

ARSONIST HITS CHURCH HERE



FATHER EDWARD POSTERT OF ST. MARY'S MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH IS SHOWN STANDING IN FRONT OF THE MAIN ALTAR THAT WAS SET AFIRE SUNDAY NIGHT AT MIDNIGHT.



FATHER POSTERT EXAMINS THE DAMAGE TO THE REAR ALTAR AND CARPETING OF THE CHURCH.

THESE pictures, which were taken Tuesday morning after much of the clean-up was done following Sunday night's fire, show part of the damage done to St. Mary's Magdalen Catholic Church here in Brackettville by a teen age Arsonist.

Father Edward Postert stated that: "The damage will probably exceed \$3,000.00. In addition to the fire damage the vandal evidently damaged the crown of the sacred Virgin Mary." He further stated: "The seventeen year old youth that did the damage dropped his wallet with his identification fleeing the burning. This young man was one of my Choir boys and came to me and confessed Tuesday morning. The Boy said he had been on "Dope" (that he procured locally) and had no idea why he performed this terrible act."



EDITORIAL BY **GEORGE!**

IS BRACKETT GOING TO POT???

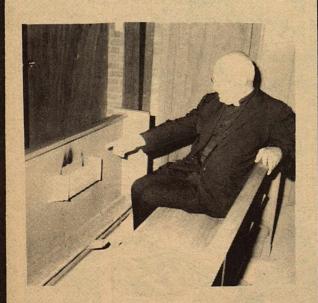
A few weeks ago I had one of our local residents make the statement: "If people want to buy "Pot", why not? They can buy "booze" can't they?"

The only difference is that that gentleman did not go through the ordeal of a parent sitting in my living room ---watching a grown man cry-- as he told of someone selling pot to his EIGHT YEAR OLD DAUGHTER ... I have not heard of anyone "pushing Booze" on an eight year old!!

I have had three families come to me in the past few months with the same complaints. I have told each of these families to contact their law enforcement agencies. One said they did; the others said they were afraid. I contacted the agency that was supposedly contacted and the report was ... "We were not contacted and we cannot do anything until we are!"

Some of you think that this is the sort of thing that only happens in big cities. You are kidding yourself !! The problem is bad - bad here right now. IT IS NOT ONLY POT BUT THE HARD STUFF IS HERE. I know this is not Chamber of Commerce talk for Brackett but it is time that it is brought out in the open!

This past week we had a church burning. Not too long ago we had a local, county and tragic wreck state law enforcement officers saw the "Pot pipe" next to the wreck.



THE ARSONIST SET AFIRE HYMN BOOKS IN THE PEWS AND THREW LIGHTED CHURCH LITERATURE IN THE SEATS.

The Sewing Room was opened this past week, next to Sweet's Prescription Center, by Mrs. Velma Tampke.

They feature a wide selection of fabrics, trimmings, threads and zippers.

WELCOME TO BRACKETTVILLE!!

LOCAL RESIDENT SUCCUMBS

Last rites were held for Grover Cleveland Slator, a life long resident of Brackett. The services were held July 29, 1976 at the family plot in Mission Park Cemetery in San Antonio.

Mr. Slator died in his sleep on July 26th at the age of 82 years. He was born and raised here. His parents were ranchers.

I am not trying to make a point of what the laws are or what they should be. I would like to know who is going to do what??

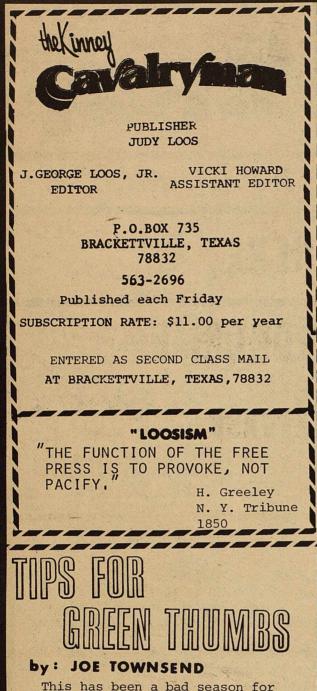
Why doesn't old George do something? Well, first of all, if he accused anyone without proof, he would be sent to jail for liable! The accused, guilty or not, would go free!! As a newspaperman, I have the obligation to keep all information supplied to me confidential. (I will not supply the name of the church arsonist at Father Postert's request), etc.

