

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

Project Plus

A program to help parents and school work together!
Wednesday, February 23, 1994
Brackett High School Home Ec Cottage

Speaker: Dr. Art Flores, School Psychologist, San Antonio ISD

Speaking on DISCIPLINE VERSUS PUNISHMENT

11:30 - 11:45
11:45 - 12:15
12:15

Dr. Flores will bring his message in Spanish
Lunch provided by school

Dr. Flores will give his message in English
Baby sitting is available. Please come!

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

Lloyd L. Davis Resigns From School Board

The BISSD Board of Trustees and guests were given an opportunity to again tour the new library. This writer was among the group and was again impressed with the spacious beauty of the tastefully furnished learning center. Any reader who has not visited the new library is encouraged to do so!

Back in the board room, the meeting convened at 6:30 p.m. with President Jimmy Bader, Vice President Lingo Sandoval and members Lloyd Lee Davis, Stan Conoly, Jim McDaniel, and Gloria Garcia present.

Superintendent Steve Mills, in recognition of School Board Recognition Month, presented each board member with a certificate of appreciation.

Minutes were approved as printed and distributed to board members.

Applications for Historical Exemptions from taxes were approved.

Superintendent Mills reported that the district's request for class size waiver, grades four and five, has been approved by the Texas Education Agency.

Jimmy Bader, Lingo Sandoval, and Superintendent Mills affirmed their intent to attend a board training seminar in Uvalde on February 24, 7 to 9 p.m.

Site-Based Decision Making was discussed and its implementation in BISSD has been positive.

Board members were made aware they could file for a position on the Region XX Board of Directors and were encouraged to do so immediately if interested.

The board affirmed interest in dissolving and closing out CED#18 now that County Education Districts have been declared unconstitutional. All school districts in a CED must agree to any given dissolution.

Board approval was given to Counselor Susan Harrison's recommendation to make changes in tests used to qualify students for the Gifted/Talented program.

TEA application waivers for Extended Algebra and Applied Physics, courses already being taught by Carroll Petrosky and Karen Crumley, were approved for submission to comply with new rulings from TEA so proper credit can be awarded.

The board voted to make a school calendar change moving a holiday from Friday, March 18, to Friday, March 11.

Approval was given to the 1992-93 Kinney County Appraisal District Audit with appreciation and compliments extended to Chief Appraiser Marcus Tidwell and his staff of Joyce Fuentes and Zulema Wilson.

The board acted favorably on a recommendation from the Brackett Advisory Committee to employ an ESL (English as Second Language) teacher to work with the 49 students in the district who have been identified as needing the service.

Ag teacher John Paul Schuster was designated as the official school sponsor for students attending stock shows.

The proposed 1994-95 school calendar was reviewed. No suggested changes were made. Ten-

tatively school would start one week later and end two weeks later than the 1993-94 school year.

Approval was given for Superintendent Mills to change custodial salaries from hourly reporting to flat rate reporting; no adjustments in the budget were required.

Business Manager Gloria Benacci gave the district's financial report: 82.89% (\$835,096.42) of taxes collected and 43.02% (\$796,762.00) of state funds received; revenue received to date 57.40% of budget; expenses already met 53.74% of budget. (This is excellent status.)

Jones Elementary Principal Carl Glass reported 334 students enrolled; Apples for Students program totaled over \$245,000.

Middle School Principal Stoney Burks reported everything "normal!"

High School Principal Don Sims reported six weeks exams in progress; the last six weeks would begin Monday; BHS has been reassigned to the same UIL district.

Curriculum Director Taylor Stephenson reported working on a \$34,000 grant for elementary school equipment and that administrators would be conducting inservice sessions for staff the last three days of the week.

The board entered into a closed meeting at 9:00 p.m. for principals' evaluations.

Coming back into the open meeting, the board awarded Elementary Principal Glass a two year contract and extended the contract of High School Principal for one year.

Lloyd Lee Davis submitted his resignation as a board member and it was accepted. No replacement was named.

The meeting then adjourned.

Board Recognition

Texasns benefit every day from the dedicated energies and countless hours devoted by a group of more than 7,000 men and women in every community across the state. These public servants are elected to serve by local constituents and receive no compensation for their tireless efforts. These men and women are the local school board members of Texas.

This month (February), nearly 1,050 Texas communities will honor the dedicated service of the public school trustees during School Board Recognition Month. The goal is to build awareness and understanding of the important function an elected board of education plays in communities and schools.

Governor Ann Richards has called upon all Texas citizens to recognize the important contributions of these men and women and focus on the vital role these public officials play in the education of Texas' children.

The men and women serving the Brackett Independent School District are:

James W. Bader, President
Lingo Sandoval, Vice-President
Jewel Robinson, Secretary
Lloyd Lee Davis, Jr.
Stan Conoly
Jim McDaniel
Gloria Garcia

Commissioners Court Schedules Sale Of Surplus Equipment

At 9:00 a.m. Monday, February 14, 1994, Judge Tim Ward called a regular meeting of the Kinney County Commissioners Court to order with Commissioners Freddie Frerich, Plunker Sheedy, Cordelia Mendeke, and Alvin McClure present. Judge Ward gave the invocation and led the pledge to the flag.

The court voted to hold a surplus equipment sale on Saturday, March 19, 1:00 p.m. at the county barn. All county departments will be invited to participate.

Two bids for carpet and installation were opened and read. Sherwin-Williams, Uvalde, had the lower bid at \$7.75 per square yard for 26-oz Commercial with non-ravel backing for a total of \$3665.20.

The contract, drawn up by the county attorney, for the lawn maintenance/garbage pick-up was approved.

The budget was amended by adding a line item within the general fund for payment of lawn maintenance/garbage pickup. Judge Ward expressed satisfaction with the performance of Victor Hernandez in the matter.

A report on two watershed dam inspections informed the court that Commissioner Mendeke, James Crumley, and David Martinez had done the on-site inspection and the most immediate need is brush removal. The county and city will jointly undertake this project in the near future.

Repair work in preparation of painting at the Civic Center has started, as has the paving around the Nutrition Center and repairing the Civic Center parking lot.

A report from Kinney County Historical Commission Chairman B. Peter Pohl detailed activities of the commission and expressed appreciation for the county's report was presented to the court.

Judge Ward read a "thank you" letter from County Extension Agent Allen McWilliams for county support of the 4-H/FFA Livestock Show.

Road Supervisor Cliff Fritter gave his monthly report of road conditions and department activities which consisted mostly of blading of county roads.

Judge Ward brought the court up to date on various routine activities including a report on the sales tax. He also reported that the year-to-date general fund revenue was \$150,000 over the same time last year. These funds come from fines, prisoner care, ad valorem taxes, and sales tax.

Bills were reviewed and approved for payment.

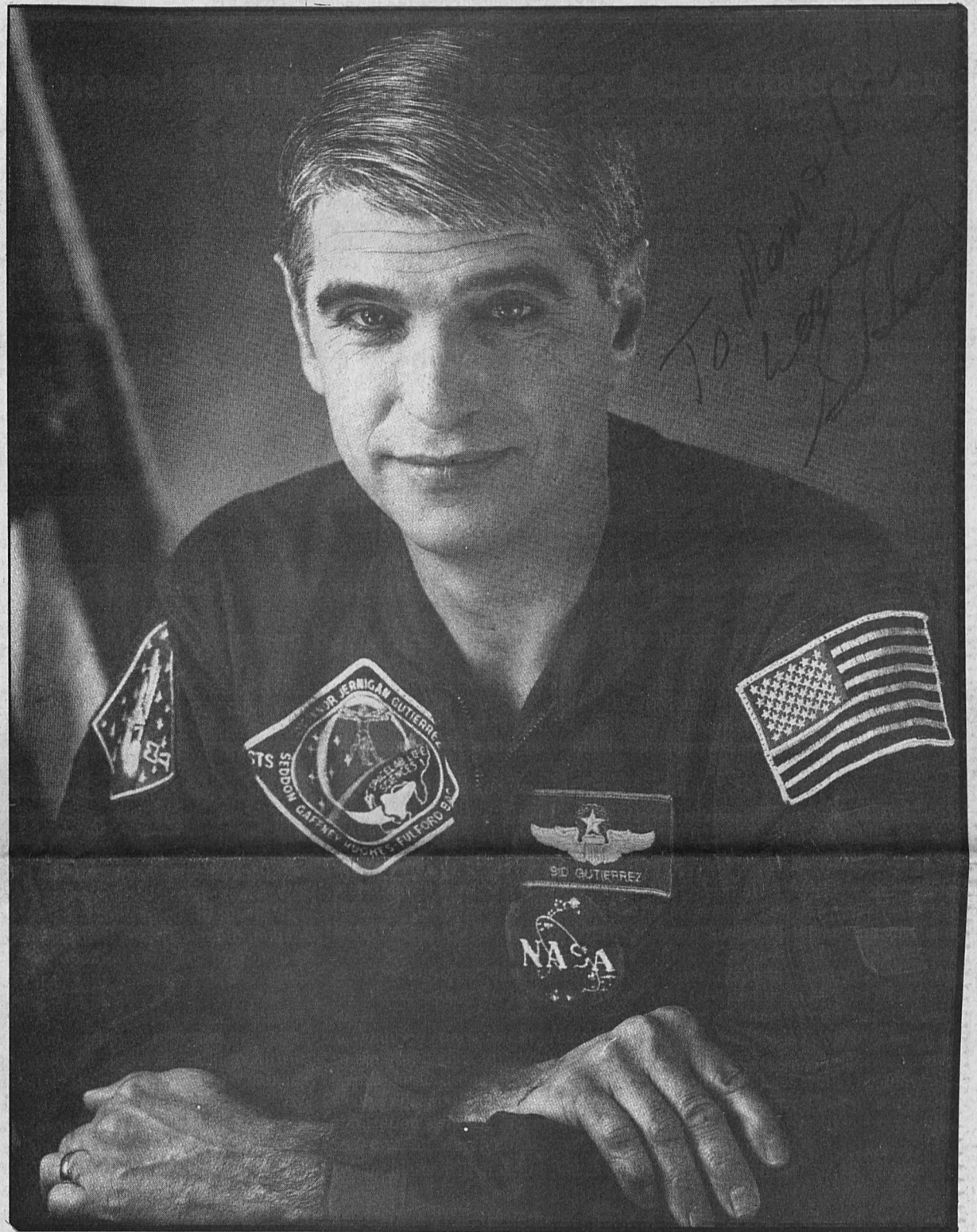
The full commissioners court then left the meeting room for an inspection tour of the Civic Center parking lot. The meeting was adjourned at the conclusion of the inspection.

