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The Brackett News

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

Board Recognition Month BISD Board Has 28 Years Service

Texas benefits 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 by local constituents to serve and receive no compensation for their tireless efforts. These men and women are the local school board members of Texas.

This month (February), more than 1,000 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 attention on the vital role these public officials play in the education of Texas' children.

The men and women serving the Brackett Independent School District and their years of service are:

James W. Bader, President	6 Years
Jim McDaniel, Vice-Pres.	3 Years
Jewel Robinson, Secretary	5 Years
Lloyd Lee Davis, Jr.	1 Year
Gloria Garcia	1 Year
John Jones	2 Years
Lingo Sandoval	8 Years

Nursing Home For Kinney County? Interest Expressed To Judge

Friday, January 15, 1993, at 10:00 a.m. the Kinney County Commissioners Court met to continue a recessed agenda from January 11. Present were Judge Tim Ward and Commissioners Freddie Frerich, Plunker Sheedy, and Alvin McClure. Commissioner Cordelia Mendeke was absent due to being a flu victim.

Charles Rothe, Hondo, who had been hired as Engineer on designated road projects after telephone interviews with three applicants on Monday, was present. Of primary discussion was safety measures at the Pinto Creek Bridge and grant-funded paving.

Judge Ward stated that he had received communications from parties interested in constructing/operating a nursing home in Kinney County.

Approval was given for use of the Civic Center to offer Karate classes on a utility only basis with the instructor responsible for all clean-up.

Approval was also given for Road Administrator Clifford Fritter to purchase a telephone answering machine at a cost not to exceed \$60.00.

Pursuit of legislation for county zoning was at a stand still since state officials that the county needed to contact were in Washington for the Inauguration.

City Council Postpones Action

Tuesday evening, January 26, 1993, the Brackettville City Council met at City Hall for a special session with two action items and an executive session on the agenda.

Present were Mayor Carmen Berlanga, and Council Members Mary Flores, Julie Fuentes, Jean Seargeant, and Ralph Gonzalez. Councilman Chuck Hall was absent.

Councilman Hall had requested discussion with possible action on a change to City Ordinance #1992-08-01 (Date/Time of regular council

meetings). Since he was not present the item was deferred to the next regular meeting.

Discussion of Personnel Policy Ordinance #218-A was led by Councilwoman Jean Seargeant but it, too, was deferred to the next regular meeting pending the receipt of needed information from the Texas Municipal League.

The council then went into executive session to consider personnel. Upon completion of the executive session, the meeting was publicly adjourned.

Five Points To Get Traffic Light

On Tuesday, January 26, 1993, Daniel Kral, Brackettville office of the Texas Department of Transportation, presented a letter to Kinney County Judge Tim Ward and Brackettville City Secretary Cordelia Mendeke with news that they had long hoped for but almost despaired of ever receiving.

The letter was from Walter G. McCullough, District Engineer, District 7, of the Texas Department of Transportation.

The letter, in part, reads, "The traffic signal for Loop 166 and RM 334 has been authorized. Loop 166, RM 334 and North Street will be signalized. State forces will be installing the signals."

"The primary consideration in signal face placement is visibility. Drivers approaching a signalized intersection must be given a clear and

unmistakable indication of their right-of-way assignment. Our traffic signal installations follow the standards set by the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

"Our proposed locations for the North Street Signals are highlighted on the attached drawing. The shrubs planted between North Street and Loop 166 pose a visibility problem for the North Street signals. Before the State can begin installation of the signals, we request that the City address this problem.

"If you should have any questions, please contact Angie Ortegon, District Traffic Engineer, 915-944-1501, extension 211."

Although the diagram is not being printed here, both the city and county have copies of it, and interested persons may view it.

Texas Water Commission To Make Decision On Permit For Texcor

Hearings examiner Gordon Hardin recommended Monday that Texcor's application for a license to construct a waste facility near Spofford be denied.

Attorneys now have ten days to respond to Hardin's proposal, and another ten days to respond to each other, before the Texas Water Commission meets on February 17 (tentatively) to make its final decision.

The TWC staff recommendation would allow Texcor to dispose of mill tailings only, not rare earth waste.

Hardin's recommendations included conditions for seismic studies to insure there is no fault under the site, and careful review of the financial arrangements to protect the state from having to pay for any safety problems.

Cox Returns To Fort For Elderhostel

Mike Cox spent most of last week at Fort Clark participating in an Elderhostel program as an instructor. His subject was the Texas Rangers and he told fascinating stories.

Mike has been coming to Fort Clark since he was a sixth grader (which was 33 years ago). The first time he came was with his late grandfather, L. A. Wilke, who was editor of the *Texas Parks & Wildlife*, then the "Game & Fish Commission." Mr. Wilke was escorting a group of men from Winchester Arms who were in the Brackettville area shooting a film on hunting jackrabbits with a new .22 Magnum they had just brought out. Mike was their child star and in his words "a lot of jackrabbits gave their life for the sake of the cinema art."



On that trip when he wasn't shooting jackrabbits he was roaming the old Fort which had a lot of empty buildings. In one of the old barracks, he found wall-to-wall chunks of aluminum from World War II airplanes. Each bore a colorful mascot, usually a scantily-clad female of the 40s. (Ed. Note: Mike, since I talked to you last week, I learned that at that time Tully Pratt had a salvage business, had brought the planes to Fort Clark, cut out the mascots and kept them, sold off the rest of the plane for scrap. Does that answer your question of why an old Cavalry base has airplanes?)

On that first visit, the group had dinner in Mexico with General Jaime Quiones, military commander for the northern frontier of Mexico at the time. In Ciudad Acuna, during dinner, Mike asked Gen. Quiones how many men he had killed while riding with Pancho Villa. The men, of course, were embarrassed that a kid would ask such a question. Mike recalls that the general put his arm around him, smiled to let everyone know he was not offended, and said, "Mucho hombres, hijo."

Mr. Cox currently serves as Chief of Media Relations, Public Information Office, Texas Department of Public Safety, Austin. He was born in Amarillo, Texas, but grew up in Austin. His parents met while covering a murder trial for competing newspapers. His grandfather, on his mother's side, was a newspaper city editor and free-lance writer.

In 1965, following in his parents and grandfather's footsteps, Cox went to work for the *Austin American-Statesman* as a copy boy and high school news columnist. In 1967, after graduating from high school, he moved to San Angelo to study Journalism at Angelo State University. A summer job with the *San Angelo Standard-Times* turned into full time employment as a reporter and a journalism career that lasted nearly 20 years. He covered everything from chamber of

commerce dinners to presidential campaign visits for the San Angelo paper before moving to Lubbock in 1969.

He went to Texas Tech and also worked fulltime for the *Lubbock Avalanche Journal* before moving back to Austin in 1970. From then until 1985, he was on the staff of the *Austin Statesman*, covering most beats as well as doing a stint on the city desk as an assistant city editor. But he preferred the action of the police beat and spent much of his time at the police station or at crime scenes. As a reporter, he received Journalism awards from the Texas Associated Press Managing Editors and from the Headliners Club.

In 1985, Cox left the Austin daily and went to work for the Texas Department of Public Safety as a public information officer.

In addition to his regular employment, Cox has written several

books and numerous free-lance magazine articles, from fact detective stories to book reviews in scholarly journals. For nearly a decade, he has written a weekly book review column for the Austin newspaper.

He is an avid book collector, with a large personal library ranging from Texana to what may be the largest private collection of novels with a newspaper person - or newspaper - as a main character. He also owns one of the larger privately-held collections of books and materials on the history of the Texas Rangers.

In 1983, what began as a hobby expanded into a business pursuit as Cox and a partner opened a used and rare book store in Austin. He later sold his interest in the store but continues in the rare book business as owner of Saddlebag Books, selling by catalog and at book shows. He and his wife, Linda, also recently acquired a local history publishing firm (the house that published his first book 21 years ago) Pioneer Book Publishers.

His published works include: *The Texas Rangers: Men Of Valor And Action*; *The Confessions Of Henry Lee Lucas*; *Lure Of The Land*; *Silver Stars and Siguns*; *The Texas Rangers*; *Texas Crude*; *Fred Gipson: Texas Storyteller*; *My Only Lasting Words*; and *Red Rooster*.

Mike likes to spend his spare time prowling book and antique stores, hunting, fishing. While Mike was here for the Elderhostel he got in a nice quail hunt with Chuck and Connie Hall on the Wardlaw Ranch. (He wants them to know that the reason he missed so many birds was because he inadvertently was shooting pheasant shots...)

Visiting Fort Clark, as he did last week at the invitation of Public Relations Director Mike Bowlin, is another thing that Cox enjoys, and does as often as he can manage it.

Texcor Responds Proposals For Decision

BRACKETTVILLE, TX - Proposals For Decision (PFD) concerning the application of Texcor Industries, Inc., for a radioactive materials license were released late Monday. Texcor President Charles Salsman agreed with Hearing Examiner Gordon Hardin's assessment of the complexity of the issue and that "... the project as ultimately described in the application through testimony at the hearing is technically sound and will not be inimical to the public health, safety or the environment..."

Said Salsman, "It is our belief that the process has been open, and deliberate (the application was deemed complete in December 1989) with participation by many parties. It is my opinion that the strength of the technical merit of the application will assist in resolving any remaining issues."

Texcor looks forward to working with the staff and members of the Texas Water Commission in the weeks ahead, he added.



Carroll Petrosky
 Athletic Director

The Brackett ISD Board of Trustees selected Carroll Petrosky to serve as head football coach and athletic director for BISD effective immediately.

He graduated from high school at Georgetown, Texas, and completed his BA degree in 1971 at Sam Houston State University, Huntsville. Carroll did graduate work in Physical Education and Math at Austin College and at Sul Ross State University.

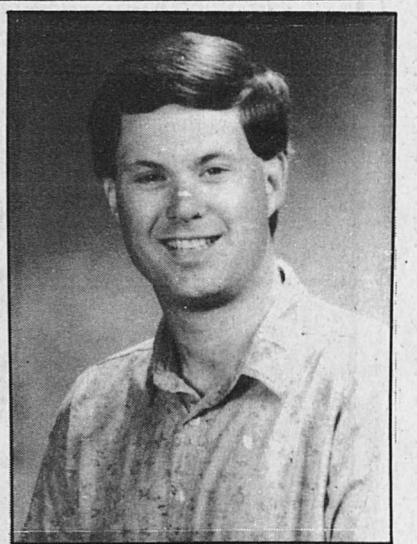
Coach Petrosky moved to Brackettville in August of 1991 after accepting a coaching/teaching position with Brackett ISD. His wife, Mary, teaches Math at Brackett Middle School. They have three children: Amanda, Chris, and Emily.

His teaching experience includes three years at Georgetown ISD, 11 years at Manor ISD, 3 years at Eagle Pass ISD, and 2 years at BISD. Coach Petrosky has a wealth of experience as an athletic director and football coach. His head coaching record is 46 wins, 27 losses, and 1 tie. He has coached basketball (both boys and girls), baseball, track, and football. He has experience coaching at AA through AAAAA size schools.

In 1981, he was named the Central Texas Coach of the Year. In 1984 and again in 1985, he received honorable mention for Coach of the Year.

Coach Petrosky will concentrate on a sound, well structured program for all sports. He is known by his colleagues as a hard worker who believes that education can make a difference in people's lives.

He believes that athletics is a vital part of the total school program that provides self discipline and teamwork as a reward for participation.



Carl Glass
 Assistant Principal
 Jones Elementary School

At a special meeting of the Board of Education, January 27, 1993, Carl Glass was named assistant principal of Jones Elementary School.

Taylor Stephenson will continue in the position of interim principal.

