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

BISD Joins Lawsuit Against Commissioner Meno

The Brackett Independent School District Board of Trustees entered into special session at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, September 30, 1993, with trustees Jimmy Bader, Jewel Robinson, Stan Conoly, and Lingo Sandoval present.

Superintendent Steve Mills and Board President Jimmy Bader shared information they had received from Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) on litigation against the Commissioner of

Education as a result of Senate Bill 7.

Numerous school districts, wealthy and poor, have joined in the lawsuit scheduled for hearing October 4. The thrust is to force "suitable provision" for public school funding as provided in the Texas Constitution.

Board President Bader, who also serves on the TASB board, emphasized that TASB had not taken sides in any law suits to this point

but had represented all school districts, but is now seeking united support of all districts in a suit to guarantee adequate funding from the state and reduce the burden on the local school districts. (Superintendent Mills has written an excellent article and it follows this report. Elsewhere in this issue is a roster of law makers with addresses/phone numbers).

On an unanimously passed motion, the BISD board voted to join the effort.

Superintendent Mills Explains Need For Action

At a special meeting of the Brackett Independent School District, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to join the Edgewood ISD vs Lionel R. Meno lawsuit. Thursday, September 30, 1993, the Board of Trustees took steps to join other districts in the state to insist through legal action that the state legislature adequately fund education in the State of Texas.

In recent years the legislature had mandated a certain level of excellence for all students in the Texas Public Schools; however, these mandates have not been funded by the state. The funding for these mandates has been forced on the local tax payer (you).

The Board of Education has elected to tell the state that funding for education must come from the state as prescribed by the Texas Constitution. The constitutional basis for the state paying for education for the children of Texas is called the "suitable provision" which says that the State is "To make suitable provision for the support and maintenance of an efficient system of public free schools."

Historically, the state has made provision for funding of public education in this great state. In 1906-07, the state provided 76% of the cost of education; in 1919-20, the percentage was 64%; in 1933-34, state aid was 70%; and until the 1980s the percentage exceeded 50%. In recent times the burden for paying for education has shifted more and more to the local property tax payer. In 1989-90, the State provided 47% of the cost of education; in 1992-93, the amount was 45%, and for 1993-94, the percentage is expected to be as low as 43.

With this shift from state funds to local property taxes for education, local taxes have increased dramatically. The average local property tax in 1984-85 was 62¢; in 1985-86 it was 64¢; in 1986-87 it was 66.3¢; and in 1991-92 the amount raised to \$1.11, or an increase of 44.7¢ (67.4%) over a five-year period. In 1992-93 the average property tax was over \$1.20, and in 1993-94 most school districts have adopted even higher rates than the 1992-93 amounts.

It is very easy to see that the state legislature has decided to force local

districts to raise taxes dramatically while taking the stand that the legislature has not adopted any new taxes.

Today, the Brackett ISD finds itself with the highest tax rate that it has ever had with less money to spend on education than it had last year. "The state has a constitutional obligation to provide appropriate funding for statutory and regulatory mandates arising at the state level, whether imposed by the legislature or by officers and agencies of the state.

This fact has prompted the Board of Education to enter into the aforementioned lawsuit. The Board hopes that by taking this joint action with other districts in the state the judicial branch of our state government will force the legislature to pay for an adequate education for the students of our local school system as well as for the needs of all public schools in the state.

You, as a citizen, can call the offices of our state legislators and let them know that you feel that the tax burden for education must come from the state. The current system of high taxes with less money is totally unacceptable.

Texas Highway-Rail Crossing Safety Week

Governor Ann Richards has proclaimed October 10 - 16 as Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Safety Week for the state of Texas.

Texas consistently leads the nation in vehicle/train crashes. One reason for this is that Texas has the most extensive rail system in the United States with the most track miles and approximately 19,449 highway-rail grade crossings.

In 1992, there were 59 fatalities and 196 injuries as a result of 486 highway-rail grade crossing crashes in Texas. The majority of these crashes occurred in clear weather, during daylight hours, at signalized crossings and with unobstructed driver views. These facts underscore the need for greater awareness of the dangers at highway-rail grade crossings.

"The prevention of highway-rail grade crossing crashes is a responsibility shared by motorists, the railroads, government and the private sector, states Governor Richards, "the reduction of these crashes must surely be a common goal of all Texans."

Operation Lifesaver, Inc. is a nationally recognized program to educate the public about the need to obey the laws and follow the rules of safety at all highway-grade rail crossings. Operation Lifesaver's message to **look, listen and live** when approaching highway-rail grade crossings, if heeded by motorists, could prevent the majority of these crashes, most highway-rail safety experts agree.

Operation Lifesaver was established in Texas in 1977 and currently exists in 48 other states. Texas Operation Lifesaver is sponsored by the Railroad Transportation Section of the Texas Safety Association.

planned to parachute in to take control of the re-supply. CCT will control a container delivery system team drop (currently used in Bosnia for humanitarian aid).

Then a C-130 Hercules is slated to make an assault landing to off-load equipment, followed by a maximum performance takeoff. The scenario is planned to end with the CCT being extracted by a UH-60 Blackhawk while being covered by an AH-64 Apache, both from the Army National Guard's 149th Attack Helicopter Battalion out of Houston's Ellington Field.

Also planned are: a U.S. Customs Service UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter flying demonstration; an F-111 display and fly-by; Russian Su-26 and Yak 28 acrobatic demos; a KC-10 display; a Special Forces MC-130 display; a Navy F-18 demonstration; T-34 and A-4 displays; a Hughes 500,

from the U.S. Border Patrol, display; a T-41 Mescalero display from the Hondo Air Force Flight Screening Program; T-38 and T-37 flybys; a T-1 display and much, much more. In all, about 70 aircraft will be at the airshow in the sky and on the ground.

The gates open for the airshow at 9 a.m. Flying will begin at noon. Concessionaires will be selling a variety of food, drink and souvenirs.

Laughlin AFB is located 5 miles east of Del Rio, off of State Highway 90. For more information, contact the Laughlin AFB Public Affairs office at (210)298-5988.

Laughlin Schedules Open House/Air Show

LAUGHLIN AFB, Texas -- Final touches are being put on Laughlin's open house, Air Amistad '93, to be held October 16 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

For the first time at a Laughlin air show, there will be an F-117 stealth fighter display and fly-by. There will also be performances of an F-15 Eagle, a BD-5J Freedom jet (the world's smallest jet), and the United States Army's Golden Knights parachute team.

"We think this will be one of the better airshows Laughlin's hosted in quite some time," said Major Daniel Grose, Air Amistad '93 coordinator. "We're going to have a large variety of civilian planes and aircraft from almost every branch of the U.S. armed forces as well as from different countries. The crowd will be much smaller than at other airshows, so it should be enjoyable for all. Laughlin will be the place to be October 16."

The planned centerpiece of the air show will be an aerial re-supply demonstration. The scenario starts with a four-ship formation of F-16 fighters from the Texas Air National Guard's 182nd Fighter Squadron at Kelly AFB. The formation is scheduled to make a defense suppression pass (with ground explosive to simulate bombs) followed by an interdiction attack by a B-52 or B-1.

An elite Air Force special forces unit, a combat control team, is then



129 Years Service With TDoT

For the last time four men, whose service with the Texas Department of Transportation totaled 129 years, reported to work at the Brackettville office on Thursday, September 30, 1993.

Co-workers hosted a farewell reception for them as each prepared to "do their own thing," in new careers of leisure and retirement.

Holding their certificates, they are, from left, Esteban R. Pena (26 years), Joe "Pinto" Sandoval (35 years), Daniel E. Kral (35 years), and Alfred Pena (33 years).

