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



Masonic District Deputy Attends Dinner

Masonic District Deputy Allan MacGillivray and Mrs. (Jeri) MacGillivray of Del Rio are seated with Junior Warden Jack Taunt and Mrs. Taunt at the Past Masters Dinner hosted by Las Moras Masonic Lodge #444 Saturday, November 13. Additional pictures are on page 7.

RGEC Achieves Accreditation

Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, Inc. (RGE) announced that it has achieved Safety Accreditation through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). Electric cooperatives which desire to attain Safety Accreditation must overcome significant hurdles, not the least of which is proper documentation of accidents, investigations, steps to mitigation, and training of employees.

NRECA, a Washington based trade association, of which RGE is a member, working in conjunction with the Texas Engineering Extension Service, a part of the Texas A&M University System, has

determined that RGE has met all of the objectives of its Safety Accreditation program. This determination comes as the result of an inspection of RGE's facilities and equipment, accident prevention plans, job safety analysis sheets, and much more.

Clinton Brown, the Cooperative's Loss Control Advisor said, "Safety Accreditation is a major step in the cooperative's effort to improve its safety program." Brown went on to say that "this could not be accomplished were it not for the hard work and dedication of Rio Grande's employees."

The utility's General Manager, Dan Laws, said both he and the Board of Directors are very proud of this accomplishment. Laws also stated that "the most significant benefit here is that we have created a safer working environment for our employees."

Rio Grande Electric Cooperative is a consumer owned electric utility, which serves approximately 27,000 square miles of rural Southwest and West Texas, making it the largest cooperative in the nation.

Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, Inc. maintains its main office in Brackettville where both Mr. Brown and Mr. Laws are headquartered.

State Comptroller Sends November Sales Tax Rebates To Texas Cities And Counties

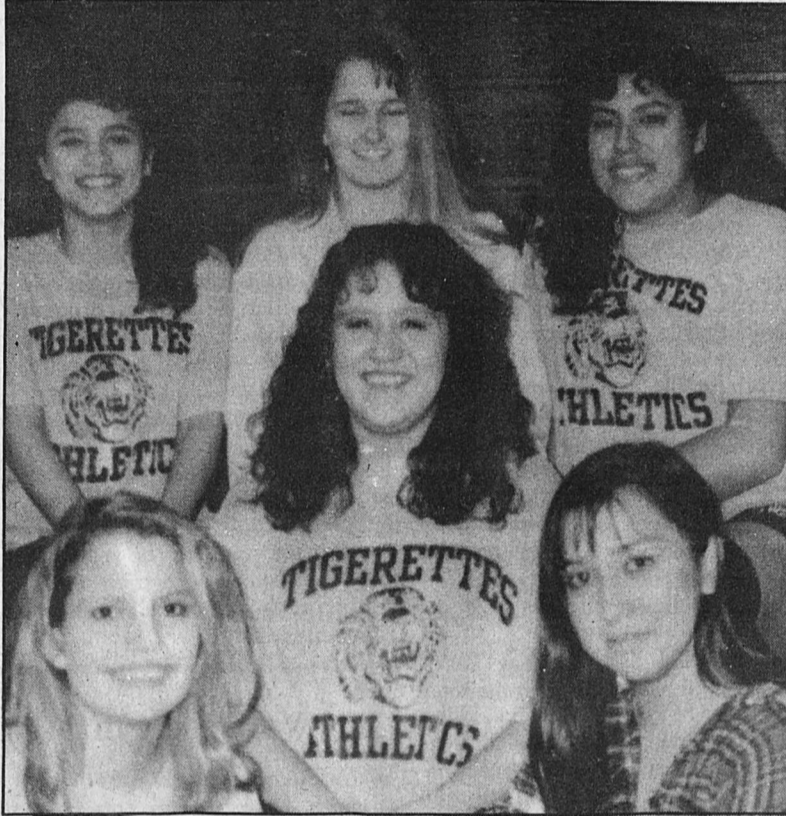
"The economic climate in Texas continues to show improvement," State Comptroller John Sharp said as he sent a total of \$188.4 million in November sales tax rebates to 1,072 Texas cities and 109 counties. This reflects a 16.2% increase in consumer spending over the same period last year.

This month's sales tax payments include taxes collected by monthly filers on September sales and by quarterly filers for July, August and September, and reported to the Comptroller in October.

The City of Brackettville, with a current sales tax rate of 1.00% received a rebate of \$6,622.90 compared to \$4,614.59 for the same period last year. However, the year to date total was down: received to date this year \$44,751.49 compared to \$45,272.17 for the same period of time last year.

Kinney County Health Service (EMS) with a rate of .50% received \$2,559.70 which made a total of \$11,487.95 for the year. The tax became effective on April 1 so there is no comparison.

Six Tigerettes Named To Coveted All-District Volleyball Squad



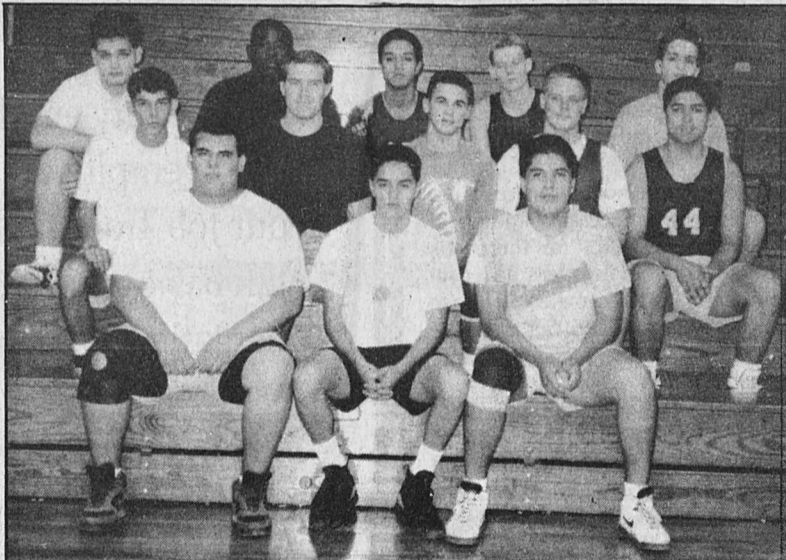
Friday, November 12, the volleyball coaches of District 31-AA met to select a dream team - the all-district volleyball team.

Brackett ranked right at the top with the placement of six to the all-district squad.

Named to the first team, top row left to right, were Jennifer Terrazas, Amanda Davis, and Lolly Hernandez.

Sandra Samaniego, middle row, was named to the second team. Denice Frerich and Ida Aguillar earned honorable mention.

"Lucky Thirteen" Tigers Gain All District Football Honors

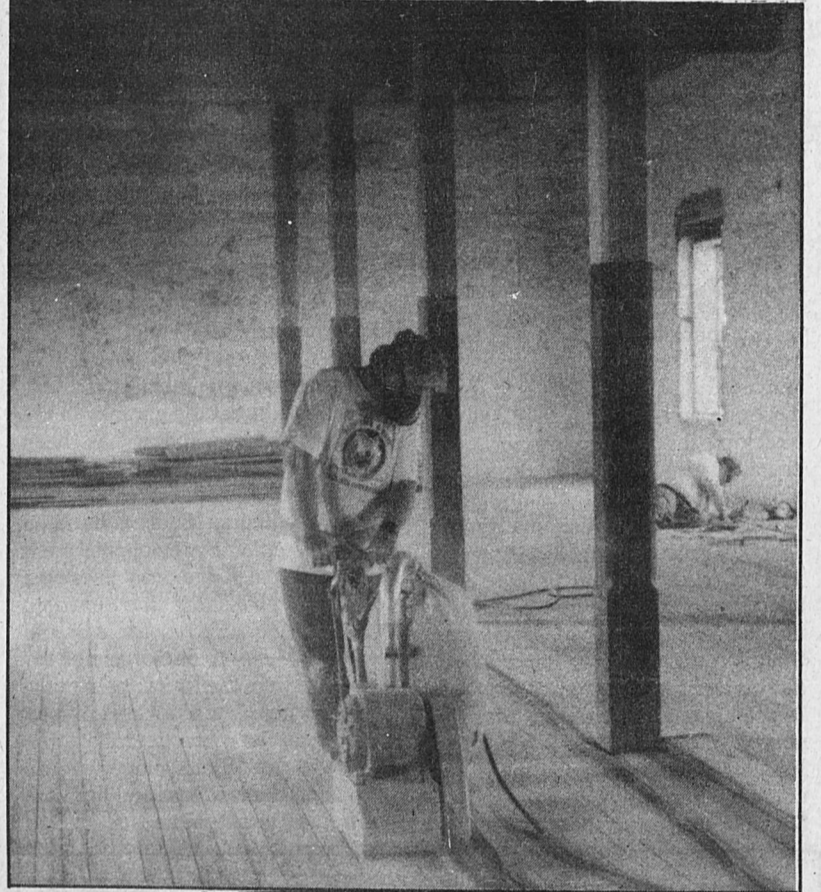


Thirteen may not be a lucky number for some but for thirteen Tiger football players, it was. They were selected by the coaches in District 31-AA to the All District Football Team.

First row from left, Manny Ramon, offensive lineman, Jesse Terrazas, defensive back and second team wide receiver, Lupe Rodriguez, defensive lineman.

Second row from left, Matthew Rocha, defensive back, Dale Smith, defensive line, Kelly Henrich, defensive rover, Wil Shahan, kicker, and Moses Hernandez, running back.

Earning honorable mention were, top row from left, Matthew Benacci, offensive lineman, Earl Wright, defensive line, Ramon DeLeon, defensive back and running back, Patrick Melancon, defensive end, and Michael Benacci, offensive line.



Convention Co-Chairman Ron Ralph, Waco, spent the past week end sanding the second floor planking at the Commissionary Building.

Spelunkers Already Making Big Contributions AT Fort Clark

For the past fifty years birds, bats, rats, and coons have occupied the second floor of the Commissionary Building on Fort Clark. If they made a deposit when they moved in, they sure don't deserve a refund because they left a big mess!

The first floor has been made usable, in fact, The Troopers Reunion has been headquartered there the past four years, but the second floor has just set idle, neglected, and deteriorating.

Now, the Commissionary is getting a new lease on life. The National Speleological Society chose Kinney County as the site of its June 20-24, 1994, convention. Between 1200 and 1400 people from throughout the United States and some foreign countries, China for instance, are expected to attend. Fascinated by the structure itself and desperately needing meeting space, the "Spelunkers" volunteered to put the Commissionary in usable order.

Thursday through Sunday, November 11-14, 1993, a half dozen small tents were pitched at the north side of the building and a "cook shack" was erected on the south porch of the building as about twenty Spelunkers from across Texas gathered to begin the task of putting the building in usable condition...at their expense.

Cleaning out the accumulated waste was a major task, in fact,

masks had to be worn. Walls were scraped and cleaned, floor planking was sanded, boards replaced as needed, stairs were checked, and wiring was evaluated and replaced where necessary.

Among the names and faces we can expect to become very familiar with in the next few months are Publicity Chairman Michael Anderson of Fort Worth, Jay Jordan of Dallas and Ron Ralph of Waco, the co-chairmen, New Braunfels' Mike Walsh..., they are doing manual work right along with a large group of cavers.

This convention may be one of the largest ever to convene in Kinney County. Possibly half of the people in attendance will either come early to complete the final preparations, stay late to take care of post-details, and/or to tour the area in addition to the five days of convention. Every business, and every person, in Kinney County can feel the impact. It behooves us to be good hosts, and it will take the cooperation and hospitality of every one of us.

Press releases will be shared through the paper to keep the community apprised of the progress.

The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce will host a slide presentation in the near future so that every interested person can be well aware of just who and what Cavers are, why they chose Kinney County, and what we and they can expect while they are here.



Veterans Day Observance

Fort Clark Springs VFW Post and Auxiliary

Fort Clark Springs VFW Post and Auxiliary #8360, along with veterans, family and friends, gathered at the VFW Cemetery, Brackettville, on Memorial Day to honor fallen comrades.

Great American Smokeout

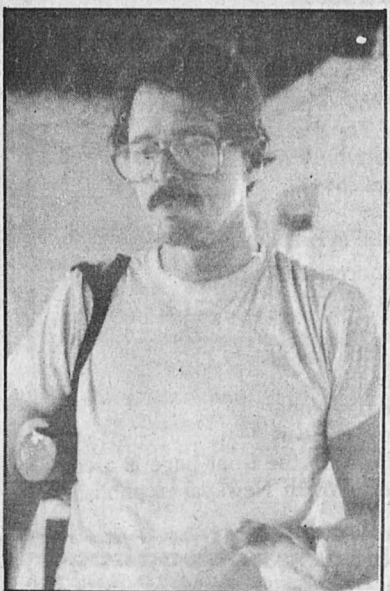
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School Board Accepts Resignation Of Band Director Crane

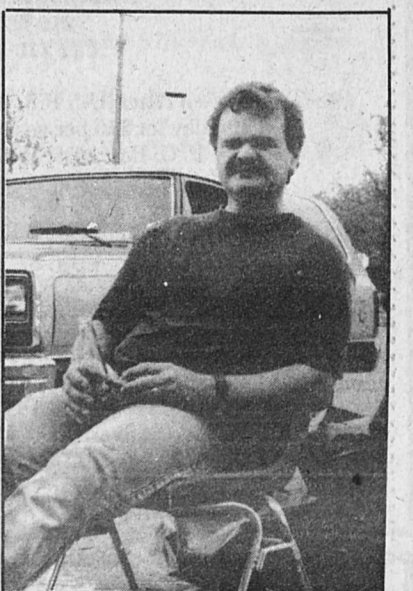
During an emergency meeting held by the Brackett Independent School District Board of Trustees on Monday, November 15, 1993, the resignation of Band Director Lynette Crane was received and accepted.

Ms. Crane voluntarily resigned her position with the Brackett Independent School District.

Ms. Crane's musical talents which advanced a poor band program into a program which has competed on the state level will be greatly missed.