Mr. Glass is a native of Luling, Texas. He attended Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. He has done graduate work at Sul Ross State University, Alpine.

Carl Glass has twelve years experience in the field of education. He was at Lazbuddie, Texas, for two years followed by seven years at Throckmorton. He worked in Knippa for one year before moving to Brackettville in 1991.

He currently serves as Middle School History teacher and head boys basketball coach. His wife, Robin, is a teachers aide at BISD. His daughter, Vanessa, is a first grader at Jones Elementary.

Mr. Glass' appointment becomes effective February 22, 1993.

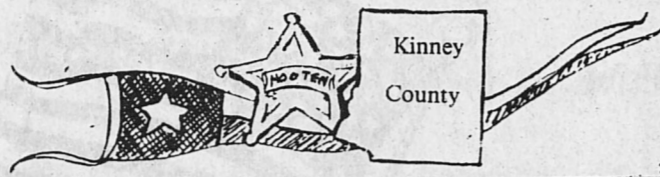
Basketball Action That Pleases!

BHS Boys and Girls
 Fri, Jan. 29 - Dilley, There
 Tue, Feb. 2 - Natalia, Here
 Junior High
 Mon, Feb. 1 - Del Rio, Here



Sheriff's Corner

By Sheriff Norman H. Hooten



The tragic, fatal accident that claimed the lives of two elderly Brackettville women Wednesday night, January 20, 1993, has hit our community hard and our most sincere heartfelt sympathy goes out to the surviving family members and close friends of the victims, Juanita G. Pena, 80, and Francisca "Kika" Delgado, 70. Our hearts also go out to the driver of the car involved in the accident. She is also a victim in that she will carry the memory of that accident with her for a long time to come, probably for the rest of her life.

In times of loss, grief, and mental anguish such as this, which often seems to be more than one can bear, we realize how frail and fragile human life really is. It is in times like these that we must turn to something larger than life, something larger and far more enduring than ourselves and pray for the strength, courage, and faith to face life's adversities and try and go on without bitterness, hatred, and depression.

Juanita and "Kika" have gone to a better place and it is now the responsibility of those left behind to come together and lean on each other with the faith, strength, and forgiveness that was so much a part of the lives of those two beautiful women. Those left behind must not tarnish the spiritual memories of Juanita and "Kika" with anything else.

Another tragedy of a different sort but with a pain of its own has once again occurred within our community, and one has to wonder, once again, just what is taking place in not only our community, but nationwide.

The tragedy of which I write is that of the harassment and selfish,

domineering attitudes of those who eventually "forced" the resignation of Gregg Nowlin from his position as Athletic Director and Head Football Coach of Brackett High School.

I highly commend Lynn Floyd for his very good article in last week's issue of *The Brackett News* which addressed this issue and brought this to public attention.

Though I am not a close personal friend of Coach Nowlin's, I have had some dealings with him and have the highest respect and admiration for his ability, dedication, and standards of conduct that he sets for himself and those under his direction and guidance.

It seems that every community has that group of parents and "armchair quarterbacks" who are so obsessed in running things their way and with "winning" that they lose sight of that old saying, "It's not whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game!" The youngsters coached and taught by Coach Nowlin were all winners because they learned to put forth the ultimate effort towards the goals they were reaching for and learned the value of self-determination, effort, and team spirit. And after all, isn't that really what we are trying to instill into our youngsters' minds.

We see the same attitudes displayed by parents and others who get involved with, often to the point of interference, in Little League, livestock shows, and other activities designed to teach standards of personal and team efforts, discipline, and fair play to our youth. I have observed, right here in our own community, incidents of parental squabbles with coaches, teachers, and other youth leaders over how things are done, games played, and other related issues. I have seen groups of

participating kids standing around, embarrassed by the actions of their parents while this occurred.

What lessons are those being taught our kids? I sometimes think we ought to "suit up" the parents and let them play the games, by their rules. And, I often think that we ought to take away that thin cover of pretense that says the kids are participating in local livestock shows and let the parents show the livestock also, they are already doing everything else. Don't they realize that they are only preparing another generation to act in the same way they do?

Sure, everyone likes to win and gain recognition for their efforts, but everyone can't and the true meaning of "winning" is sometimes lost in the pressure applied by parents to win, at all costs, and to apply pressure to coaches and other instructors to "do it my way!"

How can parents and other "sidewalk supervisors" expect their children to grow and mature into stable, functional adults with an ingrained respect for fair play and honesty when they see their parents break the rules, cheat, lie, and demand more than they deserve?

Yes, there is disappointment at trying as hard as you can to prepare yourself with your team mates to win a game, or, to prepare a sheep, hog, or steer to show at the local livestock show and then not win. But one should remember, and should most certainly be taught by parents and others that if you have really applied yourself to the full limit of your knowledge, conditioning, and the truly undying effort to win, then you are still a winner regardless of the scores on the scoreboard or the position in which your livestock placed. Those numbers and positions may be remembered and talked about for a few days, but the pride you feel and the self-satisfaction you gain from **knowing deep in your heart** that you gave your all in that effort will last for the rest of your life.

Coach Nowlin is a fine, honest, hardworking man dedicated to his chosen field and he deserved far more than he got from our community, as do many others in public life. Coach Nowlin is only one more victim of a fickle, disloyal, and often treacherous public, as have been so many others of us who have dedicated our lives and efforts to serving others in our chosen fields. Coach Nowlin, though the victim, is not the loser. Brackettville and Kinney County are the losers and will continue to be so long as we allow selfish, self-serving critics to form public opinion and "pressure" good people out of their jobs by their continual and seemingly never ending mewings of hate and discontent.

I highly commend Coach Gregg Nowlin for his ability, dedication, and strength to stand fast on his convictions and can only hope that he and his family remember that he is, truly, a winner!

That's All!

UMC Expresses Appreciation

Sidney Sponholtz, President Kinney County Memorial Comm. Brackettville TX

Dear Mr. Sponholtz: Please allow us to express our sincerest appreciation to you and the entire Kinney County Memorial Committee Members for the computer system you recently acquired for the Clinic.

United Medical Centers (UMC) has always felt proud of the facility we lease from you. Through the years, we have continuously seen the improvements which have been realized at this Clinic, and needless to say, we admire, respect and applaud your efforts in helping the community with such endeavors.

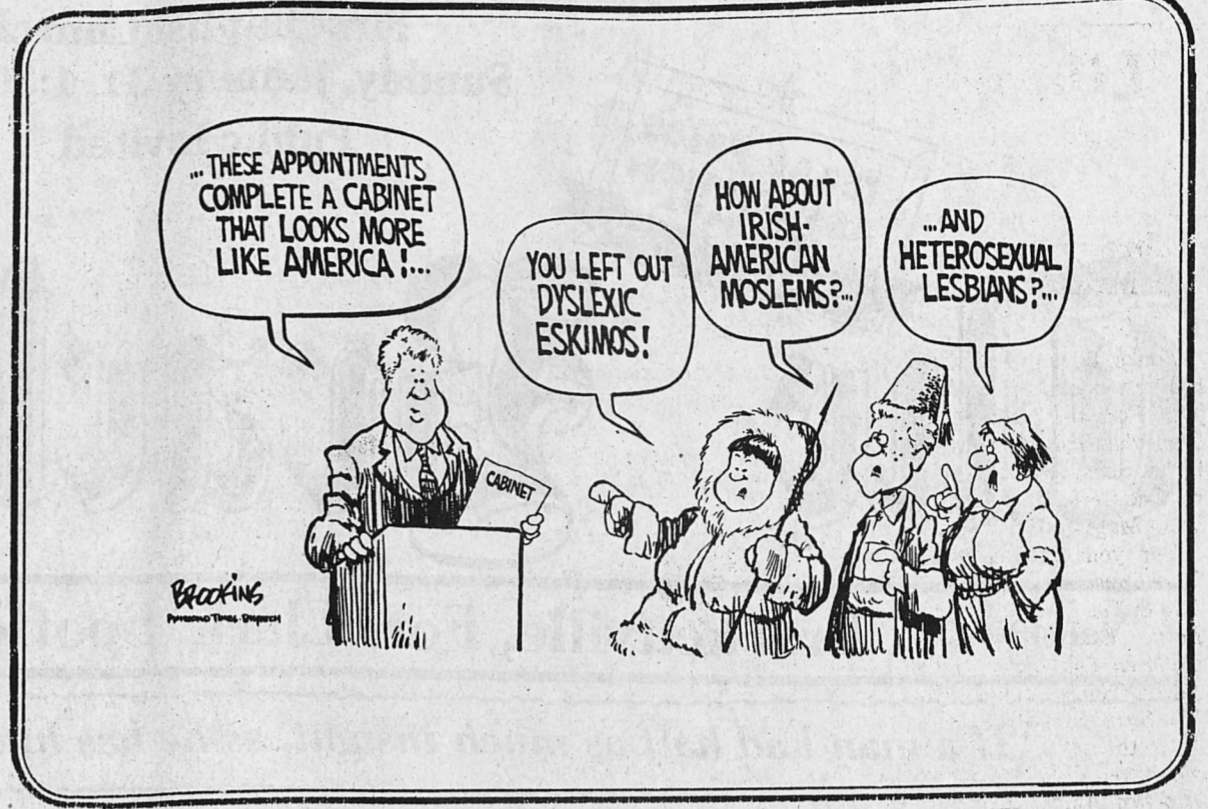
Thank you for your cooperation and unselfish dedication to the health needs of the residents of Kinney County.

Sincerely,
/s/ Gene Mireles, Jr.
Board President
/s/ George Kypuros
Administrator

DPA Schedule Driving Tests License Renewal

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

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



Between Us

By Joe Townsend



Now and then insidious arrogance rears its ugly head and leaves its ugly mark on the entire community.

When I read of Coach Nowlin's unsavory experience, my blood pressure hit a new high. The sorriest type of individual I know is one who hides behind a telephone to try to play God.

Anyone who trespasses on someone's life and profession is doing something even God won't do. God gave to each of us the ability to choose his own actions. He does not, however, give His blessing on Godless acts spurred by the devil.

A person who uses a telephone to say what he doesn't say face to face is the lowest type of coward.

To further exacerbate his cowardice by refusing to identify himself paints his picture as an imp of Satan.

To step outside one's authority to presume to tell someone he ought to resign shows an arrogance unacceptable to decent society. To harass anyone in his home with his family shows a callous character utterly devoid of common decency.

For anyone to do this and lay claim to righteousness or to claim to be a Christian is hypocrisy of the vilest sort. It does not take a law degree to know such actions are a violation of both state and federal law.

All one needs to do is read the information in the front of the telephone directory. It is punishable by fine and imprisonment. I realize this will not cause the miscreant to desist because anyone lacking in character enough to do this is

arrogant enough to believe he will never be prosecuted.

Another fallacy that shrouds the hooligan in his actions is to think the receiver of the calls does not know who is calling. You see the law breaker is so stupid he thinks others are more stupid than he.

I have not discussed this matter with Coach Nowlin but admire him tremendously. He has swallowed his pride and proved himself a truly Christian gentleman. To resign a position he has worked hard for many years to achieve was the mark of real character. That it was precipitated by pipsqueaks not fit to wipe his shoes augments and emphasizes his mark as an admirable man of character - and you can spell it with a capital "C".

I can only say to Coach Nowlin, "It's better to be on God's side than to team up with such spiritual trash as your detractors. God will surely be with you and bless you. Whatever goes around comes around. These heathenish actions will bring payday someday to their perpetrators."

To those who have done these heinous things I would say, "God knows" you, your actions, your hypocrisy, your denial of Him and someday will bring His judgement.