Sims Named To Tech Honor Roll

Texas Tech University has announced the Dean's Honor List for scholastic achievement which is awarded only to those students who have attained a grade point ratio of 3.5 or better during the past semester.

Scott Sims was placed on the Dean's Honor Roll, and also on the President's Honor Roll which is awarded only to students who have attained a grade point average of 4.0 during the preceding semester.

Scott is a BHS graduate, a sophomore at Tech majoring in Mathematics, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don D. Sims, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd T. Beach.



Colonel Sidney M. Gutierrez Scheduled For Space Flight "Endeavour"

When the Space Shuttle Endeavour takes off from Kennedy Space Center on April 7, 1994, Kinney County will again have a special interest in a space flight.

Colonel Sidney M. Gutierrez, U.S. Air Force, will be the commander. He is the son-in-law of Lee and Lydia Cremer of Fort Clark Springs. A frequent visitor to his family here, Colonel Gutierrez has many friends who will be watching with interest, pride, concern, apprehension, and certainly prayers.

The mission, Space Shuttle Mission STS-59, is scheduled to be in space for nine days and will land at Kennedy Space Center.

The primary objective of this flight is to study the atmosphere and surface of the Earth using an air pollution sensor, MAPS (Measurement of Air Pollution from Space) and three large radars located in Endeavour's cargo bay. Secondary objectives include a variety of scientific and medical experiments conducted in the microgravity environment of the Space Shuttle and amateur radio contacts with schools and individuals around the world.

Although the launch is set for April 7, the potential for delay does exist and has occurred in the past. A change can also be forced because of

system or weather factors. Lee and Lydia Cremer do expect to be present for the take-off.

In addition to Colonel Gutierrez, crew members include the pilot, U.S. Air Force Colonel Kevin P. Chilton; Payload Commander Mission Specialist Linda M. Godwin, M.D.; Mission Specialist Jay Apt, Ph.D.; Mission Specialist U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel M. Richard Clifford; and Mission Specialist Thomas D. Jones, Ph.D.

This will be Colonel Gutierrez' second space flight. June 5-14, 1991, he was pilot of Orbiter Columbia STS-40, the first dedicated Life Sciences Mission.

Mayor Carmen Berlanga Announces City Election May 7

The City Council of Brackettville met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 15, 1994, with Mayor Carmen Berlanga and Council Members Ralph Gonzalez, Jean Seargeant, and Mary Flores present.

After the minutes of the last meeting were approved, Engineer Roy Rosin informed the council that an agreement had been reached with the firm contracted to pave city streets (with grant funds) to include three additions subject to approval by the grant which he expected to be readily agreeable.

Auditor Jerry Horn told the council that he was "an auditor with a smile" because the city's financial status had improved so much, partly because of an increase in property valuation that increased tax revenue and utility fee increases but even

more so from fiscal responsibility in spending. The council accepted the report and complimented City Secretary David Luna and staff for their work.

The council authorized Mr. Luna to proceed with plans to remedy roof leakage problems at City Hall.

Mayor Berlanga read an election order to elect a mayor and three aldermen in a May 7 election. The term of office will be 1994-1996. Early voting will be April 19 - May 3 with City Secretary David Luna early voting clerk assisted by Debbie Bland, Ginger Dodson, and Josie Rivas.

Qualified persons interested in running may pick up, complete, and return applications to City Hall between February 27 and March 23. No application will be accepted after 5:00 p.m. on March 23.

Candidates will draw for places on

the ballot at City Hall at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, March 28.

Historical Tax exemptions were approved for Las Moras Lodge and the Schroeder property usually called "The Well."

Councilwoman Mary Flores drew the name for Drug Testing.

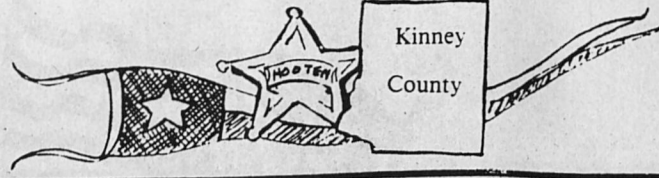
City Secretary Luna gave staff report updates as:

Operational and management agreement, 50-50 arrangement, had been signed between the city and Fort Clark M.U.D. (new waste water disposal facility); frame for the new dog pound would soon be in place; water line to Citizens Collection Site is 80% dug, much of it through rock; supplier informed city new vehicles would be delivered "just any day;" city ready to proceed, jointly with county, with dam cleanup.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Sheriff's Corner

By Sheriff Norman H. Hooten



With the March 8, 1994 Democratic Primary elections drawing closer each day and early voting already started (February 16) it is only natural that local politics are "heating up" as the various candidates increase their efforts to gain support for their candidacies from the voting public.

In most cases those candidates seem to be conducting their campaigns in an honest, truthful manner, asking for the voters to consider their talents, abilities, and other qualifications they may have for the office they seek. However, and this is, as always, a disturbing fact, there are a couple of the candidates who are of the hate and discontent type who seem to feel that the best way to conduct a campaign for election is by the use of a negative attitude using character and reputation assassination in an attempt to discredit their opponent(s) and gain support for their cause. They spend more time "bad mouthing" their opponents than they do presenting their own qualifications. Maybe the reason why is that they don't have anything positive in their favor.

It wasn't until I indicated a desire to serve the people of my county and community and run for elective office nearly twenty years ago that the full impact of just how far the hateful, jealous, and vindictive people that live in our county will go in their desires to gain office or try and keep their self-declared personal and political "enemies" from being fairly and duly elected to office. And it doesn't stop there, if the hate crowd is unsuccessful in their attempts to keep their target (victim) from being elected, they then direct their ill, hateful feelings towards trying to discredit their target (victim) on a daily basis until the next time he or she is up for election, then they increase their foul, frustrated tactics of hate and discontent. I have personally been the target (victim) of such tactics for nearly twenty years now and though I have somehow survived so far with my sanity intact and though I still have the desire and ability to serve the people of my county and community in my chosen field, I have often wondered why I continue to "hang in there." The fact that one

has the training, experience, ability and a proven record of performance in his position does not matter one whit to the hate and discontent crowd in our community, they ignore the good things one has done and the accomplishments one has provided, all they concentrate on is their own frustration, hate, and discontent.

By no means am I now, or have I been, the only target (victim) of such hate tactics; other good, honest, and able people seeking public office for the first time or re-election to another term have also been targeted by the hate and discontent crowd. A recent example of this is my mother-in-law, Maria Elena "Nena" Pena, who is seeking election to the office of County Treasurer, a position that will be vacated at the end of this year by the retirement of the current County Treasurer.

Mrs. Pena is an honest, caring, faithful person who decided that she had the abilities, desire, and other qualifications to run for the position of County Treasurer. Shortly after her decision to run for elective office was made public, a decision and right guaranteed by the Constitutions of both this state and nation, Mrs. Pena was put on the "hit list" by the hate and discontent crowd.

False accusations and rumors were spread about her and she recently received a very vulgar, profane and threatening "hate letter", anonymous of course, as are all letters written by the lowly cowards who write such letters. The nature and content of this latest letter was very similar in nature and content to letters received by me, my wife, and Mrs. Pena during my last re-election campaign.

The letter was written by the same person or persons. In the latest letter, as in the others, the anonymous author made threats of bodily harm to Mrs. Pena, warning her not to run for public office and "because you ignored my warning, you will be hurt". It went on with very vulgar, profane language directed against Mrs. Pena and "your S.O.B. son-in-law (yours truly)."

All of this because Mrs. Pena chose to exercise her Constitutional rights to run for an elective of office.

What kind of people do we have in this county and community who choose to use vulgar, profane threats of bodily harm in an attempt to intimidate a candidate for public office?

The letter has, as were the others, been turned over to the F.B.I. for investigation.

Maybe, just maybe, the author will slip up some day and leave a clue that can be traced to the identity of the scum that writes such trash.

We would see how much courage he would have then, of course, we already know the answer to that. He has no courage and no honor!

That's All!

Home Tips

EARRING HOLDER — I have dozens and dozens of pairs of long, dangling earrings for pierced ears.

They were always getting tangled up in my jewelry box, so I bought a piece of canvas and attached it to the wall behind my bathroom door with a few push pins. I pushed the earring posts through and snapped the backs on. Janie K., Loveland, Colo.

WALL CALENDARS — Instead of searching for and often paying more for wall calendars with large numbers in the squares (that some seniors and nearsighted people need), buy the regular size.

I use a felt-tipped black pen and write larger numbers in the squares. It can be seen from across the room. Ginger L., Tyler, Texas

JUST THE FAX — Fax machines make life in the office so much easier but I've always had one annoying problem with these electronic marvels. I write the recipient's fax number on the cover sheet which has to be inserted upside-down into the machine before dialing, then I find I've forgotten the number.