Commissioners Table Subdivision Action

At 10:00 a.m. Thursday, September 30, 1993, Kinney County Judge Tim Ward called the Commissioners Court into special session with Commissioners Freddie Frerich, Plunker Sheedy, and Cordelia Mendek present.

A resolution was passed, and signed, opposing the U.S. Senate's decision to eliminate the Wool and Mohair Incentive Program.

The court agreed to approve and apply for the Coop Agreement for Title IV-D Program which would allow the county to realize a small revenue for certain services in child support administration through the Attorney General's office. Without signing the agreement, the county would receive no reimbursement although funds are available.

As advertised, a public hearing was held on proposed subdivision regulations. No one was present in its interest.

Action was tabled to repeal existing subdivision regulations and/or to adopt new subdivision regulations until commissioners could study the document.

Before adjourning, the court reviewed and approved bills for payment.

Kinney County Health Fair

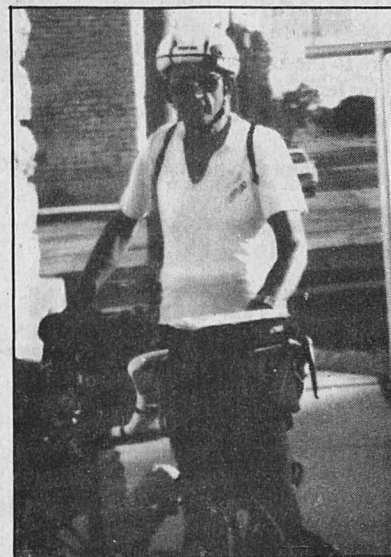
The Texas Department of Health, Public Health Region 6, will sponsor a health fair in Kinney County, at the Civic Center, on Thursday, October 21, 1993, 12 noon to 6 p.m.

Some of the booths will be influenza immunizations (donation of \$2.00 requested), blood pressure, free pneumonia and tetanus vaccinations, dental health education, hearing tests, meat safety, zoonosis control information, and more.

Chairman Lion B. Peter Pohl of the Brackettville Lions Club stated that the Lions will supply free ice tea and everyone is welcome.

Brackettville Is Half Way For Cyclist Hess

Traveling 3500 Miles California To Florida



have ridden his bike 7,000 miles - a number he chose in recognition of his 70th birthday. He belongs to a bike club but filed the charter of this trip to travel alone. He has averaged 56 miles per day. One day he only made 27 miles; his first day after heading east from El Paso, he traveled 113 miles. He has stuck to the routes as outlined on the National Centennial maps and that includes Brackettville to Camp Wood to Leakey...He stopped at *The Brackett News* office Tuesday, October 5, 1993, about 9:00 a.m. for a brief chat.

In all the miles since he left California, not one drop of rain has fallen on him. For the most part, he has stayed overnight at RV parks. He reported the people he's met along the way have been extremely nice and wonderfully interesting. Many have offered him food and/or water. Once when he was walking and pushing his bike up a steep hill, a gentleman stopped and offered him a ride...the fellow was a tourist from Switzerland driving a rental car. Hess declined the offer choosing instead to travel the entire distance by bike.

Eleven years ago Hess retired from General Motors Corporation after being employed by them for thirty-three years.

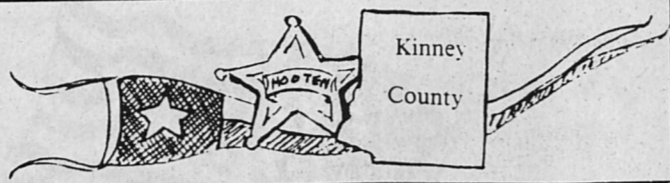
He has a son and a daughter who live near him in Ohio. About this trip, the son said, "You're crazy!" The daughter said, "Go ahead, you will anyway." He calls home a couple times weekly.

He said to watch for Tom Brown, a 73-year old cyclist from New Jersey, who was "about two days back," traveling the same route. They've visited a few times along the way. Mr. Brown's wife follows along in a pickup camper.

The intelligent, interesting, charming, and very youthful Mr. Hess, with a firm handshake, "travel safe and God bless you" exchanges, agilely hopped on the bicycle and pedaled away - north on Ann Street enroute to Camp Wood.

Sheriff's Corner

By Sheriff Norman H. Hooten



I don't know how the rest of you feel about the atrocities and mutilations committed upon our servicemen, both dead and alive, in Somalia, and, I don't know how the rest of you feel about our being there in the first place. But, I have my feelings, and very strong ones, and, as I have a very personal interest in what is happening to our servicemen in Somalia, I will exercise my right to speak my piece on the matter. Which, as usual, you can take along with 52¢ in hard U.S. Currency and maybe get a cup of coffee at one of the local coffee shops, cause it sure as h-- won't change the foreign policy of this country or in the White House!

First of all, I love this country and what it has stood for all these years in spite of the wooden-heads and dirty, money-grubbing, self-serving politicians that have led (?) this country as presidents, congressmen, and senators. And still, even at it's worse, our system of Democracy is still the best in the world, though I do not necessarily think this gives us the right to try and enforce that system on all the rest of the world as we seem to constantly strive to do. And, in doing so, what do we get? We send our best young men and women into harm's way to be wounded, killed, and mutilated by an ungrateful and corrupt people who inhabit the country (countries) we are trying to help (buy?) with our influence of money, food, equipment and our democratic system.

O.K., O.K., our leaders say it is "in National interest" to do so - meaning, of course, OUR national interest, in what way I sometimes seriously question. But, be that as it may, what makes my breath short, my head swim, and spots dance before my eyes in anger is the weak-sister attitude taken by the very politicians and national leaders as soon as the shooting starts and lives are lost from the ranks of dedicated men and women sent into

harm's way into that country (or countries) to "keep the peace," "protect the populace," "support the U.N.," or any of the hundreds of other excuses used to send our troops onto foreign soil at the risk of their lives and limbs.

Just what the hell do they expect? If they are going to send our troops, our men and women, into harm's way then they damn well should be prepared for the worse to start with, and if and when just one injury is incurred, or just one life is lost due to hostile action we should respond with all the fury of our military power to take retribution and to extract revenge on those who would dare to maim, injure, and kill our young men and women who are only doing their duty at the orders of their military superiors who have their orders from the wooden-headed, lace-underwear politicians in Washington!

The sights and sounds of the rag-tag mob of third world thugs in Somalia gleefully dragging the dead, mutilated body of one of our servicemen through the streets of one of the major cities of a country we have (right or wrong) tried to help with humanitarian aid should draw the immediate supreme wrath and fury of this country from the general population all the way up to the highest of the wooden-headed politicians, through them to our military leaders who should then issue orders to our highly trained and capable troops on land and in the air to extract the ultimate retribution and revenge upon those who have taken the lives or wounded our men and women. And do so immediately!

For our President (or perhaps Ms. President) and other political leaders to grunt, groan, and grumble now, and make idle threats of "that better not happen again," again, is an insult to our intelligence, our honor, and to the memories of the victims of the killings and atrocities. For our

leaders to characterize the captured pilot who was shot down and then abused, beaten, mutilated, threatened, and otherwise terrorized, as a "detainee" not "a prisoner of war," angers me to no end. I'll bet if it were one of them they would have a different attitude about it.

In my opinion, maybe we shouldn't have been there in the first place, but we were, and we are, and it has gone too far to pull out now without taking serious, deadly, and all out retribution and revenge on those who dared do what they have done to our brave young men! It is time for the United States to stand up on it's two hind legs and "kick the living s--" out of the rag-tag mob of thugs in Somalia (and anyone else who dares attack, kill, capture, or injure our service men, women, and citizens)!