One off shoot of this type thing is the offenders bask in their pseudo-glory and since they succeeded once will be prone to try again. I would urge they do this and thus hasten punishment commensurate with your actions - with interest.

Agent Charged With Sexual Assault

A 40 year old U. S. Border Patrol Agent, Ruben G. Martinez, of Brackettville was arrested January 27, 1993, by Kinney County Sheriff Norman H. Hooten and Texas Ranger Johnny Allen of Del Rio on an arrest warrant issued by Kinney County Justice of the Peace Alvin Hall. Martinez was charged with sexual assault on a 37 year old Brackettville woman.

Allegations of sexual assault naming Martinez as the perpetrator first surfaced on Sunday morning, January 24. In those allegations the female victim, who is a paraplegic confined to a wheelchair, reported to Sheriff Hooten that she was attacked by Martinez, a family friend, while home alone on the afternoon of Saturday, January 23.

The case has been under a cooperative investigation of the Kinney County Sheriff's Department, Texas Rangers, and agents of the U. S. Department of Justice - Office of the Inspector General out of El Paso.

That investigation culminated with a formal complaint being filed against Martinez and an arrest warrant issued this date. Martinez was arrested at his home on Fort Clark at 12:05 this date without incident.

Subsequent to his arrest Martinez was booked into the Kinney County Jail and magisterated before Judge Alvin Hall who set bond on the charge at \$10,000. Martinez has contacted a bondsman and it is believed that he will make bond and be released this date.

Evidence collected in the case investigation will be presented to the next meeting of the Kinney County Grand Jury, believed to be sometime in February.

Certain items of evidence collected at the scene of the alleged attack will be sent to the Texas Department of Public Safety Crime Lab in Austin. Those results, too, will be presented to the Grand Jury.

Martinez has given no formal statement other than a denial of allegations.

73rd Legislature Faces Challenging Session

By Judith Zaffrin
State Senator, District 21

The National Conference of State Legislatures reports that "the top three issues of the 1993 Legislative sessions in most states are budget, education, and health care.

In Texas those issues, criminal justice, water and the environment top the agenda of the 73rd Legislature.

Adopting a balanced budget for the 1994-95 biennium without raising taxes is our first priority. During the first week of the session, the Legislative Budget Board released its recommended budget, and Comptroller John Sharp announced revenue estimates.

The LBB proposes a \$67.3 billion budget for 1994-95, an increase of 7.3% over 1992-93. Comptroller Sharp estimates state revenues of \$36.4 billion for 1994-95, a \$1.8 billion increase over current levels. Because Lt. Gov. Bullock is determined to write a state budget without raising taxes, however, we must allocate limited available revenues among competing interests.

Currently the largest percentage of the budget, \$24 billion, is allocated to education. LBB recommends that education receive \$25.6 billion. Court orders regarding equality in public school finance and access to higher education, however, may require additional state funds.

The Texas Supreme Court rules the state's system for funding public schools unconstitutional and gave the Legislature until June 1 to finalize an equitable public school finance plan. On January 11, Judge Scott McCown met with Texas Education Commissioner Lionel Meno and Comptroller Sharp to develop a plan for closing schools if the deadline is not met.

Texas' system of funding higher education also was ruled unconstitutional due to systematic underfunding in 41 border counties. The Legislature has until May 1993 to address inequities. To improve access The University of Texas and Texas A&M systems announced in September that they developed a 10-year, \$2 billion plan to bring 300 new degree programs to South Texas. Leaders of Texas' public and private colleges and universities seek an additional \$781.2 million for 1994-95 to meet expected increases in enrollment and to enhance competitiveness.

The LBB also recommends \$21.8 billion for health and human services, a 12.8% increase over the \$18.7 billion budget for 1992-93. This sector of state government is expanding rapidly to meet the needs of Texans, but demands are increasing even more quickly. The number of Medicaid recipients by the end of the 1994-95 biennium, for

example, is expected to increase by 18.6% to 2,520,000.

Additionally, many Texans lack access to affordable health care. Extending coverage to all pregnant women and children as recommended by the Texas Health Policy Task Force, could cost the state as much as \$1.5 billion. Gov. Ann Richards endorsed a limited health care package which includes immunizing all Texas children, creating school health clinics and increasing the availability of health insurance.

Demands on the criminal justice system also may require increased funding. Each week 552 new convicts are admitted to Texas prisons, resulting in crowded conditions and increasing the need for new facilities. The Texas Punishment Standards Commission's recommendations on prison and criminal law reform are estimated to cost \$1.4 billion.

Other issues topping the legislative agenda include water resource management and the environment. Priorities include developing a consensus among conflicting interests which rely on the Edwards Aquifer, strengthening regulations regarding waste storage and transportation, and clarifying the permit process for sludge sites.

Legislators must unite and work hard to find workable solutions to the complex issues addressed by the 73rd Legislature.

Bonilla's Letter To President Clinton

Congressman Henry Bonilla joined with over 40 other newly elected Republican Congressmen and women, in signing a letter to President Bill Clinton asking him to reduce the federal deficit without raising taxes.

The fiscally responsible group of freshmen lawmakers expressed their readiness to make the tough decisions necessary to solve the nation's fiscal problems and reinvigorate the American economy.

The letter points out that higher taxes are not the answer but will harm the economy, provide fuel for future increases in federal spending, and fail to provide for real, long-term deficit reduction.

TECHNOLOGY AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

"Technology At Your Fingertips" seminar will be held on February 3, 1993, at the Uvalde Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, located at 300 E. Main, Uvalde, Texas. The Middle Rio Grande Development Council/Small Business Development Center is sponsoring the seminar.

All SBDC programs are non-discriminatory and open to the public. For more information call MRGDC-SBDC at 210-278-2527 or 278-4151.

Big Mama Sez!



People who say you're just as old as you feel are all wrong, fortunately.

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



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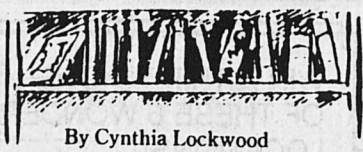
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Library Notes



By Cynthia Lockwood

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

Books, Books, Books! The library has new books for everyone to enjoy. For the children we have Disney's *Aladdin*, *Yertle the Turtle* by Dr. Seuss, *The Very Quiet Cricket* by Eric Carle, and Beverly Cleary's latest *Muggie Maggie*.

For your information we have *The Consumer Report's Guide To You & The Law*, *The Open Adoption Book*, Steven Farmer's *Adult Children Of Abusive Parents*, *The Book Of Snakes*, and Pat Robertson's *The Secret Kingdom*.

On the order of pleasure reading we have *The Mystery Writers Of America Anthology* edited by Sara Paretsky, John Girzone's most recent edition to the *Joshua* series *Joshua In The Holy Land* and James Herriot's *Every Living Thing*. *Family Trees* are an interesting way to trace one's ancestry. The library will accept the donation of *Family Trees* for use in our genealogical department. You never know who you're related to.

The National Organization of The Daughters Of The American Revolution (DAR) would like to start a local chapter in Kinney County. All interested parties will meet in the library on February 11th, at 1:00 p.m.

The Kinney Co. Library has tax forms and publication for public distribution. We have both individual forms which are free or a master book from which copies can be made for 15 cents a piece.

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

HOW TO GET HISPANIC GIRLS IN COLLEGE? ENLIST MOM'S HELP!

Mothers and their middle school daughters in the same class?

Yes, if they are among the 225 families enrolled in the Hispanic Mother-Daughter Programs of four institutions in The University of Texas System.

Their classrooms aren't in the middle schools that the daughters attend, either. They're on the campuses of major colleges near their homes — UT Austin, UT Dallas, UT San Antonio and UT-Pan American. And there is no formal course of study. This innovative approach to education is not designed to provide remedial teaching to a student who may be at-risk or disadvantaged, either.

On the theory that education, like charity, should begin at home, the four universities are enlisting Hispanic mothers and daughters in a multi-year plan designed to encourage higher education within Texas' fastest-growing ethnic group.

Book Review



By Mary Mitchell

First Ladies

By CATHERINE BRESLIN

The author of best selling *Holy Child* has written a novel dealing with two women and their quest for the lofty position of "First Lady."

While fictional, the reader sees many similarities in the lives of recent personalities striving for this position.

Her book shows much about Washington politics and social interaction. Further, we are given insight into the personalities of presidential candidates and the roles their wives play in their success or failure.

Even if you aren't interested in politics, this two person drama makes for fascinating reading. Check to see how present candidates for First Lady stack up against these two.

Especially apropos for this just past Presidential Election season.

The Cat Who Wasn't There

By LILLIAN JACKSON BRAUN

This author just continues to write good, clean, thoroughly entertaining mysteries.

Her main character, some feel there are two main characters, both Siamese cats, is a "laid back" millionaire/reporter who seems to become involved in murders in spite of himself.

Through the course of her books, we become familiar with the endearing characteristics that make good books even better.

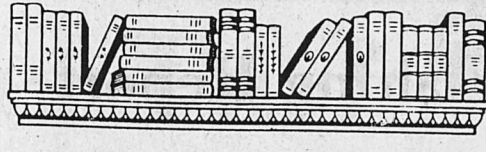
If you like mysteries, cats, or just good relaxing reading, here is an author you must try.

Luckily, your local library has many of her books, in regular and large print, hardback and paperback!

A definite winner!



Book Club Notes



Ladies of the Club met at the Fort Clark Golf Club Restaurant on January 21, 1993. *Texas* by James Michener was the topic of discussion. Texas history, and particularly that of the Kinney County area, is still the focus of study.

This reporter owes a big apology to Mrs. Agnes Vondy who was our tour guide and historian on January 14. Mrs. Vondy knows history but this reporter made several errors in reporting that history in last week's column. Please note the following corrections.

It was Mrs. Vondy's mother, not her grandmother, who disguised herself as a man and took the stroll down rowdy North Street.

The Ross Homestead on Ann Street did not have a hole in the floor that was used to defend against the Indians. There was a hole in the wall that was used for that purpose.

Also, this reporter confused the history of Mrs. Vondy's grandparents. It was the Ross grandparents who entered Texas at Galveston and then started west in the wagon train which was attacked by Indians at the Pecos River. The Ross grandparents turned back and settled in Brackettville. The Stratton grandparents met in Brownsville and he worked as a bookkeeper at the Commissary at Fort Clark. He was at that time a civilian. They also owned the dry goods store in the Stratton building that now houses the mortuary. Grandfather Stratton was the one who was studying to become a priest and ran away to America.

Even though the Kinney County History Book shows the name to be Olympia Hall, the correct name was Olympia Hall. It was built in 1881, the house next door was built in 1878.

The Elite Cafe was the site of Mrs. Vondy's wedding brunch in 1929, not 1927.

It was previously noted that Kinney County, Brackettville, and the Fort all have rich, involved histories. It is important to know these histories and to be sure that in relating them the facts are correct. We are grateful to Mrs. Vondy and the many others who are so willing to share history with us.

Lions Club Hears Program On Eye Care

Plans Walk-A-Thon

Thursday night, January 21, 1993, D. D. Kokila, Community Programs Coordinator of the Austin based Howerton Eye Center, brought a program to the Brackettville Lions Club. Her topic was "Technology and Old Fashioned Care" of the eye.

At the same meeting, Lions First Vice President Walt Bauguess was named chairman of the March 13 "Stride For Sight" Marion Jones Memory Walk. This project replaces the "Sight & Tissue" fund drive.

Mr. Bauguess is in the process of appointing leaders who in turn will solicit walkers who will seek pledges for their treks. Walkers will leave from the NCO parking lot and tentatively all trails will be on Fort Clark. Anyone interested in the project may call Mr. Bauguess at 563-9360.