A co-worker suggested writing the number on the back of the first page as well. It's so easy to read while dialing. Ken P., Washington, D.C.

CO-PILOT — Here's a great tip for someone who is driving a car alone and needs another person to read the directions in unfamiliar territory.

Before your trip, read the direction into a tape recorder and play back the tape in your car as you are traveling, stopping the tape after each segment.

With my tape recorder/player, when you start the tape again, it backtracks just a bit, which is very helpful. Ida M., Suffern, N.Y.



Between Us

By Joe Townsend.



I would not trade professions with anyone in the world, present, past or future.

Recently we received a call from Arizona from a girl we had known in years past. She said she and her husband were on a trip from California to Florida and wanted to come by and see us.

The next day they called from Del Rio and we met at the restaurant at Fort Clark for lunch.

To give you an idea of this fine lady you must know she had been in our church in California. I had baptized her, her mother and father, her brother and sister.

The last time we saw Laurel she was about 10 years old. This was in 1952.

She has grown, had a family, and she and her husband have retired. She is a polished and refined lady.

She has survived a number of traumatic experiences and is firmly planted in her relation to life and her God.

It was a most exhilarating experience to have a few precious moments with Laurel again. The real thrill was that we had touched the life of a young girl who carried that influence and love through these many years and went out of her way to add real joy to our lives.

I know of no profession that can produce such feelings of importance and accomplishments as this experience with Laurel and her husband who is a retired school teacher.

This may be the last time we'll see Laurel in this world but before too long we'll be with her and her family for eternity.

The thrill of this experience will carry us until then.

SEATBELTS

Everybody's Wearing Them

Notification Of FmHA's Finding Of No Significant Environmental Impact

The Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) has received an application for financial assistance from Brackettville Apartments, Ltd. The specific elements of this proposed action are construction of a 28-unit FmHA Section 515 rural housing apartment complex in Brackettville, Texas, to be located on Spring Street in the southwest portion of Brackettville, Texas.

FmHA has assessed the potential environmental impacts of this proposed action and has determined that it will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. Therefore, FmHA will not prepare an environmental impact statement for this proposed action.

Any written comments regarding this determination should be provided within 15 days of this publication to:

Mr. L. George Ellis, State Director, FmHA
1001 Main Street
Junction, Texas 76849-4693

FmHA will make no further decisions regarding this proposed action during this 15 day period. Requests to review the FmHA environmental assessment upon which this determination is based or to receive a copy of it should be directed to the above address.



Driving Tests

License Renewal

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

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

Have a Good Day

Janice

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Big Mama Sez!
Start each day off with a smile and get it over with.

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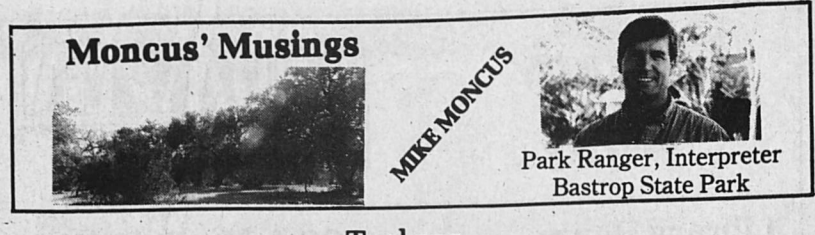
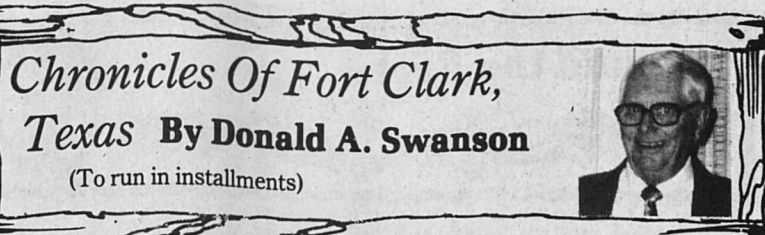
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Seven easy steps to building your own compost heap.

- 1. The Location**
An area with equal sunlight and shade. Make the pile free-standing or enclosed, 3 to 5 square feet.
- 2. The Base**
A 3 to 6 inch layer of old tree branches for aeration.
- 3. The First Layer**
6 to 8 inches of leaves, grass clippings, sawdust, or kitchen scraps (fruit and vegetable only).
- 4. The Second Layer**
1 to 2 inches of garden soil, manure, or a compost activator.
- 5. Successive Layers**
Repeat steps 3 and 4 until your pile is 4 to 5 feet high.
- 6. Keep it moist**
Like a wrung-out sponge.
- 7. Turn it**
The more compact, the more often you turn it (once a week to once a month). It's ready when it's scrubby and a uniform brown.

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Greetings #2 From The Dry Country

Have any of you fine and fearless readers ever considered how important diplomacy is?

Some people call it "sucking up," some call being diplomatic a cop out, and some call it a coward's way out of a tight situation. Myself, I call it avoiding a creation of hard feelings and possible harm to the old body.

Example--Some clown at a team roping comes up to you and asks what you think of his new horse. Now this horse would have to have character references to get into a glue factory but you get diplomatic and answer, "Oh, he looks like he's gonna make it."

This statement not only makes the proud new horse owner happy, it gives you a feeling of warmth and satisfaction knowing that you got out of a possible bad situation by being "diplomatic."

You are not prone to be diplomatic and what you just said starts to bother you just after the second go gets started.

By the end of the third go, you have watched this Alpo reject mess up so bad you start to hate yourself for avoiding the truth. You have forgotten all about the proud new horse owner's feelings, not to mention the fact that you skillfully avoided a possible fist fight, you are just thinking about how stupid you feel for making a statement that pertains every one in the arena heard, and it's starting to bother you a bunch.

The roping is over, and Timmy Top Hand lopes up to you and says, "Well, he's still a little green but I'm like you, I think he's gonna make a good 'un."

Now you know, and so does every one else in the hearing area, that you didn't say he was gonna make a "good 'un," you said, "it looks like he might make it."

You have to save face by plainly stating the facts. You want to say "listen, Bozo, the only thing he's ever gonna be good at is attracting coyotes," but you being the nice guy you are, you don't.

You just say, "Well, it may take awhile, but just bring 'im along slow."

As old Timmy Top Hand rides off to enter the next roping, you're thinking to yourself "why don't you drop the diplomatic crap and tell the poor old stupid thing what you really think."

By the time the second roping is over, you have witnessed old Gaines Burger stampee the length of the arena and ricochet off the stripping chute, mow down the flag man, run over two steers, and knock the header off his horse on his way over the fence in front of the concession stand.

You have noticed that being diplomatic has caused some concern among your fellow ropers. You pick up on their worry by hearing a few comments like, "Can you believe he told that goofy kid that horse was

gonna make a good 'un?" or "I can't believe he encouraged that kid to keep putting money into that powder head," or "You just wait, he'll watch that horse screw up a couple of more times, and then offer that kid nearly nothing for 'im and then take 'im home for a while and sell 'im for a bundle."

That last statement blows your mind.

Yes, you were caught red-handed being diplomatic (nice) so to speak and it's driving you up the wall. Your reputation is at stake here so you figure that when the ropings are over, you'll set old Timmy Top Hand straight once and for all.

As you are loading your horse and getting ready to head for the house, old Timmy comes over and thanks you for your opinion, but he's decided to sell old Kennel Ration cause he's just not quite what he's looking for.

Old Timmy walks off and leaves you there thinking that he thinks you really like that refugee from an 8-ounce can and it starts working on you to the point that you are ready to explode.

In fact, you do explode. As old Timmy and Purina's Best are pulling out of the parking area, you scream to the top of your lungs, "You'll need to sell that over-rated excuse for an equine idiot, that over fed, under worked mental degenerate needs a seeing eye dog just to find the feed bucket. He can't run fast enough to raise dust and I'll tell ya something else, your horse is ugly."

After having gotten all those pent up emotions turned loose, you look around and notice that the only ones that heard you are the ones that made the rather unkind comments about your judgement in the first place.

Then the icing is put on the cake (so to speak).

One of your fellow ropers steps up and says, "You shouldn't be telling that kid things like that, he does try, and he does think a lot of your opinion."

This has brought on a whole different view of the human race. But you don't say anything because you are diplomatic.

You just go to your pick up and leave for home. But as you are pulling out, you casually run over two rope bags, a set of them high dollar roping horns that's stuck into a bale of hay that just happens to get hung under your trailer, and an ice chest (tension release is so rewarding).

And as every one is checking things out making sure there wasn't any little kids or cow dogs mowed down, you very diplomatically load up their last ice chest full of beer and leave.

Now that's **diplomacy...**

Remember, no matter how hard or fast you ride, you ain't gonna get there till you arrive.

Catch ya next week.

Troopers Become Custom Agents

Whenever old horse troopers gather, so gather the tales of yore. Then one has difficulty separating fact from fiction. But like where there's smoke, there must be some fire, so publish it and hope the readers can find the merit. Since troopers never were accustomed to using microphones and still won't use one so these historic tales can be recorded, the tales become more the author's than the trooper's.

I swear to you this is the way the trooper told it to me in 1988. He said the Fifth Cavalry received an appeal to furnish four troopers to aid the Custom's Patrol of the Rio Grande from the Del Rio Headquarters. The command responded by sending four troopers on Temporary Duty (TDY).

The troopers were instructed by a Senior Custom Inspector on their duties. They would usually patrol in pairs rather than being paired with custom inspectors (maybe a bit of discrimination here).