Those of us who have studied terrorism and terrorists, be it in the form of criminals, street gangs, or others in the United States or extremist "political" groups on the international level, know very, very well that a terrorist who uses terrorism of any sort to further his or her own ends, respects and fears only that terror or terrorism greater than that used by him or her!

On the national and local level in our own country we in law enforcement could virtually stop crime in it's tracks if the weak-sister, liberal, civil rights do-gooders would direct their righteous anger towards the criminal element of our society instead of at the law enforcement community trying so desperately to curb and control crime. Our tactics might not be for the weak-hearted and lace-underwear wearing crowd, but they would damn well discourage those with criminal intent in their minds from choosing a life (a short one) of crime and would most likely make hard-working, Christians instead! Especially if we could play by their rules instead of having our hands tied by the rules (shackles) placed upon us by the bleeding-heart liberals of this country.

The same applies to the use of our military force. If we are going to commit our troops to any kind of action, anywhere, be it humanitarian or military in nature, then we should be prepared to do so in force and respond eagerly, without mercy, and giving no quarter to any person, group, or country that uses force or takes any action that endangers, injures, or kills any of our people. If they use any kind of force against us, we should respond with even greater force, if they kill or injure any of our people, we extract unlimited retribution and revenge, immediately!

Yes, these are strong words, but I think it is time for strong words and even stronger action! If the United States is not going to use all our power and force to protect our people, at home or on foreign soil, then maybe it's time we quit thinking of ourselves as so almighty powerful and simply tuck our tails between our legs and stay in our own backyard!

I can never forgive the leaders of this country if they allow this most recent series of events in Somalia to go unavenged, and most particularly will not, should I lose a loved one in that God-forsaken part of the world! THAT'S ALL!

LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Editor, I would like to remind the people of Kinney County how lucky we are.

Two weeks ago our daughter began to have back problems. Since she had disc surgery several years ago we immediately tried to call the neurosurgeon who operated on her before. This doctor was considered the top doctor in his field in the Houston Medical Complex. Imagine our surprise to find he was no longer in Houston. After trying for 36 hours we located him in Waco, made an appointment and drove there.

Our first question was "Why did you leave Houston". His answer was terrifying. He told us that 2½ months ago he and his wife awoke at 2:00 A.M. to discover three men with guns less than a foot from their heads - it was robbery. As he laid in bed he made a vow that if they lived through the night they were leaving. They lived and they left.

Many times in a area with a small population people tend to fight over insignificant items. Let us all be thankful that we live in an area where people are safe, where we do not have to worry that we might be shot going to the grocery store, where we all know and care about each other.

Thank you for allowing me to state a fact that we all should be proud of - we live and work in Kinney County, a safe community. Sincerely, /s/ Mona Miller



Between Us

By Joe Townsend.

Law enforcement continues to take critical hits purely because of partisan politics. The report issued by the Treasury Department and crassly reported by Bentsen reminds me of the Monday morning quarterback who never played a game but can look back and find all kinds of fault with the plays and players.

In consideration of David Koresh's past history and his actions at the time, any right thinking person could find little empathy with him. He had had a shoot-out with a former leader and took over the cult. He stockpiled guns and ammunition for a full scale war.

The ATF went first to serve a warrant. They were prepared for opposition because they knew the

character of the religious thug. Word having been leaked to him by the news media, he was armed and ready.

Had he acted sanely and surrendered to the warrant, he could have had his day in court. He chose rather to play the martyr and shoot it out. For days he was given every opportunity to end the confrontation but found no glory to be thusly gained.

It has been proved that the cult torched the place and even shot some of the constituents including children. To blame the arms of law enforcement is ludicrous.

Now comes more evidence of partisan politics. Reno, a presidential appointee, was absolved of any blame. She was constantly apprised of the situation and gave the go ahead for the final raid. She then went on national TV to justify her decision. Now, Mr. Bentson and his henchmen absolve her and kick the lower leaders.

In contrast in the "Tail Hook" incident, the new presidential appointee over the Department of the Navy

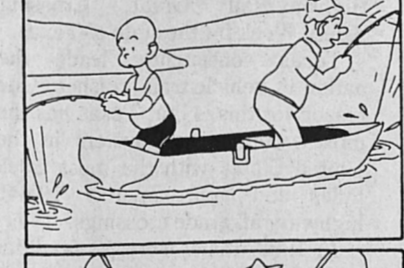
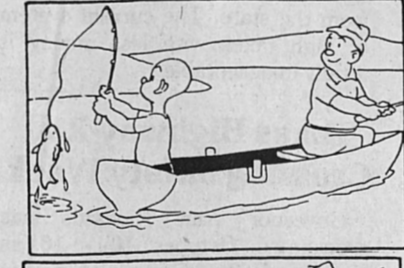
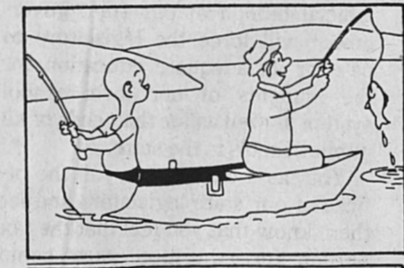
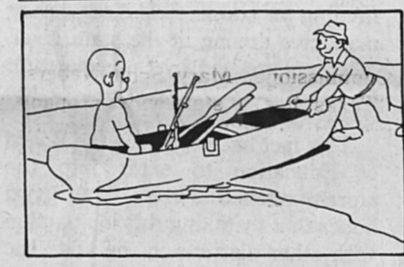
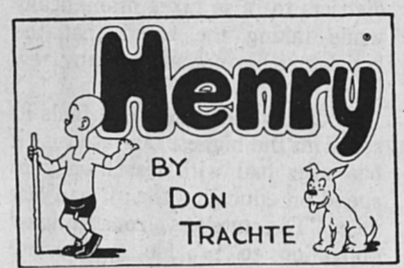
wants to fire the top Admiral of the Navy for failure to control a few navy personnel on a week of debauchery.

These types of actions show why politics and politicians have lost credibility. Where there is no basic integrity there is no reason for respect. The time should soon come when politicians, particularly the rabid partisan variety should be put out to pasture to enjoy the outrageous pensions they have bilked the taxpayers out of.

Better to render them harmless than to allow them to degrade law enforcement and exalt the bias and prejudice of their self assumed power.

Let the politicians write the laws (they do a poor enough job of that) but leave law enforcement to well trained professionals who believe the law should be enforced without fear or favor.

If you are going to fire the navy admiral, be consistent and fire Reno. There is far more reason to fire Reno than the Admiral.