Where were you born:

Faith, South Dakota.

When is your birthday:

January 11.

What is your favorite food:

Anything with a Mexican flavor.

What is your favorite movie:

Gone With The Wind.

What is your favorite book:

Outback by Aaron Fletcher.

What are your hobbies:

Oil painting, sewing, camping, golfing.

Describe yourself:

I love life and people. Friends are our life's jewels.

How long have you lived in Kinney County:

Winter Texan for 8 or 9 years.

If you could go anywhere, where would you go:

Alaska in summer time and back to Texas in the winter.

If you could change Brackettville (Kinney County), how would you change it:

No change

Just For The Fun Of It



Jean Somers

needed. We love the fresh air and sparse population, and the wonderful people here.

What would you like to be if you could change your life: I wouldn't care to change my life. Changes are made as a person goes through life.

No Winner This Week!
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Chamber Chatter

By Larry Sofaly, President

Hey, Kinney County, we are growing and it is your fault!!! Our membership drive is really starting to work. There are now 85 members in our Chamber and that number changes daily. Everyone is enthusiastic and looking to the future of Kinney County.

Speaking of the future, there will be some events happening here in Kinney County that we all need to work on to keep our visitors coming back. On April 30 to May 2, the Texas State Spelunkers Association will be in town to hold their annual convention. There will be approximately 120 people here looking at our local caves and caverns. We need to welcome them to our city and make them feel right at home.

They will also be laying the ground work for the 1994 International Spelunkers Convention to be held in Brackettville in June 1994. There will be approximately 1500 people here for 10 days for that convention.

A couple of our new members, Rusty and Lori Denman, are trying to organize a western/rodeo play day for the kids this summer. We may be looking for some help with that project, too. Of course, we are gearing up for our annual Kinney County Cowboy Cauldron September 11, 1993.

Our business mixer for January was a huge success. It was hosted by Fort Clark Springs Association and they put on a great spread.

Thanks again, Fort Clark. We presented our new membership plaques and certificates to those present. February 11 will be the date of our next mixer from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Our host will be the Brackett Senior Apartments. We will meet in their recreation room. The Board of Directors will meet there at 6:00 p.m. Come on over!!!

Our February mixer will mark a new beginning for our mixers. The Board took a bold step in recruiting more participation in our mixers. From now on, every mixer will have the added incentive of money in some lucky member's pocket! The Chamber will start the **Mixer Money Pot** with \$10.00. Each month's host will add \$10.00 to the pot. A drawing will be held for members only. One name will be drawn from the membership pool. If that person is present, they win the entire pot. If that person is not present, \$10.00 more will be added to the pot by the hosting business the following month.

Being a mixer host puts your business in the limelight with press coverage, not to mention the obvious attention of your fellow businessmen and women.

By the way, the member's name who wins - or doesn't win - as the case may be, will also be printed in my next article. So, join us each month at your Chamber of Commerce mixer and be a winner!



Our featured member business this month is the **Sunshine Garden Center** located at 207 E. Spring Street in Brackettville. Pictured are Chamber President Larry Sofaly with the Garden Center's owners/operators Jill and Archie Woodson, in the Garden's greenhouse.

Trees for transplanting, bedding plants, potted plants, seeds, potting soil, fertilizers, and friendly visiting are just some of the services that are available at the Center.

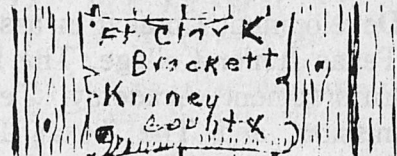
Both Jill and Archie serve on the Chamber Board of Directors - Archie on the business membership, and Jill on an individual membership. They both can be counted on for enthusiastic support on Chamber projects.

As spring approaches and your "green thumb" starts itching to start a new garden, improve your landscaping, rejuvenate your home with new plants, check at the Garden Center first. You will find what you need there...plus you can even get a "pretty posie" to send to your Sweetie on Valentine's!

FEBRUARY AREA HAPPENINGS

- January 27-31 Texas Citrus Fiesta, Mission (512-585-9724)
- January 30 Texas Mohair Festival, Kerrville (210-896-1155)
- January 30 Winter Visitors Craft Show, Del Rio (210-775-3551)
- February 8 - 21 San Antonio Rodeo & Livestock Show (210-225-5851)
- February 11 Kinney County Chamber of Commerce Mixer, 7-9 p.m. Brackett Senior Apartments (210-563-2466)
- February 12-21 96th Washington's Birthday Celebration Laredo (512-722-0589)
- February 13 Valentine's Dance, Kinney County Civic Center Sponsored by The Jug Store and B&S (210-563-2555)
- February 13 Valentine Dance, Fort Clark (210-563-2024)
- February 19-21 San Marcos Mardi Gras Celebration (512-379-6382)
- February 24-28 Texans & Winter Texans Spring Music Fest Weslaco (210-464-7767)
- February 28 Kinney County Chamber of Commerce Bar-B-Q to go Hwy. 90 in front of Kinney County Land Co. 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (210-563-2466)

Community Calendar



- AA: Mondays, 8 p.m., Slaton Hall, 109 W. James St.
- Al-Anon: CAN HELP. Call 563-9205 for time & location of meetings.
- Altar Society: 1st Monday, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Band Booster Club: 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m., High School Band Hall.
- Bass Club: Last Thursday, 7 p.m.
- BISD School Board: 2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m., School Board Room.
- Beta Sigma Phi
- R of J Beta Epsilon Omicron (Sept-May) 1st & 3rd Monday, 7 p.m.
- Preceptor Theta Sigma (Sept-May) 1st & 3rd Monday, 7 p.m.
- Laureate Iota Epsilon (all year) 3rd Monday, 7 p.m.
- Book Club Thursdays, 9:30, Golf Club
- Chamber of Commerce: 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Cavalry Room.
- City Council: 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Slaton Hall.
- Commissioners Court: 2nd Monday, 9 a.m., Court House.
- Del Rio Christian Women's Club: 1st Wednesday, 12 Noon, Laughlin AFB. Reservations required.
- FCS Pot Luck Supper: 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., NCO Club. Bring covered dish, plates and utensils.
- Drivers License: 1st, 3rd, & Last Thursdays, 9 a.m. - 12 Noon; 1 - 3 p.m., Court House.
- Duplicate Bridge: Tuesday, 7 p.m., Shafter Hall.
- FCS Art Club: Work days Monday and Saturday 11 a.m., Meeting 1st Monday, 1 p.m., Art Studio.
- FCS Community Council: 2nd Saturday, 9 a.m., Shafter Hall.
- FCS Board of Directors: 3rd Saturday, 9 a.m., Board Room.
- FCS Historical Society: 4th Saturday, 10 a.m., Sabre Room.
- FCS Museum/Sutler's Store: Saturday & Sunday, 1 - 4 p.m.
- FCS Ladies Luncheon: 2nd Wednesday, Noon, Las Moras Restaurant. Make reservations at Adult Center.
- FCS VFW Post #8360 & Auxiliary: 4th Wednesday, 6 p.m., Pot Luck, 7 p.m. Meeting, NCO Club.
- FCS Bingo: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Shafter Hall.
- FCS Las Vegas Night: 4th Saturday, 8 p.m., Las Moras Restaurant.
- FCS Old Quarry Society: 1st Monday, 7 p.m., Sabre Room.
- Friends of Library: No regular schedule. Call library for information.
- KC Historical Preservation Society: 4th Thursday, 7 p.m., Court House.
- KC Kickers: 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., NCO Club.
- Knights of Columbus: 1st Sunday, 12 Noon, Parish Hall.
- Lions Club: 1st and 3rd Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Las Moras Restaurant.
- Masonic Lodge #444: 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Lodge Hall, Ann St.
- Order of Eastern Star #204: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Hall, 407 Bedell St., Del Rio.
- Shriners: 4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Las Moras Restaurant.
- Rotary Club: Every Thursday, 12 Noon, Las Moras Restaurant.
- Methodist Ladies Luncheon: 3rd Wednesday, Noon, Slaton Hall. Please make reservations.
- 12-Step Program: Every Thursday, 7 p.m., Fellowship Hall, First Baptist Church.
- Creative Writing Group: Fridays, 9:30 a.m., Golf Club Snack Bar.

Answers to Super Crossword

FOUND ON A MAP



Querecho's First Annual Fund Raiser
(And Probably the Last)

Well, the ladies (and I use that word with severe carelessness) of the Better Than Thou Club has come up with an idea that could bring about the end of civilization in Querecho Flats as we know it today.

It is called a fund raiser by the women, the men are calling it a wreck in the making, the news media is calling it civil pride at it's very best, I call it possibly the most promising form of entertainment since microwave sushi.

There is to be a beauty pageant in Querecho Flats.

Now the old gals that thought this up are showing signs of not having all their hooks in the water already. I just wonder how they will act when the actual event takes place.

These so called good friends are starting to snap and snarl at each other and the pageant isn't for another 30 days.

There is the decorating committee, the food committee, the ticket committee, the press release committee, the committee for the procurement of the M. C., the rules committee, the judges committee, the committee for the chair-persons of the committee, and the committee to guarantee that all the other committees will do their jobs properly.

Each committee is to have 5 committee members. Each committee can not have a meeting unless there are at least 4 members present. And each committee can not do anything until it is cleared by the committee that rules the other committees.

Seems to me like they need to have a committee that does away with all the other committees. One of the members of the rules committee all but got banned because she came up with a sensible idea. Her idea was, that no one that was related to a committee member could be in the pageant.

The poor dumb little thing meant well, but she just didn't realize that the reason for this pageant was to get one of the committee member's cute little relatives in the position to win a beauty contest.

Of course the mainest committee members all thought their little nieces or granddaughters would win the contest.

Each contestant would be judged on looks, personality, talent, and (not stated in the rules) who she was related to.

There would be a high priced dinner the evening of the pageant. Each plate would cost \$50.00 and any other donations would be accepted.

The biggest problem with the \$50.00 charge, was the fact that everyone but most of the committee members felt that they could feed their own families for 2 weeks for fifty bucks, so why waste money on a meal that was probably gonna consist of boiled chicken, and uncooked green beans just to see a bunch of knock-kneed girls cause a fight.

The prospect of a fight is what sold the tickets.

Now the good ladies of the Church Of The Better Than Thou And Pert-Near Perfect People got everything taken care of in semi-good shape.

Since they were very picky about who would be on the committees, the committees were kinda one sided.

For example...Rosalee was the chairperson for the committee on judges, rules, and food. Marthalean was the chairperson for a couple of more, and Louise was the chairperson for the rest. Thelma, Hortense, Myrtle, and my old retired cow dog, Molly, were the committee members for all.

If you suspect a possible set-up as far as the contest goes, you are right.

The night of the contest is upon us and there is a little tension in the air. You could feel the hostility like a summer rain storm.

Most of the ladies had some cute little relative entered in the contest and each wanted her own to win.

When it had come time to pick the judges for this great event, all of the men in Querecho Flats went either deer hunting or on a 5 day drink. The ladies had to bring in an outside set of judges.

One of the judges mentioned that he had never had so many unexplained gifts delivered to his house in his life. Another judge openly thanked Rosalee for the all expense paid trip to Paduca, and one judge wished to thank Marthalean for the mud and snow tires for his Fiat. (This was going to be interesting).

The meal was just like we thought, plumb bad, the entertainment was mediocre, the contest was interesting to say the least.

I mean there was singing (off key), poetry (morbid) and one or two guitar players. But you have to admit that it is a rare occasion when you get to see some buck-toothed little darling playing the bagpipes while tap dancing on roller skates.

It was time for the judges' decision.

The tension in the air was tense (so to speak).