JAY JORDON
Fort Worth
Convention Co-Chairman

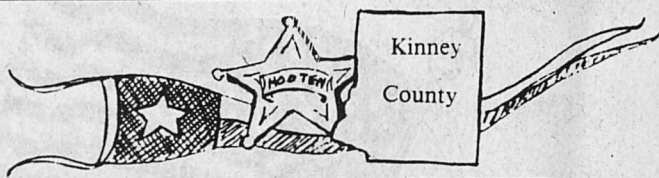


MICHAEL ANDERSON
Fort Worth
Convention Publicity Chairman

Welcome Hunters

Sheriff's Corner

By Sheriff Norman H. Hooten



A disturbance at the Senior Citizen's Apartment complex on West Spring St. in Brackettville Saturday, November 13th led to the arrest of a 38 year old resident of that complex on charges of Disorderly Conduct and Public Intoxication after a second complaint on the man was received Saturday afternoon. A prior complaint received earlier that day had been investigated and the man warned that continued harassment of his neighbors would result in his arrest. Subsequent to his arrest he was transported to the County Jail, booked on the charges, and held in lieu of bonds totalling \$700.00 until his trial on Wednesday, November 17th at which time he pled guilty as charged and fined \$250.00 including court costs and given credit for time served in jail. He was then released.

Another report of a man causing a disturbance was received by the Sheriff's office Monday night, November 15th, and Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter responded to the call for assistance received from Pico's on Hwy. 90 in Brackettville. Upon his arrival a short time later it was determined that a 24 year old Brackettville man had entered the store and demanded that the clerk on duty either loan him some money to buy more beer or give him some beer. As he was obviously intoxicated the clerk refused both demands and the man then started wrecking the store, damaging merchandise. He also made threats of violence to the clerk. A subsequent investigation into the matter by Deputy Fritter led to the man's arrest at the scene and he was transported to the County Jail and booked on charges of Disorderly Conduct and Public Intoxication, and an additional charge of Criminal Mischief was added. He, too, appeared in court on Wednesday, November 17th, and pled guilty as charged. He was fined a total of \$300.00 plus court costs of \$130.50

and ordered to pay restitution to Pico's in the amount of \$65.00. He was given 8 days in which to pay his fine, court costs, and make restitution.

Even though the City of Brackettville finally signed an Interlocal Agreement with the Sheriff's Office through the Commissioners Court for City law enforcement services which, in part, gave authority to peace officers of the Sheriff's Department to enforce City ordinances, a vacuum still exists in city law enforcement in that the City has failed to provide a Municipal Judge with which to file City cases with. Without a Municipal Judge there is no Municipal Court, and without a Municipal Court we have no means with which to effectively enforce either City ordinances or traffic laws on City streets in Brackettville unless those laws are covered by state laws, and then the cases would have to be filed in Justice Court with the funds received on convictions going to the County instead of the City.

The Interlocal Agreement was signed in late August, 1993, and went into effect on September 1, 1993. The City had not budgeted funds for a Municipal Judge for the new fiscal year 1993-94 which went into effect on October 1, 1993 and repeated request from this writer and at least one member of the City council to address the vacancy in the position of City Judge has been ignored thus far by the City. I recently submitted a letter to the City Council outlining the serious need for action, either by the appointment of a Municipal Judge or by passing a resolution abolishing the position, the effect of such a resolution would allow the Mayor to once again be ex-officio judge of the Municipal Court.

Under state law in a General Law city such as Brackettville, the Mayor is ex-officio judge of the Municipal Court unless and until the position of an appointed or elected

municipal judge is created by ordinance passed by the city. If and when such an ordinance is passed the mayor is no longer ex-officio judge and cannot be until and if an ordinance is passed by the city abolishing the previously created position of municipal judge. Why the City has failed to address this serious vacuum in City law enforcement is known only to those in City Hall. Since the City has agreed to pay a fee of \$1,000.00 a month for law enforcement services to the County it would seem that the City Council would want to take immediate and affirmative action in this matter since traffic citations and other violations could be cited in Municipal Court and would bring in funds in the form of fines and court costs to offset the agreed fees for services. At the very least it would seem that the City Council would want to take action that would eliminate this vacuum in City law enforcement for the benefit of the residents, citizens, taxpayers, and others within the City Limits.

This current attitude of ignoring this serious problem is certainly not an indication that they have the best interest at heart. Why would this problem continue to be ignored? Politics? Bad leadership? Bad business? Or perhaps a combination of all three? Why am I concerned? Because I am interested in providing the very best possible law enforcement services for the people of Brackettville and Kinney County and the lack of a Municipal Court in which to file certain cases and/or violations of City ordinances and traffic laws limits our ability to provide the BEST service possible. Therefore, through this week's column I publicly request the Brackettville City Council to take some type AFFIRMATIVE action regarding this matter as soon as possible.

DID YOU KNOW: That Texas ranks third in the nation in the total number of peace officers killed overall? And, Texas ranks first in the nation in the number of peace officers killed in the line of duty over the past three years? To date there are a total of 738 Texas lawmen recorded to have been killed in the line of duty since Texas became a state.

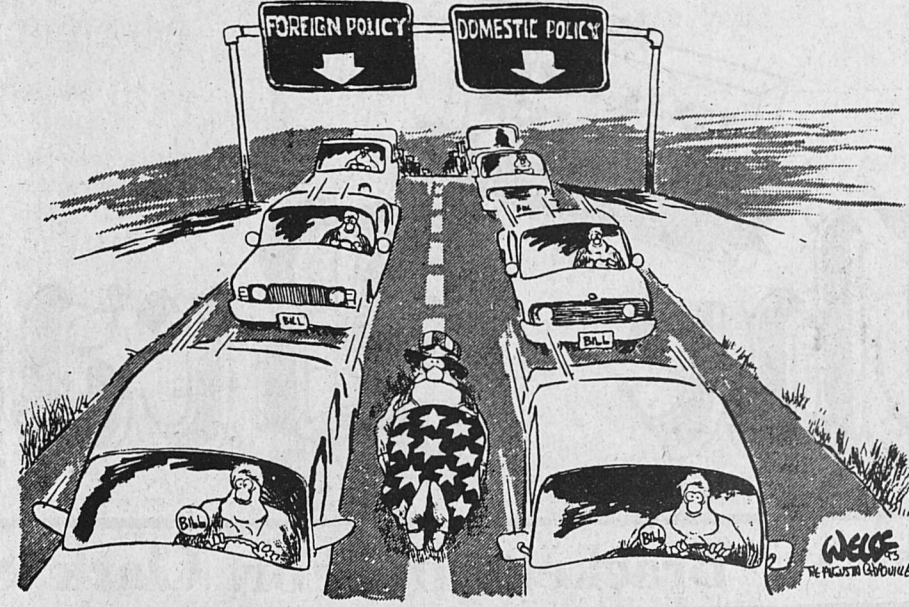
With this in mind I have joined hundreds of other Texas law enforcement officers in the State of Texas in an effort to raise \$1.6 million dollars by September 15, 1994 needed to build the Peace Officer's Memorial Monument to be erected on the State Capitol grounds during Police Week in May, 1995. This project was passed into law by the Texas Legislature in 1989 providing for the design and construction of a memorial to peace officers slain in the line of duty, however, NO STATE TAX REVENUE may be used for the memorial construction. Therefore it is necessary to appeal to the private sector for the funds necessary to complete this beautiful monument to acknowledge those who have served and fallen in the line of duty protecting the people of Texas.

It will take a donation of approximately \$2,000.00 for each of the 738 officers who have died in the line of duty to have the monument erected in their honor, so please write or call if you are willing to help. You may contact JOE F. MUNOZ, Project Manager at either: 304 West 13th St., Austin, Texas 78701, or; (512) 495-9111, or; 1-800-252-8153. Mr. Munoz can then give you specific instructions as to how to best make your donation to this very important project.

THAT'S ALL! Sports Quiz by Larry Duncan

- MINNESOTA VIKINGS**
1. Name the only Viking defensive player to have at least 10 interceptions in a single season.
 2. What kicker holds the Viking record for the longest lifetime field goal?
 3. Name the first Viking non-kicker to score over 100 points in a single season.
 4. Name the only Viking ever to catch over 10 touchdown passes in a single season.
 5. Name the first ever head coach of the Vikings in 1961.
 6. Name the first Viking QB ever to lead Minnesota to a Super Bowl appearance.
 7. Name the four teams who have defeated the Vikings in the Super Bowl.
 8. What Viking QB has the most lifetime interceptions?

©1993 by King Features Synd. Oakland; 8 Fran Tarkenton with 194 Kansas City, Miami, Pittsburgh, Brooklyn; 6 Joe Kapp in 1969; 7 Rehow had 11; 5 Norm Van TD's for 132 points; 4 In 1961, Jerry In 1975, Chuck Foreman had 22 Jan Stenerud at 54 yards in 1984; 3. In 1975, Paul Krause had 10; 2.



Between Us

By Joe Townsend.



This is Tuesday. The NAFTA battle will be over by the time this is printed. It will have been approved and this continent will be on the verge of great development for many years to come.

In a recent column I bemoaned the fact that the administration had stooped to debate Ross Perot. I noted that his arrogant tactics and smart-alec one liners would give him exposure far beyond his deserts. How wrong I was.

It turned out to be a strategic masterpiece. There is no other way Ross Perot could have been squelched and proven to be nothing but a mouth like Vice President Gore made him to be revealed before the world. He tried all his tricks to be cute and clever but miserably failed.

Who would have dreamed that after more than an hour of T.V. exposure, not one single "one liner," not one single pithy statement, not one livable agreement survived the program.

His every effort to sidestep the issue failed as the Vice President said, "Can we discuss NAFTA?" The nation owes the success of the campaign to the tipping of the scale by Gore.

To reveal some of the insidious opposition there is no better example than a representative from Florida. He said, "I'm opposed to NAFTA but I could be persuaded to support it if Mexico would agree to return to the U.S. for trial a Mexican wanted for murder in my district.

With men like this in Congress we don't need to worry about outside

problems. We have plenty of problems in the system. I'm sure his constituents who elected him can be proud they have elected a man without integrity to vote on such an important issue on the basis of the issue itself.

In spite of all the misinformation spread by labor leaders and Ross Perot, enough men in Congress thought through the reality and economic improvement is in the offing, especially for the United States and Mexico for decades to come.

20 Years Ago...

FORT CLARK HOSTS GARAGE SALE

November 22, 1973
Antiques - Thousands of items go on sale Sunday at Fort Clark Springs during the World's Largest Garage Sale. The antiques and junk have been collected during Fort Clark's 121-year history as an Army post, as an exclusive guest ranch and now a recreational community.

Many pieces of furniture being offered are from Austin's historic Driskill Hotel and were brought to Fort Clark when the hotel closed in 1970.

(This interesting tidbit was supplied by Charlie Ward).

Vacancies In BVFD Need To Be Filled

The Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department needs volunteers - men or women - to bring the Volunteer Fire Fighter ranks up to the needed number.

A recruitment meeting will be held at the Brackettville Fire Station on Wednesday, December 1, 1993, 7:00 p.m. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Big Mama Sez!

He enjoys much who is thankful for little.



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

The Brackett News welcomes letters to the Editor. The Editor reserves the right to edit all letters submitted for length and context.

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All letters must be signed and include an address and phone number. Thank You!

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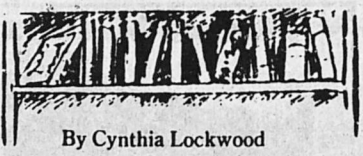
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Library Notes



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

The library news this week is that there is no news on Maria's baby. November 15-21 is National Children's Book week and to celebrate we have all of our "Caldecott Award" books on display in the children's room. These books are wonderful reading for both you and your child and sharing them together will create memories your children will cherish all of their lives.

On display in the children's room are some of our Thanksgiving and American Indian books, as well as new books like *Curious George Learns The Alphabet*, *The Extinct Alphabet Book*, and *The Giraffe: The Living Tower*.

Now is also a good time to check out our Christmas craft books and beat the holiday rush.

Come by and check out some of the new books on our shelves. In the travel section, we have *The 1994 Handbook To Indonesia, Malaysia, & Singapore; Thailand, Indochina & Burma; South Asia, & North Africa*.

Now in fiction we have *The Court Martial Of George Armstrong Custer* by Douglas Jones, *The Devil Knows Your Dead* by Lawrence Sanders, Dorothy Simpson's *No Laughing Matter*, Billy by Whitley Strieber, *Riverside Drive* by Laura Van Wormer, and John Grisham's *A Time To Kill* in large print. Also new is *The Genealogist's Address Book*, *The County Courthouse Book*, and *The Road Less Traveled* by Scott Peck.

The following people donated memorials to the library during the month of October: Max and Betty Herbst in memory of Weston Conoly; Jim and Kathy Bader in memory of Guy Burkart; and Henry and Marian Yeakle in memory of Claude Owens. Thank you for remembering your friends and relations through the library.

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

The library will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 25th and 26th for the Thanksgiving Holidays. Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

Genealogists and historians, the library now has our very own microfiche microfilm reader/printer. This coin-operated printer is reconditioned and is ready for your use.

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

Kinney County Library Staff & Volunteers

Bridge Anyone

By NORMA GOULD



The Fort Clark Springs Duplicate Club met Tuesday, November 9, with six tables playing the Mitchell Movement.

Winners in the N/S direction were: first, Lamont and Marie McCandless; second, Fred and Nita Clayton; third, Vernon and Betty Ebert.

The winners in the E/W direction were: first, Walt Geeze and Evelyn Whitley; second, Gloria Boroughs and Betty Schlatterer; third, Joan Lindley and Nancy O'Brien.

On December 7, we are going to draw for partners and have a "mixer." Come join the fun!

Unsung Hero

by Joe Townsend



A few years ago a man moved to our community as a farmer. He is good in his profession and has done well.

He is a good husband and fine father. He is very supportive in both roles.

He immediately became concerned in the life of the community. He has been involved in a number of community activities, especially in the school board and school activities.