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Natasha's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A cycle begins this week that favors pleasure interests. Extra incentive puts you a step ahead of the competition in business now. Proceed toward your goals. You'll get much accomplished in your home environment.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Important domestic matters are on tap for you in the coming weeks. This week accents travel, relationships with children, leisure interests, and romance. You'll have to say no to a gift with strings attached. You express yourself well.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Upcoming day trips and weekend jaunts will be fun. The week finds you housecleaning and making important domestic changes. Money interests are favored. The buying and selling of property are favored now. Accent family this weekend.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Creative interests and collaborative efforts are highlighted this week. Others find you persuasive and articulate. It's a good week for making important phone calls and for applying yourself to mental work. Signals may be unclear where romance is concerned now.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) An increase in self-confidence marks the coming weeks. You'll find that a friend is especially sensitive now. This week's money-making efforts will prove successful. Don't place too much stock in an office flirtation. This weekend is a good time for shopping and reaching financial agreements.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You may soon begin a research project. Go after what you want without coming on too strongly this week. Meaningful dialogues occur now with friends and loved ones. Don't let nervousness about a romantic situation interfere with your concentration at work.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You'll be quite busy socially in the coming weeks. Business talks are confidential this week. Deal with unfinished tasks. Discussions with higher-ups will prove ultimately successful. Travelers should avoid spending money at tourists' traps this weekend.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Recognition and business progress are forthcoming in the coming weeks. You'll be making plans now to give a party and also to visit friends at a distance. You may have to say no to someone's request for financial assistance this week.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A vacation or a weekend trip will highlight the coming weeks. Initiative will bring you business gains this week. Money talks are productive. A business project on the back burner gains new life. Couples may have a difference about a shopping matter.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You'll soon be making an important investment decision. Partners are on the same wave length now, but a co-worker is touchy. Distractions may interfere with concentration on the job, and you may also be disappointed in a co-worker's performance.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Partnership interests are highlighted in the coming weeks. Guard against extravagance and look for ways to build up your savings. Joint financial moves are best. You should sidestep a clandestine romantic involvement this weekend.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The coming weeks look very promising for your career interests. A relative needs extra consideration this week. An awkward situation could arise now with either a friend or family member. Romance, though, is happily highlighted.

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Have a Good Day
Janice

Big Mama Sez!

Sign at fitness center: "We recycle waists."

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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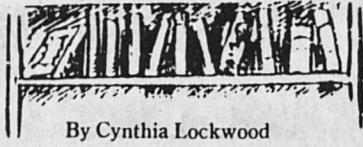
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Library Notes



By Cynthia Lockwood

Library Hours 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
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If you've noticed a few improvements in the arrangement of books in the library lately, it's not an accident. The new arrangement is designed to make everybody's life, especially mine and Maria's, a lot easier.

I've filed the young adult non-fiction in with the adult non-fiction in order to increase the amount of young adult circulation and decrease the amount of leg-work by the staff. I've moved the adult 820s (literature by one author) to the shelves where the young adult books were previously, and the young adult paperbacks now reside on a newly purchased paperback rack near the children's room.

I've placed new signs around the library shelves, but as always if you can't find what you're looking for, please ask.

The new San Antonio circuit videos are in with some exciting selections. Check out *Grand Canyon* with Danny Glover and Keith Kline, *Around The World In 80 Days*, John Wayne in *Rio Bravo*, *The Grass Is Always Greener Over The Septic Tank*, *The Hunchback Of Notre Dame* with Maureen O'Hara, *A Rumor Of War*, *The Parent Trap*, and Humphrey Bogart in *The Caine Mutiny*. We also have a few good children's videos to choose from. Check out *Dr. Seuss: Horton Hears A Who*, *Pippi In The South Seas*, and *The Gentle Giant*.

Thanks to the generous nature of two patrons, we've added over 200 paperbacks to our trade rack and library collection shelves. The majority are romance books, but there is also a good selection of mystery and adventure novels. Our paperback readers are in reading heaven.

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

The library will be closed on Monday, October 11, for Columbus Day.

Book Review

By Mary Mitchell

The Third Deadly Sin

There are those out there who have not read some of the earlier Lawrence Sanders novels. If you haven't, do so quickly, they are all excellently written.

This one is no different and deals with a serial killer who picks HER victims randomly.

Excellent character development. Must read!

Unsung Hero

by Joe Townsend

A coach recently came to Brackettville. He has had a good many years of experience. He is adept at his job as coach and above average in his teaching field.

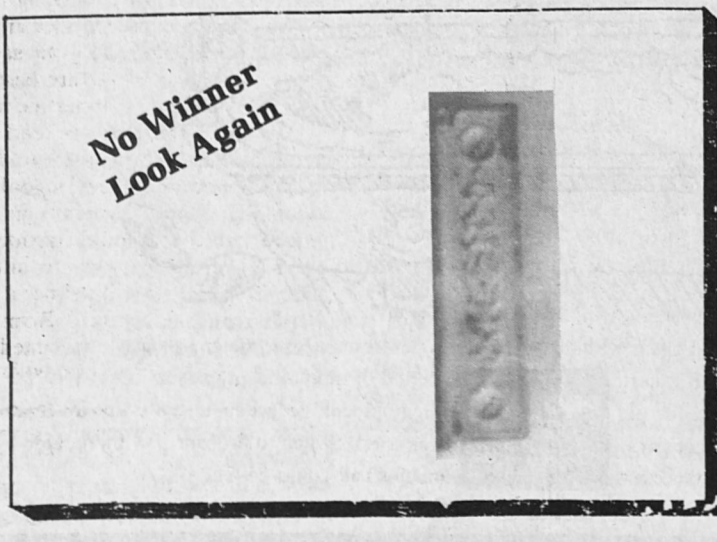
He is a most conscientious person who has his priorities in order regarding sports and the education of the student. He is highly respected by players and students alike.

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Save Hot Water Costs Without Switching To Cold Showers

A water heater fueled by propane could save the average Texas family nearly \$200 a year compared to the cost of heating water electrically, while at the same time benefiting the environment and creating jobs in Texas.

That's the message of the Railroad Commission's new newspaper and radio advertising campaign that kicks off statewide this week. The campaign is part of the Commission's legislative mandate to educate Texans about propane's benefits as an environmentally beneficial alternative fuel.

Commission studies show the initial expense of installing a propane-fueled water heater is no higher than other types, but the return on investment is much faster. According to Chairman James E. (Jim) Nugent, fuel-cost savings recoup the initial purchase price in about two years. "That's about a 50 percent annual return on investment," Nugent said, "which is considerably more than you get at the bank." Assuming typical delivered costs of 82 cents per gallon for propane, savings over the ten-year life of the water heater could total more than \$2,000, Nugent added.

A major reason for propane's economy is its efficiency compared to other methods of energy production. More than two-thirds of the energy generated by oil- or coal-burning electric utility companies literally goes up in smoke, and is therefore lost at the source. Propane, a clean-burning primary fuel, is nearly 2 1/2 times as efficient, delivering 87 percent of its energy directly to the burner tip.

Propane is widely distributed and readily available throughout Texas. "More than a third of the nation's propane comes from Texas," noted Commissioner Mary Scott Nabers. "Texas has a state-wide propane production and distribution network in place, and the more people take advantage of propane as a domestic and commercial heating fuel, the more jobs that network creates."

Nabers added that a new market worth \$65 million a year to the Texas economy would arise if the 60 to 70 percent of all propane-heated Texas households that heat water electrically switched over to propane.

Propane technology has also become more efficient in recent years. Today's propane water heater uses one third less fuel than heaters manufactured as recently as

five years ago, which contributes to the fuel's economy. Advanced burner design, energy-saving temperature controls and better insulation make the most of every gallon of fuel.

Texas' environment also benefits from using propane to heat water, according to Commissioner Barry Williamson. "Air pollution concerns all Texans, in both urban and rural areas," Williamson said. "Gallon for gallon," Williamson added, "it takes nearly three times as much fuel, generating nearly three times as much ozone-depleting greenhouse gas, to heat water electrically as it does to heat it directly with propane."

Quick recovery is a primary benefit of propane water heaters. Anyone who has ever run out of hot water in the middle of a shower, especially in cold weather, will appreciate the prospect of having plenty of hot water on tap. In a comparison of the first-hour recovery rates of typical 40-gallon water heaters, the propane model provided nearly twice as much hot water over the same period of time as a comparable electric model.