So this tale goes, two of the troopers departed horsemounted and armed from the Del Rio Headquarters on a southerly patrol of the U.S. side of Rio Grande. After several miles of patrol they were heading in the rough and unpopulated area towards Eagle Pass. Now maybe a time frame is appropriate, it was in the year of 1936.

Suddenly, both troopers were alerted to the loud crack of large caliber rifle ahead of their path.

Caution took command and they dismounted, and took refuge behind a bank of sand. Soon at an interval, there were several other shots and it was easy to distinguish the fire was coming from the Mexican side of the river. Military training and caution told the troopers to remain calm and observe.

They observed the person shooting was firing a large caliber black powder rifle due to the sound and smoke. The confusing part of the situation was that whoever was firing was shooting into a sand bank in the same place all the time. Maybe just target practice but we better observe a tad longer.

When the firing ceased, oddly, out of the bushes came a man on the American side of the river. He walked briskly to the bank and with a large knife started to distract things from the bank.

Now duty alerted itself and the two troopers hastily approached the man at the bank. Yes, he was extracting 45-70 caliber lead bullets from the sand bank. Careful examination of the lead bullets soon told them why they were needed by the custom inspectors. The rear of the bullet was neatly hollowed out and contained a large diamond as did all those in the sand bank. (Inovative method of circumventing customs).

Trooper's Tale revealed at 1988 Troopers Reunion, Fort Clark.

Re-Elect Plunker Sheedy
County Commissioner, Precinct 2
 Your vote and support will be sincerely appreciated.
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BEWARE THE MUDSLIDE!

A vicious campaign against Supreme Court Justice Raul Gonzalez is being waged by one of the richest, most powerful attorneys in Texas and his candidate-wife.

And, judging by the outrageous amount of money they are spending in this campaign, this shameful attack will intensify in the coming weeks.

Don't be misled by half-truths and innuendo. Don't be tempted by money and promises. Stand up for dignity, integrity and fairness.

Re-elect Justice Raul Gonzalez in the March 8th Democratic primary!

VOTE EARLY: Feb. 16 - Mar. 4
ELECTION DAY: Tues., Mar. 8

SOUTH TEXAS LEADERS STAND WITH JUSTICE GONZALEZ!

"Justice Gonzalez has upheld the highest standards of integrity and independence on the Supreme Court, and he merits our support."

State Senator Eddie Lucio (D-Brownsville)

"Justice Gonzalez is a standard bearer for Hispanic candidates and public officials throughout the State. His re-election will continue the progress that has been made in electing qualified Hispanic candidates with broad-based support from all elements of the community."

State Representative Irma Rangel (D Kingsville)

"His exemplary service on the Court for the last nine years merits our support."

State Representative Henry Cuellar - (D-Laredo)

"Justice Gonzalez is the senior Justice on the Texas Supreme Court. He is honest, fair and independent. He is well qualified in every respect and merits our support for re-election."

State Representative Richard Raymond (D- Benavides)

"Independence, integrity, fairness and impartiality. These qualities describe Justice Gonzalez' tenure on the Court. He has my enthusiastic support."

State Representative Renato Cuellar (D- Weslaco)

Justice **Gonzalez**
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Political ad. pd. for by The Committee to Keep Justice Gonzalez, Robert M. Roller, Treasurer, P.O. Box 684279, Austin, TX 78768-4279

County Agent News
 By Allan McWilliams

Topping Off Trees

This is the season when homeowners and others get the urge to "top" or "dehorn" landscape trees with the assumption that the trees will be better off.

On the contrary, topping is one of the worst practices that can be employed against shade trees.

Topping refers to cutting back branches to stubs and sometimes all the way to the trunk. This severely injures trees and sets them up for attack by diseases and insects. Topping can even kill a tree outright.

People top trees to reduce their size (where power lines may be in the way, for instance), to save money on competent tree care, and because they think the practice will help the tree.

Proper pruning, on the other hand, involves removing trashy side branches in the top of the tree. This practice is not nearly as noticeable as topping and therefore often goes unnoticed.

Severe topping causes a proliferation of buds at the point where the branch was cut. Shoots then arise from these buds, forming a dense mat at the end of the branch. This dense growth is shallowly attached and subject to easy breakage by wind storms.

This new mass of growth also puts a strain on a tree's root system since food reserves have to go to support it. Thus the tree's root

system is weakened and overall vigor is reduced, making the tree more susceptible to attack from insects, diseases, and other environmental conditions. Sunscald can also be a problem.

Topping also reduces a tree's life expectancy and therefore affects its value in the landscape. Knowledgeable appraisers will severely reduce the value of a topped or dehorned tree.

Good pruning practices will retain a tree's natural form and enable it to be a much greater asset to the landowner. Considering how long it takes a tree to reach full size, proper pruning and care should be a top priority for the homeowner.

This information is supplied by Dr. Mike Walterscheidt Extension Forester

If you need more information about pruning your ornamental trees, I will be glad to visit with you about your particular situation. The Kinney County office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service is located on the second floor of the county courthouse and our telephone number is 210/563-2442.

Show Your Tiger Spirit

Reviews Previews Tiger Turf



School Menu table with columns for Breakfast, Lunch, and Salad Bar & 'B' Line. Lists items like Bean & Beef Burritos, Sausage On A Stick, etc.

Making A Difference A Mercy Trip To Seattle

The Scenario: Anabela Talamantes appeared at my office door at the end of January and said that Josie needed to go to Washington State for about a month...

Brackett Campus Tiger Basketball

Tigers Defeat Eagles Friday, February 4 The Lackland Eagles came to Brackett for the Tigers' sixth district game...

February 1994

- 18 Friday 5:00pm JVBBB NATALIA* H 5:00pm VBBB NATALIA* H 5/5 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Pre- & Kinder Makes Donation To Library



The Talamantes family was besieged by decisions. Someone had to go help! Josie has 8 brothers and sisters...



On Valentine Day, Monday, February 14, students in the Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes...

Baseball On Tap "I can't wait!" is heard when the 1994 baseball season is mentioned.

Susan's Plan! Susan Harrison began to think of how she could help. She had seen a TV ad telling about folks that helped in situations like this!

An Open Letter To The Board of Trustees Brackett Independent School District

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the ladies and gentlemen who selflessly serve Brackettville as school trustees...

MasterCuts At The Mall advertisement with prices: Adult Cut \$7.95, Kids Cut \$5.95, Any Perm \$5 OFF, Any Product \$1 OFF.

New Concept In Home For Hoods

A unique concept of home construction is taking place on the Hood Ranch just off Highway 90 east of Brackettville.

Don and Jean Hood are building a new home that will be completely covered with dirt. Sound like a soddy, huh? No way!

Built in four domes, the 3,000 square foot home will be ultra-modern and when occupied the electric bill is expected to be in the neighborhood of \$16.00 per month.

The House will have steel framed walls filled with ten inches of concrete and will then be covered with dirt. A whopping savings on insurance premiums will also be realized as there will be virtually nothing in the house to burn, and it will be relatively safe from natural disasters. Household furnishings and personal items will make up the bulk of the insurance needs.

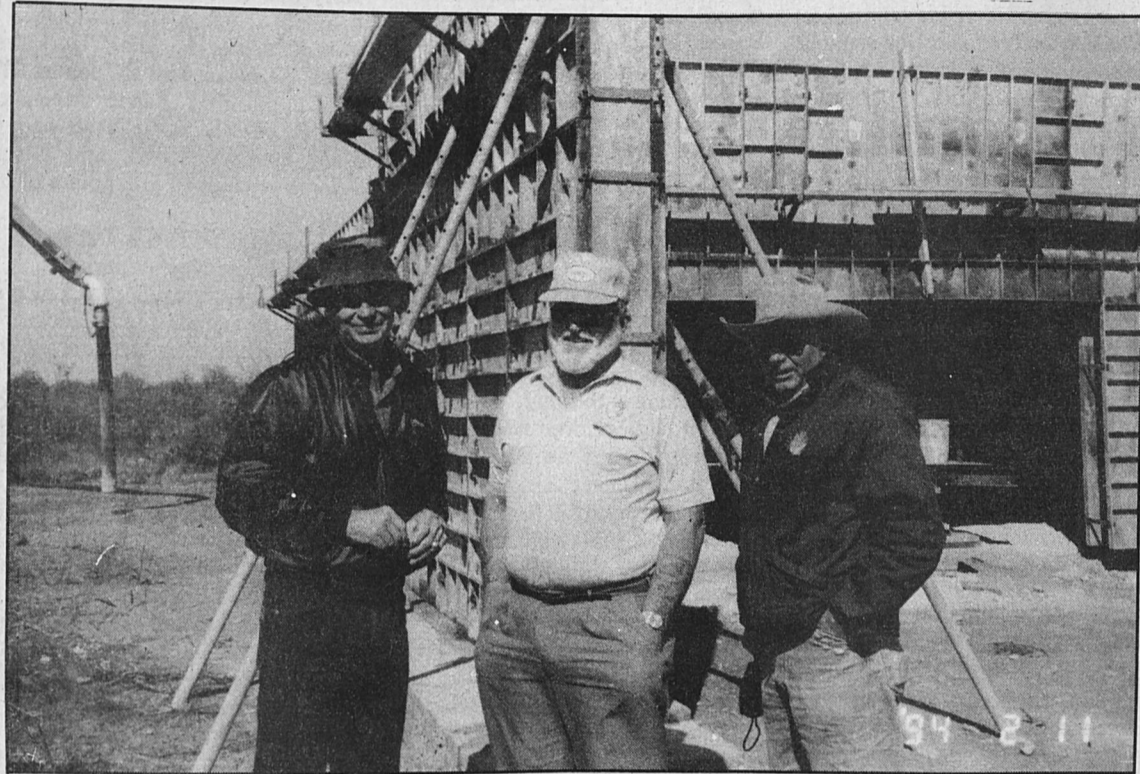
Dirt to cover the house will be taken from the east end of the Hood property and the evacuation site will become a lake. When asked if he would then plant grass on the house, Hood replied, "No way. It will be landscaped but mowing my house is not in my future plans."