He is friendly and personable. All who know him count him friendly.

Surely Jim McDaniel is an "Unsung Hero."

Laureate Epsilon Iota Thanksgiving Feast

Members of Laureate Epsilon Iota Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi were entertained with an outdoors Thanksgiving feast by Nakai Breen at her home on Monday night, November 15, 1993.

The meeting was called to order by President Marge Geeze who led the Opening Ritual.

Motions were passed to donate to Child Care Centers, Lions coordinated Christmas baskets and dinner for a senior citizen.

The chapter will have a Secret Auction in January.

Closing ritual and the Mizpah Benediction were repeated at the close of the meeting.

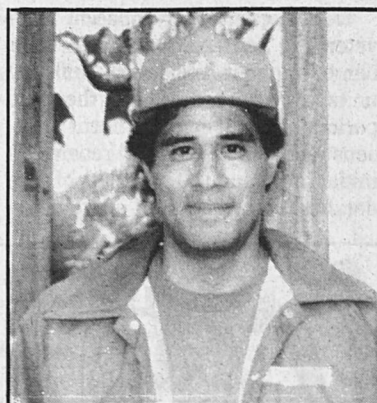
An unscheduled "spelling bee" provided many laughs. Hostess Nakai Breen gave a very interesting talk on her first year in school.

Present were Marge Geeze, Oleta Townsend, Orlean Riley, Mildred Borden, Gloria Boroughs, Betty Schlatterer, Mabel Parham, Lily Schwandner, and Nakai Breen.

Chalk Another One Up For Manuel

If you need to know where just about anywhere is around Brackettville or Fort Clark, just ask this guy. He came by Thursday afternoon to correctly identify the mystery picture as the connection to the gas meter directly behind *The Brackett News* office.

He was driving by, paused to speak to the boss (Jewel Robinson) and just looked right at the meter...this immediately after he'd gotten a paper and looked for the mystery.



Manuel Madrid

(Since we have pictures of Manuel, why not "Just For The Fun Of It" also. Seems timely to me).

Around the Fort



Ceramic Shop Hours

Sat: Noon to 5:00 p.m. Sun: 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Mon: 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Ladies Exercise

Activity Center, Monday, 10 a.m. Wednesday 9:30 a.m. Friday 10 a.m.

Voices of Fort Clark

Each Sunday afternoon, 4:30 p.m. Town Hall

Arts & Crafts Class

Every Monday Afternoon 1 - 4 p.m.

Call Adult Center, 563-2024, for information.

Thursday Night Movie

Adult Center 7:00 p.m.

Old Quarry Society

"Blithe Spirit"

The classic farce will be put on November 26 and 27 at Town Hall, Fort Clark. Curtain time is 8:00 p.m.

Fort Clark Historical Society

Monday, November 22, 2:00 p.m. Business Meeting Adult Center
Due to holidays, the November 27 and December 25 meetings will be cancelled.

Memorial Tree Planting For Fort Clark

The trees on Fort Clark Springs are in many cases extremely old. Some have developed disease and many were destroyed by the tornado several years ago.

In an effort to have a vigorous replanting program, the Planning Committee of the Fort has proposed to the Board of Directors, and the members, of the association that we have a "Donate A Tree" Program.

The program would purchase Oak or Pecan trees and be planted by the maintenance department. For a \$25.00 donation a tree of approximately 2-inch diameter can be purchased.

A \$25.00 donation may be in memory of a friend or family member...or any person is welcome to make a donation to help with the development and beautification of Fort Clark Springs.

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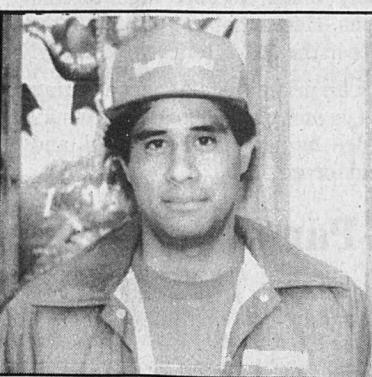


"They keep showing junk like this because people like us keep watching it."

Heart-Hitting Fact

Physical inactivity is a risk factor for heart disease. The American Heart Association recommends that people get 30-60 minutes of exercise 3-4 times per week to maintain cardiovascular fitness, although lesser amounts of physical activity are also beneficial.

Just For The Fun Of It



Manuel Jaime Madrid

activities, especially kids, keep kids out of trouble. What would you like to be if you could change your life: Same old me with a winning lotto 6-number-in-a-row person.

Answers to Super Crossword

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Brackettville Housing Authority

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Community Calendar

AA: Mondays, 8 p.m., Slaton Hall, 109 W. James St.
AI-Anon: CAN HELP. Call 563-9205 for time & location of meetings.
Aitar 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) 2nd & 4th 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: 1st Tuesday after 2nd Monday, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Commissioners Court: 2nd Monday, 9 a.m., Court House.
Del Rio Christian Women's Club: 1st Wednesday, 12 Noon, Laughlin AFB. Reservations required.
FCS Pot Luck Supper: 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Service 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, 10 a.m., Shafter Hall.
FCS Board of Directors: 3rd Saturday, 9 a.m., Board Room.
FCS Historical Society: 4th Saturday, 10 a.m., Shafter Hall.
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 #8360 & Auxiliary: 4th Wednesday, 6 p.m. Pot Luck, 7:00 p.m. meetings, Service Club.
FCS Bingo: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Shafter Hall.
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., Service 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.
Creative Writing Group: Fridays, 9:30 a.m., Golf Club Snack Bar.

Golf News

Couples Golf
Thursday, November 4
1st place, Petaja and Genualdis

Tied for second place, Lundquists, Bacon, Schlatterer, and McKelvys and Eckenroths

Third place, Stephens and Green

Fourth place, McLanes and Ladds

Thursday, November 11
Cancelled because of inclement weather.

Ladies Golf
Tuesday, November 16, 1993
Twenty-seven Ladybug golfers were playing in a tournament in Bandera. Eleven players played at Fort Clark.

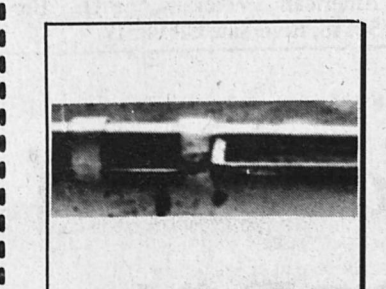
The game for the day was "Low Putts On Two Mystery Holes," was won by Ann Bramble. Low gross, with 86, was Fern Dyer.

LaVon McLand had low net with a 63.

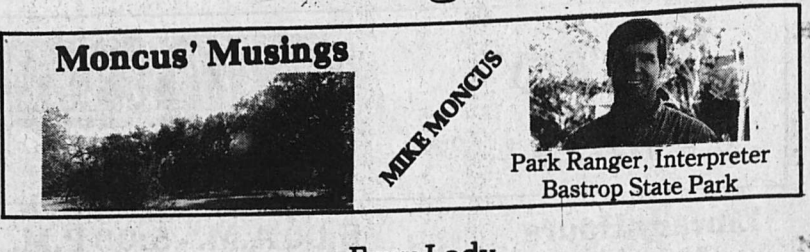
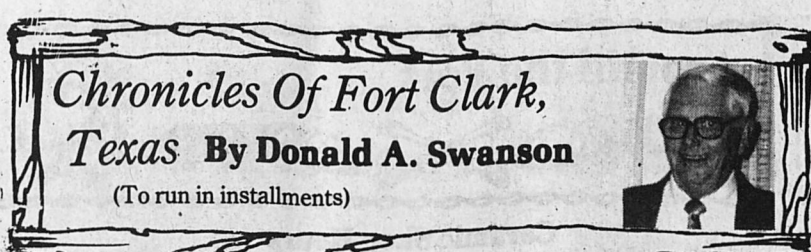
Others participating were Lorna Frost, Betty Tarbell, Betty Inman, Shirley Shepherd, and Marge Jones.

Identify The Picture

The first person to come by The Brackett News and correctly identify this picture will receive a Brackett News cap!



Manuel Madrid



Information Needed!!!!
(Continued from last week)

It wasn't a big box, you could've put a small ice box inside it, and it wasn't heavy if you compare it to an anvil. But it was clearly addressed from The Creamy Butter Company. It had an invoice looking envelope taped to the outside addressed attention Garlan and there was some postage due.

There was an air of semi-excitement in the air (so to speak). Each of the three ladies (?) showed a little more than mild interest in the box and more or less demanded that Garlan forget his official postal duties for the time being and open the box.

Garlan informed them that as soon as he had the regular mail put up and they had the store cleaned up, he would open the box and not until then. This pert-near started another battle, but he informed them the box was addressed to him and he could wait a week if he wanted to open it.

To say that store got cleaned up in a hurry would be some what of an understatement.

While Garlan was putting up the real mail, Karl and me called all the other women that were members of the Blubber Brigade and told them of the box.

It looked like a dust storm had hit Querecho Flats proper. I mean when 12 high powered vehicles hit them dirt streets at the same time and all are headed for the Mostly General Store as fast as their goofy little (?) drivers can drive 'em, it gets plumb spooky.

Why there wasn't a major fender bender in front of Garlan's that day, no one has ever figured out. But there in a matter of minutes the parking lot looked like a used car lot that had been hit by an earthquake. I mean to tell ya, there was cars parked bumper to bumper, bumper to doors, bumper to building and two little kids bicycles mowed down.

Yep, it was a terrible sight and the sounds wasn't all that pretty either. There was babies crying, dogs barking and women screaming in the parking lot.

Garlan finally got all them goofy women calmed down and made the announcement that he was fixing to open "THE BOX."

But first he would read the letter. I got me a soda pop and a quick heated burrito and stepped behind the book shelf. Karl got a trash can lid and a soda pop and got behind the coke machine. Garlan started sweating.

Garlan glanced over the letter and then started reading it out loud:

Dear Sir:
Due to a tragic mishap, all of the pictures and recommendations from the good ladies of the Querecho Flats Quilting Quorum and Exercise Association seemed to have gotten all mixed up. I realize the favor I have to ask you is an undue burden and very time consuming, but in order for all the good ladies to get their pictures and recommendations back, would you please be so kind as to separate them and see to it that each one receives her material?

We here at the Creamy Butter Company feel like it would not only benefit us, but you as well as a solid citizen of Querecho Flats to handle the last of the business transactions between us (The Creamy Butter Company) and the good ladies of Querecho Flats.

If you would be so kind as to read this letter to the good ladies, it would certainly expedite the transaction of the closing of any and all business we have had with these fine people of the western United States.

Never in the 123 years of supplying women's skin care products have we been so amazed at the number of fine, outstanding, church going, community serving, charity organizing, self depriving ladies, in one community. Not to mention the fact that all of them seem to be either directly related or a distant relative of Mother Teresa and at the same time most all of them show a striking resemblance to Bo Dereck, Lady Dy, Cristi Brinkly and Cher.

Yes, we (the Creamy Butter Company) feel like we just don't deserve to associate ourselves with such good people. We are but a small company and on occasion have been known to screw the public. And we (the Creamy Butter Company) think we need to deal with people that aren't afraid to lie and cheat just a little when the need for a good liar and cheater is needed.

So we (the Creamy Butter Company) have chosen to select Lenora Hotsby (the great American Campground Pioneer) as our Miss Creamy Butter spokesperson.

Hopefully I will get to Querecho Flats and meet all of these fine upstanding women. You, sir, are certainly lucky to be able to associate with so many well doing ladies.

Thank you...Milkdon Clabbered...Official President of the Soft As Butter Skin Moisturizer Co. An Affiliate of

The Creamy Butter Company
The mention of Bo, Cristi, and Mother Teresa seemed to kinda quiet some of the ladies (?) down.

I sure was wanting another soda pop but me being used to some unexpected war games, I kept my place behind the book shelf, and Karl did the same.

Garlan reached for the top flap on the box and it got plumb quiet in the store.

Rosilee broke the silence by stating that Garlan could just throw her picture away and her recommendations since she wouldn't be needing them any more. She said this kinda quiet-like in the hopes of getting every one else to do the same. (Didn't work).

Thelma asked what made her think she had a picture and recommendation in that box. After all, the request from the Creamy Butter Company had asked the ladies to recommend someone else besides themselves.

Damned if it didn't get started again.

I wished I'd've got another soda pop.

There wasn't much physical action but God, it got noisy in there.

While the ladies (?) were screaming and hollering at each other, Garlan skidded the box back to where Karl and me was. Then Juan stepped in the back door.

Just cause Juan was a retired sheep herder didn't mean he was stupid. When he pulled up at the post office, he figured out right quick that something was just not right, so he looked in the side window and seen that Karl and me had taken up our usual hiding places and he immediately figured out we may need someone to referee. He went back to his pickup and got a six pack of diet beer and came into the fort.

The ladies (?) were too busy screaming and yelling at each other to notice that our four concerned citizens were busy trying to get the contents of the box sorted and returned to its rightful owner.

I came across a picture of Bo Dereck in a swim suit.

(Continued next week)

LETTER OF INTEREST

November 5, 1993

City of Brackettville
P.O. Box 526
Brackettville TX 78832

Dear Mayor Berlanga:

We are pleased to announce plans to start construction of Brackettville Apartments to be built off Crockett Street in Brackettville. The units should be available for occupancy beginning on March 1, 1994. We would appreciate it very much if you would share this information with the citizens in your community so they might be aware of the availability of this rental housing in Brackettville.

The 28 unit complex will feature 8 (1) bedroom, 16 (2) bedroom, and 4 (3) bedroom units and will be available to rent by families of moderate and low income. The brick duplexes will feature carpet, blinds or drapes, and a fully equipped kitchen. Two of the units will be designed for the handicapped.

An office/maintenance/community/laundry center will be built on site and available for tenants' use.

Rent will be based on income and limited rental assistance will be available. Our local manager will be in the office daily to take applications and show the units after February 1, 1994.

We would appreciate your help in advising local residents of the availability of this safe, attractive, affordable rental housing for families or handicapped citizens. We look forward to being a part of your community in the near future.