Finally, the M. C. was handed the envelope. I got as close to the door as possible (along with all the other husbands, uncles, and granddaddies) for a quick escape.

It was unanimous. There was a 4 way tie for third place, not bad considering there was only 6 contestants to start with.

The M. C. broke out in a cold sweat.

After taking several long drinks of water and easing his way to the back of the community building and the back door, he announced the winner as he was jumping through the window.

Yep, it was the bagpipe-playing tap dancer.

Oh, it was a terrible sight, there were women screaming, babies crying, and dogs barking in the street. And 6 of the maddest committee members in the history of mad committee members.

The little winner's grandmother (Rosalee) had started making her acceptance speech when she got hit with a bowl of non-cooked green beans. From there things just kinda went to hell.

All of the men that could watch from the outside while the ladies pert-near destroyed the community building and one set of bagpipes.

The fund raiser wasn't quite the success the good ladies from the Better Than Thou Club thought it would be. After replacing 3 tables, 6 chairs, 27 dishes and assorted bowls, 3 windows and having the carpet cleaned not to mention having the hole patched in the bagpipe bag, they only had to come up with \$863.12 over what the meal brought.

All was not lost...Garlan, Karl and I got together and sent a registered letter from Roswell to the chair person of all the committees suggesting that the next time they have a contest, they needed to have a contest for cussing, fighting and add extra points for the quickest form of destruction of a set of bagpipes.

The good ladies don't know for sure who sent the letter, but they seem to be watching us like they think it was us.

God!!! How I love a good beauty contest.

Fishing Report

AMISTAD: Water clear, 56 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 8 1/2 pounds on dark colored Power Worms in 12 feet of water; striper are beginning to hit with schooling around the dam and in the San Pedro Area, striper are mixed in with White bass; crappie are slow; catfish are good to 5 pounds in 40 or more feet of water on cheese baits and shrimp.

BRAUNIG: Water murky, 57 degrees, 3 inches above normal level; black bass are slow in the keeper range but many 3-4 pound bass caught around the rocks in the dam and jetty area on dark worms; striper are slow to 6 1/2 pounds on spoons, many undersized fish caught; channel catfish are good in the 2-3 pound range on night-crawlers; redfish are slow to 14 1/2 pounds on nightcrawlers and tilapia.

CALAVERAS: Water murky, 55 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to 6 pounds on worms, cranks and spinners; striper are fair to 6 pounds on artificials; catfish are good to 6 pounds; channel catfish are good to 1 pound on shad; liver, shrimp and live perch; redfish are slow to 8 pounds, 6 ounces on spoons and perch; corvina are slow.

CHOKO: Water clear, 58 degrees, .68 feet low; black bass are good to 3 pounds average, the largest bass weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces and was caught on plastic worms, cranks and spinners in 3-7 feet of water around the grass beds in Calliham, Mason, Greyhound and Opossum Creeks; red shad Power Worms are good during mid morning; topwaters are good when the water is above 60 degrees; striper are slow; crappie are slow and scattered in 3-8 feet of water on live minnows and small white jigs; white bass are fair, males have gone up river, 99 bridge will produce a good number of fish on minnows, chrome cranks and white jigs; catfish are fair to 26

pounds in the river below 99 bridge on cheese bait, also several limits caught in 14 to 25 feet of water.

COLETO CREEK: Water murky, 58 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass are fair and small and are caught on topwaters and plastic worms; striper are fair on minnows and jigs, most are under sized; crappie are poor on minnows; catfish are poor on shrimp.

CORPUS CHRISTI: Water clear, 56 degrees, 2 1/2 feet low; black bass were good to 3 1/2 pounds on DB#3s and white spinners before the front hit Tuesday night; striper are slow; crappie are fair in the backs of coves and from the state park piers on minnows and chartreuse jigs; white bass are fair in the river near Haley's Hollow and are caught on chrome Tiny Traps; blue catfish are good to 7 pounds on trotlines in 2 1/2 feet of water in the mouths of coves near KOA; blue and channel catfish are good below the dam on shad; yellow catfish to 12 pounds caught with rod and reel baited with goldfish below the dam.

FALCON: Water clear, 62 degrees, 6 inches low; black bass are excellent to 11 pounds on blue flake Power Worms in 6 feet of water; striper are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are excellent up the river on fleafleys and jigs; catfish are excellent to 5 pounds on frozen shrimp up the river.

MEDINA: Water clear in the lake, off color in the river due to rain, 2 feet low; black bass are fair to 5 pounds on Power Worms; striper are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are slow; catfish are fair to 6 pounds on liver and live bait.

TEXANA: Water muddy, normal level; black bass are very poor; crappie, white bass and striper are very slow; catfish are fairly good to 3 pounds on trotlines, some yellow catfish to 15 pounds on trotlines with live bait; heavy rains falling midweek.

Around the Fort



By Mike Bowlin

Bridge Anyone?

The Fort Clark Springs Duplicate Club met Tuesday, January 19, in the new location - Shafter Hall. There were some glitches but we persevered.

Helen Lynch and Flo Stafford won first place in the North/South direction with Lamont and Marie McCandless winning second place.

Molly Schroeder and Carol Benefield won first place in the East/West direction. Walt Geeze and Ruth Theis won second place.

We had 8 1/2 tables playing the Mitchell Movement.

Bandstand

Construction of the bandstand is almost complete. Members of the Fort Clark Historical Society, under the direction of John Frank, have worked daily to rebuild the bandstand.

Dedication ceremonies are planned for March 27, the same day as the annual Fort Clark Membership Meeting.

The Fort Clark Planning Committee will have a "Sweets For Your Sweetheart" bake sale combined with a "Treasure and Trash" sale on February 13 at the Adult Center with the proceeds going to defray the cost of rebuilding the bandstand.

To donate items call Barbara at 563-9471, or Kay at 563-9336.

Voices Of Fort Clark

"The Voices" rehearse every Monday afternoon at 5:00 at Town Hall on Fort Clark. Participation is not limited to Fort Clark residents. Every one in the community who enjoys singing is invited to join.

Under the direction of Lynn McNew, work has already begun on a spring concert.

Cabaret Dinner

A few tickets are still available for the Cabaret Dinner on January 30 at Las Moras Inn Restaurant.

Put on by the Old Quarry Society, the dinner (chicken cordon bleu) and show (Blondie Calderon) begins with a cash bar at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:00 and entertainment at 8:00.

Cost is \$13.50 per person. For information, call Betty Inman at 563-9376.

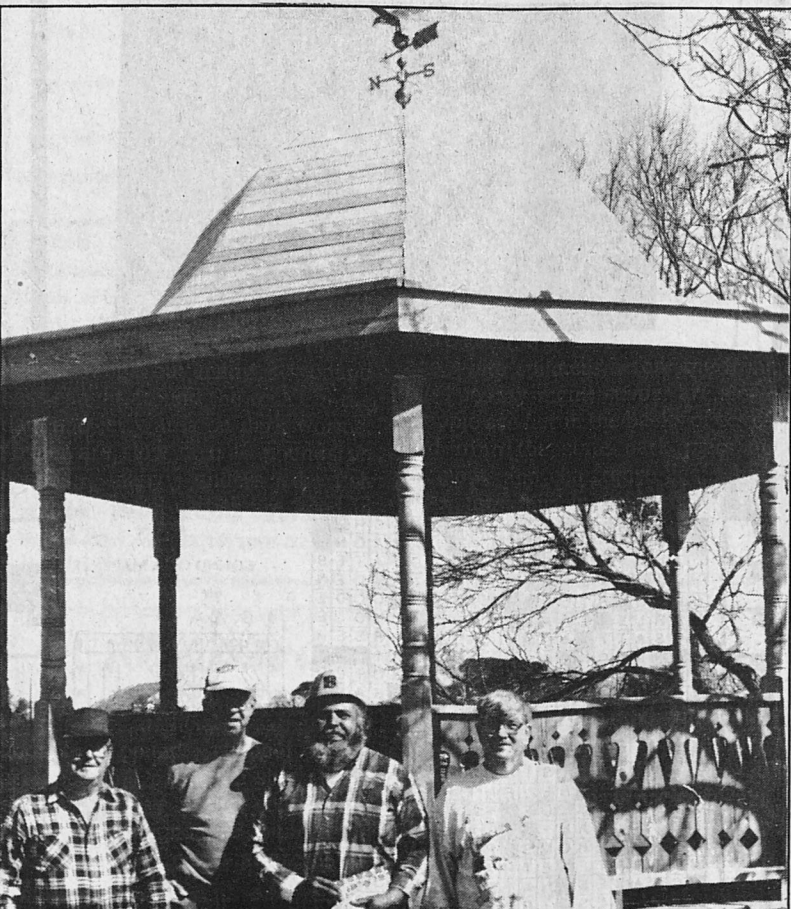
"Empty Saddle"

The "Empty Saddle" statue that graces the entrance to Fort Clark is now back in place. The life size horse was taken down recently and re-weather proofed and the base rebuilt. According to Maintenance Director Alvin McClure, this has to be done about each five years.



State Senator Zaffirini, D-Laredo, was sworn in on January 12 for a third term representing District 21. Joining her at the

Capitol Rotunda ceremonies were, from left, her sister, Josie Pappas; mother, Nieves Pappas, her son, Carlos, Jr.; and her husband, Carlos Zaffirini, Sr.



Ken Callan, John Frank, "Reggie" the professional roofer, and Peter Pohl take a short break at the bandstand.

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

- JTPA APPLICATION DEADLINE: Feb. 5, 1993.
- APPLICATION DEADLINE: Feb. 15, 1993.
- TDCJ TESTING: March 2, 1993.
- TDCJ INTERVIEWS: March 3 & 4, 1993.
- TDCJ NOTIFICATION TO ELIGIBLES: March 8, 1993.
- CLASSES BEGIN: March 15, 1993.
- CLASSES END: April 7, 1993.
- TOTAL INSTRUCTION: 149.5 hours
- Classes are held 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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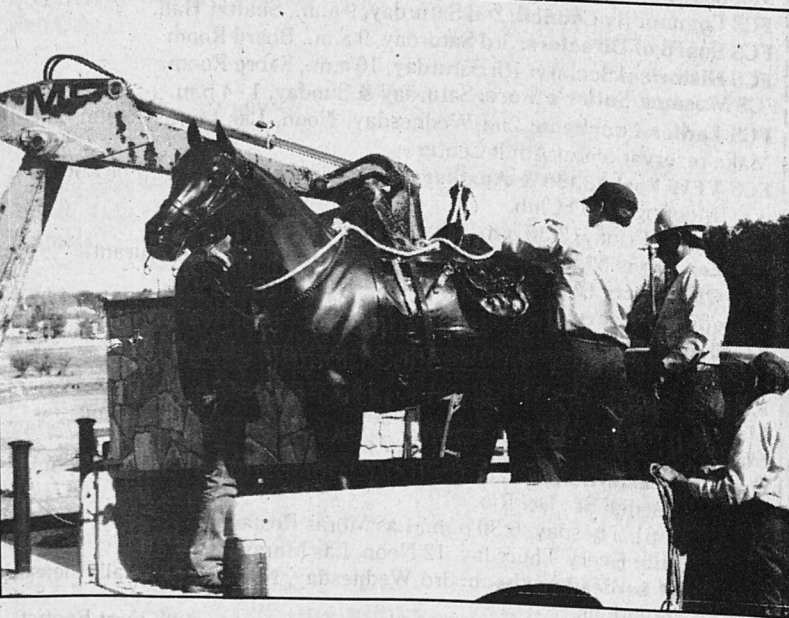
- *Must be eligible for employment in the U.S.
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- *Must have a High School Diploma or G.E.D.
- *Must not be active duty in the U.S. Military
- *Must have had no Class A misdemeanor convictions within the past 12 months; No Class B misdemeanor convictions within the past 6 months; NO DWI or DUI convictions within the past 2 years; and no completion of a sentence for a felony conviction within the past 15 years.
- *Must pass the height/weight requirement of TDCJ

This project is sponsored by The Middle Rio Grande Development Council in association with Southwest Texas Junior College, The Middle Rio Grande Law Enforcement Academy, Texas Employment Commission, and The Texas Department of Criminal Justice. All entities subscribe to EEOC practices.