Crystal is three years old. If they are pushing on eight year olds at the present time... I figure in three years they will be on five year olds. AT THAT TIME I WILL NOT GO TO JAIL FOR PRINTING A CRIMINAL'S NAME IN THIS PAPER***I WILL GO TO JAIL FOR BLOWING THEIR DAMN HEAD OFF !!!!

Old Horace Greely may have been right. (see this week's Loosism).

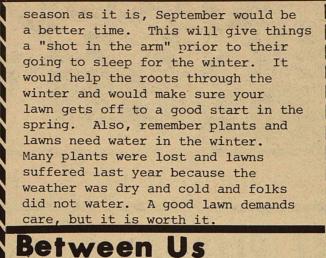


AUGUST 20, 1976



lawns as well as many plants in the yard. The extensive rain was truly great, but when it was followed by such intense sun, there was a tendency for many things to "scald". This was true of carpet grass among other things. In the flower beds this was to be seen dramatically in the geraniums. Those in the shade held their rich green color while those in the sun turned a sickly yellow. As fall comes, and it looks like an extremely early one is in the offering, it would be good to fertilize the lawns and beds. Ordinarily we would suggest waiting until October, but with the

SAGEBRUSH



by:

JOE TOWNSEND

Just to sit and watch Tropical Fish in a well set up aquarium is fascinating indeed. In my opinion the male Betta is by all the odds beyond compare the most beautiful. His beautiful flowing fins and gently waving ribbony tail give him an aura of exotic beauty. However, his beauty is only external. He is a mean, cantankerous bully. Put two in the same tank and they will soon battle until one is finally killed. Put one in a tank with docile guppies or black mollies and he will soon kill them. Today I saw a beautiful brilliant red betta really meet his match. I had had one in a tank with a red-tail shark, some tiger barbs and some zebras. He managed rather well by hiding in the hull of a sunken "side wheeler". This poor fish today knew nothing about the hiding place and no sooner was he in the tank than the Tiger Barbs ganged up on him. Though much smaller, the barbs really gave the Betta a fit. I soon took him out. He didn't fight at all, he simply tried to escape. It makes you kind of sit up and take notice when a bully gets his due from one much smaller. How true to life this Betta. There are those who prey on the helpless and fatten on bullying the underling. Woe be to them when the right group turns on them. Much better that a beautiful Betta could have a character to match his outward appearance - then none would need fear him and he need run from no one.



Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Davis and Mr. & Mrs. Kelley Hubbard of Port Arthur, Texas, visited their nephews Melvin, Jr. & Marvin Davis. They also visited with Mr. & Mrs. Randy Hawkins. The Hawkins' took them on a tour to Cuidad Acuna and the Amistad Lake.

Sgt. & Mrs. Robert Arrant and children of San Antonio visited her mother and Grandmother, Mrs. Maggie Kelly & Mrs. Tina Kelly.

Mrs. Rosemary Brothers and Son are visiting her Grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Kelly Factor and Miss Josie Factor

Ronnie Warrior, of Houston, visited his mother, Mrs. Ethel Mae Fair over the weekend.

Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Mitchell and granddaughter, Laura, of Los Angeles and Mrs. Mitchell's sister, Mrs. Mary Ann Fay, of Eldorado, visited with Miss Georgia Mae Shields.

Mrs. Jackie Hunter of Memphis, Tenn. is visiting her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Ceasar Daniels.



BRACKETTVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Services Sunday 11:00 a.m. Kent L. Kepler, Pastor Phone: 775-1541 Del Rio, Texas

(T SHOPPE For Your Convenience **Use Our Mobile Office** END OF SUMMER In Brackettville Every Thursday SALE All Plants and 3:00 P.M. Hanging Baskets To 4:15 P.M. Reduced IN FRONT OF SCHOOL Saturday, August 21 BORDER CREDIT UNION DOOR PRIZES Laughlin A.F.B. 298-3536



AUGUST 20, 1976

SWINE FLU BACKGROUNDER

Swine influenza. Just exactly what is it?

The influenza virus of swine has been known to cause illness in swine for years, but its appearance in man is less common occurrence, and a somewhat frightening one.