Please call us if you have questions regarding the development of these apartments. Thank you for your assistance with this development.

Sincerely,
/s/ James C. Howell
President
James C. Howell, Jr., Inc.

Show Your Tiger Spirit

Major General E. Kirby Smith, CSA

The Boundary Commission to which Captain Kirby Smith was now assigned (1854) as escort and botanist, was for the determination of the boundary, between the U.S. and Mexico, especially under the Gadsden Treaty of 1853. Three weeks after being assigned this duty at Fort Ringold he was writing to his mother from a camp on Las Moras, near Fort Clark, Texas, while on his march to El Paso, the 31st of October 1854:

"I am now camped on a clear, limpid stream of crystal water which heads but a few yards above a magnificent spring. A grove of venerable oaks overshadows my tent, furnishing a canopy of green and luxuriant foliage, while the waters rippling and murmuring over their pebbly bed, reflect in varied light, the rapid and graceful movements of the bass and trout sporting in their silvery home. You would laugh at my vagaries were I to tell you that this is the last jumping-off place of civilization. Yet, indeed, so it is considered, and Fort Clark on Las Moras, looking west toward the bleak plains and trackless wastes of the Rio Grande is the last point on the great highway to El Paso where the face of the white man greets the emigrant on his tedious respite.

Two companies of the First Infantry and one of the Rifles are here entrusted with the pleasant duty of keeping the Indians in check, though as in the case of most of our frontier posts, they appear to have been struck down in a defenseless position for the purpose of being kept in check by the Indians. The Lipans and Tonkaways have for some time been encamped in and around the post, and their grim visages and forbidding countenances, as they stalk about our camp, keep us bright, vigilant, and on the lookout.

The government in its wisdom has seen fit to order the location of the Lipans on the Upper Brazos (Texas Comanche Reservation) with their inveterate enemies, the Comanches. The Lipans have remonstrated in vain against being sacrificed to their powerful foe; and though for years friendly and our allies in expeditions against the prairie tribes, yesterday they stampeded and made for the Mexican frontier with all the stock they could drive off from the neighborhood of the post. (I remember the Tonkaways went on reservation but the Lipans would not, but left and went across the river into Mexico. They remained there and have been at war with us ever since. Zenas R. Bliss - Reminiscences Vol. I, page 91).

We left San Antonio on the 23rd of October, with a train of forty wagons and an attendant suite of teamsters, attaches, frontiersmen and a savant, traveling west through a beautiful region of country for ninety miles to Fort Inge on the Leona. Here a notable change takes place in the character of the country. Rich luxurious vegetation, charming valleys and placid streams, are succeeded by a rocky, barren soil and rapid torrents.

Parts Plus Expands Commitment To Serving Customers

Parts Plus of Brackettville demonstrated a commitment to increasing benefits to area residents by recently adding U-Haul® truck and trailer rentals to the services that were already available.

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In the neighborhood of Fort Clark, thorny bushes, acacias, cactii, the plumed partridges, chaparral cock, horned frog and other peculiarities in the flora and fauna of New Mexico, become abundant. Game is plenty. Nature seems to delight throughout these vast wilds, in congregating her feathered tribes in immense conserves in proportion to the grand scale on which she has laid out the vast wilderness.

Turkeys roost by tens of thousands along the streams. Acres upon acres of grass cover the prairies while different species of quail in countless covies, feed along the roadside. We are now about four hundred and sixty miles from El Paso, but have a wild, desolate region of mountain ranges and trackless wastes to pass over, which six years ago had never been trodden by the foot of white man.

I believe our friends, Baldy Smith (Lt. W.F. Smith) and Henry Whiting (Capt. W.H.C. Whiting) were the first to pass through this region when they made their adventurous trip in '49. We shall probably leave day after tomorrow. We are waiting two days to recruit our animals. We expect to arrive in El Paso before the end of November."

His later letter of 15 December from a camp below El Paso continues.

We remained three days at Fort Clark recruiting the animals and completing our outfit before launching upon the dreary wilderness which extends to El Paso. During this time it rained very hard and we found the road, which has been termed a natural turnpike, almost impassable. The soil was saturated; at times, on apparently a hard gravelly soil, the mules would sink to their flanks and have to be unharnessed and hauled out with ropes, and the wagons dragged through by hand. In many places detours of several miles had to be made over the mountain ridges. We were five days going about twenty-five miles; and between making roads, playing wagon-master, teamster, etc., you may conceive how considerably I have been enlarging my experiences.

...the vast plains surface have been cut into innumerable deep chasms by the retiring currents of water, and these chasms through a level country are termed canons (canyon). They are characteristic of the country from Fort Clark to the Rocky Mountains. From Devil's River to the Limpia Mountains (Sierra Diablos) is one vast network of canons, more or less intricately interwoven and varying from three hundred to twelve hundred feet in depth...The road winds through the canon of the Devil's River, crossing the bed of the stream seventeen times in course of twenty miles. In some places not much more than one hundred feet in width, cut through the strata of rock from six hundred to eight hundred feet deep, with the Devil's stream roaring and tumbling over rocks in its narrow channel and rushing through dark caverns of limestone cliffs."

For more information of that 1854 journey, see Chapter VI, "General Kirby Smith," by Arthur Howard Noll, Swaneer, University of the South Press, 1907.

that virtually cut loading and unloading time in half.

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A gray fox walking on pine matting makes a sound. Not much of one but sound all the same. She moved like a vapor escaping into gas and mist. Allowing me to see her was a gift she was giving me. She was too cool for it to be anything but of her choosing that I watch as she sniffed and scratched and acted a little like I wasn't an intruder while all the same she kept me right where she could figure me most.

I knew the neighbor had been feeding foxes scraps and leftovers. I knew there must be quite a few of them around where I live among the Lost Pines but still every time I happen up on one I am in awe at their beauty and simplicity. Not every move was as graceful as the next. Once she squatted very roughly and flopped her chin down in a way that resembled an aggravated teenage girl.

She was quick and very alert. She was designed perfectly for her own habitat. She had the gray in her fur to match the trunks of most all of the underbrush and the red linings of her coat were exactly the same as the pine needles on the ground un-

der her feet. Her eyes darted and so did her ears searching for anything that might harm her up close and also for something that she might catch and eat that still rested unexpectedly in a distance.

When the lady was done having me watch and learn about her, she simply stood and stretched and even yawned, then strolled away.

Just as I believed she had gone from my life forever she walked back into view, paused, and turned a circle, and stared right at me, then left.

That little fox knew me better than I knew me. She was unafraid. She is smart enough to know when to run and where to run and she knew just how fast I could move and she knew if I had anything harmful in my hands.

I am glad we have foxes in our forest. I had chickens once and I may have them again, but it was foxes that taught me how to protect my flock. Foxes knew what I could do and they knew what they would always know to do and together we have found a very fine way of life.

County Agent News
By Allan McWilliams

Pecan Quality Limited By Several Factors

Pecans are among the tastiest of nuts, but the grower faces some real problems maintaining the quality of the nut meat.

Insects and drought are the major problems that can limit quality, but disease and inferior varieties are also culprits.

Often a small one-eighth inch diameter hole appears in the shell of the pecan. These holes are caused by "red heads", the creamy white worms with red heads that are the larvae of the pecan weevil. The weevil larvae eats the nutmeat, then bores an exit hole in the shell to escape to overwinter in the ground. Old shucks and debris around your yard trees provide an excellent habitat for these pests. If you had a problem with pecan weevils in the past, one or more sprays in late August and September are necessary for control.

Pecan shucks that don't open or have trouble opening usually signal an infection of hickory shuckworms. These small white worms are about three-eighths inch long and tunnel into the shucks and cause extensive damage to the shuck tissue. This damage can cause extensive damage to the shuck or cause it to open partially if the damage is only at the base of the shuck.

Shuck damage results in poorly developed nutmeats. Properly timed insecticide sprays are essential for control, and infected shucks should be destroyed or tilled under to reduce the population of overwintering shuckworm larvae.

Shuckworms aren't the only cause of shuck damage. A condition termed "sticktight" also results in this problem. Sticktight shucks generally blacken as the nuts approach maturity in August or September. Affected shucks don't open, and the nuts are very difficult to

shake from the tree. Tree stress and both drought and heat are associated with sticktight.

Insect damage also causes the kernel not to fully develop. Aphids sucking sap from pecan leaves during the summer and fall rob the pecans of nutrition. The black mold that grows on the "honeydew" secreted by the aphids blocks sunlight and thus photosynthesis.

Viviparity, another problem limiting the quality of pecans, refers to nuts sprouting in the shuck. Viviparity has been a serious problem in Wichita orchards in the past.

Black spots or streaks on the nutmeats are usually associated with stink bugs and related sucking insects that feed on the nuts.

Insect feeding before the nutmeats gel causes the nuts to drop, but nuts fed on after the nuts reach the dough state (late August) remain on the tree and develop the black spots on the kernels.

These blackened spots sometimes have a bitter taste, but the recommended spray schedule for hickory shuckworm and pecan weevil will usually keep this problem at a minimum.

Moldy kernels, dark kernels, and rancidity are problems that are caused by excess water. These problems can be easily cured by allowing the pecans to air dry in a well ventilated place for a couple of weeks.

The Kinney County Extension Service Office has bulletins dealing with all aspects of pecan tree management. Most are targeted toward the homeowner but information for the commercial grower can be obtained as well.

As always, if you have need of any assistance or have any questions, please call me at my office.

Organization Helps Vets Find Comrades

If you're a veteran of American military service, or currently on active duty, an old buddy may be looking for you. A new organization called Registry of American Veterans (ROAV) will be able to help you locate friends you served with in the Armed Forces.

ROAV is designed to be the largest private database of American veterans and military personnel in the United States. Its purpose is to alleviate the problems veterans encounter in searching for one another and putting former military friends back in touch with each other.

ROAV gathers information from veterans and computerizes their name, current residence, military units they served in and the time periods served in each outfit. Persons who join ROAV will receive an initial and annual printout of the database information of all veterans

who served in the same unit during the same time frame as the joining member. The printout will show the current address and phone number of surviving unit veterans.

The service can assist in finding veterans for military associations that are planning to hold reunions. However, it is expected to primarily aid long-lost buddies in locating each other. The user will be someone who thinks back on times of strong friendship in the military and wants to know what happened after military service. Maybe the friends shared hopes and dreams while passing long hours together on duty, or on stations far away from home.

Veterans are encouraged to write to ROAV for information on how to get themselves registered. ROAV will then send them the proper form to complete and become part of the database. The address is Registry of American Veterans, P.O. Box 51148, Riverside CA 92517.

"Blithe Spirit" Town Hall
November 26 - 27, 1993 8:00 P.M.

Reviews Previews Tiger Turf



Brackett Campus

By BRIAN HOOKER
BHS Student Reporter



Breakfast

Breakfast
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22
Donuts
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23
Cold Cereal - Toast
Fruit Juice
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24
Waffles
Fruit Juice
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25
Happy Thanksgiving
No School
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26
School Holiday

Salad Bar Each Day
"B" Line Every Day
Milk served with all meals

Lunch

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22
Hot Ham & Cheese
French Fries
Fruit
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23
Thanksgiving Dinner
Roast Turkey/Gravy
Cornbread Stuffing/Cranberries
Mashed Potatoes - Broccoli
Homemade Wheat Rolls
Pumpkin Pie/Whipped Cream
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24
Hamburger - Burger Salad
French Fries - Fruit
No Salad Bar nor B-line
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25
Happy Thanksgiving
School Holiday
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26
School Holiday

Making A Difference

By TAYLOR STEPHENSON, Curriculum Director

Celebrate Daylight Savings Time 12 Ideas For Family Fun

I don't know about you, but I liked the time that we had! Come on, why are we celebrating if the old time was so much better? I hope to make a case for doing something good with something that is not so good. It's dismal! The dark is there, I can look out my window about 5:00 p.m. and see the last few minutes of daylight. I'm a light man myself that believes things like: the sun helps keep me healthy and work should be done while there is light.

The night time has always and should probably still be a time to relax, to get away from the pressures of the job and to rest for the next day. Folks, the menu in Texas does not include daylight after about 5:45 p.m. OK, we can't change that.

Let's think of some positive things that we can do with our lives during daylight savings time.

Time is a precious commodity. It's the same 24 hours for all of us in a day on the calendar whether we use it for good, fun activity or whether we grumble and laze around. How do we use our time?

When the clock and changes in daylight affect our activities outside, we need to look at better use of our time inside. Here are some things that you might consider doing to enrich the life of your family:

1. **Read more:** Set up a family reading time. The young look to us to model reading. Take the time to make high interest materials available to families and find something to read ourselves. Watch your children read more. Our children need to see us read. It's our connection with the world outside our paradigm.

2. **Family talk:** Before or after our evening meal, for a period of 30 minutes or so try turning off the television programs and talk like the families used to in the old days. Start slowly because it will shock the family members to have to sit in a room together and talk. We're going to do what? Dad's lost it, Mom. Hang in there. Once the kids start talking, it will be easier. There are lots of things to talk about: start with planning your Thanksgiving holiday trip...what the family likes to do and what they don't like. You'll get their attention. Base your plans on the list. They'll give in and help plan once they know your plan. Christmas is on its way, and this would be a great topic to discuss. School activities and I hope academics could be something fun to talk about. Dream together, set some goals, come back together in a week and see if we've moved closer to our goals.

3. **Play games together!** There are lots of fun, easy card games and fun board games that kids love to play. Sometimes, our families have grown too sophisticated to play games. Change it. It's fun.

4. **Get Fit!** How about walks, weight lifting, hot tubs, the adult center at Fort Clark? All of us see those ad-

vertisements about body sculpting, and we could look like this. I could look like that? Well, probably not but I could begin. The whole family could get involved. Soon, we're planning nutritious meals together that would help us reach our goals. We're talking again and setting and reaching goals.

5. **List and watch the TV programs that would be new learning experiences.** We get lots of great programs on the Discovery Channel, News Magazines, and even on the educational channel. Make a week's schedule!

