignation of Glen Seaver as election presiding judge of Precinct IV was accepted and Felicita Solis was approved as the replacement with Joy Ralston as the assistant judge.

Agenda items for a budget hearing, tax rate hearing, and setting salaries for county employees were deferred to special meetings to conform to properly printed notices.

County Tax Collector Martha Hooten presented plans for a com-

puterized jury selection procedure. This plan will use a merged list of jury prospects derived from drivers license, Texas Ids and registered voters. Approval was granted.

Use of the Civic Center for the Health Fair in late October was granted.

Approval was given to reopen water lines to a portion of the County Cemetery and add a water line to the new section.

Discussion on Subdivision Regulations was tabled.

The court voted to approve a health insurance plan for 1993-94 as presented by Ray Aaron.

Sheriff and Constable fees were set the same as 1992-93.

To avoid any conflict of interest, Judge Ward and Commissioner Mendeke excused themselves as the balance of the court reviewed a written communication from Attorney James Saunders offering services to represent Kinney County in the event that Texcor appeals the Texas Water Commission's decision to deny Texcor's licensing application. The consensus was the offer was too open-ended, costs were not defined, the item could not be budgeted without specific figures.

After a telephone call to Moody Foundation officials to verify possible use restrictions of the Fillipone Building, the court voted to accept the special deed as offered by the city transferring ownership to the county. The Moody Foundation had awarded a grant in 1984 to help restore the structure. Bernice Torregrossa at the Foundation assured Judge Ward that their preliminary ideas were acceptable.

Bills for August were approved for payment.



Pfc. Victor Sanchez has earned the title U.S. Marine. He graduated Sept. 3, 1993 at the Marine Corps Depot in San Diego, California. He is the son of Victor Sanchez from Crane, Texas, and his grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Sanchez of Brackettville, Texas.

Victor has been home on boot leave and he will be shipped out for Marine Combat Training to learn advance infantry skill. Afterwards, he reports to a follow-on school to learn one of hundreds of occupations available to new marines.

Electronic Security System Chosen

The Brackett Independent School District met in special session at 6:15 p.m. Monday, September 13, 1993, to set the tax rate for 1993-94.

Present were trustees Jimmy Bader, Jewel Robinson, Stan Conoly, Gloria Garcia, and Lingo Sandoval.

The rate of \$1.28 per \$100 valuation for maintenance/operation was unanimously adopted.

The special meeting adjourned. At 6:45 the trustees entered into regular session with the same attendance.

Henry Homrighaus of National Guardian presented a proposal to install an electronic security system at the BISD campus. Entrances would be monitored by motion detectors and sensitive areas would have additional monitors. After a lengthy discussion, Jewel Robinson made the motion to enter into a lease/installation agreement for a 5-year period. The motion was seconded by Stan Conoly and passed with Mrs. Garcia requesting that the minutes reflect she was opposed to it.

Over the life of the 5-year plan, the district would realize a savings of \$32,041.99 compared to a night watchman salary. The security system would be on all-night where the watchman left at 2 a.m.

The board approved TASB update 44 as part of the Board policy manual.

Counselor Susan Harrison shared results of the districts' testing results which showed improvements

in the areas of reading, math, and writing. The reports are very detailed and interested persons may contact Mrs. Harrison for information.

Superintendent Steve Mills reviewed the 1991-92 Audit Report and changes in the bid process.

Board president Jimmy Bader reported he had attended the meeting in Fort Stockton and they had met all the requirements of closing the County Education District (CED).

Discussion/action on the Vocational Advisory Committee was deferred.

Curriculum Director Taylor Stephenson reported that 40 students had been identified for the ESL (English as a Second Language) program: 8 in Pre-K, 8 in K, 6 in grade 1, 7 in grade 2, 8 in grade 3, 2 in grade 4, 1 in grade 6.

Middle School Principal reported that there would be an assembly at 1:00 p.m., Friday, September 17, in recognition of Constitution Week.

Taylor Stephenson reported that he had applied for \$226,519 in grants; staff development days; and that block scheduling had been well accepted.

Superintendent Mills distributed the calendar for September.

As a TASB board member, Jimmy Bader is automatically a delegate to the TASB convention. Gloria Garcia was appointed as the district delegate.

"Bad Girls"..... Being Shot

Shooting of "Bad Girls" is underway at Alamo Village Movie Location and will continue for 2-3 months.

For the past few weeks builders have been busy turning "Back Street" at Alamo Village into "New Mexico," circa 1890. Director Jonathan Kaplan with his assistants Jules Lichtman and Munzio Fazio are on the set, and the main actors are Madeleine Stowe, Drew Barrymore, Mary Stuart Masterson, and Audie MacDowell.

Much of the "behind the scenes" activity is taking place in Bracket-

ttville. The former border patrol station on Highway 90 is being used as location headquarters. The former Texcor office on East Highway 90 has become the art department. The wardrobe department operates from the former nutrition center on North Ann Street.

Alamo Village remains open to the public with the gates opening each morning at 9:00 a.m. Local people have found employment on a temporary basis in various positions including "extras." Updated information may be obtained at the location headquarters.

The Tiger Booster Club Encourages You To Support Tiger Football

	Junior High	Nueces Canyon	There
Thursday, September 16, 6:30			
	Junior Varsity	Rocksprings	Here
Thursday, September 16, 6:30			
	Varsity	Nueces Canyon	There
Friday, September 17, 8:00 p.m.			
	Tigerette Volleyball	Leakey	Here
Saturday, September 18, JV/V 11 A.M.			
		Lackland	There
Tuesday, September 21, JV/V 5 P.M.			