In addition to the house proper, the living area will include garages, barns, workshop, and even a swimming pool. Hood is doing much of the work himself even to the point of owning and operating a dump truck, front end loader, and other pieces of heavy equipment. The concrete is being poured commercially. He expects construction to take another six months and move-in is tentatively scheduled for the fall.

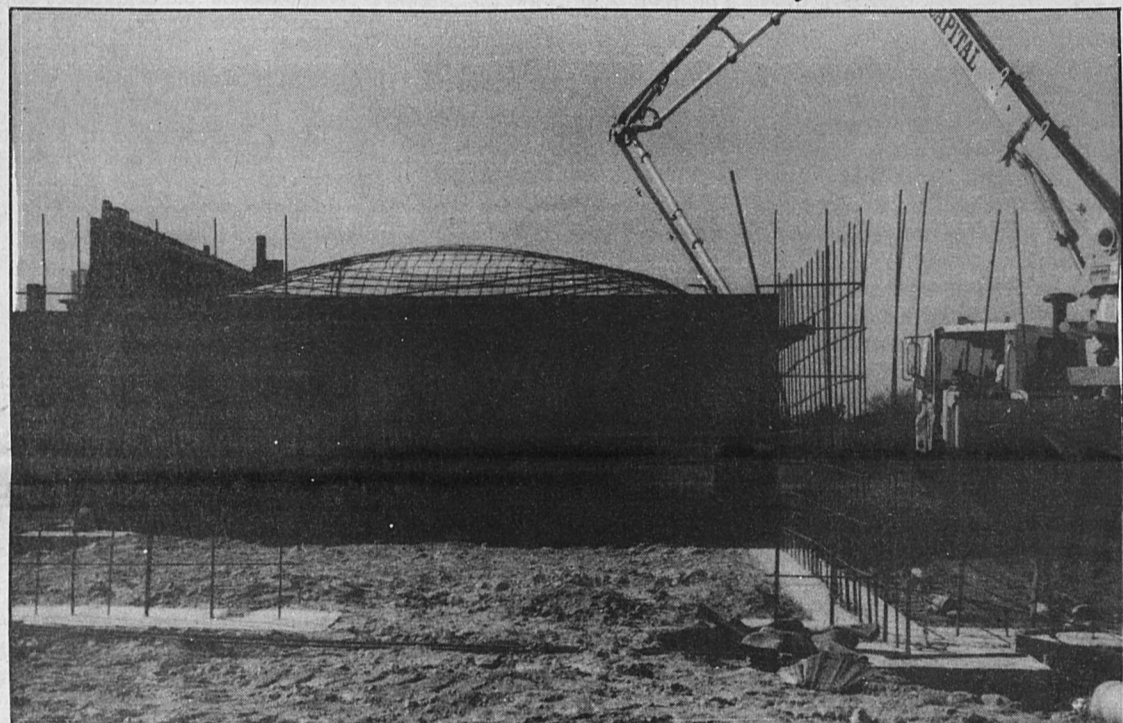
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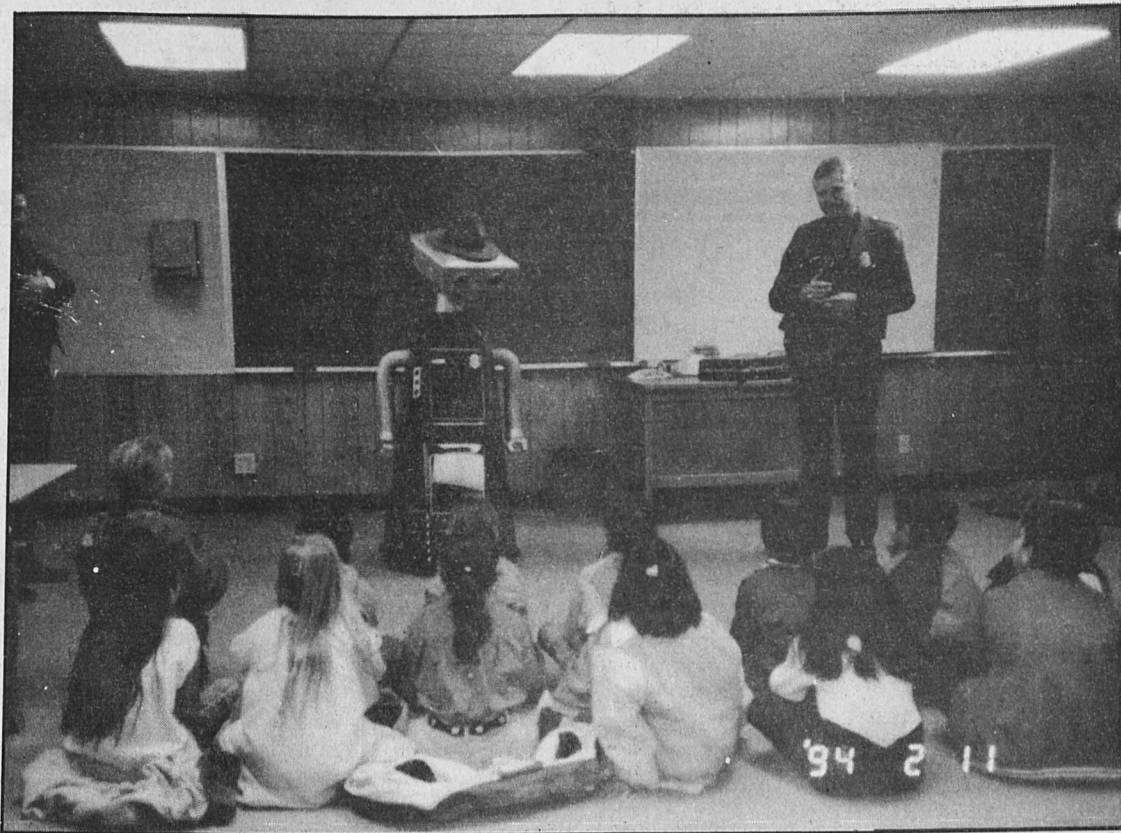
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Builder/owner Don Hood, left, took time from his busy day Monday to explain the concept and construction of the Hood's new home to Tom Faulkenberry and Dub Miller.



This dome is the first of four that will be included in the Hood home. The equipment at right will direct ten inches of concrete into the 10" wall cavities.



W.A.D.E. Is BISD Guest Of Honor

W.A.D.E. is always a welcome guest where ever he goes and Jones Elementary School was certainly no exception Thursday and Friday. W.A.D.E. (War Against Drugs Educator) and his friends, Border Patrol Agents Mike Moreno, Bob Fuentes, Randy Johnson, and Juan Fuentès, spent both days in Drug Abuse Education/Prevention seminars for students and teachers.

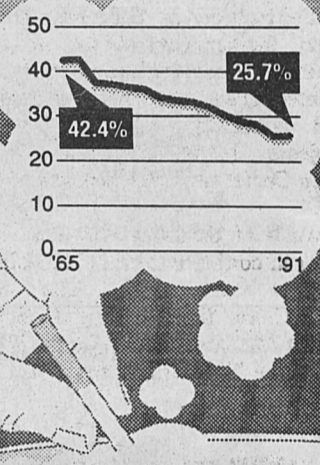
W.A.D.E., although a Robot, has had a tremendous impact on

youngsters (and adults). His message is simple... "Don't Do Drugs." What he says is heard...and remembered. W.A.D.E. lives at the Del Rio Border Patrol station and has been used as an exemplary training tool throughout the area and has even presented his message before the President of the United States Bill Clinton, and United States Attorney General Janet Reno, in Washington, D.C.

Also on hand for demonstration and educational purposes was Cindy, one of the outstanding drug detection dogs which is under the care, management, and control of the Border Patrol Agents of this region.

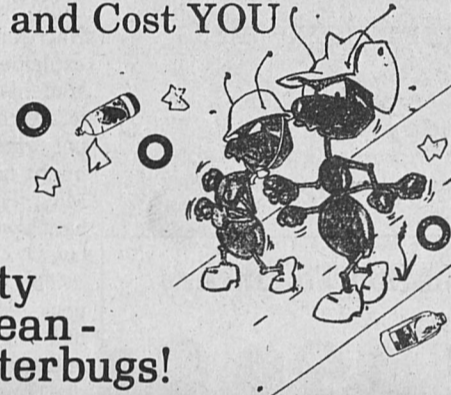
Smoking in U.S. sharply declines

Percentage of total U.S. population that smokes, for the 30 years since the release of the first surgeon general's report on smoking and health:



SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control

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Travel

by Fielding R. Wilson

ECOTOURS TO REMOTE BRAZIL

Far Away from Rio de Janeiro, remote Brazil is "as close to undiscovered as nearly any place on earth," says Audrey Patterson, the environmental scholar who in 1990 co-founded Tread Lightly Limited, an alternative travel company specializing in nature tours.

In 1994, Tread Lightly Limited expands its Brazil ecotours to include three programs: eight-day river cruises to a Swiss-run island lodge deep in the Amazon jungle; three- and four-day excursions to the world's largest wetland; and 12-day tours of the critically endangered Atlantic Coastal Rain Forest. Travelers have the added satisfaction of knowing that their participation helps support conservation through Tread Lightly's official Ecotourism partnership with Reserva Volta Velha, a conservation reserve and wildlife refuge of original coastal rain forest in Brazil.