6. **Video time:** How about finding one of the oldies of the past from the library? Or how about checking out a movie once a week, making popcorn and a cold or hot drink and have a family night at home.

7. **Learn to speak and understand another language.** There are lots of tapes and written materials to help.

8. **Music:** Learn to play a guitar or piano or to sing. Join the choir at church. It's a fun thing to do. The talent that it takes to learn is waiting to be awakened. Take a lesson, borrow or buy a guitar at a hock shop, and you're on your way.

9. **Fix up time.** Paint a room, wax a floor, or put up some new curtains. Plan one evening, get supplies the next day, and the next day or two implement your plan. Rest for a day and do another project.

10. **Get to know yourself.** Financial goals. What's coming in, what's going out and what would we like to change. Make a list of the things that you like about your life and those that you would like to change. Think of a positive way to make the changes. Do it!

11. **Celebrate small things.** Find things that you are proud of about your children, your spouse, or even yourself. Fix a special meal with a dessert and buy a party hat - then celebrate happenings like: the first two points your child scored or maybe she made the team, a solo sung or played well, a good homework paper, a wife/husband who always gets the washing and drying done for the family, a great research paper, a promotion, your son washes the car, you wash the car...the list can go on and on and so can the celebrations.

12. **Cook a meal together as a family.** One night a week, plan the menu...buy the food...and cook it. Each person has a job to do to make it work. Give mom or dad some time off while making a great problem solving activity for the whole family.

Well, that's my list! Some of the ideas will work, and some won't. If there are no kids, you can do even more. Remember daylight savings time as a time when we can do things, when we can make improvement, and when we can celebrate being a family that has fun together. Make a difference by doing things together during daylight savings times. Have a great week.

TIGERS NEW WINNING PROGRAM

Not many people would consider this year a good season but as Coach Petrosky put it, "We had to start somewhere and this year's seniors started the New Tiger Program." Our record of 4-5 doesn't show the level of success that the team accomplished but with four seniors, this team was very young and has a bright future. This year's seniors are the Building Blocks" of the "I'm A Winner" program, and will honorably be placed as the first four to be placed on the "Wall of Honor," that will stand as an example for future Tigers.

Our record should have easily been 7-2, but with our youth and inexperience we stumbled, and managed to let most of the games slip by a touchdown or less.

This year's scores: Brackett at Sabinal, 14 - 21; Brackett vs D'Anis, 27 - 14; Brackett at Campwood, 32 - 20; Brackett at Asherton, 28-8; Brackett at Lytle, 26-34; Brackett vs Eagle Pass, 14-21; Brackett vs LaPryor, 20-44; Brackett at Natalia, 56-18; Brackett vs Dilley, 0-37.

The total offense improved immensely as the season progressed. Our lowest total offense was 250 yards. Our freshman fullback broke the school rushing record behind our strong offensive line consisting of Senior Guard Lupe Rodriguez, Junior Tackle Manuel Ramon, Junior Center Michael Benacci, Junior Tackle Matthew Benacci, and Sophomore Guard Nacho Aguirre.

There was not one game that Moses didn't get at least 100 yards rushing.

The team had many 400 yard games running behind this young but strong line. Our backfield consisted of two freshman and one junior: Moses Hernandez - fullback, Ramon DeLeon-tailback, Wil Shahan-wingback, receiving the ball from Junior Quarterback Kelly Henrich.

Outside we did well. Seniors Jesse Terrazas and Matthew Rocha did a terrific job catching a ball. Junior receiver Patrick Melancon stepped up and did a good job also.

Defensively, we had trouble all year long until the end of the season. Much of the personnel was moved all over the place. But at the end, we started to get together as a force for the future.

If the Juniors do as good a job as the Seniors did this year of stepping up and being leaders, next year's team should be a sight to see. The Junior class will turn out 10 returning Seniors, whose experience will help lead the team of 1994 to a possible District Championship.

It's Basketball Season

Junior High Girls

Monday, November 15, the Junior High girls got their first piece of action against Nueces Canyon.

The seventh grade team lost to the Panthers 16-6; the eighth graders lost 36-25.

Junior High Cubs

Monday, November 15, the Cubs had a battle on the court with Nueces Canyon to open the season. The seventh grade team was a close one, 4 - 4, an all-out tie.

The eighth graders ripped the Panthers.

The Cubs have a lot of talent and their season looks promising.

Tigers And Tigerettes Open 1993 Basketball Season At Home Against Comstock Varsity Tigerettes

Tuesday, November 16, the Tigerettes opened the season against Comstock. Their hard work and practice really showed as they beat Comstock 41-32.

Coach Nowlin rotated the court nicely. He put subs in at all the right times and let all of the girls play as a team.

"We looked good for our first game but very sloppy to my expectations," Head Coach Nowlin said.

The Tigerettes are searching for a "3-peat"...to win district three years in a row. This goal is very reachable by the Tigerettes in their 93-94 season.

Junior Varsity Tigers

Tuesday, November 16, the Junior Varsity Tigers opened a new season against Comstock in Tiger Gym.

Unfortunately, the Tigers fell to Comstock 37-29. They played well for their first game.

Leading scorer was Brian Hooker with 16 points. Next was Sean Burks with 9 points, and the other 4 points were made by Juan Hernandez.

Varsity Tigers

The Tigers lost to Comstock by a narrow margin of 11. Final score was 68-57 in favor of Comstock.

Head Coach Grubbs said, "We played o.k. for our first game but we just could not get the lead, I feel that if we could have gotten the lead we would have kept it."

The Tigers have a total of 10 players, every one of them are exceptionally good. The 93-94 season looks very promising for the Tigers.

Band Saddened At Loss Of Director

Ever since Miss Lynnette Crane came to Brackettville the Tiger Band has improved. The Tiger Band went from last place in district to second place in state, thanks to Miss Crane.

She always took rehearsal seriously and told students where they were supposed to be in the formation. Some people disagreed with her methods of teaching and this sometimes even angered people. Students would sometimes get angry with her but they all agreed that it was well worth it when we won second in the State of Texas.

Miss Crane is a strong-willed lady who definitely knows her music. Without her, the Tiger Band may have never reached state.

Miss Crane stepped in and in two years the Tiger Band was on their way to state for the first time in Brackett history. Before her, the Tiger Band never even received a I rating at UIL contest. Just one year after she arrived at Brackettville, the Tiger Band received a I at UIL for the very first time in Brackett history.

I think I speak for all of the band members when I say that "Brackett has never had a better band director."

November 15, 1993, was a very sad day for the "Mighty Tiger Band" members when Miss Crane stepped down as the director.

Miss Crane, the Tiger Band would like to say good luck, we love you, and thank you for all you have done for us.

Brian Hooker, Band President

Brackett ISD Science Fair

Friday, November 19, 1993
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

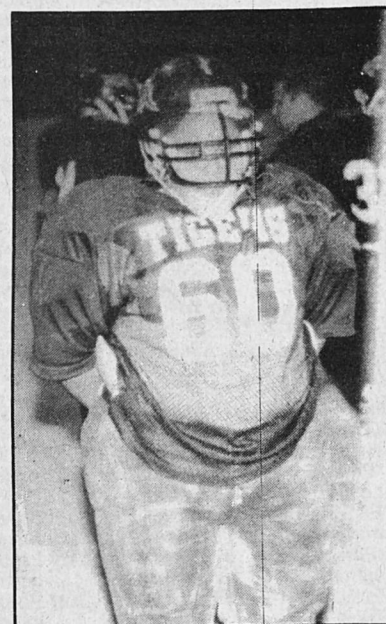
The public is invited to come to Brackett High School and view the Science Fair displays of biology, chemistry, and physics projects. The displays will be in Room 1 and in the High School Library. For more information, contact the high school principal's office.

Brackett ISD Thanksgiving Dinner

Tuesday Noon, November 23

Parents are invited to join their children in the school's annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Adult meals will be \$3.00 a person. Pay the cashier at the door. **Turkey and all the trimmings!**

Notes have been sent home with the elementary students. Middle School and High School parents, wishing to attend, please call the cafeteria at 563-2491, extension 28.



Becky Payne Only Girl On Squad

By BRIAN HOOKER

In the 1993 football season, Brackettville had a trendsetter, someone that was not afraid of doing what she wanted to do and not worrying about what people thought.

Becky Payne was the first girl to ever play the whole season on the Brackett football team.

I had a chance to interview her and here is what she had to say:

Q. "How did it feel to be the only girl on the team?"

A. "Lonely, scary, there was no one there for me to really relate to."

Q. Did you ever feel at any one moment that you were not wanted on the team?"

A. "Yes, no one ever just came out and said that they didn't want me on the team but I often got the hint."

Q. "How do you think the guys felt about you?"

A. "I'm not really sure but I think they should have been proud to be the only school in our district to have a girl on the team."

Q. "Did you get much playing time?"

A. "Yes, it was o.k. I played two quarters at a time and a play here and a play there, but I never got to play a complete game."

Q. "How do you think the opponents felt about going up against a girl? Do you think they tried to hit you harder than they would have hit a young man on the field?"

A. "Most teams thought it was cool. A few of the men I was guarding had something to say to me but they later apologized to me."

Becky is proud of herself but it is still undecided if she will return to the Tigers next year.



PERFECT ATTENDANCE SECOND SIX WEEKS PRE-KINDERGARTEN

William Adams, Jr., Joaquin Flores, Lisa Morgan, LaRae Neff, Ivan Pinales, Nadine Terrazas.

KINDERGARTEN

Tyler Allums, Karla Benites, John Braesicke, Amber Carrow, Ashley Castillo, Jose Castillo, Khara Cornelius, Gene Garcia, David Gomez, Liliana Hernandez, Francisco Hidalgo, Cassandra Mata, Dedrah McCorquodale, Mason McWilliams, Matthew Mills, Travis Nowlin, Ethelyn Oliver, Ricardo Ortega, Cesar Ortiz, Emilio Pena, Yasmin Pena, Kaylynn Perez, Everardo Portillo, Victoria Resendez, Joaquin Rivas, Robert Sanchez, Joshua Sorrells, Justin Ward.

1st GRADE

Juliann Ashabranner, Christina Benites, Maribel Cano, Tillman Davis, Jaclynn Duncan, Raul Escamilla, Katy Flores, Courtney Frerich, Ryan Garcia, Monica Gonzalez, Jared Grubbs, Stevie Juarez, Jessica Luna, Julisa Luna, Whitney Massingill, Jose Montalvo, Valentino Morin, Rolando Ortiz, Divina Pena, Jackie Phillips, Zulema Reyes, Oscar Sierra, Jose Talamantes, Celina Terrazas, Valerie Terrazas, Evaristo Villarreal, Vanessa Williams.

HONOR ROLL SECOND SIX WEEKS 2nd GRADE

Elizabeth Ballew, Priscilla Benites, Stacey Castilla, Chestin Hatley-Clark, Stephanie Coronado, Amanda Davis, Dietrich Davis, Crystal DeLeon, Gilberto Fernandez, Vanessa Glass, Melissa Gazaway, Matthew Jackson, Sam Jalomo, Tony Jamail, Allison LaMascus, David Lattimer, Nathan Luna, Bessie Martin, Emily Petrosky, Arnold Pinales, Adrian Reyes, Ashley Smith, Jason Smith, Jesse J. Smith, Angelica Talamantes, Rosie Talamantes, Blake Ward, Johnathon Worden.

3rd GRADE

Celina Cano, Vanessa Castillo, Adam Caton, Amanda Cruz, Sarah Garcia, Dennis Gazaway, Victor Hernandez, Jared Hobbs, Elizabeth Jennings, Davina Luna, April Martinez, Maria Martinez, Nicole Mata, Jonathan McCorquodale, Megan McWilliams, Zandra Melton, Philip Munoz, Laura Negrete, Pedro Pacheco, Eric Pena, Shannon Ploof, Brian Rose, Douglas Sanchez, Jeffrey Tipse, Shonte Ward.

4th GRADE

Lee Davis, Susannah Davis, Levi Duncan, Stephanie Gomez, Migdalia Gonzales, Rebecca Perez, Amanda Ward, Brandi Wilson.

5th GRADE

Savanah Massingill, Chase Ward

Secondary Honor Roll

As

6th GRADE
Zachry Davis, Michelle Villarreal

7th GRADE

Amanda Petrosky, Cheryl Vernor, Jessica York

8th GRADE

Jimmy Ballew, Windy Goodloe, Katy Hagler, Samantha Perez, Alfredo Rodriguez

9th GRADE

Courtney Harrison, Brandy Meeks, David Melancon

11th GRADE

Wil Shahan

12th GRADE

Bernie Allemeier, Guadalupe Rodriguez

OOPS!

In last week's paper, the band soloist was identified as Matthew Foster. Actually it was Tim Hale.

Apologies for the printed error - congratulations to two fine soloists.

As and Bs

6th GRADE
Sunni Jones, Jerritt Meeks

7th GRADE

Jennifer Ashabranner, Juan Martinez, Patricia Ortiz, Beatrice Smith, Brent Smith, Aaron Taylor, Imelda Vela, Moses Villarreal

8th GRADE

Caleb Crumley, James Hernandez, Crystal Juarez, Michael Meyer, Alex Moses, Lionel Ramos, Cherisse Ward

9th GRADE

Miguel Aguirre, Amy Bader, Josh Crumley, Joshua Fitzgerald, Fancisca Garza, Lindy LaMascus

10th GRADE

Luis Castillo, Amber Davis, Denise Frerich, Kathleen Hall, Jared Shahan

11th GRADE

Sean Burks, Karla Hall, Kelly Henrich, Zoila Herrera, Patrick Melancon, Manuel Ramon

12th GRADE

Amanda Davis, Maria Terrazas

Kinney County Little League Election of 1994 Officers

Saturday, November 20, 1993, 5:00 p.m.