Project Plus

A new program to help parents and school work together!
Come Help Us Get Started

When: At Noon on Friday, September 17
Where: Brackett, High School Home Economics Cottage
Speaker: Dr. Art Flores, School Psychologist, San Antonio ISD

SPEAKING ON BUILDING SELF ESTEEM IN CHILDREN

Lunch will be provided. Baby sitting is available.
For parents of all children. Please come!

Contact Judy Blankenship if you have any questions about this new program. Project Plus is for Parents of all Brackett School Children!

Options For Elderly Health Care Discussed At Public Meeting

Through arrangements made by Kinney County Extension Agent Allen McWilliams, Dr. Judith Warren, gerantologist with the Texas A&M Agriculture Extension Service, was speaker at a public meeting in the district court room on Thursday evening, September 9, to present options for elderly health care in a small community.

About twenty people were present as Dr. Warren related that according to her data there were approximately 700 people over age 65 in the community. Of that number 5% needed 24 hour care, 15% required some assistance in daily living, and 80% can live independently.

She stated that from data nationwide it was learned that 86% over age 65 want to stay in own homes,

13% were willing to relocate although only about 9% actually move.

She briefly mentioned options to make a community accessible to the elderly such as shared housing, assisted living, apartments, assisted RV living, visiting nurses, EMS response buttons, neighbor checking on neighbor, aging services center, exercise programs.

During the discussion period, K.C. Judge Tim Ward stated he felt the community wanted, and needed, to capitalize on resources already available and local goals needed to include providing health care services as well as creating some economic possibilities.

Dr. Warren left "food for thought" but no concrete direction suggestions.

City Dog Pound To Be Relocated

The Brackettville City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 14, 1993. Present were Mayor Carmen Berlanga, and Council Members Larry Moore, Jean Seargeant, Mary Flores, Julie Fuentes, and Ralph Gonzalez.

Minutes of meetings on August 11, 18, 23, and 26 were approved as corrected.

Roy Rosin, of The Rosin Group, gave an update on the street grant application and the waste disposal grant. Both are progressing in a timely manner taking the necessary steps to secure the grants. Street paving bids could be taken within the next sixty days. He presented detailed plans of the disposal unit to the council.

Melvin Zamzow, Falcon Cable, informed the council that installation of the new, upgraded system was complete. The council agreed to write a letter releasing Mr. Zamzow from the performance bond.

At the request of City Secretary David Luna, the council agreed to schedule a public hearing in regards to relocating the dog pound.

Information items presented were: sewer line completed to the Wesley Robinson location with four connections available on the line; special warranty deed to the Fillipone property was presented to the county; Randy Castilla scheduled to attend animal control school.

Rev. William Adams, pastor of St. John's Baptist Church, requested that Crockett Street in front of the church be scheduled for paving and was told that when the 1993-94 budget became effective, consideration would be given.

Financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

An employee name was drawn for the Random Drug Testing program.

Seminole Indian Scouts Annual 2-Day Celebration Starts Saturday

Retired USAF Colonel Isaac S. Payne IV Will Be Featured Speaker

The Seminole Indian Scouts Cemetery Association will celebrate its annual Heritage 2-Day Celebration September 18 and 19, 1993, on the Carver School Ground in Brackettville.

Tentative activities include a 9:30 a.m. parade down Ann Street on Saturday, September 18.

The parade will end at the Carver School where the annual Literary program will be held along with a noon barbecue.

Guest speaker will be Retired U.S.A.F. Colonel Isaac S. Payne IV of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

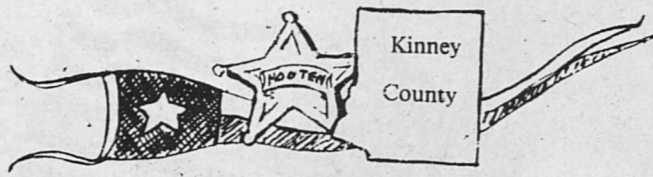
Col. Payne is a Researcher and Development Systems Engineer with more than 25 years of service experience and many more accomplishments in the Air Force.

On Sunday, September 19, 2:30 p.m., Memorial Services will be held at the Seminole Indian Scout Cemetery.

The public is invited to all activities.

Sheriff's Corner

By Sheriff Norman H. Hooten



A Burglary of a Habitation in Spofford occurred and was reported the night of September 12, 1993, has been cleared with the arrests of three (3) illegal aliens from Mexico.

The burglary, which was reported at 11:25 pm Sunday night by the victim, Mr. J.B. Grider of Spofford, Texas, was investigated by the Sheriff's Department and evidence at the scene indicated that the crime was committed by two or more persons believed to be illegal aliens. The information on the crime and a list of stolen property taken from the residence, including a loaded .22 caliber pistol and several knives, was passed on to the U.S. Border Patrol along with a request for their assistance in being on the lookout for any illegal aliens or others who might have property in their possession fitting that of the stolen property. The total value of the property taken exceeded \$566.00.

At approximately 9:00 p.m. the night of Monday, September 13, 1993 (less than 24 hours after the report was received), U.S. Border Patrol Agents out of Uvalde, Texas, apprehended three (3) illegal aliens attempting to catch a ride on a train near Cline, Texas, just east of the Kinney County/Uvalde County line. A subsequent search of the persons of the three turned up the stolen property, including the loaded pistol. The suspects were then transported to the Uvalde County Jail where they were picked up later and transported back to the Kinney County Jail by Chief Deputy Sheriff Johnny Fritter and Deputy Sheriff Vito LaGioia. The three suspects, identified as (1) Francisco Garcia-Garcia, 19, of Pejaritas, Coah. Mexico, (2) Jorge Maldonado-Mercado, 21, and Andres Maldonado-Mercado, 28, both of Musquiz, Coah. Mexico, are all Mexican Nationals in this country illegally.