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Reviews - Previews

Tiger Turf

Making A Difference

By TAYLOR STEPHENSON, Curriculum Director

BISD Migrant Program

One of my favorite groups of people to work with is the migrant population of Brackettville. In 1965, the federal government realized that the plight of seasonal, migratory agricultural workers was one that needed support and special assistance. Special programs were established in public education where school districts could identify and help meet the needs of the children of migrant workers. We are fortunate to have the migrant program in the Brackett school system.

To begin with, we have a large percentage of migrants. We have identified 75 migrants from 46 families out of a total school population of approximately 580. Brackettville is the home base of several migrant families. The children are in our schools from mid-October to early May. They are in other parts of the country living and working for the rest of the calendar year. So, they arrive in Brackettville after the school year begins, and they leave before the year is over. This change alone means that the children have special problems adjusting to the changes.

Can you imagine leaving your home and moving to another town five months a year. To some, it sounds exciting. I believe that it probably is to migrant families. It is a way of life because it is the way that the families earn a living. But, there are some special problems. Leaving your friends for five months, trying to catch up in school, hoping that the schools do the same things or have the same curriculum. Missing end of school fun in one town and trying to adjust to it in another town. Trying to accrue enough credits to graduate when you move from one school system to another is another major problem.

The families from Brackett usually go to Washington state. Some go to Minnesota and some to Montana. They go where the jobs are. Remember, they are going for seasonal agricultural jobs. Harvesting crops would be one example, and I am sure there are many more. Many times, there are transportation problems as the families pick up and move across country. What about housing at the new home? Lots of times jobs that were there last year may not be there again. The families are usually large with the family possessions packed on a truck, and of course, the renting of a home is difficult. Sometimes, the children get sick on the way to the new home. What about medical care? Are there agencies in the new communities that can help them in their plight?

Brackett ISD has a migrant program that is staffed by superb people. The first job for our local people is to identify the migrants. Gloria Jimenez and Josephine Pena work at identification and at training parents.

Gloria has been with the program for eight years. She is a person that makes it work. Josephine is a very able support person.

Susanne Castillo and Ernestine Luna work with children in the schools. The district provides local and federally funded teacher aides to help the migrant population.

When a child enrolls in school, Gloria and Josephine interview the parent. They determine if the family

qualifies for assistance as migrants. Gloria then enters the children into a national computer record center based in Little Rock, Arkansas. This center is able to get educational and health records sent to schools where migrants enroll throughout the country. Services can be provided faster to the children.

Locally, we have a parents committee that meets to talk about special needs and help for migrant children. San Juanita Talamantes is the local committee chairperson. One of the needs that was recently identified is for parents to be able to have a better knowledge of the English language. We are able to put families into quicker contact with the community agencies which can make certain that the children are not at risk. I invite migrant parents to contact Gloria, Josephine, or me for more information. Our program is supported by resource folks out of San Antonio as part of a state grant through the Texas Education Agency.

These folks keep coming back to Brackettville. I asked why. They told me their homes are here, and they like the life that they have.

Most work on seasonal jobs after they get back to Brackettville. The children re-enter into our schools, and the process of catching up begins anew each year.

Locally, the migrants helped establish a Las Posadas celebration at Christmas time.

I believe that the Migrant program at Brackett ISD makes a difference. The families are people that need our support and understanding. To our migrant children, Brackett ISD pledges to work as hard as possible to meet your educational needs.

Boys Basketball District Standings

Lackland	3-0
Diley	2-1
Lytle	2-1
LaPryor	1-2
Brackett	1-2
Natalia	0-3

SCHOOL MENU

Breakfast

- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1
Hot Cereal - Fruit
Cinnamon Toast
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2
Scrambled Eggs - Muffins
Fruit
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3
Pancakes - Syrup
Fruit Juice
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4
Cheese Toast - Fruit
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5
Donut - Fruit Juice

Lunch

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- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1
Sloppy Joe - French Fries
Seasoned Corn - Milk
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2
Spaghetti - Vegetable Salad
Broccoli - Roll
Milk
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3
Hamburger - Burger Salad
French Fries - Fruit
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4
Picnic Sack Lunch
Ham And Cheese Sand - Apple
Chips - Veggie Stks
Cookie - Milk
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5
Pork Patty/Gravy
Whipped Potatoes - Seasoned Peas
Roll - Milk

Tigerettes Lead The Pack

LaPryor

The Tigerettes remain undefeated in first place of District 31AA. Last Friday (January 22), they picked up their third district game in LaPryor but it didn't come easy as the final score read 56 - 51.

Wendy McDaniel was all over the court and adjusted to the Bulldog double coverage and ended the game with 22 points.

Theresa Terrazas was hard to shut down as well. She shot three 3-point baskets and a total of 16 points.

Kim Ahrens continues to show everyone that as a sophomore she can play with the "big girls" as she racked up 8.

Others scoring were Nina Gonzalez 4 and the Frerich cousins and Ida Aguillar each made 2.

Lytle

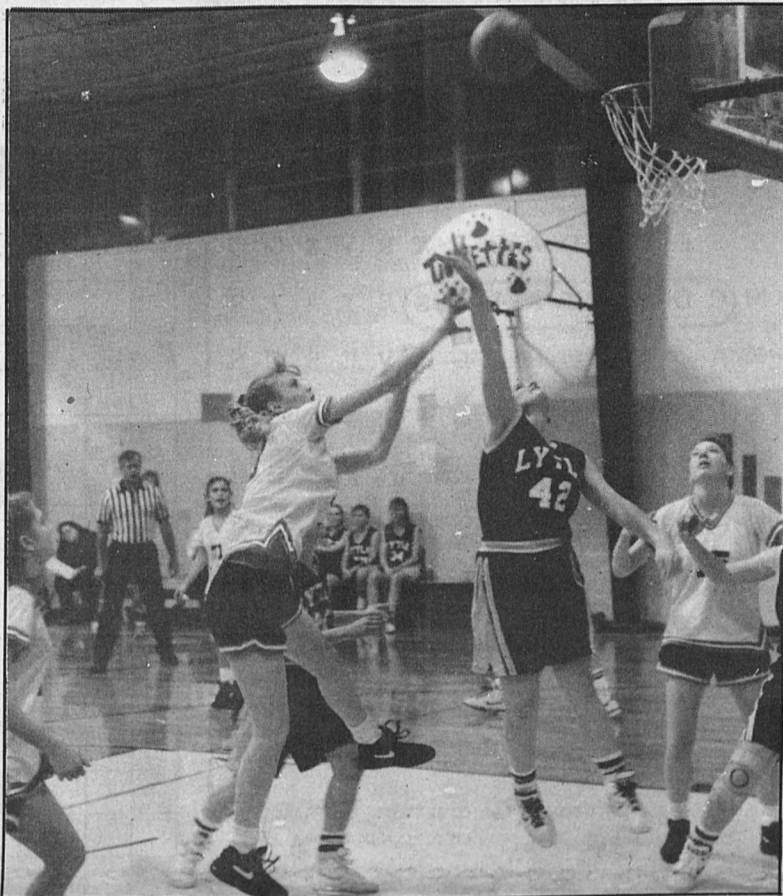
Then on Tuesday evening, January 26, it was a showdown between the Lytle Lady Pirates and the Tigerettes in the Jungle to see who would pull ahead in the district race.

McDaniel had another stellar night as she scored 28 points. She was 8 out of 10 from the free throw line and racked up 15 rebounds.

Terrazas hit four 3-pointers to score 23 and Gonzalez scored in the double digits with 18.

Dee Ann Frerich scored 7 with Tanya adding a pair.

The Tigerettes resume district play in Dilley Friday night.



Wendy McDaniel scored 28 points in the Lytle game.

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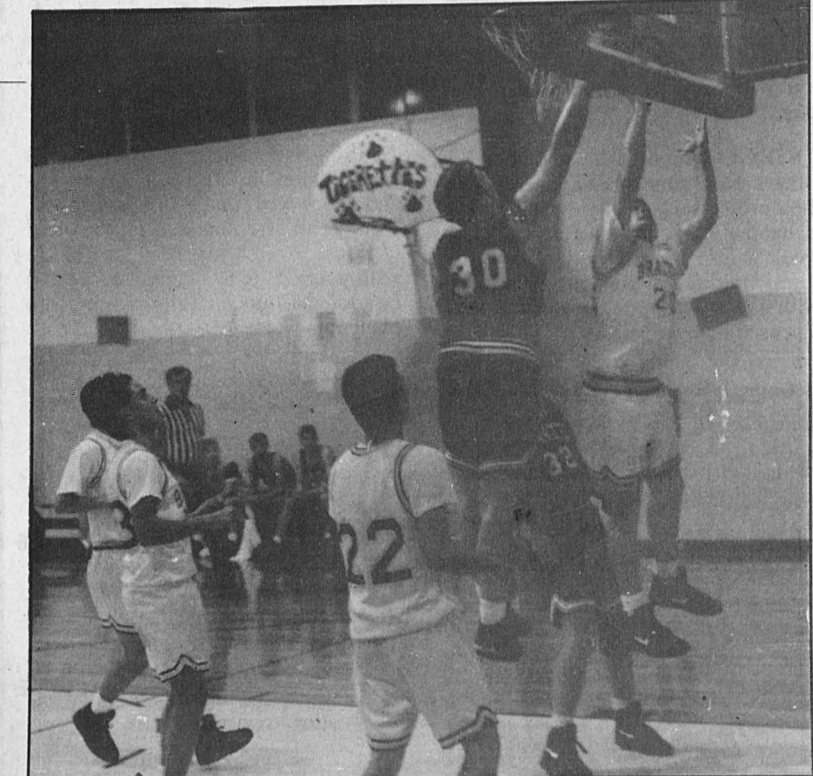
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Happy Birthday, Tiara
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Love, Mom & Dad



Tiger action in the Lytle game.

Tigers Win On Road Lose At Home

The Tigers picked up a much needed win in LaPryor Friday night to break a 13-game losing streak. Brackett led throughout the entire game for a 63 - 56 victory.

Lynn Floyd had his best night as he scored 25 points and grabbed 19 rebounds.

J. J. Sandoval got in foul trouble early but came off the bench to score 14.

Floyd and Sandoval owe much of their success to Jesse Terrazas as he racked up 13 assists.

The Tigers weren't as lucky at home against Lytle Tuesday night as they were pounded 83 - 61.

Player statistics were unavailable at press time.

The Tigers will face Dilley there Friday night.

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Natasha's Stars

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) While opportunities won't be as numerous this week as in the recent past, there will still be ample chance to increase your fortune. Look for the unusual solution to the usual problem, and you will shine at work this week.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Take a lead role in work this week and you will have PLENTY to brag about. You're on a roll and tend to create exactly that you wish for. You have done your share of work to get this so, don't think this is by accident.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You reach for the stars this week. Be careful about a piece of gossip you pick up. It could blow up on you. Accept responsibility and you are the life of the party this weekend. You can't celebrate enough.

LEO (July 23-August 22) One-to-one negotiations throw a different light on a partnership. You feel understood and are willing to extend yourself to others. Don't take on too much, though, because it is very likely that you will have to work all weekend long.