Kinney County Courthouse

All those interested please attend. Let's continue the success of Kinney County Little League

Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
 1 Chili con —
 6 October birthstone
 10 Word before barrel or chop
 14 Clivet
 19 With the normal voice
 20 Biblical weed
 21 Olive genus
 22 "— Rib" (1949 movie)
 23 Author of 32 Across
 25 He wrote "Daisy Miller"
 27 Some are indelible
 28 Spartan serfs
 30 Sioux Indian
 31 Part in the play
 32 "Miserables"
 33 Ares in reverse?
 34 Wood sorrel
 36 "— of the Pioneers"
 38 Smith and Johnson
 39 Galatea's beloved
 40 "Put the — on Name"
 42 Greek portico
 44 He penned "Paradise Lost"
 47 Expressive movement
 49 "Persuasion" author
 53 Fully grown
 54 "Two Years Before the —"
 55 Cather's "The — of the Lark"
 57 Horned animal
 58 Italian painter
 59 Brief film appearance
 60 Ferber and Millay
 62 Camp beds
 63 "— on a Hot Tin Roof"
 64 Guarantees
 65 "Juno and the Paycock" author
 67 Pseudonym of H.H. Munro
 68 Smile broadly
 69 He wrote "The Sea Wolf"
 75 Took a fast plane
 78 Youth org.
 81 White termite of the Philippines
 82 It's before willing and able
 83 Medleys
 84 Sport played with mallets
 85 Captain Nemo's creator
 87 Poverty-stricken area
 88 Cry of the wild goose
- DOWN**
 1 Quibble or carp
 2 Skirt style
 3 Gangland games?
 4 Exclamation of disgust
 5 Tokyo, once
 6 Those remaining
 7 Singer/dancer Abdul
 8 Jason's ship
 9 "Anna Karenina" author
 10 Exclamation of contempt
 11 Bread spread
 12 Signs the lease
 13 South African tablelands
 14 Sovereignty, in India
 15 Jewish month
 16 South Pacific island group
 17 Follow one's nose?
 18 They're before tees
 24 The Rhine, in Germany
 26 Gossipy woman
 29 Style of singing
 33 Highlander
 35 Entertains
 37 Kind of grapes?
 39 Gudrun's note
 128 Diminishes gradually
 40 Harass or besiege
 41 Wear away
 43 School of U.S. painters
 44 Playwright
 45 Brainstorm
 46 Stage star
 47 Word with point or plan
 48 Sicilian city
 50 Juan's uncles
 51 Grafted, in heraldry
 52 Rudely inquisitive
 54 Land and sea soldiers
 56 Capital of Sikkim
 59 Director of 22 Across
 61 Painful lesions
 64 "My Gal —"
 66 Spanish hero
 67 Like Twiggy, once upon a time
 69 Breakfast beverage?
 70 Dill weed
 71 Dear, in Rome
 72 Surrealist painter
 73 West African timber trees
 74 Beautiful nature goddesses
 75 Author of "Modern Painters"
 76 Funeral oration
 77 Prong
 78 Small liqueur glass
 79 Seaweed
 80 Fish-eating diver
 84 Lane targets
 86 Alleviate
 89 Word with hour or order
 91 Imparts
 93 Jot
 94 Nut or palm
 96 Wandered at will
 98 Most recent
 99 Organic compound
 100 Calif.-Nev. border lake
 101 Part of a Stein line
 103 Kind of drum
 105 Anglers' aids
 106 Rabbit fur
 107 One of the Astaires
 108 Does a fall chore
 110 Henri's pals
 112 French angel
 114 GWTW plantation
 115 Hindu mendicant
 117 Actress Sue — Langdon
 118 Cain's land
 120 Faucous bird cry

Vision Teaser



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Hat is smaller; 2. Cloud is moved; 3. Wall is longer; 4. Flower is lower; 5. Fountain is added; 6. Building is missing.

MagicMaze

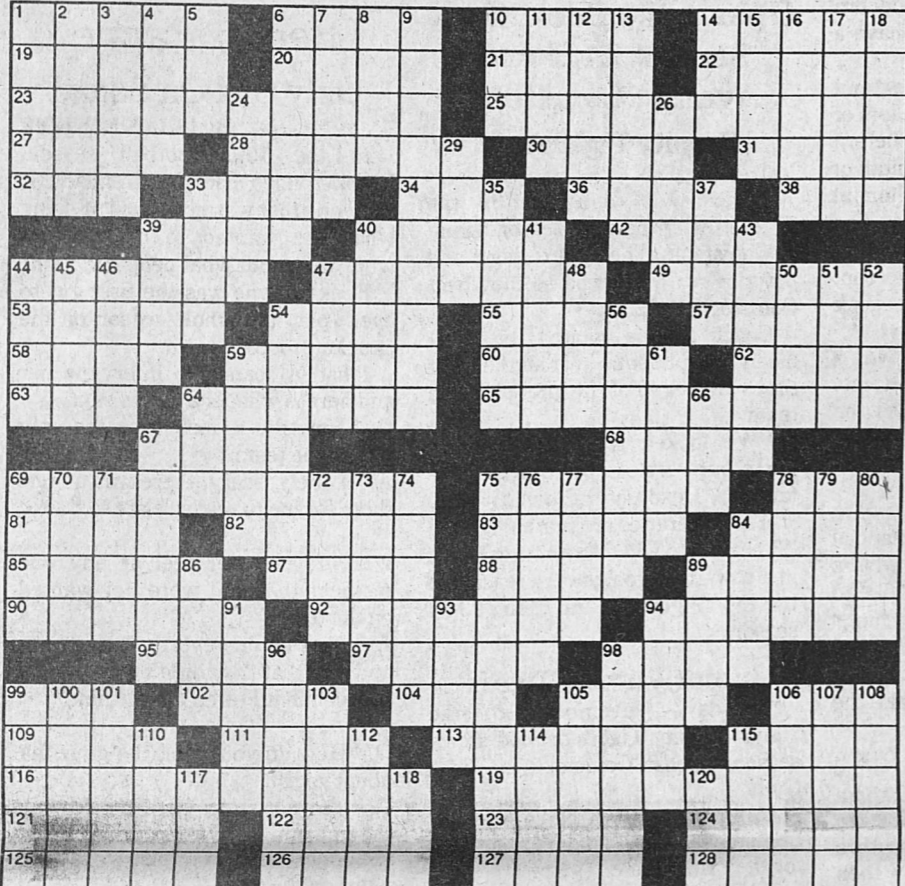
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- Atlantic Capitol Columbia Curb
 Dot Elektra Epic Geffen
 Imperial MCA Mercury Polydor
 RCA United Artists Warner

(Answer On Page 3)



Natasha's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Guard against unfeasible business tangents. Conservative tactics are best this week. Heart-to-heart talks early in the week bring couples closer. Some will sign a contract now.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It is not a good time to experiment with offbeat health regimens. Judgment is good where business is concerned now. Talks with co-workers are productive. Higher-ups may be difficult to deal with now, yet your performance on the job is sterling.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Stay clear of gambling and financial risk-taking early in the week. Judgment may be off where money interests are concerned in general. Fulfillment comes through a creative project. Fantasy could interfere with good judgment where romance is concerned.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Keep your feet on the ground regarding matters of the heart. You are effective in getting your views across to others. An extra expense incurred now may be simply unavoidable. Don't fret about it. Instead, welcome the week's good news about property interests and family concerns.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Make sure you follow through on commitments made this week. Others will expect you to keep your word. It is the right time for making important phone calls. It will take a while for you to win a partner over to your way of thinking.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Common sense and practicality should be your key words in financial dealings this week. Don't be tempted by a get-rich-quick scheme. Be sensible when shopping. A business delay is followed by a breakthrough.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Be sure not to take on more than you can handle. Otherwise, you will end up the week making excuses. You are personable and articulate now. Think twice before making what may be unnecessary changes at home.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Absent-mindedness could cause you to misplace something of importance. Try to pay attention. Research, studying and answering correspondence are favored now. Despite distractions, you will be successful in completing some unfinished business.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A friend's moneymaking scheme sounds

wonderful, but may be impractical. It is best that you don't go along. Group interests are accented this week. Watch spending and avoid wasteful shopping. You may receive a wonderful social invitation this weekend.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A business proposal made this week seems too good to be true. Don't be tempted by this proposition. Talks with higher-ups are favored now. Don't spread yourself too thin. You will meet with bona fide chances to get ahead now.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Bad timing and poor planning make this an unwise time for travel. Be sure to attend to current obligations. A meeting with an adviser goes very well. Guard against gullibility now. Don't believe everything you hear at face value.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) It is not a good idea to lend money to others now. What others think is a sure thing is not so at all. Couples are of one mind this week. Make plans together.

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KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Don't destroy the world's best health care system

The White House health care plan is now public and will be debated in Congress over the next few months. This proposal seeks to replace the most efficient, high-quality, market-based health care system in the world with a health care system managed by the federal government.

Congress will also consider several alternative health care reform bills. These bills will seek to preserve the market aspects of our current system, allowing citizens to choose their own doctors, make health insurance portable and reduce one of the most costly problems with our system -- malpractice and liability lawsuit abuse.

The most cost-inflating aspect of our current health care system is our society's obsession with malpractice and liability suits. While there is nothing wrong with seeking restitution for faulty medical procedures or defective prescription drugs, the abuse of this process is driving health care costs through the roof.

A survey of U.S. obstetricians and gynecologists found that more than 12 percent have stopped practicing because of fear of lawsuits. More than 50 percent of the cost of medicine goes to cover liability expenses, and about \$20 billion per year is spent nationally on potentially duplicative test procedures designed to guard doctors and hospitals against malpractice claims.

These facts paint a dismal picture, and lend credence to the argument that malpractice and liability abuse are the most significant contributors to high costs in the health care industry. If we can address this one aspect of the debate, a major problem of the present system will be greatly eliminated.

As we consider various ways to reform the health care system in the U.S., we must be careful to preserve our market-based system. I have co-sponsored several alternative health care plans which will address the problem of 30 million uninsured Americans by proposing market-based reforms that guarantee portability of health care, total coverage and insurance of pre-existing conditions.

One key feature of Sen. Phil Gramm's plan is the Medical Savings Account (MSA), which allows employers to contribute to the purchase of a catastrophic insurance policy to be paid for in the same employer/employee ratio as conventional insurance.

The catastrophic policy will cover major medical expenses while tax-free withdrawals from the MSA could be made to pay for qualifying out-of-pocket medical expenses which apply toward the insurance policy's deductible. The MSA creates an incentive for cost-consciousness, as any money left in the account would be returned to the consumer.

As we consider replacing the best health care system in the world with managed competition by the government, we must remember this: American citizens do not flock in droves to Canada or Great Britain when they face a health care crisis -- citizens from those countries and countless others come here because they know we have the best health care anywhere.

Our health care system isn't perfect, but it can be fixed within a market system. I look forward to the debate over this crucial reform and to a positive outcome for the people of Texas.

Apply Now For Correctional Officer Training

Middle Rio Grande JTPA in association with Southwest Texas Junior College and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, is recruiting individuals for consideration as applicants for Correctional Officer Training classes. The three and one-half week course will be held at SWTJC/Regional Law Enforcement Academy, in Uvalde.

The cost of tuition for the course is \$398.00. JTPA eligible individuals which qualify as Correctional Officer candidates are eligible for paid tuition and other possible related training expenses. Persons who meet the basic requirements of the training program and are JTPA eligible must also complete the program requirements of JTPA. The deadline to submit an application for admission to the JTPA program is December 17, 1993. Due to limited space and staff capacity, only 200 qualified individuals will be accepted to the program. The application process of this program is time-consuming, therefore individuals who are interested in this program are encouraged to immediately apply.

Following is a timetable for the mid-winter training program.

Applications Available: Now
 Application Deadline: January 10, 1994
 TDCJ Testing: January 25, 1994
 TDCJ Interviews: January 27-28, 1994
 SWTJC Notification to Eligible Students Feb. 8, 1994
 Classes Begin: February 28, 1994
 Classes End: March 23, 1994
 Total instruction hours: 149.5 hours
 Classes are held 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

REQUIREMENTS:

- * Must be at least 18 years of age (no maximum age cap)
- * Must be eligible for employment in the U.S.
- * Must have a High School Diploma or G.E.D.
- * Must pass the height/weight ratio requirement of TDCJ
- * Must not be active duty in the U.S. Military.
- * Must have no outstanding warrants for arrest
- * Must have no criminal charges or be serving probation
- * Must not have: Class A Misdemeanor convictions within the past 12 months; Class B misdemeanor convictions within the past 6 months; DWI or DUI convictions within the past 2 years; and must not have a sentence for a felony conviction within the past 15 years.

Upon successful completion of the course, individuals shall be placed in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice employment application pool for consideration of positions as Correctional Officers with the State of Texas' Criminal Justice system.

Persons hired by the TDCJ as Correctional Officers may expect to earn the following pay as scheduled.

| | ANNUAL | MONTHLY |
|------------------|----------|---------|
| Beginning Pay: | \$19,344 | \$1,612 |
| After 6 months: | \$21,348 | \$1,779 |
| After 1 year: | \$22,776 | \$1,898 |
| After 18 months: | \$24,324 | \$2,027 |

INTERESTED PERSONS SHOULD APPLY AT:

Felix E. Rubio
 P.O. Box 428
 Brackettville TX 78832
 Phone 210-563-2021

The Middle Rio Grande Development Council, Southwest Texas Junior College, The Middle Rio Grande Law Enforcement Academy, and Texas Department of Criminal Justice subscribe to Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employment.

Public Notice

The Lower Colorado River Authority

provides this notice that on November 3, 1993 it filed a **Petition to Reconcile Fuel Revenues and Expenses** with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC or Commission). The LCRA's Petition will affect all of the LCRA's wholesale and retail customers throughout the LCRA's service area. The LCRA seeks final reconciliation of \$355,029,271 in fuel expenses incurred during the period beginning June 1, 1990 and ending May 31, 1993.

Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon the action sought should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78757, or call the Commission's Public Information Office at (512) 458-0256 or (512) 458-0221 (telecommunications device for the deaf).

Hi Janice!
 Hope everything is great with you!