They are being held in the Kinney County Jail awaiting completion of the case investigation and further processing on the charges pending against them of Burglary Of A Habitation, a first degree felony. Official charges will have been filed against them and bonds set by the time you read this. Trial dates will be set later.

We are working closely with school officials of the Brackett Independent School District in a combined effort to set up a school safety program, including a "safety patrol" comprised of elementary students who meet the strict criteria set by the school for appointment as "safety patrol officers." These "safety patrol officers" will work designated school crossings at specified times during the school day. They will, of course, be closely supervised and monitored by teachers and other school officials.

It is believed that this program will serve the dual purpose of: (1) educating the students in safety and instilling in them a sense of pride and self-reliance; (2) provide a means of more adequate safety awareness in the students and in the school zone during peak hours of students, particularly elementary students, coming to and leaving school.

The first "law enforcement" job I had over 40 years ago was that of a "safety patrol officer" at school crossings and I remember distinctly the pride and honor I felt when I was appointed as a "safety patrol officer" and received the white "Sam Browne" belt and "Safety Patrol" badge.

FROM THE EDITOR

Unsigned letters to the Editor will not be considered for printing.

Hopefully, the new program, when instituted, will provide the same feelings in those young students who EARN the honor of being appointed a "Safety Patrol Officer!"

THAT'S ALL!

TEXAS TROOPER

The Texas Trooper is sponsored by the Texas Highway Patrol Association and seeks to answer questions on law enforcement, public safety and other concerns involving the welfare of Texas citizens. You can write *The Texas Trooper*, % Texas Highway Patrol Association, 610 Brazos, Fourth Floor, Austin TX 78701.



Trooper Chris Mashburn is a Texas Highway Patrol Association board member, and works in north Texas

BICYCLE HELMETS

Q: I try to get my young daughter to wear a helmet when she rides her bike, but she refuses. I told her it was the law, that she has to wear one just like motorcycle riders. But she takes the thing off after she's around the corner and out of my sight. Any suggestions on how to make her come to her senses?
M.W., Bellaire

A: At this point, Texas does not have a law requiring bicycle riders to wear helmets. But you should continue to try and get your daughter to wear a helmet, since head injuries are the leading cause of death in bicycle accidents.

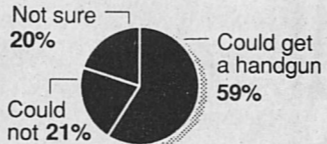
If this isn't enough to convince your daughter, try enrolling her in one of the DPS's bicycle safety education courses, which are starting in January. The Legislature mandated this safety program with House Bill 1978, and volunteers will likely teach the courses. The specific dates, locations and enrollment procedures are still unknown at this point, so contact your nearest DPS office in the near future for further information.

What youth think about guns

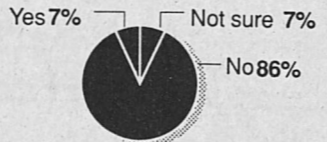
A new poll shows how a "gun culture" has influenced the lives of young people. Some highlights:

Questions asked of 2,500 youths aged 10 to 19 years:

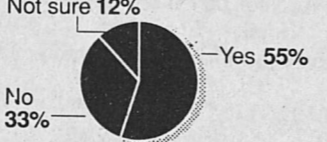
■ **Could you get a handgun if you wanted one?**



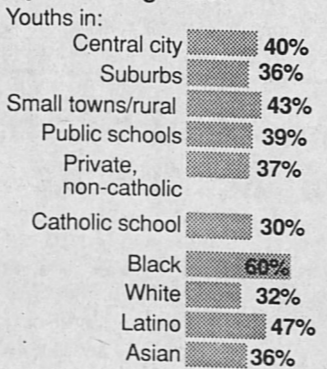
■ **Does your school use metal detectors to search for weapons?**



■ **Do you think your school should use metal detectors?**



■ **Has anyone you know personally been killed or injured from gunfire?**



SOURCE: ALH Research, Inc. poll for Harvard School of Public Health of 2,500 youths age 10 to 19, April 19 - May 21, 1993

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.



Between Us

By Joe Townsend



Until the State Legislature wakes up and drastically changes the law dictated by Ross Perot under Mark White, education in Texas will continue to go down the tubes. When a young liberal district judge can dictate the financing of education the system is in trouble. When the legislature can pass laws to equally fund all school districts and it is declared unconstitutional but allowed to continue to collect taxes for a year. When surplus funds thus collected are to be refunded to school districts and laws can be overridden by an imported and over-sold director and is supported by the same district judge the entire system is in trouble.

The basic correction must come when it is recognized that more money does not solve the problem. When the TEA is authorized even to close schools the system is in trouble.

A ridiculous example is the recent charade where the TEA issued its scare threat about such a vast number of schools were about to lose accreditation and be closed.

The furor created made the TEA suddenly reverse and clear most of the schools. No new testing, no great changes except in the arrogance of the TEA.

Anyone capable of passing 5th grade arithmetic has sense enough to know that a standardized test applied to all schools is absolutely no measure of the success of teaching. To throw away the millions to out of state companies to do the testing is completely unconscionable.

There will be no measurable improvement in education until the TEA is abolished and all its extravagant spending of money on appraisals, work shops, auditing window dressing comes to an end. Ample time has been consumed to know the failure both financially and philosophically. Until the original purpose of education is revived and bureaucracy, legislators and judges recognize that schools are for the education of the students.

As long as teachers are hounded by boring and worthless workshops, inane testing and silly appraisals they are far overburdened with drivel, having little time or opportunity to do what they are trained and paid to do, educate their students.