VIRGO (August 23-September 22) Others want your input and energy in their projects. Carefully evaluate what is happening with a partnership late week. Money and emotions may be sorely tried. Trust yourself to come up with the solution. You explore new places and new ideas.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22) Put your nose to the grindstone at work this week, because so many distractions keep popping up. Others seek you out BIG TIME. Learn how to say no, or else you will have a very jealous, outraged and difficult partner this weekend.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21) You start this work week as you keep thinking of so many better different things to do. You respond to another's requests this weekend and make both of you very happy indeed.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21) You may be stuck on some important domestic issues and have a hard time responding to outside demands. Never fear. You're a wellspring of ideas, and sure enough, you find the answer. Put some of this creativity into your work.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 19) Your gift for gab alternates with your need for solitude this week. This combination brings powerful results later in the week. You add some very interesting moments to your personal life this weekend.

AQUARIUS (January 20-February 18) Your need to possess, to have it your way, is high this week. Talks do loosen you up in time for the weekend, though don't be surprised if you find yourself wanting to withdraw. This could be a front for a mysterious, wonderful romp, but you aren't telling.

PISCES (February 19-March 20) Your personality draws others to you and helps you make things happen. You get an offer that may be too good to refuse. Watch just how far you go with your desire to indulge, adore and be adored. Count on it all swinging into place this weekend.

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

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- Directions Longitude Railroads

(Answer On Page 3)

Super Crossword

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| ACROSS | 1 Trattoria treat | 45 Ship's officer | 85 Vincent Lopez theme | 4 Vocal qualities | 40 Star of the Perry Mason shows | 77 Court barriers | 81 Greek underground him |
| 6 Slip of the tongue | 48 Rose-colored dye | 49 Calcutta garment | 50 Sought to overthrow a verdict | 96 Yield | 97 Vary, in Versailles | 99 Struck hard | 100 Bills' partners |
| 11 Cinderella's conveyance | 16 He played Mosses | 17 Nobelist Root | 18 Fixed portion | 20 Dining niceties | 21 Lord's domain | 22 Landed properties | 24 Mischievous child |
| 25 Think logically | 27 Shakespeare heroine | 29 Dad's retreat | 30 Expectant desires, in Soho? | 32 Stupely | 33 Green vaggies | 34 Word with moral or genetic | 35 Uncle Mittie |
| 37 Special times | 39 Bag or pole lead-in | 40 Military alarm? | 41 Artificial college year | 43 War — (1937 Kentucky Derby | 44 Winner) | 45 Ship's officer | 46 Recognize |
| 48 Rose-colored dye | 49 Calcutta garment | 50 Sought to overthrow a verdict | 96 Yield | 97 Vary, in Versailles | 99 Struck hard | 100 Bills' partners | 101 Rajah's wife |
| 102 Heidi's home | 104 Go away! | 105 "Cat — Hot Tin Roof" | 106 Hits and rebounds | 108 Cow catchers | 110 Raided the fridge | 111 Chemical salt | 113 — Frome |
| 115 Connects or associates | 117 Discontinues oath | 118 Artless | 119 Escapes detection | 120 Business transactions | 121 Cornered | 122 Wise ones | DOWN |
| 1 Red, green and sweet | 2 Inquire | 3 Recipe | 4 Vocal qualities | 5 Having a handle | 6 Summer refresher | 7 King of comics | 8 Bowler's target |
| 9 Look for bargains | 10 Part of EEC | 11 Greek island native | 12 "Midnight at the —" (song) | 13 "— boy!" | 14 It succeeded the OSS | 15 Popular stadium fare | 16 Large picnic basket |
| 19 Goad or heckle | 20 She wapt for her children | 23 Smile derisively | 26 Chapter of the Koran | 28 Kind of property | 31 Quenched | 34 Rare articles | 36 Sight or site in Sicily |
| 38 Cure hams | 39 Prisons on | 40 Star of the Perry Mason shows | 42 Paul Muni portrayed him | 44 Prom follower | 45 Remove the find | 47 Comfortable shoes | 49 Banjo's Japanese cousin |
| 50 Late bloomer | 51 Cleanse of impurities | 52 Last king of Troy | 53 Giver | 55 Losses color | 56 Fortune-teller's card | 57 Avoid wedding expenses | 58 Discourage through fear |
| 61 Begin to develop | 63 Daughter of Loki | 70 Tableware | 71 June 6, 1944 | 72 Roman magistrate | 73 Brutally frank | 74 Urban problem | 75 Sacred |
| 77 Court barriers | 79 Deauville donkey | 81 Greek underground him | 83 It settles in liquid | 84 Unnatural or forced | 86 Georgia city | 87 Sarcastic | 88 Gazed with malicious pleasure |
| 89 Western city | 90 Broker's word | 92 Settles in a place | 93 Giver | 94 "For — Sake" (movie) | 96 Gentle touch | 98 Seeds | 101 Badger's cousin |
| 103 Stone slab | 106 Juan's house | 107 Fish or flower lead-in | 108 Jewelry setting | 109 Hit with the fist | 112 TV's Charlotte | 114 Hasten | 116 American humorist |

Happy Birthday

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| Jan. 28 | Julian Talamantez |
| Jan. 29 | Marg Love |
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| Jan. 29 | Bill Tom Ferguson |
| Jan. 31 | Pearl Miller |
| Jan. 31 | Tully Shahan |
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Golf News

Mens Golf
 Wednesday, January 20, 1993
 Best 2-Balls
 1st with 145, Roy Dyer, Howard Peck, Mo Turner, and Rick Bacon.

2nd with 146 (3-way tie): Jack Legg, Doc Cruse, Charles Descheemaeker, Bill Koons; Charles Smith, Bob Gaston, Dave Sharp, Don Herron; Ralph Viestenz, Jim Bussey, Ed Thies, and Gordon Petaja.

At 149 was Carl Chism, Vance Jones, Doug Schuler, and Vern Ebert. At 151 was Chuck Titus, Bob Houk, James Stafford, and Gordon Mathison.

Tied at 157 were Bill Woolston, Hubert McKelvy, P. M. Moore, and Jack Wood; Carl Horning, Pat Grant, Lee Herron, and Dan Isenberg.

No score was listed for Dale Unruh, Bob Derrickson, Sam Heninger, and Red Udy.

3-Par Scramble
 Monday, January 25
 Thirty-seven players were entered in the tournament. Two teams tied at 2 under par 25. Of the two, Bill Koons overpowered Donnie Guajardo's team in a chip-off.

Tom Beatty's team won the chip off over the teams of P. M. Moore and John Osborn. Those three tied at 1 under par 26.

1st place, 2 under par 25, Bill Koons, Bob Burkepile, Lorraine Osborn, and Ron Frisby.

2nd place, 2 under par 25, Donnie Guajardo, Ruth Theis, Bud Gertzen, Ken TeGrotenhuis.

3rd place, 1 under par 26, Tom Beatty, Ed Theis, Jack Workman, Ron Buckles.

4th place, 1 under par 26, P. M. Moore, Howard Skelton, Don Herron, Stan Somers.

Couples Tournament
 Thursday, January 21, 1993

Placing first with a score of 61 were Bob & Jane Young, Jack & Ann Bramble.

A score of 62 took second place for Bill Mitchell & Jan Chism, Bill Koons & Gene Graham.

In third place with a score of 63 were Cricket & Gwen Ladd, Rick Bacon & Betty Schlatterer.

Tom Beatty & Betty Dennis, Phil & Jean Land came in fourth with 64.

At even par 27 was the team of Tom Faulkenberry, Jo Workman, Cecil Biefer, and Joe Genualdi. James Stafford, Ted Thatcher, Fran Gertzen, and Darlene Horning ended at 1 over par 28.

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The authority shall be authorized to manage the groundwater in the Edwards Aquifer region and to issue permits for the withdrawal of such ground water for the purposes of water conservation and drought management.

The intended law shall further authorize the district to make and enforce rules.

/s/Rep. Libby Linebarger
/s/Rep. Robert Puente
January 18, 1993

NOTICE

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Commissioners' Court Of Kinney County, Texas
/s/ Tim Ward, County Judge

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF REQUEST TO BLEND POWER COST RECOVERY FACTORS AND TO RECOVER DEFERRED COSTS

Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, Inc. (RGEC) has filed a Petition to Blend its Power Costs Recover Factors (PCRF) and to Recover Deferred South Texas Nuclear Power (STP) costs, together with supporting material, with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC). With regard to the request to blend the PCRF, currently, RGEC has four power suppliers, West Texas Utilities Company (WTU), Central Power and Light Company (CPL), Medina Electric Cooperative, Inc. (MEC) and El Paso Electric Company (EPEC). RGEC utilizes three PCRFs for each of these suppliers. Accordingly, those members located in the area served by a particular supplier incur a PCRF based on that supplier's rates. As a result, members pay different rates under the PCRF depending on their location.

The request to blend the PCRF would reduce the present 12 PCRFs to a single Kwh based PCRF for the GS-1, GS-3 and Lighting classes and blended demand (kW) and energy (kWh) based PCRFs for all remaining members. This proposal would create uniform PCRFs, not dependent on the location of the member or the supplier for a particular area. The blended PCRF would not raise the revenues for RGEC but could result in slightly higher rates for certain customers depending on their present location and supplier and slightly lower rates for certain other customers depending on the same factors.

The request to recover deferred STP costs is simply a request to recover \$785,182.55 previously paid to CPL, as a result of a Settlement in FERC Docket No. 86-721-000. RGEC actually paid \$809,182.55 to CPL, but in the Settlement of FERC Docket No. 90-289-000, CPL agreed to provide to RGEC a credit of \$24,000.00 relating to certain charges concerning the Dabney Metering Point. This credit is being offset against the amount RGEC seeks to recover from its members.

The request seeks to recover the deferred costs through a blended PCRF. If the request is granted, these costs will be recovered through the PCRF over a 5-year (60-month) period. Accordingly, the total amount recovered from RGEC members in each month during the period will be \$13,086.00. The average residential customer will see an additional charge of \$0.86 per month.

Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission as soon as possible. A request to intervene, participate, or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400 North, Austin, Texas 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission Public Information Division at (512)458-0223 or (512)458-0227, or (512)458-0221, *teletypewriter for the deaf.

Funds For Bandstand

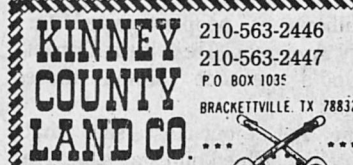
On Saturday, February 13, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Fort Clark Adult Center, a "Sweets For Your Sweetheart" cakes, cookies, and candy sale, and a "Treasure and Trash Sale" will be held with all proceeds going to complete the Fort Clark bandstand.

To donate sweets or trash, call Barbara at 563-9471, or Kay at 563-9336.

Dedication of the bandstand is scheduled for Saturday, March 27.

MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

Goodies Galore! At the new Sutler's Store! By the Museum at Fort Clark Springs. Open Saturday and Sunday, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.



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Wool & Mohair Support Payment

County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Offices (ASCS) provide the National Agricultural Statistical Service (NASS) with annual wool and mohair data for use in determining the national average market prices for wool and mohair. National average market prices are the basis for wool and mohair payment rates. Since data on wool and mohair marketing prices must be submitted to NASS during February, the Kinney County ASCS Office is encouraging all producers to submit their sales documents to the County Office by January 31, 1993.

To be eligible for a 1992 wool or mohair price support payment, you must submit your 1992 marketing year sales documents to this office by March 1, 1993. Sales documents submitted after March 1, 1993, will be ineligible for a price support payment.