Sail to a Swiss-Run Lodge Deep in the Jungle

New in 1994, Tread Lightly's eight-day tours of "Brazil - The Amazon" brings travelers to an island far up the Rio Negro near the Venezuela-Colombia border where they find the unexpected: a cozy Swiss-run lodge. Tours depart weekly and are priced at \$1,195 per person, double occupancy, including lodging, meals and ground transportation.

Discover World's Largest Wetland: The Pantanal

In the Pantanal, the world's largest wetland, travelers come face to face with magnificent wildlife: caiman (a native alligator species), anaconda, rhea, marsh deer and migratory birds from storks to spoonbills. Ecological guides and expert native trail guides accompany horseback rides, treks, pickup rides and nocturnal outings.

In this 55,000-square-mile region roughly the size of France, travelers stay in air-conditioned comfort at a 131,000-acre estancia, or ranch reserve. Three- and four-day Pantanal tours depart Wednesdays and Saturdays year-round and can be combined with other Tread Lightly Brazil tours. The price is from \$550 per person, double occupancy, including lodging, meals and ground transportation from arrival to departure.

Explore the Endangered Atlantic Coastal Rain Forest

The world's single largest concentration of endangered species make their home in the last remaining five percent of the Atlantic Coastal Rain Forest, which Tread Lightly participants explore accompanied by officials from the Brazilian Environmental Agency. The sights are memorable: fully 40 percent of the rain forest's mammals, 50 percent of its birds and 55 percent of its plants appear nowhere else on Earth.

Tread Lightly's 12-day rain forest tours depart year-round. Prices start at \$1,495 per person, double occupancy, including lodging, meals and ground transportation from arrival to departure.

Tread Lightly Ltd. is an environmental travel company that offers tours to such other destinations as Bali and Borneo, Chile, Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula, Mongolia and Siberia, and Newfoundland. A portion of every dollar the company takes in goes directly to organizations working to preserve the natural and cultural integrity of host countries. While international airfare is not included in tour prices, they can arrange advantageous airfares for tour participants. For a free brochure, call them at 1-800-643-0060 or 1-203-868-1710.

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This Week In History

On February 15, 1898, the U.S. battleship, Maine, was blown up in Havana, Cuba, killing 260 people ...

February 17, 1913, the N.Y. Armory Show introduced modern art to the U.S. ... February 14, 1920, the "St. Valentine's Day massacre" took place in Chicago in which gangsters gunned down seven rivals ...

February 19, 1945, the Marines landed on Iwo Jima ... February 14, 1962, President Kennedy said that U.S. military advisers in Vietnam would fire if fired upon ... February 20, 1962, Lt. Col. John Glenn became the first American in orbit when he circled the earth three times in the Mercury capsule, Friendship 7 ...

February 17, 1964, the Supreme Court ordered that congressional districts have equal populations ... February 18, 1970, a federal jury found the "Chicago 7" innocent of conspiring to incite riots during the 1968 Democratic National Convention; however, five were convicted of crossing state lines with intent to incite riots ...

February 14, 1992, the Labor Dept. said that prices charged by producers for finished goods had declined 0.3 percent in January ... February 16, 1992, Israeli helicopter gunships attacked a motorcade in southern Lebanon and killed Sheik Abbas al-Musawi, the leader of Hizballah (Party of God), a Lebanese Shiite organization ...

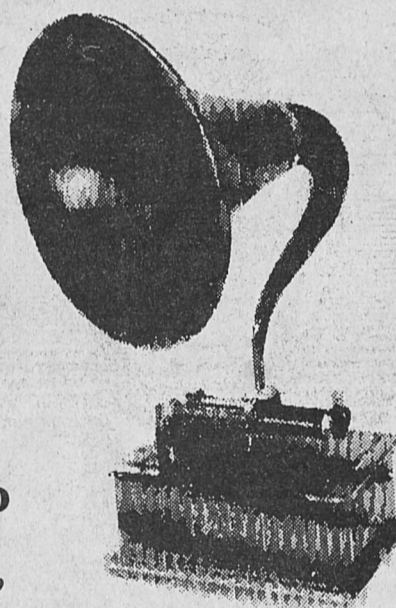
February 19, 1992, for the first time in Israel, the Labor Party chose its leader by a vote of the party membership ... February 19, 1992, the Labor Dept. reported that consumer prices had risen 0.1 percent in January ...

February 18, 1992, the first presidential primary, in New Hampshire, was vigorously contested by all candidates ... February 16, 1993, concern among investors over Bill Clinton's economic program caused the Dow Jones average to tumble 82.94 points ...

February 17, 1993, Clinton unveiled the broad outlines of his economic program in a nationally televised address to a joint session of Congress ... February 18, 1993, the Labor Dept. reported that consumer prices jumped 0.5 percent in January ...

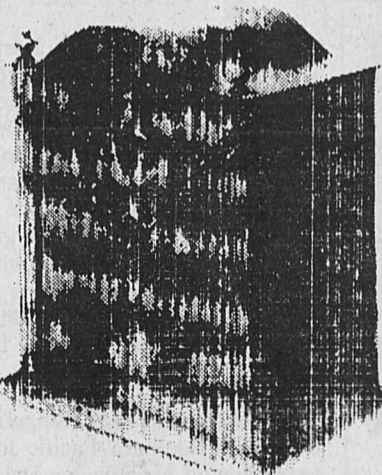
"The phonograph is not of any commercial value."

Thomas Edison Luminary Inventor, 1880



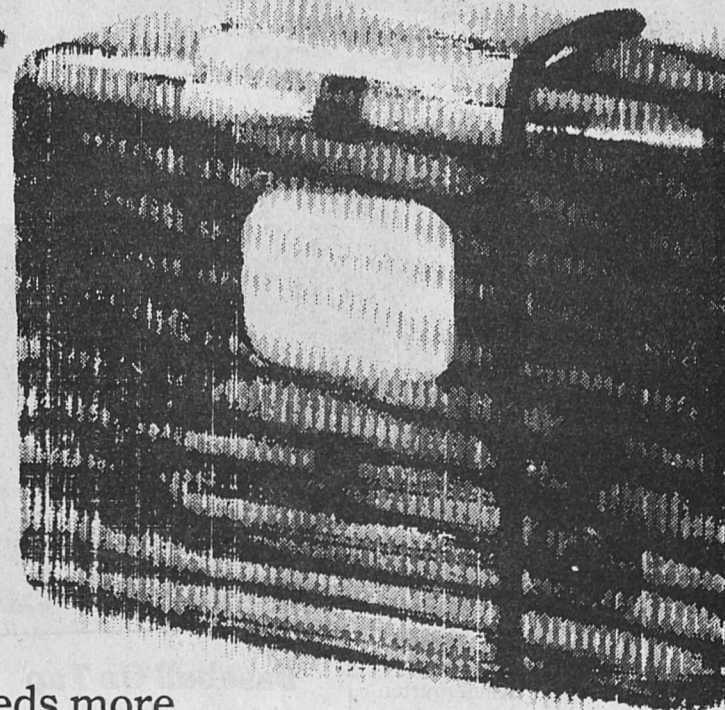
"Radio has no future."

Lord Kelvin, British Scientist, 1904



"People will soon get tired of staring at a plywood box (tv) every night."

Darrel Zanach, Producer, 1946



"Cable tv? Who needs more than the three networks?"

Dilbert Cabert, TV Viewer, 1970

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EMS

A Valuable Kinney County Asset

June 1994 NSS Will Hold Meeting In Kinney County For A Week

In just four months the population of Kinney County will almost double for a period of five to ten days. That is when the National Speological Society will convene for their annual International Convention. They will be housed (camped) at Fort Clark Springs and in other facilities throughout the county (if you have space to rent...rooms, apartments, RV space...you would like to rent on a short term basis, contact the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce if you have not already). More than 1,000 - some estimates go up to 2,000 - are expected from June 20 through June 24, 1994, not accounting for planners and vacationers who come early or stay later.

They'll Be Here In Just Four Months

All available meeting space, at the Fort, County owned buildings, school and city space, Alamo Village, and privately owned buildings, will be utilized for group seminars...and this is one group - these Cavers - that has been making unusable space usable.

This past week-end more than thirty of the convention hosts (Texas Cavers) were at Fort Clark again working on the Commissary Building which they have cleaned, replaced boards as needed and sanded the floors of the second floor, stabilized stair cases, rewired and added electrical outlets, and all those other things necessary to bring a neglected building into a habitable structure.

Part of the past week-end activities included a "walk through" of every facility they expect to use during the convention as they pinpointed areas that need attention and scheduled additional work projects. Revitalizing the "old" Teen Center at Fort Clark is also on tap.

Much of Saturday morning was spent in conference with Fort Clark General Manager Pete Cook and Fort Clark Maintenance Director Alvin McClure, and Judge Tim Ward, in finalizing a multitude of plans.

Will Bring Program At Annual Kinney County Chamber Of Commerce Recognition Banquet

Jay Jordan and Ron Ralph, convention co-chairmen, confirmed that they will provide the program for the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce annual meeting on April 16. At that time, they will present information on what Kinney County can expect from the Cavers who will be coming from not only all over the United States but from foreign countries as well, and the impact it will make on the community. All Kinney County business people are encouraged to be present to learn more of the needs the Cavers will have and how local businesses can be prepared to meet them. Imagine, if you can, a thousand additional people coming in to buy a gallon of milk...or to use the laundromat...or eat a hamburger...or buy a newspaper.