As part of the Commission's latest educational consumer campaign, look for newspaper ads touting "Pay less per fill up" in 386 weekly newspaper across the state and statewide radio commercials illustrating the economic and environmental benefits of propane water heating. For more information, call the Texas Railroad Commission's Alternative Fuels Division at 1-800-64-CLEAR.

Alpha Chapter No. 243, R.A.M.

Masonic Temple, 704 Bedell
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 Dinner 6:30 Convocation 7:30

Heart-Hitting Fact

Smokers have more than twice the risk of heart attack as non-smokers, and smokers have a greater risk of stroke, too, according to the American Heart Association. Chronic exposure to environmental tobacco smoke (passive smoking) also contributes to the risk of heart disease in nonsmokers.

Just For The Fun Of It

If you would like to be featured in "Just For The Fun Of It" and have not been featured before, contact *The Brackett News* at 563-2852.

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 Town Hall, Fort Clark Springs

\$5.00 German Food Plate

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Dancing Music **Oktoberfest** Beer German Food

Community Calendar

- AA: Mondays, 8 p.m., Slator 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.
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 R of J Beta Epsilon Omicron (Sept-May) 2nd & 4th Monday, 7 p.m.
 Preceptor Theta Sigma (Sept-May) 1st & 3rd Monday, 7 p.m.
 Laureate Iota Epsilon (all year) 3rd Monday, 7 p.m.
 Book Club Thursdays, 9:30, Golf Club
 Chamber of Commerce: 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Cavalry Room.
 City Council: 1st Tuesday after 2nd Monday, 7 p.m., City Hall.
 Commissioners Court: 2nd Monday, 9 a.m., Court House.
 Del Rio Christian Women's Club: 1st Wednesday, 12 Noon, Laughlin AFB. Reservations required.
 FCS Pot Luck Supper: 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Service Club. Bring covered dish, plates and utensils.
 Drivers License: 1st, 3rd, & Last Thursdays, 9 a.m. - 12 Noon; 1 - 3 p.m., Court House.
 Duplicate Bridge: Tuesday, 7 p.m., Shafter Hall.
 FCS Art Club: Work days Monday and Saturday 11 a.m., Meeting 1st Monday, 1 p.m., Art Studio.
 FCS Community Council: 2nd Saturday, 10 a.m., Shafter Hall.
 FCS Board of Directors: 3rd Saturday, 9 a.m., Board Room.
 FCS Historical Society: 4th Saturday, 10 a.m., Shafter Hall.
 FCS Museum/Sutler's Store: Saturday & Sunday, 1-4 p.m.
 FCS Ladies Luncheon: 2nd Wednesday, Noon, Las Moras Restaurant. Make reservations at Adult Center.
 FCS VFW Post #8360 & Auxiliary: 4th Wednesday, 6 p.m. Pot Luck, 7:00 p.m. meetings, Service Club.
 FCS Bingo: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Shafter Hall.
 FCS Old Quarry Society: 1st Monday, 7 p.m., Sabre Room.
 Friends of Library: No regular schedule. Call library for information.
 KC Historical Preservation Society: 4th Thursday, 7 p.m., Court House.
 KC Kickers: 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., Service Club.
 Knights of Columbus: 1st Sunday, 12 Noon, Parish Hall.
 Lions Club: 1st and 3rd Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Las Moras Restaurant.
 Masonic Lodge #444: 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Lodge Hall, Ann St.
 Order of Eastern Star #204: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Hall, 407 Bedell St., Del Rio.
 Shriners: 4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Las Moras Restaurant.
 Rotary Club: Every Thursday, 12 Noon, Las Moras Restaurant.
 Methodist Ladies Luncheon: 3rd Wednesday, Noon, Slator Hall. Please make reservations.
 Creative Writing Group: Fridays, 9:30 a.m., Golf Club Snack Bar.

QUERECHO FLATS
By Curt Brummett

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A Snake In The Bathtub

Springtime in the sandhills can be a little spooky. The mesquite and other plants take a turn for the better, and even though it's been pretty dry, everything has a green tint to it. Of course, things get worse if we've had any moisture to speak of.

By worse, I mean things that grow get really green and all the little sneaky varmints that live in all that green stuff start to move around a little.

If we should keep getting rain, most of those critters start to hunt for dryer ground. I have found snakes in the garage, in the feed room, and even under the hood of the Little Woman's car. The one under the hood was trying to imitate a fan belt, and was permanently dead, but still he caused considerable excitement.

If I'd had any idea as to what I would find when I started tracing down that smell, I'd have taken the car to the local filling station and flat-fixing place. But no, not me. I figured the smell came from a burned coil wire mixed with a slightly scorched air cleaner, so I attacked.

Dead or not, a twenty-nine foot bullsneak up 'em. He was probably not that long till he got stretched around the waterpump pulley.

I casually mentioned to the Little Woman that the next time she smelled something like that, she needed to take it to the gas station to get it checked. It's cheaper than buying medicine to help patch up all the skinned places a man can get just trying to get away from a dead snake.

It hadn't been too good a year for me. Jobs were extremely scarce and I hadn't been doing too good at team roping, or anything else as far as that goes. It seemed the only thing that had gone even close to right was our girls' softball team. My daughter was playing and I was coach. The Little Woman was the team chaperon, and Jughead was the team mascot. Somehow we had managed to get into the play-offs for the championship.

To give you an idea of how things were going for me, I got knocked out by a renegade pitch from a thirteen-year-old girl the first night of the playoffs. I had a black eye and one fine headache the next morning, and we still had four more days to go.

Our team was scheduled for a two-game day, one early in the afternoon and then one at 9:45 that night. So the Little Woman figures we can buy sandwich material and save several bucks on meals. I'm all for it.

We get cleaned up and head into town, stop at the grocery store, and she goes in and buys all kinds of neat stuff for our meal. It's one of those places where you have to sack your own groceries.

Now, anyone who's ever picked up a paper sack knows how to open one. You just grab one side and pop it open. And if it's done right, it not only scares the fool out of the person next to you, but it is ready for anything you should want to put in it.

The Little Woman grabbed the sack and tried to pop it open a little too hard. When she popped it, the sack tore out of her hand, ricocheted off an innocent push basket, and flew back and hit her right square in the eye.

I was sitting in the pickup with our daughter and old Jughead when the manager of the store escorted the Little Woman and her cart of groceries out to us.

She was a little upset, not so much at being helped out to the pickup, but at the fact I mentioned she shouldn't be messing around with such high tech equipment. Her eye was watering pretty good, but she didn't want to go to the doctor. So we got out the first aid kit and the water can and rigged her a patch for the time being.

By the time our first ball game was just about over, her eye had started hurting pretty bad and I was getting worried about her.

As soon as the game was over, we left all the groceries with the assistant coach, and I hauled the Little Woman to the doctor.

After a quick check, the doctor found a place that the sack had cut and took care of it like a pro. He informed us she would be fine in a day or two, but she would have to keep medication in, as well as a patch.

We got back to the ball park in plenty of time for all the girls to pertain ruin the poor old silly thing with kindness. They never treated me like that when I got molested by a runaway pitch. Fact is, I think all that attention was the main reason we lost the game that night. And losing that game put us up the next evening around 6:00.

We made a cute couple, me with a black eye and her with one eye. But we made it home and got a fairly good night's sleep.

The next day I practiced roping for about three hours and worked my horses pretty hard and then went in to clean up and get ready for our last game. The Little Woman stayed inside and tried to keep from straining her eye.