It is evident the cry for more money to be given to some schools did not improve teaching or learning. To blame teachers and schools for poor learning is a cop out. When schools are allowed to run themselves and teachers are freed from inane demand, then and only then will learning improve.

In the mean time floods of students are going to private schools and demands mount to give vouchers to students to attend their school of choice. And why not, they get a better education for much less money. The money sucking bureaucracy has no part in the system, just education.

Big Mama Sez!



A lot of us think we are in the groove when we are only in a rut.

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



MEMBER 1993

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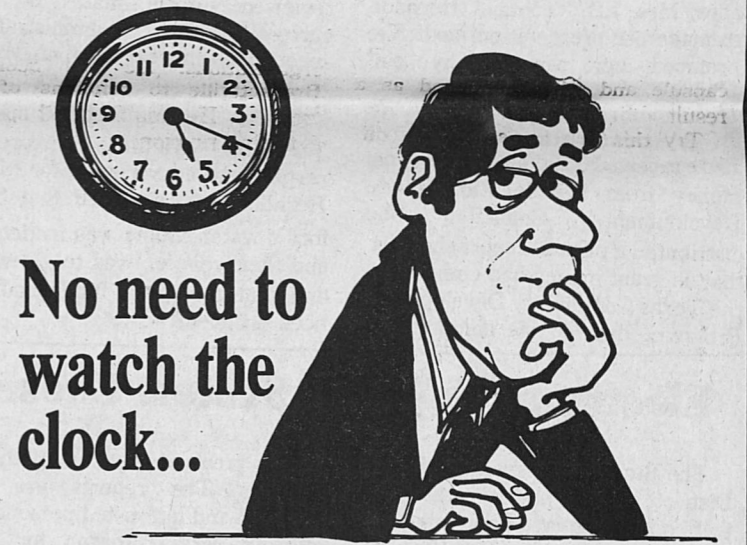
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Memories Were Revived In '93

Reunions Held For The Classes Of

1949 - 1955

During Labor Day weekend, September 4 and 5, 1993, about 200 ex-students, spouses and guests, from the Brackett High School classes of 1949 through 1955 convened in Brackettville at the Civic Center to renew old friendships, share old stories, remember forgotten jokes, and exchange hundreds of hugs.

Former Teachers Honored

Especially honored as Reunion '93 guests were Miss Else Sauer, Mrs. J. Lee Ballantyne, Mrs. Agnes Vondy, Miss Charles Wilson, Coach John Keenan and Mr. and Mrs. Alan Kreiger, Sr.

Football Champs Fed

"Plunker" Sheedy honored the 1951 Regional Championship football team with a barbecue at the Sheedy Ranch.

Reunion '93 events included registration and visitation at the Civic Center, a tour of the Brackett school plant, flag-lowering ceremony at Fort Clark, social hour at the Civic Center with Julio's tamales, chips and dips, and music by Les Roper and dancing to the music of The Desperados. Sunday sunrise service at the Old Quarry was led by Rev. Joe Townsend, and a noon barbecue at the Fort Clark swim park area was served by "Chicken" Dimery.

Scholarships Funded

Reunion planners have announced that \$400 scholarships will be awarded to two 1994 Brackett graduates in honor of deceased classmates and teachers Abel Martinez '53, Arturo Rivas '49, Mrs. Fred Poehler, Mr. Kenneth Flory, Mrs. Weimer Wall Converse, and others.



1951 Regional Football Champs

Plunker Sheedy hosted a barbecue at the Sheedy Ranch for the 1951 Regional Football Champs. Attending were, top row, Ernest Jaso (#18), Henry Talamantez (#19), Richard Cardenas (#28) and Manager Pablo Gonzalez.

Middle row: Host Plunker Sheedy (#24), Flavio Talamantez (#37), and Victor Hernandez (#32). Bottom row: Eulogio Gomez (#34), Paul Sandoval (#33), David Laman (#29), Narciso Garcia (#35), and Richard Jaso (#25).



Class Of '53

Richard Talamantez, Odilia Pena Gomez, Victor Hernandez, Ruby Pena Rangel, Eulogio Gomez, Oralia Davalos Cortez, Alfred Pena, Mary Sam Williams York, Plunker Sheedy, Paul Sandoval, Ernest Gomez, Doris Palmer Overlay. Attending but not pictured were Ray Pena and Richard Cardenas.



Class of '49

Joe York Jr., Sue Freeman, Manuel Cardenas, Roger Perez.



Class of '50

Arturo Pena, Joan Snyder Batty, Jerry Jenkins.



Class of '51

Oralia Esparza Jackson, Carlos Talamantez, Carmen Berlanga, Gaudelia Ramos Alcalá.



Class of '52

Jack Neimeier, Andres Cadena, Delia Gomez Smith, Alfred Castro, Henry Talamantez.



Class of '54

Top row: David Laman, Pablo Gonzales, Dudley Farr. Bottom row: Maedell McCallum Carstarphen, Betty Laman Tidwell, Cordelia Derengowski Barlow. Attending but not pictured Margaret Ramos Rojas.



Class of '55

Back row: Ray Carpenter, Pete Castillo, Arminio Alcalá, Narciso Garcia. Front row: Josie Garcia Pena, Elia Fuentes Garcia, Edith Blackman Buie.

County Agent News

By Allan McWilliams



Big changes in the Texas Agricultural Extension Service equal some other efforts in several state agencies. The Extension Service has decided to restructure in order to cut administrative costs and respond to the changing needs of the state. The plan reduces the number of Extension districts serving the state from 14 to 12. Dr. Zerle Carpenter, Director of the Extension Service, said none of the Extension Programs, active in every county, will be curtailed because of the change. The plan eliminates one of the two current district offices, located in Overton, and one of the two located at the Bryan annex of Texas A&M University.