Swine virus has been implicated in the devastating influenza pandemic of 1918 when the virus spread throughout the world causing 20 million deaths---more than 500,000 in this country, according to Dr. Fratis L. Duff, director of the Texas Department of Health Resources.

Early this year a new strain of human influenza virus (designated as A/New Jersey 76(HswlNl)) was isolated during an outbreak of respiratory diease among recruits at Fort Dix, N.J. There are two main types of influenza--A and B. Each type includes various strains. Epidemics of Type A--including swine influenza--are generally more frequent and severe.

Laboratory tests in 12 Fort Dix cases confirmed the presence of swine influenza, and extensive blood testing indicated that several hundred recruits were proably infected during this outbreak. No spread to the civilian population has been demonstrated.

The New Jersey outbreak was the first known example in the United States since about 1930 of personto-person transmission of a human influenza virus related to that of swine. The virus of swine influenza is relatively stable as opposed to the changing viruses which cause flu in people. There is little difference in the virus which caused flu in the early 1930's from the swine virus of today.

Once every 10 years or so, the changes in a virus which causes influenza in man is most gramatic. This leads to extensive outbreaks such as the pandemic of Asian flu of



1957 which caused an estimated 70,000 deaths in this country, primarily amon the elderly or individuals with chronic illness. An estimated 45 million cases of influenza occurred in this country during the fall of 1957.

The Hong Kong strain was prevalent in this country during the fall and winter of 1968-69. An estmated 27,900 deaths were caused by this epidemic in the United States and approximately 50 million persons in this country were affected by it.

A bit of detective work was used to implicate swine virus in the 1918, killer pandemic.

When influenza strikes a person, the defense system of the body builds up antibodies against the diease. Testing of blood of individuals who were living in 1918 shows that almost all have antibodies to swine-like virus, reports the Department of Health, Education and Welfare's Center for Disease Control. This suggests, said the CDC, that a virus of this sort may caused the 1918 pandemic Such antibodies are also found in many persons over the age of 50, suggesting that a swine-like virus was widespread in human populations, perhaps up to 1930.

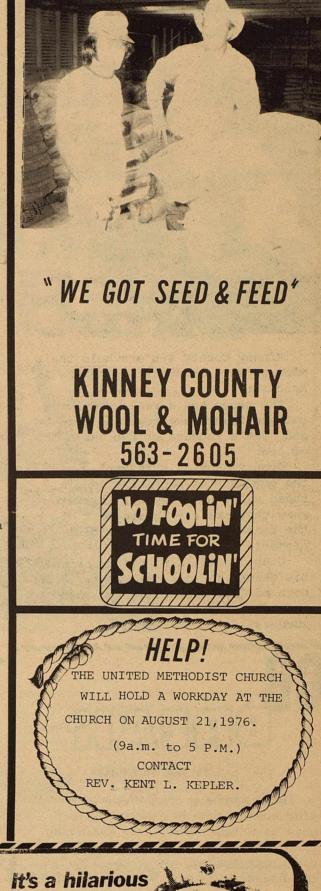
"Methods for isolation and culture of viruses were not developed until 1930," said Dr. Duff, "so the influenza virus that produced the 1918 pandemic was never isolated."

"However," he siad, "since about 80 percent of the people who are old enough to have had influenza in 1918 show antibodies against hog influenza, this suggests that the swine virus and the 1918 virus are similar."

The 1918 influenza pandemic was unique because of its high mortality and the fact that so many of the fatalities occurred among apparently healthy young men and women, said Dr. Duff.

There is <u>no</u> evidence at this time to indicate the virus recently identified at Fort Dix has the same characteristics as the 1918 virulence as the 1918 virus. (continued to page 4)

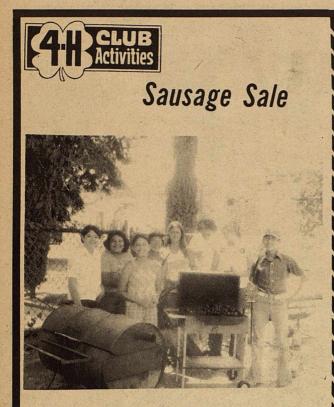
JRDA



outrageous road race.



AUGUST 20, 1976



Kinney County 4-H'ers held their sausage sale on August 14th here in Brackett.