I got the water just right, stepped in the shower, closed the glass doors, and proceeded to lather up. It was after everything had steamed up and I was fixing to get down to some serious singing when I noticed I had a visitor - a little slithery type visitor, about forty feet long.

I tried to jump back. Didn't work. Seems there was a wall back there. Since I couldn't run, I figured I would just catch the slimy little varmint. I guess he had some soap in his eyes from coming up the drain, because he didn't seem very upset until I reached for him.

At first I thought he was a bullsneak, but when I reached for him I kinda disturbed him and he coiled and started rattling. I gave 'im the shower. Or I should say, I tried to give 'im the shower. The only time in ten years those glass doors wouldn't open on their own, and this time they were stuck permanent.

Contrary to popular belief, a two hundred twenty-five pound man can hang from a set of wet slippery glass doors and a wet and slippery tile wall by his toes, while screaming for someone to bring him a shovel or hoe or anything to kill a soapy rattlesnake.

I screamed for the Little Woman to bring me a shovel or hoe.

"What do you want?"

"I want a shovel or hoe."

"Why do you want a shovel or a hoe? You're not that dirty."

"Bring me a shovel or a hoe!"

"Why?" By now she's getting as mad as I am scared.

"Cause there's a rattlesnake in the tub with me!"

"There isn't any snake in the tub with you!"

Zane, our daughter, got in on the act. "What's Daddy screaming about?"

"Oh, he thinks there is a snake in the bathtub with him."

Zane mentioned something about getting hit with the ball hadn't helped me any, when I squalled again that I wanted a shovel or a hoe.

By now Jughead is barking and making the snake nervous; the snake is touring the bathtub and I'm about to have a litter of kittens.

Well, the Little Woman sends Zane out to get a shovel and she comes feeling her way into the bathroom, just to see what's going on. In our bathroom, the toilet is pretty close to the bathtub, and the shower doors go to about eight inches from the ceiling. So the Little Woman wallers up on the toilet seat and tried to stick her head over the shower doors to see what's going on. She finally adjusts herself so's she can see with her good eye, looks in and says, "My God, Curt, there's a snake in there with you!"

After chopping the little critter into umpteen pieces, I couldn't tell whether I was wet from sweating or the shower.

Needless to say, as soon as I got the mess cleaned up, I put a screen over the hose coming from the bathtub drain out in the back yard.

We finally made the game, and I'm not sure how, but within a matter of minutes people knew I had shared my shower with a snake. You'd be surprised how many unfeeling people there are in the world.

We won the game, finishing third for the season, and I was pretty proud until some of the girls came up with their parents and introduced me as the coach who thought rubber ducks were out.

General John Robert Baylor
Texas' Brevet Confederate General
(Will be printed in three parts)

(Part 2 of 3 parts)

Whatever the cause, John Baylor and the Comanche Indians of the Texas Agency had so much mistrust for each other that it led to a confrontation to be settled by Major Neighbors who discharged John R. Baylor. This really fired Baylor's hatred for the Indians and for Major Neighbors.¹⁵

John R. Baylor, the firebrand of that area, recruited a force of 1200 men. He was elected Colonel and encamped his organization in striking distance of the Indian Agency. Due to the unrest at the Comanche Reserve between the restless Comanches and Texan Indian haters on the outside, the Federal Government established Camp Cooper nearby. John R. Baylor's "venomous attitude which he exhibited after his dismissal from the Indian service, and his constant conspiring to bring on the destruction of his former charges and to wreck all of Major Neighbors' plans, aroused some doubt as to his sincerity and his reliability in general."¹⁶ "Baylor assumed the role of trouble maker which he played with rare gift" Colonel Baylor with his force of 'Indian-Haters' moved on the Comanche Reserve and quite a sharp skirmish occurred in which several of the Texans and quite a number of Indians were killed and wounded." Fearing a full scale war between the Texas citizens, the U.S. Army, and the Reservation Indians, the Governor wrote the Secretary of the Interior on June 30, 1859, requesting that the Texas Indians be moved across the Red River immediately.¹⁸

August 1, 1859, 1420 Indians were moved from the Texas Agency and arrived at Fort Cobb in the Indian Territory. In spite of firebrand Baylor's accomplishment, this failed to stop the Indian problem in Texas and it cost Major Neighbors his life which many feel that Baylor had some part in.¹⁹

Somehow while John R. Baylor was living in the Brazos area either as the Resident Agent of the Comanche Reserve, or after his discharge, he acquired a ranch on the Clear Fork of the Brazos with a large herd of cattle. He felt he was marked by the Indians so he moved his family to Weatherford, Parker County, to escape any vengeance by the Indians.²⁰ The Brazos area received visitations from the Comanches and a bunch of the pioneers formed a group of about three hundred and elected John R. Baylor to command. They assembled near Baylor County for expedition to hunt Comanches. The Expedition was not very successful but their volunteer "ranging company" was always ready to chase the Indians.

John Baylor became friend, and publisher, with H.A. Hamner, who served together in the "ranging company". These two struck up a lasting friendship because they had such similar views on such subjects as Indians, slaves, and the U.S. Army including the Federal Government. Their friendship carried over into the Confederacy. John R. Baylor evidently moved to Weatherford to be with his family and perhaps to be more available to the newspaper the two partners were publishing in Weatherford. John, George Baylor, and Hamner were among the first in Parker County to become advocates of Secession of Texas and that seems to come about from or received its impetus from their Indian hating.

In June of 1860, John R. Baylor with his brother, George W. Baylor, and Wat Reynolds, visited the Clear Fork of the Brazos, where John Baylor formerly lived. While there hunting cattle, these gentlemen were informed of the killing and serious wounding of Frank Browning, by a large body of Comanches. They immediately went to the Browning Ranch, on the Clear Fork, near the mouth of Hubbard's Creek, where they met other pioneers who had been attracted to the spot by the murderous acts of the Indians.

John Baylor, George W. Baylor, Elias Hale, Minn Wright, and John Dawson (the brother-in-law wanted for murder in Indian Territory) started in pursuit of the demons, and on the fifth day, June 28, overtook them on Paint Creek. A fierce contest ensued, during which Baylor and his friends killed thirteen of the Indians. On their return to Weatherford, they brought the scalps of nine of them, together with numerous trophies. Among the trophies included the scalp of a white woman who the Indians had killed. The news of Baylor's success extended to the adjoining counties and the

men were honored by a public barbecue. Between a dance and the barbecue in the public square, the celebration kept up "until broad day light" the following morning.²¹

John Baylor took the scalps and the other trophies of the victors to various cities and towns, and soon after the people of the southeastern portion of the state were sending all kinds of provisions and weapons to Weatherford. This must have been a public boost to John Baylor's morale since he had been under much criticism for his actions with the Texas Indian Agency. The supplies kept coming in large quantities and they seemed to emphasize one universal cry, "Exterminate The Indians!"

This popular opinion for John Baylor was used by him for his next move. Baylor gave notice to the young men that he was going to make a grand buffalo hunt and wanted the boys to take a hand in it. As this announcement was made about the beginning of the secession movement in Texas, a good many thought that Baylor's object was to capture the United States' posts along the frontier. He raised a considerable force with which he proceeded far out on the plains. Although they took no government posts, they did have a glorious time in hunting and killing buffalo.²²

When Baylor and his "buffalo fighters" tired of the sport they returned toward the settlements and reached Camp Cooper area in safety. Now one would think that an Indian fighter such as John Baylor, who had been with a gang of men killing the commissary of the Comanche, would upon return expect some retaliation by the Indians. Early one morning while "Colonel" Baylor and his men were taking their ease and enjoying their pipes a large party of Indians that had been watching for a favorable opportunity dashed in on them, stampeded and drove off nearly all their horses, leaving most of the buffalo fighters a foot. Fortunately for them, Colonel W.C. Dalrymple happened to be nearby with several regular ranging companies. Upon notification of the mishap, Colonel Dalrymple started in pursuit of the Indians with his rangers and soon overtook the Indians.