Looking For Caves

Mr. Jordan also asked *The Brackett News* to inform land owners that have caves on their property and who would like to have them explored to let either the paper or the Chamber of Commerce know and they will be in touch to schedule an appointment.

Save/Conserve

Jordan also reminded the editor to pass along that their objective is to **save/conserv**e the caves of Texas. Their membership includes scientists, biologists, geologists, writers, photographers, and their main objective in identifying and/or exploring new caves is to add to their data base on Texas caves.

Jordan, as well as other Cavers, have expressed their appreciation for the warm reception they have received from area residents and look forward to future contacts.

A large group will be back in Kinney County April 23 for a mammoth work project.



Valentine Day At The K.C. Nutrition Center



The last picture of course is *The German Boy*, Gabe Dirk, who is always so generous with his time and talent.

Monday, February 14, 1994, Valentine Day took on a festive air and folks at the Kinney County Aging Services Center enjoyed additional festivities at lunch.

Gabe Dirk, "The German Boy," entertained with his delightful accordion music in a medley of love songs. In addition, birthdays and anniversaries for February were observed and the traditional Valentine Sweetheart King and Queen were recognized with gifts and good wishes.

In the picture at top, front row, from left, birthday honorees are Esther Lamborn, Mariana Szmatula, and Agnes Vondy. The middle row from left are Hazel Earwood, Katherine Field, Juanita Elizondo, and Margaret Lenz. And, that's Charles Bushart on the back row.

In the second picture, Valentine Queen Linda Hidalgo and Valentine King Felix Gonzalez are feted with surprise gifts and balloon festoons.

Golf News

Ladies Golf

Tuesday, February 15, 1994
The game was "Hit the Hearts" (closest to the pin on each of the Par 3 holes). Winners were as follows:
Hole #2 Chick Cruse
Hole #6 Kay Roberts
Hole #11 Luella Gilliland
Hole #15 Lou Green
Hole #18 Pat Nelson

There were no chip-ins at all! Skins were won by Lou Green, 3 points; Pat McKelvy, 1 point; Kay Roberts, 1 point; and Vicki Nichols, 1 point.

Lou Green won low gross with 76. Next week will be the monthly Ladybug Business meeting at 9:00 a.m. with the main item on the agenda that of electing officers for the 1994-1995 year.

The monthly luncheon will begin at 1:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

Ladies 9-Hole Play

Tuesday, February 15, 1994
The game was "Poker Hand." First place was claimed in a tie by Mary Ellen Jensen and Dorothy Wood. There was also a tie for second place between Evelyn Fordahl, Mylo Nunrh, and Betty Gibbs.

Lions Club To Operate Shop In Nipper Drug

Grand Opening Saturday

Yet another Brackettville landmark is scheduled to receive revitalized life as the historic Nipper Drug Building on Spring Street becomes the Lions Thrift Shop with a grand opening Saturday, February 19, 1994, at 10:00 a.m.

The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce will be on hand for a ribbon cutting to welcome the new enterprise operated by the Brackettville Lions Club. The community is invited.

The Thrift Shop will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month.

Clean, usable clothing will be sold at nominal charges as well as an assortment of other items; a lay-away plan will be implemented. The Thrift Shop will replace the annual Lions Club Rummage Sale.

Contributions of merchandise to the Shop will be accepted. Throughout the year special sales and/or items will be featured.

The Lions Thrift Shop committee has been chaired by Carmen Berlanga and committee members include Peter Pohl, Sid Sponholtz, Francine Collins, Bob Burkepille, and Vern Ebert. They, or any other Lion, will accept items for the Shop.






Civic Center Repairs

During a brief recess of Monday's Commissioner Court meeting, from left, Commissioner Cordelia Mendeke, Judge Tim Ward, Commissioner Plunker Sheedy, Com-

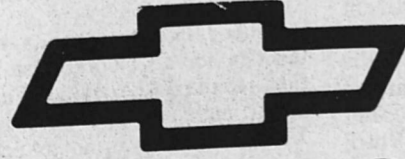
missioner Alvin McClure, and Commissioner Freddie Frerich made an inspection of work being done on the Civic Center parking lot accompanied by Contractor Cummings, far right.

Will Kinney County Meet The Challenge?


Used Cars & Trucks

1989 Mercury Cougar \$5,988 #70164A	1986 Toyota Corolla \$3,876 #43503B	1993 Dodge Shadow \$8,625 #60019	1993 Ford Escort 2 Door \$7,877 #60021
1993 Ford Escort LX \$7,575 #60023	1992 Caprice Classic \$10,466 #43115B	1992 Camaro RS \$8,998 #80019A	1992 Ford Ranger XLT \$7,994 #33001A
1991 Chev Suburban Conversion \$16,388 #43108A	1993 Chev Suburban Only 9,000 Miles \$23,877 #33126A	1991 Chev WT \$8,999 #43242A	1993 Chev WT \$12,388 #43351A
1989 Chev P/U \$6,685 #80018		1991 GMC P/U \$9,265 #80017	



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Frontier Baptist Church
Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

Reception For Judge Tim Ward
You are invited to a reception for Judge Tim Ward on Sunday, February 20, 1994, 2 to 4 p.m. at the meeting hall of the Brackettville Senior Apartments on West Spring Street.
Refreshments will be served.
Pol. ad paid by Friends & Supporters Of Judge Tim Ward, Box 1445, Brackettville TX 78832

Does a cat really have nine lives? Certainly not! Anyone who believed that would be foolish to think so. There is no evidence to support it. What about man? How many lives does he have? Answer: Two. Is there supporting evidence? Yes! There are many who have given personal testimony of their extraordinary experience of dying and seeing and experiencing a life beyond before they were resuscitated and brought back into this life.


The Bible offers more evidence. "It is appointed unto man once to die and after this the judgement." Hebrews 9:27. Logically a judgement means nothing to a dead man, so that in itself indicates that there is a life after death. But Jesus Himself said, "He that believes in me has ever lasting life." John 6:47. Also, He said in John 14:2, 3 "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

These verses offer evidence of there being a second life. There is the promise of the possibility of it being a great life. But those who do not believe on Jesus are condemned already (John 3:18) to a life as well. Their destination is hell. No matter which way we choose to believe, there is another life to live. Each individual makes the choice for himself.

Parents cannot make the choice for their children. Spouses for spouses cannot make the choice. It is a personal decision. Evidence tells us that we have another life to live after this one.

The quality of that life will be better or worse than this one dependent upon the destination.

Come study the Bible with us this week and let God's Word influence your decision to make the only right choice.



St. John's Baptist Church
Rev. W. P. Adams, Sr., Pastor

From God To You

Thus saith the Lord, the maker of it, the Lord who formed it, to establish it; the Lord is His name.

Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness; the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride; the voice of them who shall say, Praise the Lord of hosts; for the Lord is good, for His mercy endureth forever, and of those who shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.
Jeremiah 33:2, 3, & 11

Praise the Lord Praise the Lord Praise the Lord

In addition to our regular scheduled services on Sunday and Wednesday, come praise the Lord with us every Thursday night.

Praise God! Praise God! Praise God!

Every Thursday Night, 7:00 p.m.

Gospel Preaching

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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.

There is a ribbon that runs through the Bible from the early chapters of Genesis to the end of the Bible.

When Cain killed Abel, the blood of Abel called out to God.

When Noah debarked from the ark the first thing he did was to build an altar and offer sacrifice to God.

Early in the days of Moses, God dictated a series of sacrifices for sin.

When the tabernacle was built to God's specification all of the parts and instruments were dedicated by the sprinkling of blood.

When the priests were dedicated to service, blood was applied to the lobe of the right ear to dedicate it to be tuned to God's word and instruction.

Blood was placed on the big toe of his right foot, dedicating his feet to walk in the path God set for him. Blood was placed on his right thumb, dedicating his hands to be used to serve God.

When the Temple was built and dedicated all the parts and instruments used in the temple were sprinkled with blood sanctifying them all to the worship of God.

When Christ died on the cross, His blood stained the ground.

As we accept Him as personal Savior, shouldn't we accept His blood to dedicate us to His service? Blood from His hands calling us to use our hands in His service; blood

from His feet calling us to dedicate our feet to walk in His way; blood from the thorn crown, should this not dedicate our heads to Him?

Blood flowed from His heart calling us to dedicate our hearts, souls and life to follow Him.

The blood of sacrificial animals had brought atonement for sins. In the Temple blood was sprinkled on the mercy seat above the Ark of the Covenant by the High Priest once a year to atone for the sins of all the people. As God looked at the broken law in the Ark of the Covenant, He looked through the blood of the sacrificial animal and saw the broken law as being made whole again. Why the blood?

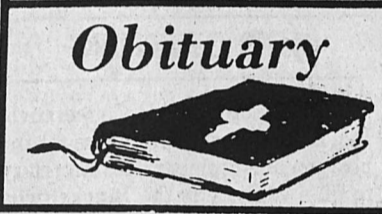
God had said to Adam, "If you eat of the tree of knowledge you shall die." God was simply saying, "The wages of sin is death. God's perfection and His integrity rests on His keeping of His word. Life is in the blood. The giving or taking of blood paid the price God had set forth from the beginning.

Christ, in giving His life, paid the price "once in the end of time" for sin of all who put their faith in Him. It was to die for sin that Christ came into the world.

"Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission for sin."

This is the Bible pointing to the way of salvation.

Obituary



Robert Walkup

Robert A. "Bob" Walkup, 62, died Thursday, January 27, 1994, in a Wichita Falls hospital.

Services were Saturday, January 30, at the Church of Christ, in Henrietta. Burial was in Collinsville, Texas, Cemetery.