Masonic Past Masters Dinner

Las Moras Masonic Lodge #444 honored the Lodge's Past Masters at a dinner Saturday evening, November 13, 1993, at Slaton Hall. Top photo from left, Worshipful Master Lenny Mahefky and Mrs. Mahefky, and Senior Warden Tom Faulkenberry look out over an overflow turnout enjoying the meal catered by Del Rio Chapter #204, Order of the Eastern Star. The two lower photos are of Master Masons and guests, some who came from as far away as Canada.

Freemasonry Is...

By BRUCE CLEMENTS
Past Master, Current Secretary
Las Moras Masonic Lodge #444

In recent years FREEMASONRY has been called a cult, satanic, and/or devil worshippers, of which Freemasonry is neither. Freemasonry is the oldest, largest, and most widely known fraternity in the world. But throughout its history, its structure and teachings have remained a mystery to many, and myths and misconceptions about the fraternity have arisen.

Exactly when Freemasonry began is not known for certain, but many historians trace the beginnings of Masonry to the Middle Ages, when stonemasons and other craftsmen traveled throughout Europe. These men were known as free masons, because unlike bondsmen, they were free to move where their work demanded. These free masons would gather in shelter houses, or lodges, and eventually organized themselves into masonic guilds, using the secrets of their craft to identify themselves as masons. The Square and Compass - tools of the masons' trade - became the symbol of their brotherhood.

When the need for such builders declined, "Speculative" or "Symbolic" Masonry evolved, using the customs and tools of the craft to convey moral truths. The growing organization attracted men of integrity and good will, and the masonic guilds began to accept members who were not stonemasons, calling them "accepted masons." The fraternity finally became known in some jurisdictions as "Ancient Free and Accepted Masons," and in other jurisdictions as "Free and Accepted Masons."

Today, Freemasonry is composed of men bound together not by trade but by their desire to be fraternal brothers. The tools of those early builders have remained as symbols to help Masons understand and remember the teachings of the fraternity. Through the improvement and strengthening of the individual's character, Masonry seeks to improve the community

and to make good men better through belief in the Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God, and the immortality of the soul.

The basic organizational unit of Masonry is the Blue Lodge or Craft Lodge. When a man has been accepted for membership, he proceeds through three degrees called Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason, which is the highest degree in Masonry. It is through these degrees that the teachings of Masonry are first presented.

The only requirements for Masonic Membership are that a man must be of good moral character, profess belief in a Supreme Being, and be at least 21 years of age (in some jurisdictions, the age requirement is 18 or 19). One of the customs is that a man must join of his own free will. Masonry does not solicit members or conduct membership "drives" to supplement its membership roster. A man desiring to become a Mason may request a petition from someone who is a Mason, and he must be recommended to the Lodge by two Masons, and pass a ballot of Lodge members. Though Masonry does not permit direct or open membership solicitation, most jurisdictions have no objection to an approach being made to a man who is considered a suitable candidate for Freemasonry. The potential candidate should then be left to make his own decision and come of his own free will and accord.

The fraternity utilizes certain symbols and signs of recognition that are not made public, but Masonry is not a secret society. Its only secrets are its methods of recognition and symbolic instruction. It does not hide its existence, and many Masons proudly wear Masonic rings, tie clips or lapel pins, display Masonic emblems on their vehicles.

Nor is Masonry a religion, though it is religious in character, requiring a belief in the existence of a Supreme Being. Masonry accepts men regardless of their religion and encourages them to participate in their respective religious services, and to worship according to their faith.

County Democratic Chair Changes

Jean Faulkenberry has accepted the responsibility of the Kinney County Democratic Chairmanship filling the vacancy created when Earline Thurber resigned.

Les Roper and Bill Bizzell serve as chairman of Precinct I and Precinct IV respectively. Vacancies exist in Precinct II and Precinct III. Persons interested in filling those positions until/through the primary election may contact Faulkenberry.

She will also accept petitions until January 3, 1994, for placement on the primary election ballot for all four precinct positions as well as the county chair, no filing fee required.

Filing forms for other county positions on the Democratic ballot may be obtained from Faulkenberry, and they are to be returned to her no earlier than 8:00 a.m. December 3, 1993, nor later than 6:00 p.m. January 3, 1994.

Positions to be elected in Kinney County in the March 8, 1994, primary election are: County Judge, County Clerk, County Treasurer, County Commissioner Precinct II, County Commissioner Precinct IV, and Justice of the Peace.

In all cases, the proper filing fee must be attached to the petition when it is turned in. The fee is \$600.00 for all positions except the Justice of the Peace which is \$300.00.

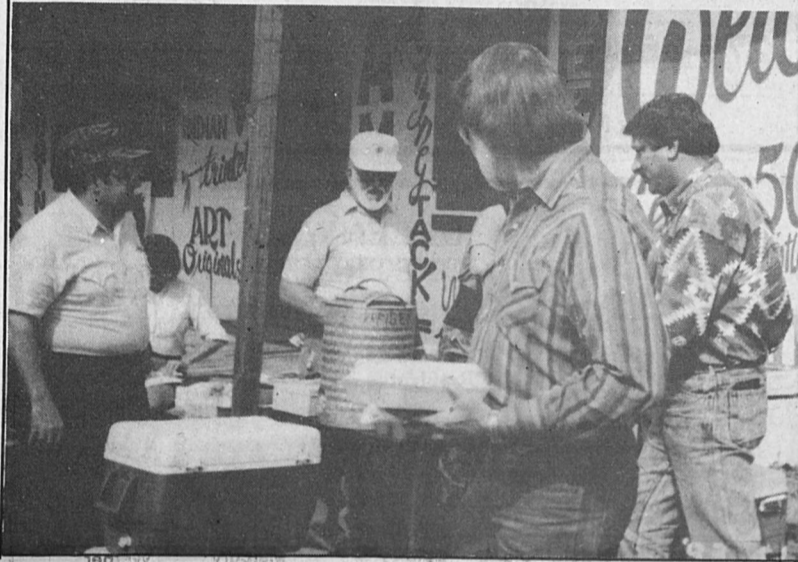
In lieu of the filing fee, a prospective candidate may substitute a petition containing signatures of legally registered Kinney County voters equal to 2% of the number casting ballots in the last designated election, or a minimum of 50.

Mrs. Faulkenberry may be reached at 507 S. Ann Street from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Chamber Barbecue

Kinney County Chamber of Commerce President Larry Sofaly and Member Tom Faulkenberry serve barbecue to hunters at noon, Friday, November 12, from the Jug Store parking lot.

Upper photo, Member Albert Payne was chief cook. He does much of the cooking when the Chamber serves barbecue at fund raisers or social events.



Local Members Attend Area Convention

Patsy Callan of Beta Epsilon Omicron along with Pat McKelvy, Betty Inman and Dee Gaston of Theta Sigma, attended the Cen-Tex Area Convention November 12 and 13, 1993, in Kerrville, Texas. "Lose Your Heart To The Hills" was the convention theme. Daneen Thurman, Division Chairman for Texas, was the key note speaker and her topic was "Learning To Treasure Ourselves" which correlated Beta Sigma Phi's 1993-94 international theme of "Treasure Special Moments."

On Friday evening Ken Callan escorted the Brackettville ladies to a reception where they were entertained by the antics of stand-up comedienne "Porkey Pline" and participated in a Get Acquainted Treasure Hunt.

Saturday morning members attended forums of their choice: Dr. Ann Rosson on Women's Health; Sharon Joseph on Women's Investments in the 90s; Kay Batchelor on Personal Color Analysis For Women; Kerr County Sheriff Frances Kaiser on Protection Of And Self Defense For Women; and Jerri Ray, Agricultural Extension Agent for Kerr County.

A noon luncheon and style show sponsored by local Kerrville businesses featured fall and winter fashions and accessories modeled by Kerrville chapter members, but did not keep the Fort Clark ladies, with their matching T-shirts from grabbing attention!

Also on the program were Ruth Ann Harmon, a coloratura soprano, and "Bird Man" Davis McKelvey, a Kerrville naturalist and animal lover.

Dee Gaston and Pat McKelvy won door prizes which were awarded intermittently throughout the day.

The 1993 "Lose Your Heart To The Hills" convention closed with the Beta Sigma Phi delegates saying the Closing Ritual together. The Brackett Betas may not have completely lost their hearts to the hills but they reported having a wonderful, learning, and fun time. They are already looking forward to the Texas State Convention in Dallas June 1994.



From left, Pat McKelvy, Pat Callan, Betty Inman, and Dee Gaston stopped by The Brackett News office on their way to convention to "show off" their eye-catching T-shirts.

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Kinney County Aging Services #1

Maryn Caton, top photo, shows off her "Popeye" medal earned for collecting the most pledge dollars for the Popeye Walk-A-Thon at Crystal City, Spinach Capitol of The World, Saturday, November 13. The Walk-A-Thon was sponsored by Middle Rio Grande Development Council and teams from the nine county region participated.

All Maryn's pledge money, over \$400.00, came home with her and will be used for enrichment activities at the Kinney County Center.

Maryn, Center Director Tencha Pena, and Chef Maria Abrigo together took fourth place in the walking contest after they walked a combined twelve miles.

In the two lower photos, luncheon guests at the Aging Services Monday, November 15, hold Del Monte Spinach cans (money banks). They, along with other local supporters, made the pledges.

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Fishing Report



BRAUNIG: Water muddy, 65 degrees, normal level; all fishing slow due to lack of fishermen; beginning November 29 the lake will be open only from 6 am to 6 pm through February 1st.

CALAVERAS: Water murky, 66 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow; striped are fair to 5 pounds on artificials in 15-20 feet of water; crappie are slow; catfish are fair to 27 pounds; redfish are fair to 15 pounds on live perch; corvina are slow.

CHOKE: Water clear, 63 degrees, 2 1/2 feet low; black bass are fair to 9 pounds on single blade spinners early and double leaf spinners late afternoon; white bass are slow but concentrating near the river; crappie are fair with some limits to 2 pounds on live minnows in 10-20 feet of water; catfish are fair to 45 pounds with some limits in the back of creeks.

COLETO CREEK: Water clear, 78 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass are fair on Rat-L-Traps in shallow water near the ramps and piers; crappie are fair on minnows near Perdido Creek; catfish are fair on live shad and shrimp.

CORPUS CHRISTI: Water clearing, 70 degrees, 7 feet low; black bass are fair to 4 1/2 pounds in shallow water on slow moving cranks and plastic worms; white bass and crappie are slow; catfish are good on trotline to 40 pounds; blue catfish are good on live shad and shrimp on rod and reel.

FALCON: Water off color, 68 degrees, 14 feet low; black bass are good to 10 pounds on jigs and worms in 4-15 feet of water; striped are good to 10 pounds on Knocker Spoons in 25 feet of water; white bass are good in the schools; catfish are good to 6 pounds on shrimp, stink bait and shad.

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| Tuesday, November 23, 5 p.m. | Nueces Canyon Junior Varsity Girls/Varsity Boys | There |

Tiger Athletic Booster Club Meets Monday, November 22, 7:00 p.m. High School Library



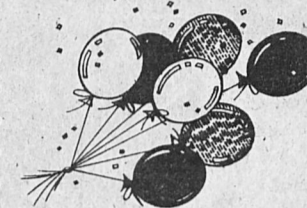
Trivia Test

- by Linda Luckhurst
1. **Television:** Who was the only permanent panelist on the show, "What's My Line?"
 2. **Quotes:** Who said, "Nice guys finish last"?
 3. **What's In A Name:** What is the most common Spanish family name?
 4. **History:** Who was known as the "Iron Chancellor" on President Nixon's staff?
 5. **Nicknames:** What is North Carolina's nickname?
 6. **Vocabulary:** What is piscatology?
 7. **Publishing:** What is the largest-selling magazine in America?
 8. **Music:** Who recorded the August, 1958 number one hit single, "Poor Little Fool"?

TRIVIA TEST ANSWERS
 1. Arlene Francis; 2. Leo Durocher; 3. Garcia; 4. H.R. Hall; 5. Tar Heel state; 6. the art of science of fishing; 7. Reader's Digest; 8. Ricky Nelson

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Depression — New Program Overcomes Treatment Cost Barriers

At some point during his or her life, one out of five Americans will fall victim to depression. This year, 12 to 14 million people will suffer from this condition. Studies show that depression causes more days lost from work and greater use of health care services than many other chronic long-term medical illnesses, such as diabetes and hypertension. Only chronic heart disease is associated with poorer daily functioning.

Although depression is a serious medical condition, there is hope. Depression, at least in part, is caused by a chemical imbalance in the brain, which can be corrected with medication. A new class of antidepressant drugs called selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) helps restore the balance by increasing the amount of a brain chemical called serotonin, which affects moods and is believed to play a role in the development of depression.

Paxil™ (paroxetine hydrochloride), the newest member of the SSRI class, has been shown to be as effective as traditional antidepressants (such as the tricyclic drug imipramine); however, Paxil has a more favorable side-effect profile and is more easily tolerated by patients. As with other SSRIs, the most common side effect is nausea, which tends to be mild and to disappear over time.

According to Dr. David Dunner of the University of Washington in Seattle, "Medications like Paxil that tend to cause fewer side effects compared to older medications are quite useful as the patient is able to stay on treatment longer and get better."

Pharmaceutical manufacturer SmithKline Beecham is offering a new program for people suffering from depression — the Paxil Access to Care™ Program. The company has pledged to provide up to \$5 million of its new antidepressant, Paxil, to depressed patients for whom the cost of medication, prescribed by their doctor, might result in financial hardship or cause patients not to take their medicine.

Warning signs of depression include: A "sad" or "empty" mood; loss of interest in pleasurable activities; fatigue; changes in sleeping or eating habits; restlessness or irritability; difficulty in thinking, remembering, or making decisions; feelings of guilt, worthlessness, and helplessness; thoughts of death or suicide. If symptoms persist for two weeks or longer, see your doctor.