The Food Security Act of 1985, as amended, provides that participants

in certain specified programs must comply with specified conservation requirements in order to be eligible to receive benefits under these programs. The Wool and Mohair Price Support Program is one of these programs.

A wool or mohair producer is required to file applicable CCC-502, Farm Operating Plan for Payment Eligibility Review, for "person" and "actively engaged in farming" determinations; certify on AD-1026, Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELCO) and Wetland Conservation (WC) Certification, to ensure compliance with highly erodible land and wetland conservation provisions; and complete CCC-1155A, Wool and Mohair Worksheet.

Eligibility for participation in ASCS programs is open to all applicants as established under law without regard to age, color, disability, marital status, national origin, race, religion, or sex.

Big Bend Mountain Lion Study

AUSTIN-Texas Parks and Wildlife Department wildlife biologists have begun putting radio collars on mountain lions as part of a five-year study on the Big Bend Ranch State Natural Area to learn more about mountain lions in the Trans-Pecos ecological region of Texas.

"Since 1983, the department has been conducting a statewide mountain lion sighting and mortality survey, but more specific information is needed for the future management

of the species," said Bill Russ, wildlife biologist from Sanderson. The objective of the study will be to determine the reproduction, survival and dispersal of mountain lions.

Mike Pittman, wildlife biologist from Fort Davis, said about 12 mountain lions will be fitted with radio collars during the next several months. Radio telemetry activities will be conducted on a weekly basis.

The study is being conducted on Big Bend Ranch because of its large size, about 265,000 acres.

Does The Shoe Fit?

Prince Charming searched far and wide for the person who fit into Cinderella's lost glass slipper, but it shouldn't be that difficult for you to find a proper fitting shoe.

Shoes that don't fit are painful and may lead to serious foot problems such as bunions, corns, calluses and hammertoes.

"Getting the proper fit is easy if you pay attention to the shape of your foot, measure it each time you select a new pair of shoes and don't count on a shoe stretching to fit your foot," says orthopedist Dr. Donald Baxter of The Methodist Hospital in Houston. "I've had people come in who need foot surgery now but could have avoided it altogether if they had shoes that fit."

"If you stay in the right shoe too long, it may end up being the wrong shoe," says Dr. Saul Trevino, also of The Methodist Hospital in Houston. He suggests changing shoes as often as possible so pressure placed on your foot is shifted and every one of its 26 bones gets a workout.

"Women really shouldn't wear high heels all the time," advises Trevino. "Roomier low-heeled pumps and flats with proper arch support are the best everyday shoes. Save your high heels for special occasions!"

There are ten steps you can take to ensure all the steps you take

won't be hard on your feet:

1. Pay attention to the fit of the shoe, not the size;
2. Match the shoe to the shape of your foot;
3. Measure your feet every time you buy shoes;
4. Buy shoes to match the larger of your two feet;
5. Go shoe shopping late in the day when your feet are larger;
6. Stand up in the shoes and be sure there is a space of 1/8 to 1/2 inch between your longest toe and the front of the shoe;
7. Make sure the ball of your foot fits securely into the widest part of the shoe;
8. Don't buy tight shoes;
9. Walk in the shoes and be sure your heel doesn't slip;
10. Don't buy shoes that aren't comfortable when you try them on at the store.

"This is the age of specialization," says Baxter. "You should wear shoes designed specifically for certain activities."

Baxter says there really is a difference between running shoes, tennis shoes, walking shoes and shoes designed to be worn on a basketball court. "Cross-trainers are great shoes for a weekend athlete, but if you're serious about the sport you should be as serious about your shoes," he adds.



Meditations

Terry Anderson worked as bureau chief of the Associated Press. (The other major news writing network as you know is U.P.I.—United Press International)

The PLO of Lebanon directed by Yassar Arafat (or some "link" in that chain) captured journalist Terry Anderson. That "Mafia" group held the American journalist in various prisons for seven years.

Anderson's release came in December of 1991. The captors of Anderson kept him blind-folded and chained a great part of the time. He never saw the "outside world" during those horror-filled years.

Seven years! Could you and I endure little more than a diet of "bread and water" and a bleak isolation for 2,445 days?

Terry Anderson said he survived his captivity for two basic reasons.

Millions of people prayed for Terry Anderson. He felt the impact of God's presence through those prayers.

The A.P. journalist said that poetry also helped him stay sane. He received a copy of the poems of Robert Frost, a New Hampshire poet. The poems of Robert Burns also caused some of his long "nights" to sparkle like 10,000 stars.

The poetic expressions of the Bible, especially *Isalah* and *The Song of Solomon*, inspired and strengthened Anderson more than anything else he declares.

Do you and I feel imprisoned and cut off from the world? The Bible affords light for every person enshrouded in darkness. Will we let help come to us from God and His Word?

Obituary



Juanita Garcia Pena

Juanita Garcia Pena died in Del Rio Thursday, Jan. 21, 1993, at the age of 80.

Born in Spofford, Texas, August 29, 1912, she was a long-time resident of Brackettville and member of St. Mary Magdalene Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Esteban T. Pena, in 1981.

Mrs. Pena is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Reynaldo and Betty Pena, of Del Rio; son-in-law and daughter Marcelino and Ofilia Cadena, of Charleston, S.C.; grandchildren Stephen Pena, of El Paso; Reynaldo Pena Jr., of Del Rio; Daniel Pena, of Del Rio; Philip Pena,

of San Antonio; Lucy Motte, of Charleston, S.C.; John Cadena, of Beaufort, S.C.; great-grandchildren Stephen William Pena, Jordan Pena and Jessica Motte; numerous nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Rosary was recited at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Humphreys Funeral Chapel. Funeral Mass was at 4 p.m. Saturday, January 23, 1993 at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Brackettville, Texas with the Rev. David Zumaya officiating. Interment following at the Catholic Cemetery. Grandsons of Mrs. Pena served as pallbearers.

Humphreys Funeral Home Inc., Del Rio, was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Francisca "Kika" Delgado

Francisca G. Delgado, 70, died January 20, 1993, in Brackettville. She was born in Villa Union, Coahuila, Mexico, on April 4, 1922.

Her parents were Fidel G. Delgado and Teresa Garcia. She was the second daughter in a family of four and is survived only by her brother, Jose, and 14 nieces and nephews.

Fondly known as "Kika", she came to live in Brackettville in 1952. Soon after her arrival, a God-

daughter who had lost her mother, was adopted as Kika's sister and was named Amparo Delgado. A few years later, Amparo died due to injuries received in an automobile accident.

Kika dedicated her life to taking care of her father. She also took care of children, elderly, and anyone else who was in need.

Under the direction of Don's Funeral Chapels of Del Rio, funeral mass was Saturday, January 23, 1993, 4:00 p.m., at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. Burial followed in the Catholic Cemetery.

THANK YOU

The family of Francisca "Kika" Delgado wishes to extend their sincere thank you to all the friends and family who provided food, floral tributes, donations, prayers, and support during our time of loss.

Your kindness will be long remembered.

Kika will be greatly missed by many, but her loving memory will continue to live in the minds of all those who knew and loved her.

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

Is it just me or have you noticed it, too? As a society we seem to have lost the ability to express thanks.

While growing up my parents taught me the importance of saying "thank you" whenever anyone gave me something or did something nice for me. I am beginning to think that's a value no longer being taught to the younger generations.

Several times in recent days I have had an occasion to go out of my way to do something nice for someone. I have been amazed at how many have met my kindness with an attitude which suggested to me that they deserved it. And no one bothered to say "thank you". When that didn't happen, naturally I figured a note of thanks would be sent. Wrong! Do I regret the kindness shown? No! Would someone's lack of gratitude keep me from showing them kindness again? No! However, when genuine gratitude is expressed it becomes a great motivation for showing someone future kindness.

Do you think God feels the same way? Perhaps that's the reason David instructed Israel with these words; "Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done. Sing to Him, sing praise to Him; tell of all His wonderful acts. Glory in His Holy Name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Look to the Lord and His strength; seek His face always. Remember the wonders He has done, His miracles, and the judgements He pronounced...He is

the Lord our God" (I Chron. 16:8-14).

The Lord is good and gracious to all of us. Let's not forget to say thanks!

Fifth Sunday Community Singabration

The community is invited to come to the First Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, January 31, at 1:30 for the quarterly Community Celebration in Song.

Several local groups and/or individuals will be featured. Anyone wishing to participate may call Rev. Ash at 563-2245.

There will also be group singing.

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church

Knights Of Columbus Sponsors Basketball Free Throw

All boys and girls, ages 10 to 14, are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 1993 Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held February 13, 1993, 10:00 a.m. at the Brackettville school gym.

The International Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually by the Knights of Columbus with winners progressing through local, district, regional and state competition. International champions are announced by the Knights of Columbus International Headquarters based on scores from the state level competition.

Last year more than 210,000 sharpshooters participated in 2,976 local competitions. All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in this event.

Participants must furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms, or additional information, contact Manuel Pena 563-9315, Tom McNew 563-9229, or Agapito Saenz 563-2328.

Hunts On Honor Roll

Sul Ross State University, Alpine, has released the 1992 fall semester Dean's Honor Roll which includes two Brackett exes.

Clay Hunt is listed with a 3.556 grade point average out of a possible 4. He carried 18 semester hours which is 6 more than the necessary 12 hours to be eligible.

W. T. Hunt earned a 4 grade point average out of the possible 4. He exceeded the required 12 hours by 4 carrying 16.

Clay and W. T. are the sons of H. C. and Molly Hunt of Brackettville.

Southwest Texas Junior College Releases Honor Roll

To be named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Southwest Texas Junior College, a student must be enrolled in at least 14 semester hours and achieve a grade point average of 3.6 or higher from a possible 4 points.

Included on that list for the first semester of the 1992-93 year is Margaret L. Haenn of Brackettville.

First United Methodist Church

Methodist Bishop Makes Visit

On Tuesday morning, January 26, 1993, Bishop Ray Owen met with Pastor Gordon Miller and church officers at the First United Methodist Church in Brackettville.

District Superintendent Dr. Gordon Talk and his wife were also present.

The First United Methodist Church of Brackettville is a part of the San Angelo District. Bishop Owen will be visiting each church in the district.

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7	8 Dr. M. Malain* P.M. Podiatrist 210-278-6251	9	10 Dr. Raul Vela* Dermatologist 210-614-3575	11	12 Dr. David Dean* Neurosurgeon 210-616-0795 Dr. Gregory Montoya*** General Psychiatry 210-278-6542	13
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Out Patient Clinic Calendar For February 1993

Active Staff Specialists With Regular Local Office Hours:

- Ralph Carpinteyro, M.D.-Internal Medicine, 278-6681
- James Scheiner, M.D.-Orthopedic Surgeon, 278-6251
- Gregorio M. Martin, M.D.-Family Practice, 278-1887
- John L. Shudde, M.D.-Family Practice, 278-3118
- Richard L. Lutton, M.D.-Family Practice, 278-4453
- Barry N. Flanders, M.D.-Radiologist, 278-6251
- Martha B. Strickland, M.D.-Allergy, 278-3220
- J. Brandon Lewis, M.D.-Family Practice, 278-4426
- Carl Utterback, M.D.-Family Practice, 278-4588
- John Preddy, D.O.-Family Practice, 278-7101
- Charles Mendell, M.D.-Family Practice, 278-4576
- Wanda Angueira, M.D.-Family Practice, 278-7105
- C. V. Gaitonde, M.D.-Surgery, 278-4568
- R. Steve Garza, M.D.-Family Practice, 278-2551
- Harry O. Watkins, M.D.-Surgery, 278-3213
- Donna Shanks, D.O.-Family Practice, 278-7105