The group had a real good turnout and thanks everyone who came by and "Got a sausage or two and a cup of tea."

Groups such as this appreciate the communities participation in these sales as, they work hard to show they are trying and most of the funds are to promote a club project.

Club leader, Carl Esser, extends his thanks for all the participation both of Club members working and the community for making it a success.

BY THE SKY PILOT

Three times in recent weeks when I've been on the highways, C.B.ers have been instrumental in assisting the Highway Patrol to apprehend drunk drivers and get them off of the highways. This just may be the most effective control of erratic driving by those under the influence of alcohol. As long as alcoholic beverages are so available there will be drivers on our highways who endanger other lives. One of the most important things a highway traveler can do is to report such drivers immediately to some law enforcement agency. Many Highway Patrol cars are equipped with C.B.'s. Some patrolmen will answer your call to them and some will not. Whether you get a response or not it is good to try to call one. If you get no response try channel 9 which is monitored by many law enforcement agencies. If you get no response it is well to keep in sight of and out of the way of the drunken driver until you come to the next town. There you will surely find some local base station or C.B.er who will get in touch with the right person. In the meantime don't hesitate to warn other motorists giving approximate location and a description of the car. You will do yourself, the world, and the drunk a favor to help get him off the highway. "Threes and eights" on you - We'll be 10-10 till we catch you again.

(continued from page 3)

Another highly significant fact about the Fort Dix influenza is that this new strain of influenza virus was identified early, before an epodemic spread that usually occurs with new strains.

the Kinney Caraby man

This allowed time to prepare a vaccine against the new virus and to plan and to plan and implement an immunization campaign against it. A specific vaccine has to be made.

Flu vaccines in the past have been variably effective. It is generally believed that effectiveness ranges somewhere between 70 and 90 percent.

When a distintive new strain comes along, scientists are generally able to better match a vaccine to the new strain, and it is likely that a high degree of effectiveness can be achieved in a vaccine against the swine-like virus, said Dr. Duff.

The Texas-wide campaign will begin in September.

Plans for conducting the immunization program has been developed by the Texas Department of Health Resources, which will received the state's vaccine supply and distribute it statewide.

All resources of the Department of Health Resources will be utilized in the unprecedented mass immunization project, as well as resources in the private sector of medicine and volunteers through the First Lady's Volunteer Program.

Dr. Duff noted that people allergic to eggs could have a reaction to the vaccine, since it will be made utilizing fertilized egg embryo.



ICE CREAM BUTTER



Senator Lloyd Bentsen

The robber artested in England is more than three times as kely to go to jail as the robber arrested in New York. In this country, an adult burglar has only one chance of 412

of going to jail for any single burglary he commits. For a uvenile burglar, the chances are one out of 659. It's odds like these which en-

courage people to play Russian roulette with our system of justice, especially since there are so many opportunities along the way to get away.

When criminals are apprehended, for instance, the delays in bringing them to trial can be unconscionable. One man arrested in Texas for theft was released 11 times in 18 months without ever going to trial.



We are all aware that justice delayed is justice denied. I believe also that it is crime undeterred.

Because of this, I co-sponsored successful legislation mandating that within seven years we reach the point where all criminal cases in federal courts are being tried within 60 days of indictment. And indictment must come within 30 days of arrest. There should be similar rules in state courts.

But even when offenders are brought to trial and convicted, the uncertainty of punishment continues.

No one knows, for example, whether a man convicted of burglary will receive a 90-day sentence or a 15-year sentence. And even if his sentence is set by the judge at three years, he becomes eligible for parole when a third of that is up, or after only one year.

The point I want to make is this: judges and parole boards presently have far too much latitude in determining whether or not a criminal will go to jail, and for how long.

The result is a lack of certainty of swift and sure punishment for the guilty that I firmly believe contributes greatly to the ever-rising crime rate in our country.

I want to reverse this trend. I want to make certain that a potential robber or rapist or murderer knows exactly what ne's in store for if he gets caught. I want a sure penalty for breaking a law. I want to cut the odds.