After a running fight of about twelve miles they succeeded in recapturing nearly all of the stolen horses.²³

(Watch for part 3 next week)

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Moncus' Musings

MIKE MONCUS
Park Ranger, Interpreter
Bastrop State Park

Seeds Bear Promise Of Future

Though it looks dried out and dusty, there are many things happening that are fundamental to the beauty we expect in the spring. Hardly a petal remains, but seed heads are abundant and are ready to scatter and take roots. Hope is what close observers should find in the hard heat of summer. The plain and dry, displayed in tightly packed brown heads, speak of a rainbow of colors just seven or eight months from now.

If you've never taken an interest in seeds but like architecture and design, you should get a hand magnifying glass and take a closer look.

Have you ever seen how bluebonnet seeds are shot by an almost explosive opening of the seed pods? Every child has chased a fluff-

floating seed and blown away the dandelions. I played with the seeds of four-o'clocks as a little boy because they are shaped like little hand grenades.

Seeds are shaped like stars and fish and missiles and spiders and balls and saucers. Seeds are more diverse than flowers, but because of their importance are subdued in color. Many predators would attack seeds if they were brightly colored. As it is, seeds are eaten by man and beast. That is why there is an over-abundance of them.

As I go out my back door, I see fennel in the herb bed. It is almost four feet tall. I pull a tiny seed from the plant and crunch it with my front teeth and my tongue catches a very sweet licorice taste and I wonder. I wonder a lot.

County Agent News
By Allan McWilliams

Check Chimney Before You Use It

With cooler days approaching, homeowners may want to check out their chimneys now, before using them. Wood heating accounts for more fires, more fire deaths, and greater property damage than any other type of heating fuel, as reported by the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Most wood heating fires involve ignition of creosote inside the chimney. The creosote is a black tar-like substance that builds up inside the chimney in normal use.

While most of these fires are contained within the chimney and cause no damage to the house, there's still much cause for concern since a potential hazard exists.

Homeowners who have a wood-burning stove or fireplace should check the chimney for any damage that may have occurred in the past heating season. A local "chimney sweep" or dealer can help with this effort. Have any damage repaired. Causes of home fires involving chimneys can be avoided.

- They include:
 - Improper chimney installation too close to wood framing.
 - Installation of thermal insulation too close to the chimney.
 - Improperly passing the stovepipe or chimney through a ceiling or wall, causing ignition of wood framing.
 - Structural damage to the chimney caused by the ignition of creosote.

Fall Fruit Trees Spraying Controls Diseases

Fall is often the time when fruit tree care is forgotten or neglected, but it's a critical time for controlling many peach and plum tree diseases to insure a good crop next year.

With the arrival of fall, there's often a tendency to forget our peach and plum trees that served us so well last summer.

Applying a copper fungicide now can stop or reduce three of the diseases that attack peach and plum trees in Texas. These are peach leaf curl, bacterial leaf spot and bacterial canker.

Puckered and distorted peach tree leaves that were either bright red or light green in diseased areas last spring were due to peach leaf curl fungus. The only time to effectively control this disease is in the fall with a copper-containing fungicide.

Timing of the fall spray is critical for effective control, and for avoiding tree damage. Copper is a metal and may cause severe defoliation unless applied correctly.

Spray when 70% of the leaves fall off the tree, spraying too early will cause leaf shed or cause the spray to be ineffective later.

Fungicides containing chlorothalonil can also be used for the control of peach leaf curl.

Bacterial leaf spot and bacterial canker can be partially controlled by fall spraying with a copper fungicide, but not fungicides containing chlorothalonil. But again, it's important to spray at the right time to prevent foliar burn with the copper fungicide.

Bacterial leaf spot affects both fruit and foliage. The infection causes fruit to crack and leaves develop angular spots which drop out. Bacterial canker will kill trees slowly. Infected trees will have gum or wax forming on the main trunk and main limbs.

Fall spray in South Texas is most often applied from November 15 to December 15. Application time will vary with the season, so check your fruit trees closely.

Fall spraying is important to the health and production of fruit trees, because there's no other time when peach leaf curl of peach and plum trees can be controlled.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please give me a call.

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BVFD Benefit Added Needed Funds

Through the cooperation of the organizers, golfers, auction participants, contributors, supporters, and those who ate barbecue Sunday during the Golf Tournament/Bar-B-Que/Auction, more than \$3,000.00 was added to the treasury of the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department.

Much of the success of the benefit can be credited to organizer Jack "Bubba" Whitworth.

A more detailed account appears in this issue of *The Brackett News*.

Reviews Previews Tiger Turf



Breakfast		Lunch	
MONDAY, OCTOBER 11	Cheese Toast Juice	MONDAY, OCTOBER 11	BBQ McRib On A Bun Potato Rounds Green Beans
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12	Bean Burrito Fruit	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12	Pepperoni Pizza Veggie Sticks Peanut Butter Cup - Fruit
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13	Banana Muffin Fruit Juice	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13	Hamburger - Burger Salad French Fries Whipped Jello
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14	Blueberry Pancakes Syrup - Fruit	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14	Chili Con Carne W/Beans & Cheese Mexican Rice Apple Sauce - Cornbread
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15	Danish Fruit Juice	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15	Chicken Nuggets Whipped Potatoes Seasoned Corn - Roll

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Making A Difference

By TAYLOR STEPHENSON, Curriculum Director

Handling Grief—

Working Our Way Through The Tough Times

Our community has had more than its share of grief because of the loss of loved ones this past month. Communities and families get way too much of this all at once. When it rains it pours! The loss of a loved one is traumatic, and there's not much folks can say or do to ease the pain. Death is hard for us when the loss involves older folks. With our young, it's too much to have to bear. This week, I want to work through a few thoughts on helping those who grieve because of the loss of a precious one.

It's not easy for those of us that have lost friends and relatives at any age. There's never a good time for death to happen. Kind of strange, we all know it's out there, but we don't think about it much. Death is so hard for the living to accept. We cry and grieve because we'll miss the daily interaction with our friend or relative. Yet, we believe that those that have departed this earth are in a better place. If we really believe, then the words that I am saying are for those of us that must go on living after losing our friend.

In my life, I've been around death more than most folks. I didn't want it that way. It was my plight in life. Serving as a choir director for 22 years at a church, I was responsible for singing and arranging funerals - lots of them - during all those 22 years. As a superintendent of schools for 23 years, I dealt with another side of death - consoling families and helping our kids through the difficult times. I don't have many answers. I do know that it's much easier to offer advice when you're not emotionally involved with death.

Here are a few thoughts:

1. Don't be afraid to console the living after a loss. Many times folks shy away from going to see the loved ones or from writing a note about what the lost life meant to me. Just being there helps families. You don't have to even say anything. It's your presence that counts. You are showing that you care! Don't ever be afraid to go and say I'm sorry, and I'll pray for you. Then do it! When grieving friends want to talk, they'll talk. Lots of times, they just need a good listener.

2. Don't be too strong to cry. Dealing with grief, tears sometimes are a healing balm. I've seen lots of folks hold their grief inside. We all grieve. We all cry. Men, women, and kids.