Landscape Checklist For September

Prune dead or diseased wood from trees and shrubs. Hold off on major pruning from now until mid-winter. Severe pruning now will only stimulate tender new growth prior to frost.

Late-summer pruning of rose bushes can be beneficial. Prune out dead canes and any weak, bushy-type growth. Cut back tall, vigorous bushes to about 30 inches. After pruning, apply a complete fertilizer and water thoroughly.

If a preventative disease control program has been maintained, your rose bushes should be ready to provide an excellent crop of flowers this fall.

Plant bluebonnet seeds now. This cold season annual must germinate in late summer or early fall, develop a good root system, and be ready to grow in spring when the weather warms. Plant the seeds in 1/2 inch deep, well-prepared soil, and water thoroughly.

Establish a new compost pile now for fall leaf accumulation.

Don't allow plants with green fruit or berries to suffer from lack of moisture. Hollies will frequently drop their fruit under drought conditions.

Caladiums require plenty of water at this time of year if they are to remain lush and active until fall. Fertilize with 21-0-0 at the rate of 1/2 to 1/2 pound per 100 square feet of bed area and water thoroughly.

Divide spring-flowering perennials such as iris, shasta daisy, canas and violets.

Prepare the beds for spring-flowering bulbs as soon as possible. It's important to cultivate the soil and add generous amounts of organic matter to improve the water drainage. Bulbs will rot without proper drainage.

Rejuvenate heat-stressed geraniums and begonias for the fall season by lightly pruning, fertilizing and watering.

Continue a disease spray schedule on roses for blackspot and mildew as they both can be extremely damaging in September and October. Funginex, used every 7 to 14 days, will usually give excellent control.

Christmas cactus can be made to flower by supplying 12 hours of uninterrupted darkness and cool nights (around 55% F.) for a month starting in mid-October. Keep plants on the dry side for a month prior to the treatment.

For more information contact the Kinney County Extension Office.

Crop Disaster Applications Are Due September 17

Producers have until September 17 to file crop disaster claims on 1990-1992 losses, and for certain 1993-1995 crop losses caused by hurricane/typhoon damage.

Jan Wanoreck, County Executive Director of the Val Verde-Kinney County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, said farmers have longer to apply for 1993 crop losses caused by natural disasters. The final date for those applications is March 4, 1994.

Producers with quality losses from 1990 to 1992 crops, 1990 to 1992 production losses because of a curly top virus condition in sugar beets, or 1993 to 1995 crop losses because of Hurricanes Andrew and Iniki and Typhoon Omar should file a disaster application before September 17, Official Wanoreck said.

Grants Available For Farmers/Ranchers

Kinney County Judge Tim Ward received a communication from the Texas Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, regarding Public Law 103-75, which President Bill Clinton signed on August 12. He has passed the information on and *The Brackett News* is pleased to print it.

Dear Judge Ward: One of the provisions of the law provides grants for farmers and ranchers who have experienced 1993 crop losses because of damaging weather. The application period for this part of the program ends March 4, 1994.

In addition, the law also allows producers to file quality loss claims for the years 1990, 1991, 1992; and established a deadline of September 17, 1993, for farmers to apply.

Farmers and ranchers should contact their local Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service representative for details.

Sincerely,
/s/ Tom Millwee
State Coordinator

Texas Department Of Commerce Opens New Office In Mexico City

Governor Ann Richards and Cathy Bonner, executive director of the Texas Department of Commerce, were in Mexico City September 15 to take part in the grand opening of the new State of Texas Office. Although Commerce has operated a foreign trade office in Mexico since 1971, the September 15 ceremony represents expansion, growth, and strength through partnership.

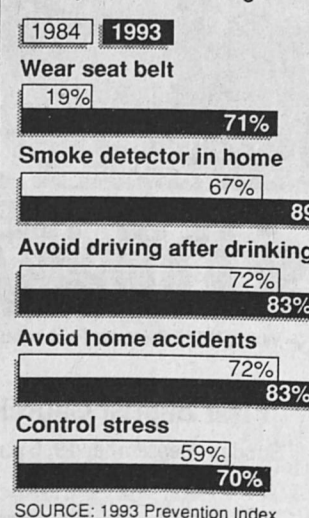
Commerce joined with Texas A&M University to share office space in a cost-saving, cost-sharing initiative. The new office opens room for Commerce to add a Tourism specialist to the State of Texas Office staff and represents Texas A&M's first facility in Mexico used to sponsor programs for students and faculty, as well as for business symposia.

The State of Texas Office, Mexico City, was established to create jobs for Texans by promoting the export of Texas goods and services, by promoting foreign direct investment into Texas, and by promoting Texas as a major international tourist destination.

Business owners interested in reaching the Mexico City Office or other foreign trade offices in Japan, Taiwan, or Germany are encouraged to call Commerce's Office of International Marketing at 512-320-9669.

Measuring U.S. health habits

The health behavior of U.S. adults has improved over the past 10 years, according to a survey. Selected findings:



Greet Each Day With A Smile

Natasha's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The signals you receive in business may be unclear. Make sure you know what is expected of you. A friend asks for your help. Guard against extravagant shopping on impulse and overspending on pleasure interests. Honor a social obligation this weekend.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Read the fine print on travel brochures when making plans for a vacation. Advice you receive this week seems contradictory. Behind-the-scenes business moves pay off for you. Don't let one thing going wrong spoil your whole week. Avoid domestic quarrels.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be down-to-earth and practical where money interests are concerned this week. Resist fly-by-night propositions. A date may be cancelled now or a trip may have to be postponed. Don't get discouraged or become reckless in the aftermath. Watch argumentativeness this weekend.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Mix-ups in communications impede collaborative efforts this week. Couples should listen to each other carefully. Self-discipline and hard work bring work gains. Home-based activities bring joy. A friend is somewhat difficult this weekend.