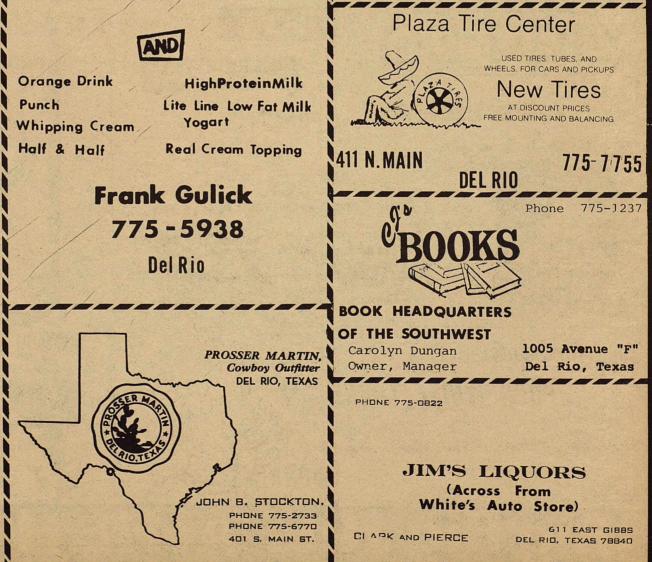
The approach I'm now incorporating into legislation would begin by setting minimum and maximum sentences for federal crimes. A "presumptive" sentence is then set in the middle. If the minimum for robbery, for example, is 5 years and the maximum 15 years, then the "presumptive" sentence would be 10 years.

If a judge wants to hand out a shorter sentence for robbery than 10 years, he would have to present his reasons for doing so in writing and this would be subject to review by a higher court

I think it's fair to say that this would greatly increase the certainty of punishment. It would let a criminal know, in no uncertain terms in fact, what the penalty is for robbery or any other crime

After all, the plain truth is this: Until we restore meaning to the idea that crime doesn't pay, all of us will keep paying for it. Until we again catch criminals and punish criminals within a system of justice that is both swift and sure, there will be no real justice.

This is the only way we can restore safety and peace of mind to law-abiding citizens of Texas and other states.



Page 4



AUGUST 20, 1976

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED



Mrs. Dora Goodloe of Brackettville, announced the engagement of her daughter, Augusta Goodloe, to Mr. Charles Pines. The wedding date is October 2nd at the First Baptist Church in Brackettville.

Mr. Pines is the son of Mrs. Mary Pines of San Antonio.

The Bride elect works at Brackettville's Head Start Center, and Charles works with Purolator Courier Corporation of San Antonio.

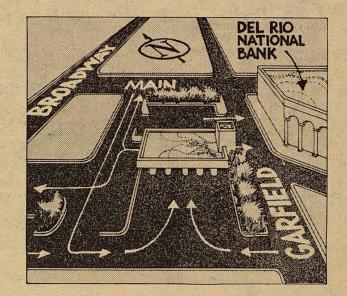
The couple plans to reside in San Antonio.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

BIRTHDAYS:

August 21 - Jodi Schermerhorn
August 22 - Ignacio Aguirre
Butch Hadsell
Freddie Neuman
Tommy Terry
August 24 - Walter Lucas
August 25 - Diana Gutierrez
Mary Falcon
Marty Miears
August 26 - Tammy Foust
Bobby Slaughter
Dennis Slubar
August 27 - Vicky Jaso

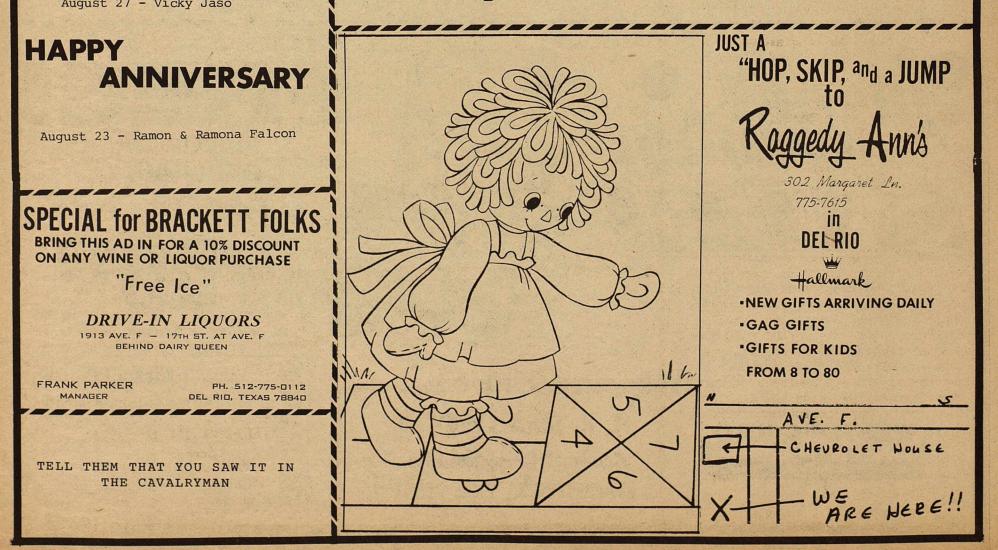
All the wheels are turning to Del Rio National Motor Bank.