"Depression increasingly is being recognized as a chronic medical illness that requires long-term treatment," said Dr. Jean-Pierre Garnier, executive vice president, Smith-Kline Beecham Pharmaceuticals. "Although Paxil is less expensive than other drugs in its class, we understand that, for some patients who are not insured and who do not qualify for other assistance programs, the cost of medication may prevent the patient from receiving adequate treatment. The Paxil Access to Care Program was created to benefit those patients who fall into this category."

"Providing access to state-of-the-art treatment for patients who are economically disadvantaged is a pressing concern for the mental health community," said Peter Ross, executive director of the National Foundation for Depressive Illness (NAFDI). "Initiatives such as the Paxil Access to Care Program will provide real benefit to the patients who need it most."

Any physician who treats depressed patients can participate in the program. Participating physicians will be provided with certificates that will be given to patients who qualify for the program. A patient is eligible for the Paxil Access to Care Program if the patient has an annual household income of less than \$25,000; has no medical insurance and does not qualify for government or private programs that cover the cost of prescription medications; or, in the opinion of the treating physician, if the cost of an antidepressant drug may impose a significant hardship on the patient. Ask your physician about the Paxil Access to Care Program. For more information, send a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope to:

Home Tips
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 (2.) If you have dry lips, apply a coat of lip balm under lipstick during the day. It feels great. Lea K., Lexington, Neb.

TOUGH CLEANUP — Here's a tip for cleaning dried texture (joint compound) from carpeting. Brush the dried compound with a wire-bristle brush which has first been covered with a large square of pantyhose. To clean the carpet fibers from the wire bristles, just pull the square of pantyhose from the brush and out they come. Repeat this procedure until the carpet is free of dried compound, then vacuum. The rug will look as good as new with no mess and little cleanup. Louise M., Sandusky, Ohio

CLEVER BOLSTER — My sleeper sofa is very old. It still looks good, but the foam mattress has become compressed in the center due to years of heavy sitting. I solved the problem by pulling out the bed, laying a sleeping bag, sheets and folded blanket down the center length of the mattress and enclosing them in the bed. It works great. You'd never know the difference. Carolyn J., Kingston, N.Y.

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There will be a prebid meeting for this project at 10:30 AM, Wednesday, November 17, 1993, in the Val Verde County Area Office, 319 E. Gibbs, Del Rio, Texas.

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Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, Inc. is accepting applications for the position of Groundman to fill a vacancy in the Cooperative's Brackettville district.

Applicants must be able and willing to work under adverse weather conditions, including holidays, overtime, and week end duty. Must have physical stamina to trim trees, lift heavy objects, operate equipment and tools. Must be able and willing to learn to climb poles. Must possess a valid Texas driver's license with a clear driving record and be able to obtain a CDL license within 90 days from date of hire.

Applications may be picked up or requested from any RGEC office and must be mailed to RGEC, Human Resource Department, Box 1509, Brackettville, Texas 78832.

Applications must be postmarked on or before December 1, 1993. RGEC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

(Vacancy 93/120)

Extra Space?

Do you have an extra room(s) in your home you would rent out on a short term basis? If interested, you can have the opportunity to do so June 20-24, 1994. That is when the National Speleological Society (Speleunkers) will convene in Kinney County. Between 1200 and 1400 are expected to attend.

Many will be camping in tents or RVs. The motel rooms at Fort Clark are already booked, as are other known rental properties.

The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce will compile a list of private home rooms, and/or bed and breakfast arrangements, and forward them to Convention Coordinators for listing in their newsletter. Those interested can then make direct contact with the homeowner. Contact Kathryn Letsinger, Executive Secretary, Kinney County Chamber of Commerce, 210-563-2466.

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.

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HELP YOUR HEART RECIPES

American Heart Association

This recipe is intended to be part of an overall healthful eating plan. Total fat intake should be less than 30 percent of your total calories for a day - not for each food or recipe.

Roast Turkey

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| 1 turkey (about 12 pounds) | 1 medium onion, chopped |
| 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper | 2 carrots, chopped |
| 1/2 teaspoon poultry seasoning | 1/3 cup chopped fresh parsley |
| 3 stalks celery, chopped | 1/4 cup acceptable margarine, melted* |

Thaw turkey if necessary; remove parts from cavities. Rinse and pat dry. Preheat oven to 425° F.

Sprinkle pepper and poultry seasoning inside body cavity of turkey. Place vegetables and parsley inside cavity. Truss. Place on a rack in a roasting pan. Place meat thermometer in thigh, making sure tip does not rest against bone. Brush bird with melted margarine. Bake 15 minutes and then reduce heat to 325° F. Cook turkey, basting often, until meat thermometer reaches 185° F. Turkey should rest 15 to 20 minutes before it is carved. Remove skin before eating.

Makes 12 servings.
* Select margarines that have no more than 2 grams of saturated fat per tablespoon.

Nutrient Analysis per Serving

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| 500 Calories | 214 mg Cholesterol | 6 g Saturated Fat |
| 75 g Protein | 246 mg Sodium | 5 g Polyunsaturated Fat |
| 0 g Carbohydrate | 20 g Total Fat | 6 g Monounsaturated Fat |

This Help Your Heart Recipe is from the American Heart Association Cookbook, Fifth Edition, American Heart Association. Published by Times Books, A Division of Random House, Inc. 1973, 1975, 1979, 1984, 1991.

Cranberry Bread

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| Vegetable oil spray* | 3/4 cup orange juice |
| 1 cup whole-wheat flour | 1 tablespoon grated orange rind |
| 1 cup all-purpose flour | 1 egg |
| 2/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar | 1/2 cup vegetable oil (canola or safflower) |
| 1 tablespoon baking powder | 2 tablespoons vanilla |
| 1/2 teaspoon salt | 2 cups fresh cranberries, chopped |
| 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice | |

Preheat oven to 350° F. Lightly spray two 7 3/8 x 3 1/8-inch loaf pans with vegetable oil.

Combine first six dry ingredients in medium bowl and set aside. In a small bowl, combine remaining ingredients and mix well. Make a well in dry ingredients and pour in liquid mixture. Stir just until blended.

Pour into prepared loaf pans and bake 45 to 50 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Remove from pans and cool on a wire rack.
Makes 2 loaves for 24 1-slice servings.

Nutrient Analysis per Serving

| | | |
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| 146 Calories | 11 mg Cholesterol | 1 g Saturated Fat |
| 2 g Protein | 92 mg Sodium | 3 g Polyunsaturated Fat |
| 25 g Carbohydrate | 5 g Total Fat | 1 g Monounsaturated Fat |

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Stretch your dollars ...

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

Just the other day I walked into a discount store and noticed all of the orange and black Halloween decorations, costumes and candies that were attractively displayed. I hardly gave it a thought because we were in that season of the year, but on the very next aisle the direct contrast of colors jumped out at me even more. There were greens, red and white of Christmas.

It seems as though it was a long time ago, but I still remember when Christmas decorations and promotions didn't begin until the day after Thanksgiving. I suppose that due to the commercialization of one of the most special days of the year this has come about.

Nevertheless seeing the decorations it caused me to begin to

give thought about what gifts I wanted to give and to whom I wanted to give them. But it will be easier this year because of a list that I found last year. Maybe it will help you, too!

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| To a Friend | Loyalty |
| To an Enemy | Forgiveness |
| To your Boss | Service |
| To a Child | Good Example |
| To your Father | Respect |
| To your Mother | Gratitude |
| | and Devotion |
| To your Wedded Mate | Love |
| | and Faithfulness |
| To All Men | Charity |
| To God | Your Life |

It's a great list, very affordable, and the gifts will come back to you.

St. John's Baptist Church

Pastor Wm. P. Adams, Sr.
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God's Continual Praise:

Praise ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord, Praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and for evermore.

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the Lord's name is to be praised.

Praise God! Psalms 113:1-3 **Praise God!**

Praise God!

Praise God!

Community Thanksgiving Service
 Sunday Evening, November 21, 7:00
 First United Methodist Church
 Rev. William Adams, Pastor
 St. John's Baptist Church Will Preach

Church Directory



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 7:00 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.

Lutheran Congregation: Meets 1st and 3rd Saturday evenings, 6:00, Fort Clark Golf Club, 563-2047.

Keeping Cars In Tune With Environment

Every 10 days motorists who drive with poorly maintained engines and under inflated tires waste 70 million gallons of gasoline or almost 2.6 billion a year. Car and truck owners can help save their vehicles and help the environment by getting an "environmental tune-up."

Basic care and maintenance can help a vehicle run more efficiently and last up to 50% longer, while careless and improper care can severely damage the vehicle as well as the environment. Each year do-it-yourselfers improperly dump 20 times the amount of oil spilled by the Exxon Valdez into the American environment.

To deter such waste, the Texas Automobile Dealers Association suggests that car and truck owners follow basic maintenance guidelines developed by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence:

- *Keep tires properly inflated. Under inflation wastes fuel because the engine has to work harder to push the vehicle.
- *Keep the air conditioner in good condition. One third of ozone-depleting chlorofluorocarbons released into the atmosphere come from car air conditioners, either through leaks or escape during servicing. Well equipped service operations, such as those at franchised dealerships, have equipment

that captures and recycles these coolants.

- *Observe the speed limit. Gas mileage decreases significantly when driving about 55 miles per hour.

- *To save gas usage and engine wear, drive gently without sudden accelerations and jerky stops and gos, and avoid excess idling.

- *Remove excess from your vehicle. Less weight equals better gas mileage.

- *Keep your engine tuned up. A well maintained engine lasts longer and operates more efficiently. For example, a restricted fuel injector can reduce fuel efficiency as much as 30%. Follow the service schedule in your owner's manual, and get your car serviced by a trained professional technician who is backed by state-of-the art equipment, such as those at dealerships. A tune-up is strongly recommended at every 30,000 miles or 2 to 3 years.

A comprehensive performance check can also serve as an environmental check up. It should include an emissions test and the examination of the ignition, battery, filters, fluids, belts and hoses, safety devices, spark plugs and basic engine parts.

These simple steps can help extend the life of your car while keeping it environmentally in tune.

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Frontier Baptist Church

By Joe Townsend

The pastor chose for the morning message an event told by all four of the Gospel writers. He chose the version in Luke.

Jesus was asked to dine with some Pharisees. This was in itself an unheard of event. Jesus was exposing himself to all sorts of criticism by the arrogant hyper-religious snobs.

While they were eating, a woman of the streets, a harlot, suddenly burst into their midst and accosted Jesus. She bathed his feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. She broke open an alabaster box (a very expensive container) of a tremendously expensive ointment, nard. Immediately the Pharisees became caustic and said that if Jesus were indeed the Son of God, He would know who this woman was and what she was and hence would loudly disavow her.

Jesus said to Simon, "When I came in you offered me no water for my feet and yet she has washed my feet with her tears." You offered me no oil for anointment and yet she has anointed me with this expensive ointment.

Turning to the woman He said, "Your faith has made you whole."

The attentions she paid to Jesus had no part in her salvation. These simply gave testimony to her redemption. Without a preceeding faith these fancy actions would be a mockery.

Here a harlot was immediately made a different person because of her faith in Christ. She had now gained respectability and a new life. It has happened instantaneously. She was now permanently changed.

The criticism of the Pharisees was made moot. It now mocked them. All the scorn and arguments in the world are meaningless when faced by the miraculous change of a person when that person puts faith in Jesus Christ. He says, "Thy faith hath made thee whole."

Sunday, Frontier Baptist Church will have the annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Following the morning worship, the congregation will adjourn to the Fellowship Hall and enjoy this annual event. Everyone who attends will find a warm-hearted, friendly welcome.

Come and see.

Obituary



Lois Hall

Lois Maxine Lamb Hall died in Odessa, Texas, on November 13, 1993, and the remains will be cremated.

Mrs. Hall was born March 25, 1931, in Levelland, Texas.

She and her husband, Earnest Hall who survives her, maintained homes in Odessa and Fort Clark Springs.

Mrs. Hall was a member of the Temple Baptist Church of Odessa but regularly attended the First Baptist Church of Brackettville when she was at the Fort Clark home.

She was also a life member of Fort Clark Springs VFW Auxiliary #8360.

Other survivors include a daughter, Elizabeth Ann Hall Fletcher, four grandchildren - Angie, Ada, Lauren and Philip, a sister and five brothers.

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church

The Catholic Altar Society is having a cake walk on Sunday, November 21, at 2:00 p.m. at the church grounds.

Donations of baked goods will be greatly appreciated, and can be brought to the church rectory, or call 563-2676 for pick-up.

Hope For Tomorrow Garden Youth Group

Reported by Sara S. Terrazas

Even though the Citizens of Spofford have had their share of hardships, the little town has pulled together to do something special for the children.

A Christian youth group of 23 children of all ages has been formed. They meet twice a week at the Catholic Church in Spofford with the permission and blessing of Father David Zumaya.

During the week, the students meet for Bible Study and on weekends they meet for fun activities such as picnics, baseball, arts and crafts, games, and always plenty of food.

The students are learning the importance of being a Christian, to know God, to love Him, and to serve Him.

Fundraisers will be held to help supply themselves with Christian books, craft materials, and games, and since Father Zumaya has loaned the church, the students have decided to use some of the money they raise to repair and improve the church since it is a historical building.

One goal is to visit the elderly and take gifts, not only in Spofford, but also in nursing homes.

Many other plans are being made but right now, the group is just grateful that the Lord has brought the youth together and for those adults who are helping.

A special thanks to the parents and all the adults in "our town" who have contributed to the youth group in any way.

May God bless you all!

TOLL-FREE TURKEY HOT-LINE:

The Butterball Turkey Talk-Line, in its 13th year, is again ready with live home economists ready to answer your culinary questions, solve problems, suggest side dishes, how to buy, store and cook turkey and how to use leftovers. The toll-free number is 1-800-4848. For the Hearing Impaired, the number is 1-800-TDD-3848. The hot line operates as follows:

- * November 1 through 24, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (CST)

- * November 20 and 21 (weekend before Thanksgiving) 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (CST)

- * November 25, Thanksgiving Day, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- * November 26 through December 23, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (CST)

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