LEO (July 23 to August 22). Concentrative powers may not be at their best, and work performance may be erratic. A change in your daily routine is likely now. Being too pushy or aggressive could rub a higher-up the wrong way. Try not to force issues.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Work progress may be less than you had hoped for this week. You may take issue with what you feel is unmerited criticism. Guard against wasteful spending. Social plans may

be upset now or a child acts up. The weekend finds you in a working mood and very productive.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) An expected home delivery may not be on time. A relative's unconventional behavior surprises you. Real estate dealings aren't favored. A friend may be out of sorts. Responsibilities in connection with children take priority now.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Things seem to be in a muddle regarding a career endeavor this week. An important paper may be misplaced. You are better off doing things yourself now than counting on the cooperation of others. Be low-key at work.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Use good judgment when shopping now or you may purchase something you really don't need. Interruptions may interfere with getting down to work. Try not to rush things when you finally get started. A familiar haunt is fun this weekend, but romance is iffy.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Try to keep a relative abreast of your schedule this week. Don't keep family members waiting if possible. You may be upset this week about a financial concern. Try to be levelheaded in business now. Keep your feet on the ground.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Facts are hard to come by now. Someone is not telling the truth or doesn't know what they are taking about. Your moods tend to vary this week. At first, you seem down, then you are overly exuberant. The weekend brings an accomplishment of a mental nature.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Unexpected expenses could crop up now. An undependable friend shouldn't be counted on. It is best to do things yourself this week rather than to rely on others.

Vision Teaser



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Name tag is removed. 2. Sign is missing. 3. Ketchup is reversed. 4. Expression is changed. 5. Hand is moved. 6. Escalator is reversed.

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WORDS CONTAINING "SHE"

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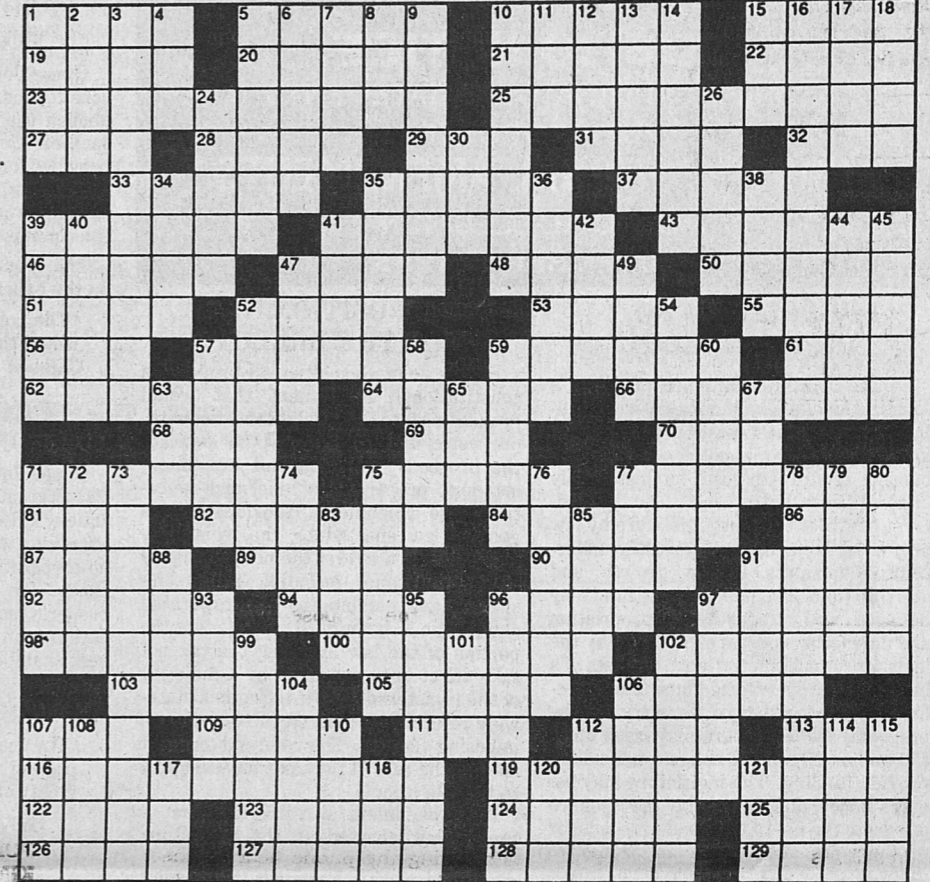
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Super Crossword

ACROSS
1 Women's suffrage leader Carrie
5 Extremely cold
10 He was beloved as "Mr. Chips"
15 His play inspired "My Fair Lady"
19 Moslem title
20 Soap plant
21 Funeral oration
22 Lively dance
23 Long-running Broadway hit of the '80s
25 Tom Cruise/Nicole Kidman film
27 Droop with weariness
28 Eye amorously
29 Scott Hamilton's stage
31 Verdi heroine
32 Clues.
33 School, to Simone
35 Actor's shadow?
37 — on Sunday (movie)
39 Poe wrote of her
41 "Random Harvest" plot device
43 Musical Nelson
46 Barbara and