Six big, beautiful drive-in teller lanes. For you. We've taken the problem out of waiting and traffic. Our clocks are set for Del Rio Banking Time, too! Motor bank from 8 in the morning 'til 5:30 in the evening weekdays...and from 8 to noon Saturdays. After hours, there's our convenient, well-lighted 24hour depository.

For our commercial customer friends—because your banking needs are different—our new Motor Banking Center has two commercial tellers. Just drive uppark – then come inside. We'll tend to your banking while you enjoy a cup of coffee in the lounge area. To drive into and out of our new Motor Bank Center, take one of the 3 easy streets: Garfield, Main or Broadway.

> We've made this big deal for your wheels because you're a big wheel to us. P. O. Drawer N □ Del Rio, Texas 78840 □ (512) 775-7541. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

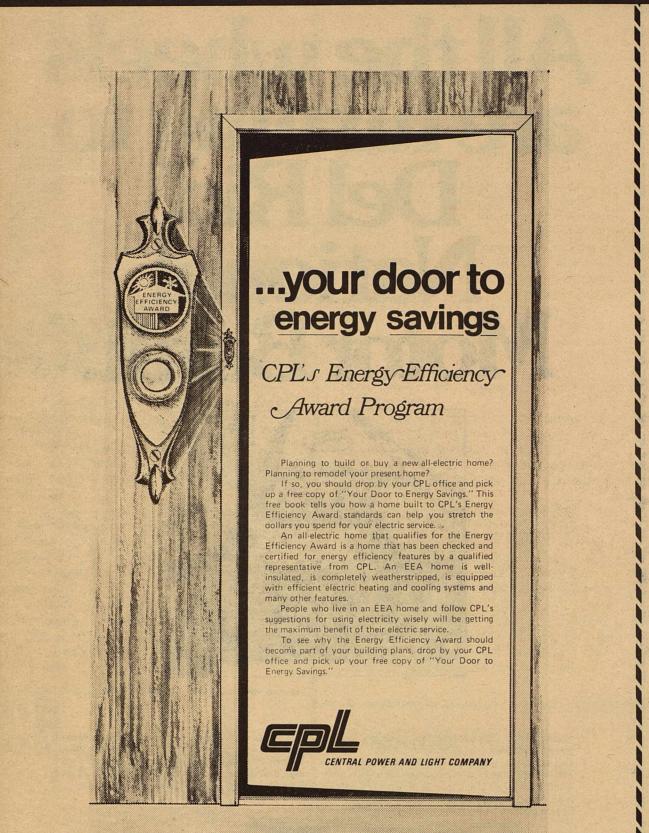


Now Open For Your Convenience

AUGUST 20, 1976



Page 6



TEJAS 1876

AUGUST 20-26

FORT WORTH—Today is Sunday, and the farmer, the mechanic, the editor, the merchant, the artisan, the teacher, the barber, the tailor and the lawyer can rest but the saloon keeper has to work all day, the same as if it was not Sunday. Ought not some law be passed for their protection?

FORT WORTH—Our city prisoners are furnished two good square meals per day at about 13 cents apiece per meal.

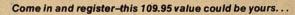
SAN ANTONIO—Ladies now hang their fans by a two-inch wide cardinal ribbon, caught at the waist on the left side. The bright color of the ribbon, with a flashy fan, form a pretty contrast with both light and dark dresses.