Mr. Walkup was born May 22, 1931, in Grayson County, Texas. He served in the Air Force as a staff sergeant during the Korean War. He was a deacon in the Church of Christ.

He was a graduate of Dorchester High School and of Abilene Christian University. He was named Outstanding Aggie from ACU in 1975.

He was a range conservationist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He was a past district governor of District 2E-1 of the Lions Club.

He was a former director of the Henrietta-Clay County Chamber of Commerce and of chambers in Morton, Texas, and Brackettville, Texas. He was named Outstanding Citizen in Brackettville in 1972.

He and Valentine Forester were married July 28, 1962, in Sweetwater, Texas.

In addition to this wife, he is survived by a daughter, Camille of Henrietta, and a sister, Kathryn Harman of Dorchester.

The Walkups lived in Brackettville from February 1967 to April 1974.

Sororities Enjoy Valentine Dinner Schedules Clean-Up

R. of J. Beta Epsilon Omicron, Theta Sigma, and Iota Epsilon chapters held a Valentine Dinner Monday, February 14, 1994, at Las Moras Inn.

Members, spouses, and guests were served dinner in the Cavalry Room amid decorations of red and white balloons and hearts.

Laura Phillips, Pam Melancon, and Nina Batson were hostesses for the evening. Clara McCord, Pam Melancon, and Nina Batson shared thoughts and poems of friendship.

Lynn McNew entertained the diners with several love songs befitting Valentine Day.

Beta Epsilon Omicron's 1993 Valentine Sweetheart Patsy Callinan crowned Lynn McNew the 1994 Valentine Sweetheart.

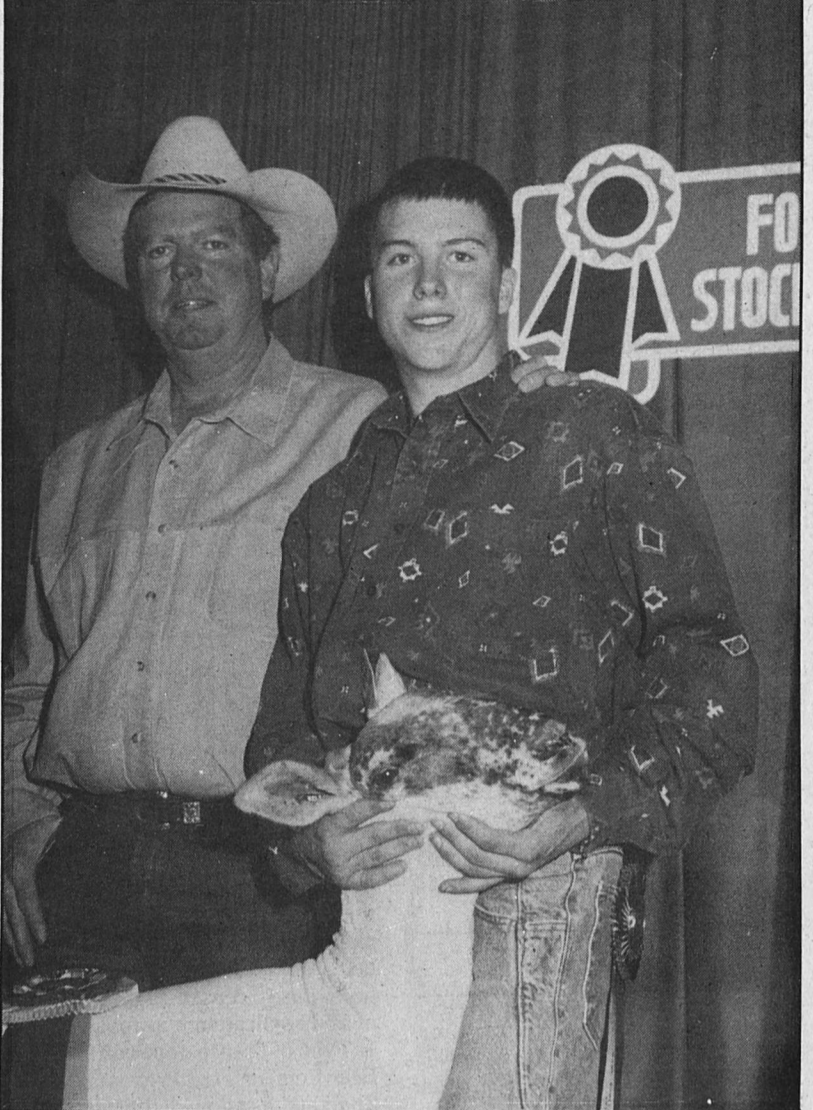
Theta Sigma's retiring Sweetheart Pat McKelvy crowned their new sweetheart, Marty Isenberg.

The Beta chapters were reminded of the highway clean-up scheduled for February 19, 9 a.m. Following the clean-up, workers will be treated to lunch at the Frontier Baptist Church. Members needing more information may call Opal Groce.

Umpfrey One Of Big Buyers At Bull Sale

The San Antonio Livestock Exposition was host to the All Breeds Bull and Commercial Female Sale sponsored by Smith Kline Beecham Animal Health. Total gross sales were \$647,600.

Umpfrey Land & Cattle Company of Brackettville bought the second highest selling bull, a Hereford owned by Barber Ranch of Channing, Texas, for \$3800.00.



Fort Worth Winner

Justin Coates, Brackett FFA, showed the Grand Champion Fine Wool Cross Lamb at the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show, Fort Worth, in early February 1994. Justin is shown with his prize lamb and his father, Hugh Coates.

It's A Boy

Dixie and Clinton Brown of Fort Clark Springs are celebrating the birth of their sixth grandchild.

Jacob Zachry Brown was born in Odessa, Texas, February 9, 1994. He weighed 6 lbs. and 6 ozs. His parents are Marc and Jessica Brown of Odessa.

Other grandparents are Bobwina Brown of Odessa, and Mr. and Mrs. Denny McKibben of Casper, Wyoming.

It's A Boy

George Ray Herndon was born to Richard and Bonny Herndon on February 7, 1994. He weighed 7 lbs. and 0 ozs., was 20 inches long, and in good health.

His paternal grandparents are Dick and Marjorie Herndon of Uvalde. His maternal grandparents are Milburn and Von Vernor of Uvalde. His maternal great-grandmothers are Gladys Vernor of Camp Wood and Leora McDonald of Montell. His maternal great-great grandmother is Zelma Little of Camp Wood.

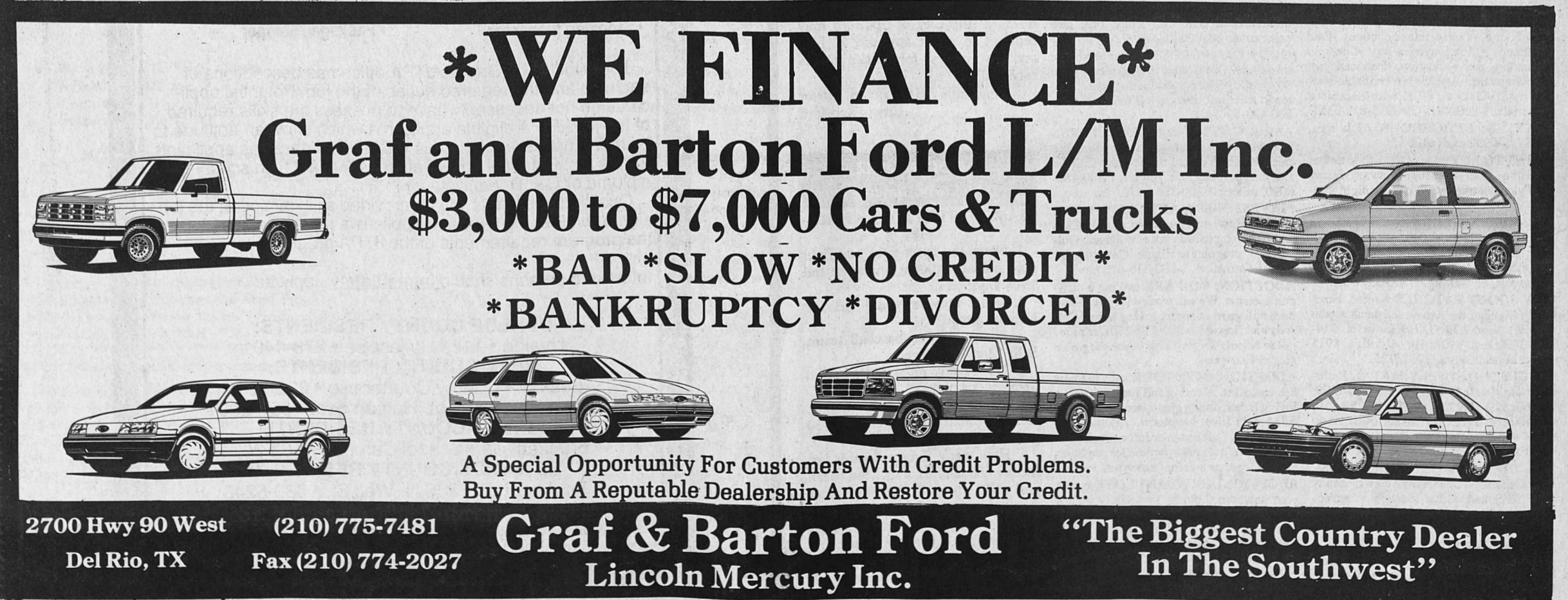
He is welcomed by two sisters, Mistie Dawn, age 12, and Victoria Herndon, age 2.

Kinney County Little League Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday, February 20, 1994, 2 p.m.
Kinney County Courthouse
Anyone Interested May Attend For Election Of New Officers

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