DOWN
1 They get slapped in old movies
2 Home of the Taj Mahal
3 Buster Keaton movie
4 Chinese pagoda
5 Flock of geese
6 Author Zola
7 Knowledge or learning
8 — Take "Romance"
9 Secret schemes
10 Self-protection
11 Palm leaf
12 She lived in "A Doll's House"
13 Once more
14 "Love Me —"
15 TV's — "Na Na"
16 Anthony Hopkins movie
17 Isles off Ireland
18 Routes or courses
24 Open tracts of wasteland
26 "Dark Victory" star
30 So-so grade
34 Baseball pitching star
35 South American river
36 Long scolding
76 "From —"

speech and hungry
Reverse "goblin"
77 Bridge coup
78 Bonnie Raitt 1989 album
79 Dutch cheeses
80 Street show
83 Winter vehicle
85 They're seen in the Seine Part of a Greek tetrachord
87 "— Doonee" author
89 Bureau compartment
101 New Guinea town
102 More vicious Roman matron's garment
106 "Lust for Life" author
107 Partially open
108 Sumatra wildcat
110 Meanly complacent
112 Command to Rover
114 Pierre's girlfriend
115 Skier's aid
117 To lamb stamp or imp
121 Mad scientist's place



**Kinney County Cowboy Cauldron
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September 17 & 18, 1993**

Happy Birthday!

- Sept. 16 Josefina Sanchez
- Sept. 17 Rosalie Dalton
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- Sept. 18 Marge Batchelor
- Sept. 19 Agapito Saenz
- Sept. 20 Wil Shahan
- Sept. 21 Molly Schroeder
- Sept. 21 Carolina Longoria
- Sept. 21 Brian Hooker
- Sept. 22 Kandace LaMascus
- Sept. 22 Frank Taylor

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Fishing Report



AMISTAD: Water clear, 6 feet low; black bass are slow to 6 1/2 pounds on worms; striper action picking up on the surface with topwaters; catfish are good to 6 pounds in 25-40 feet of water on trotlines.

BRAUNIG: Water murky, 90 degrees, normal level; black bass are good early to 4 pounds along reed beds on topwaters, plastic worms and jigs; crappie are slow; catfish are fair to 3 pounds on cut bait and shad along the discharge area; redfish are fair to 12 pounds on live bait and trolling on silver spoons in 18-20 feet of water.

CALVAREAS: Water murky, 89 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass are good to 4 pounds on tilapia and Rat-L-Traps in 3 to 5 feet of water around vegetation and shallow rocky areas early; crappie are slow; catfish are excellent to 7 pounds on shad, liver and cheese baits in shallow water near the shoreline; redfish are good to 20 pounds on perch and Tony Accetta spoons; corvina are good to 17 pounds on perch, spoons, and Redfins very early in shallow water near the dam.

CHOKO: Water clear, 87 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass are fair to 10 pounds in 3-10 feet around grass beds on topwaters, spinners, tequila sunrise worms and shad colored soft jerk baits near the points in deeper water; crappie are good but most are running small and are caught on live minnows under the bridges; catfish are in 5-10 feet of water near the outer edge of grass and are caught on cheesebait; white bass are good schooling in the middle of lake trolling chrome colored cranks.

COLETO CREEK: Water clear, 83 degrees, largemouth bass are fair to 14 inches on plastic worms and Slug-Gos around weed beds early; crappie are poor; catfish are excellent to 4 pounds on cut bait and perch baited trotlines.

CORPUS CHRISTI: Water clear, 3 feet low; black bass are picking up to keeper sized on tequila sunrise worms in 10-15 feet of water; crappie are good on live minnows and jigs in 15 feet of water off the piers; catfish are fair to 18 pounds on trotlines; striper are good to keeper sized below the dam when the gates are open.

FALCON: Water clear, 85 degrees, 12 feet low; black bass are good to 9 pounds on cranks, spinners and worms in 5-15 feet of water with steady bites through the day; catfish are good to 5 pounds on shrimp and stink baits in 10 feet of water; striper are good to 15 pounds on Knocker Spoons and live bait in deep water around drop-offs, ridges and near the dam.

MEDINA: Water clear, 86 degrees, 6 1/2 feet low; black bass are good to 9 pounds on topwaters and spinners early and then worms later in the day along drop-offs in 10-20 feet of water; crappie are slow; catfish are fair to 23 pounds on jug lines baited with live perch; rod and reel action is good to 4 pounds on shrimp and nightcrawlers; white bass and striper are slow.

TEXANA: Water murky in main lake, clear in creeks, 1 foot low; black bass are fair to 4 pounds on tequila sunrise worms along the brushy banks, some crank bait action at same location; crappie are fair on minnows to 10-15 fish per string in the Navidad River and Sandies Creek; catfish are slow; white bass are starting to school and can be caught on topwaters and L'il Georges.

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News from... *The Pastor's Pen* GILASH

First Baptist Church

Paul Harvey told how an Eskimo kills a wolf. He coats his knife blade with blood from an animal and lets it freeze on the blade. Then he adds another coat of blood and then another. As each coat freezes he adds another smear of blood until the blade is hidden deep within a substantial thickness of frozen blood.

Then he buries the knife, blade up, in the frozen tundra. The wolf catches the scent of fresh blood and begins to lick it. He licks it more and more feverishly until the blade is bare. Then he keeps on licking har-

der and harder. Because of the cold he never notices the pain of the blade till he bleeds to death, swallowing his own life.

That is the way the devil works on us. He gives us a taste of sin knowing we will crave more. We go deeper and deeper in satisfying our desires. We never notice the blade inside until it is too late. Only when we are dying do we realize we have swallowed our own life in sin. We need to be aware of the blade of sin beneath Satan's deceptive sugar coating. It is deadly.

St. John's Baptist Church

Pastor Wm. P. Adams, Sr.
210-563-9175

Trust In The Lord

Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

Delight thyself also in the Lord, and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Commit thy way unto the Lord; Trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass.