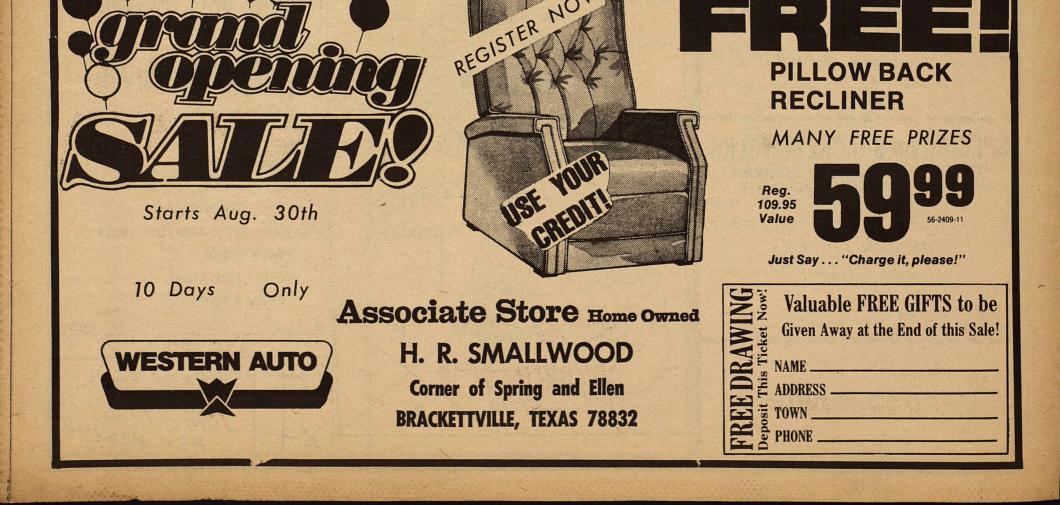
AUSTIN—The Legislature adjourned sine die Monday, August 21. Before adjourning it passed a number of routine measures but did not pass the Galveston Breakwater bill or a bill to increase ad valorem taxes by 15 cents. Proponents of the tax increase contended that it was necessary to avoid further state debt.

SAN ANTONIO—Col. Shafter, commanding a scouting party on the Staked Plains, reports finding an Indian camp recently abandoned. Shafter says the camp was destroyed and the Indians escaped with only the horses they rode. He regrets that no Indians were killed.

GRIFFIN—The buffalo trade is somewhat depressed, although there are more hunters than at any former period. The hides are now being poisoned on the range, and but few will be brought in before October. It is thought that fully 100,000 hides will be shipped from this point next season. But a few years will suffice to exterminate the buffalo, and thus prevent the Indians from living in a savage state to depredate on the frontier.

GALVESTON—The heated term of weather seems to have increased the potency of the reign of King Alcohol, and likewise the pugilistic qualities of his subjects. The slightest provocation is the signal for a resort to blows, and six arrests were made by the police from 3 p.m. to midnight on a charge of fighting.





AUGUST 20, 1976





A GREAT DAY OF FAMILY FUN-GATES OPEN 9:00 A.M.-CLOSE 6:00 P.M. Horse Races-Gun Shows-Music All Day!

also

- # WESTERN SHOWS
- HORSEBACK RIDES
- HORSE-DRAWN STAGECOACH
- DELICIOUS BARBECUE
- COLD DRINKS

MOVIE CAPITAL OF TEXAS

16th ANNUAL LABOR DAY Cowboy Races

12:00 NOON-OUTDOOR BARBECUE 1:00 p.m.-COWBOY RACES 5:00 p.m. – CHAMPIONSHIP RACE Bringing A Horse To Run Cowboy Style Welcome

200 Yd. and 400 Yd. Anyone Interested In

MUSIC BY:



9AM-6PM

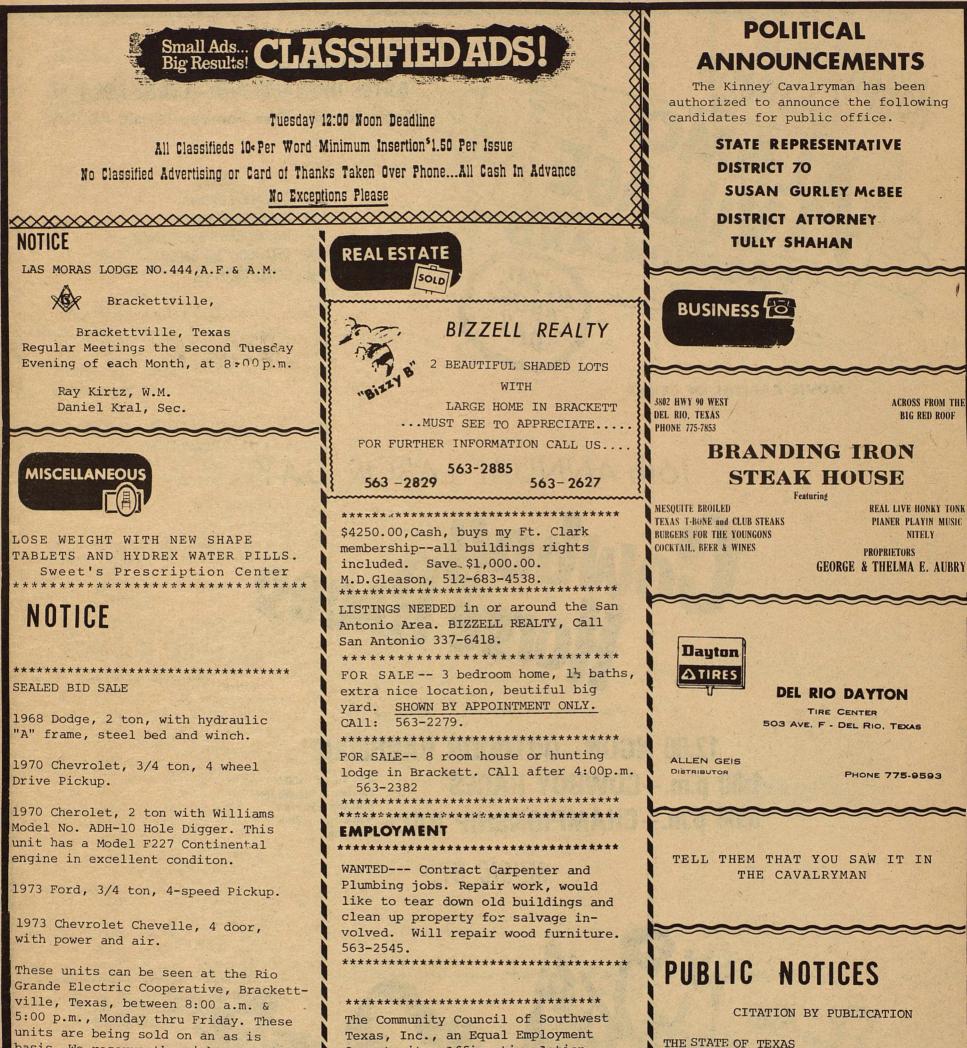
HWY 674 NORTH OF BRACKETTVILLE ADULTS \$2.50

CHILDREN \$1.50

-2580



AUGUST 20, 1976



REWARD

Wanted

WANTED-- 2 each, .22 cal.rifles or hand guns. CAll: Gene Vasquez, 563-2494.



Opportunity, Affirmative Action Agency, is taking applications for employment in the Head Start Program operated in Batesville, LaPryor, and Brackettville. Deadline for applications will be August 20,1976. Interviews for employment will be held as follows:

Batesville Head Start Center Boswell Center

Batesville Head Start Center Boswell Genter Batesville, Texas 78829 August 23, 1976--10:00 am,-12:00p.m.

Brackettville Head Start Center El Paso Street Brackettville, Texas 78832 August 24, 1976---10:00am.-12:00pm.

La Pryor Head Start Center Thompson Apts. La Pryor, TExas 78870 August 25,1976--10:00 a.m.-12:00 pm.

TO: John Garcia, et al (the heirs and legal representatives of Agapito Villareal, Deceased), Defendants, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable District Court of Kinney County at the Courthouse thereof, in Brackettville, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of fortytwo days from the date of issuance of this citation, same being the 21st day of September A.D. 1976, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 9th day of August A.D. 1976, in this cause, numbered 2098 on the docket of said court and styled Donald Nance, Plaintiff, vs. John Garcia, et al, Defendant.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Brackettville Texas, this the 10th day of August A.D. 1976.

> Attest: Dolores Raney Clerk, District Court Kinney County, Texas.