Praise God! Psalm 37:3-5

Frontier Baptist Church

By Joe Townsend

"Simon, Satan hath asked to sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you that your faith fail not", is a most revealing Scripture found in Luke 22:31.

Jesus has just established The Lord's Supper and is on his way eventually to be crucified. Peter had loudly sworn fidelity to him, "even to prison and to death."

Jesus let him know that Satan would soon try to subvert him. The Lord's knowledge of the future is perfect. He knows everything about every person, the past, the present and the future. No act of any person can be hid from God.

He knew Peter would soon deny Him, would repent and show remorse and be restored to warm support of the Lord. The Lord was concerned for Peter even though he forsook Him and denied knowing Him, Peter was in special danger and Jesus cared.

The Lord's intercession guarantees our security. Peter failed but the Lord brought him to new heights.

These words reveal something about the devil. His object is to destroy the child of God. It is hot news when Jimmy Swaggart sins and the media bleeds it dry for months and years. Let some movie star or TV personality do the same thing or worse and it only enhances the rating.

One was a servant of the Lord and was stifling the devil while the other is a child of the devil and enhances his destructive character.

Anything the devil does is to destroy faith in God and his children. These words reveal something about ourselves. We, like Peter, are blind to our own sins and failures. Somehow we can accept and condone our faults and sins. It's only what the other person does that is wrong.

We, like Peter, need the deeper grace of God to sustain and aid us. We, like Peter can be transformed by the grace of God. Satan sifted Peter but all he got was the chaff. As result of the testing Peter became the greatest preacher among the apostles. Three thousand people were saved in one afternoon when Peter preached. He became the outstanding leader of Christians in Jerusalem and throughout the land.

Our sins never glorify the Lord but if we are humble and repentant He can use them for His glory.

Many hearts were blessed as they followed the thinking of this Scripture at Frontier Baptist Church last Sunday. Another message from the word of God awaits those who attend Frontier Baptist Church next Sunday morning at 11:00.

Come and see.



Golden Wedding Anniversary Party Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Downing, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Downing, Sr. celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, September 11, 1993. Hosts for the reception at the Cavalry Room of Las Moras Inn were their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. James N. Higdon of San Antonio, and their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. C. Gordon Downing, Jr. of Eagle Pass. Joining in the event were their four grandsons and one granddaughter.

Lt. Charles Downing and the former Jean Palloy met on a blind date May 29, 1943, became engaged July 4, and were married in the Methodist Church of Eagle Pass on September 11, 1943.

On April 27, 1944, Charles left for the South Pacific and returned November 19, 1945. The couple made their home in Eagle Pass until

they retired and moved to Fort Clark Springs in 1982.

They have remained involved in community activities. To name a few, Jean is a 47-year member of Order of the Eastern Star and has served as Worthy Matron three times. Both she and Charles are members of Del Rio Chapter #204 and attend regularly. Charles holds dual Masonic membership in both the Eagle Pass and Las Moras lodges and also belongs to the National Sojourners.

They both hold leadership positions in the First United Methodist Church of Brackettville.

Charles is a historian and devotes a great deal of his time and energy researching and developing the Old Guardhouse Museum on Fort Clark. Jean is an ardent bridge player.

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St. Andrews Episcopal Church: Henderson & Fort, Sunday Church Service 10:30 A.M. Vicar: Rev. Bill Koons, 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, 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: N. Ann St., Sunday School 9:30 A.M., Worship Service 10:30 A.M., Bible Study Sunday 6:30 P.M., Wednesday 7:00 P.M.

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church: Masses Monday and Friday 7:00 A.M., Wednesday and Saturday 6:30 P.M., Sunday (Spanish) 8:00 A.M., Regular 10:30 A.M. Confession Wednesday and Saturday 6:00 P.M. Religion Classes Wednesday 6:00 P.M. Sunday 9:00 A.M. Prayer Meeting (Spanish) Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Fr. 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 Wednesday 5:00 P.M., Gordon Miller, Pastor.

St. John's Baptist Church: Crockett Street at Keene Street. Sunday services, Sunday School 10:00 A.M., Worship 11:00 A.M.; Wednesday, Bible Study, 7:00 P.M. William P. Adams, Sr. Pastor, 563-9175.

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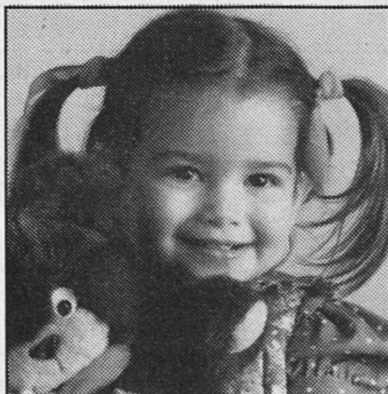
This meeting is scheduled to determine if there is adequate interest in holding Lutheran worship services.

Contact Jerry O'Brien, 563-2047

Happy 38th Anniversary September 13, 1955



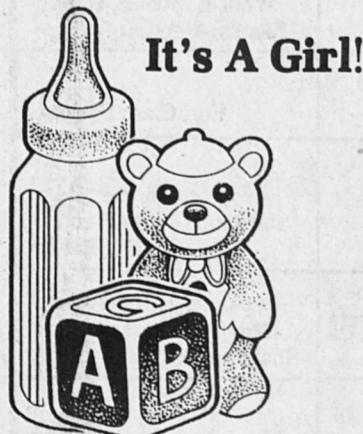
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Megan Lee was born on September 7, 1993, 5:15 p.m. at Val Verde Memorial Hospital. She weighed 7lbs 6 oz.

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