3. Think about death before life is gone - not all the time, but enough to put life and death in perspective. We have all thought "well, if I could have just had one more conversation with...to talk...about". Do it while they are alive if you can. Say those things that will make a difference now. Let folks know that you love them...that you're sorry for...that you wish that...and that they are special to you. If you can, do it now. Keep doing it. Sometimes

we don't have the chance to say things that we wanted to say. For those that didn't have this chance, I believe you can still say them to the Spirit of your friend and relative. If we truly believe that there is life after death, talking to loved ones seems like a normal activity. Do it in a quiet place...not for show...say those things that you feel or have felt.

4. Pick up the pieces of your own life. There are folks that depend on you. Ten years ago, a memory that I won't soon forget...my son at age 13 was critically injured close to death in a hospital in Lubbock, Texas, after a bizarre head-on collision with a suicidal policeman. The surgeon told me and my wife...I don't know if I can save this boy. I lost it! Outside, sobbing, I can remember telling my wife..."I don't know if I can go on living if we lose Mike." In Phyllis's way, she told me that my daughter, Traci, would need me more than ever if Mike didn't make it. I came back to the reality that life had to go on. Mike lived and so did my brother-in-law, Bob, who was in the same wreck. I learned a big lesson that day. I picked up the pieces, and in the years that have followed I have been able to help others through tough times even when the ending was different.

5. Always honor the memory of your loved one. Sometimes, life deals tragic blows. When that happens, we must think of the good times. We must think of a life that is now lost. Even though it didn't end well...our own lives have been enriched because of theirs. Think about those that we have lost. Think about what they gave us that no one else could. There is a message in every life!

Our young folks learn about life and death through pets, in Sunday School, and from watching adults. Remember, if you can, say the good things while folks are still living. Comfort those that have been left behind. Deal with your own grief.

Pick up the pieces of your life and help others through their tough times. Don't be afraid to bring your loves ones to a conscious memory in your mind by remembering a special time that you had together.

There's always a smell, a bird, a flower, a holiday, or even a good joke that will stimulate your memory. Find the message in every life!

This week, make a difference, by helping others deal with tough times. You'll feel better when you do! Others will, too. Have a good week!

Brackett Campus

By BRIAN HOOKER
BHS Student Reporter

Tigers Trash Trojans 28-8

Friday, October 1, 1993, the Brackett Tigers headed to Asherton to face the Trojans in a non-district game.

On offense, the Tigers absolutely dominated the Trojans. Surely the young freshmen, Moses Hernandez, proved he's ready for varsity football. He rushed for an amazing 227 yards, and scored a touchdown.

Next was Jesse Terrazas who rushed for 84 yards and scored two touchdowns against the Asherton Trojans. Ramon DeLeon rushed for 61 yards. Wil Shahan rushed for 13 yards, scored a touchdown and kicked two extra points.

The Tigers had a total of 431 yards which included 25 first downs.

The Tiger defense was also dominant over the Trojans. Leading the squad was Jesse Terrazas with 12 tackles and a recovered fumble. Moses Hernandez had 10 tackles, Lupe Rodriguez had 7 tackles, Patrick Melancon had 7 tackles and grabbed an interception. Kelly Hendrich had 6 tackles, Mathew Rocha had 4 tackles and an interception. Ramon DeLeon had 5 tackles, Wil Shahan had 4 tackles, Earl Wright had 3 tackles, Butch Lopez had 2 tackles. Joey Pena, Jared Shahan, and Raymond Talamantez each had a tackle.

It took offense and defense to dominate the Asherton Trojans but the Tiger team did it and brought home a 28-8 victory.

Offensive Coordinator Grubbs said, "Offensively we played really well and we continue to improve every week. Defensively we're getting better as we continue to improve each week. We have a good chance to win district. Everyone will be tough and we'll have a lot of good games but we've got a good chance. The kids are excited about the '93 football season and are extremely excited about facing Lytle for the first district game, in Lytle, on Friday."

Tiger Captain Jesse Terrazas said, "We've molded together as a team. No one expects us to take district, and that's where we'll use the element of surprise. We will be the sleeper of the district and sweep to victory."

Junior High Football

Saturday, October 2, the Junior High Cubs traveled to Del Rio to face Del Rio's toughest Junior High School team, The Blue Team.

The Cubs fell to Del Rio 14-8. Although the scoreboard showed the Cubs loss, they played excellent. Mike Meyer had a bundle of yards on offense and a great game on defense.

Jorge Rodriguez was injured in the second quarter. J. Wayne Ballew came in and filled the quarterback position, and did an excellent job.

Late in the game, the Cubs scored and made the two-point conversion. Head Coach Taylor called an inside-kick but the Cubs could not recover and the game ended Del Rio 14 - Brackett 8.

Tigerettes Win Over Carrizo Springs

On Saturday, September 25, the Tigerettes edged Carrizo Springs 15-13, 17-15 in non-district action.

Sophomore Denice Frerich led the Tigerettes in the first game with eight service points. Ida Aguilar scored 4, Amanda Davis scored 3, and Sandra Samaniego scored 1.

In the second game, Jennifer Terrazas, Davis and Frerich each scored 4 points, Samaniego had 3 and Aguilar 2.

The JV Tigerettes lost to Carrizo Springs 7-15, 15-7, 15-4.

Lyndy LaMascus led Brackett led with eight points in the first game while Courtney Harrison and Sandra Hernandez each made 2 and Francisca Garza and Naiya Garcia each added 1.

LaMascus had 3 points in the second game, Hernandez, Angie Jaso, Zoila Herrera and Isabel Aguirre made one each.

In the third game, Hernandez made 3 points and LaMascus had one.

Junior Varsity VB

On Saturday, October 2, the Junior Varsity Tigerettes played in Cotulla and won two straight games.

On Tuesday, October 5, they faced Dilley and even though they had the home court advantage, fell to Dilley 15-6, 15-10.

Varsity Volleyball

Saturday, October 2, the Tigerettes played Cotulla there. They went into the game with a positive manner knowing it would not be an easy victory.

The first game went to Cotulla 15-10. The next two games were Brackett as the Tigerettes dominated their opponent the last two and took the match victory 15-13 and 15-6.

Tuesday, October 5, the Tigerettes faced Dilley here in Brackett. Dilley was absolutely no match for the Tigerettes as they were over powered 15-9, 15-7.

"We're playing well as a team but cannot afford to let down our defense. The teams we've been playing are good teams and our hard work is starting to pay off," Head Coach Coggins said.

Junior High Volleyball

Monday, October 4, the Lady Cubs had a home game against the Del Rio Blue. The last time these teams met, the Cubettes were blown out, but things have changed.

For the seventh grade, it was absolutely no competition. The Cubettes embarrassed Del Rio in two straight games - 15-9, 15-2. Pattie Lopez had excellent serves and picked up nine aces in the two games.

As for the eighth grade, their competition was a little tougher but not much. The Cubettes blew them away in two straight, 15-11, 15-8.

Coach Nowlin said, "Sweet revenge. They beat us bad when we went over there, they came over here and we got sweet revenge. The girls have really improved."

* BRACKETT ISD *

October 1993
Go Get 'Em Tigers!

8 Friday
8:00pm VFB LYTTLE* T

9 Saturday
11:00am JVV LEAKEY T
11:00am VVB LEAKEY T

11 Monday
6:30pm REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING
JHVB EAGLE PASS MEMORIAL T
Columbus Day (Observed)
Thanksgiving Day (Canada)

12 Tuesday
5:00pm JVV LPRYOR* T
5:00pm VVB LPRYOR* T

13 Wednesday
2:30pm EARLY DISMISSAL
NO TTAS

14 Thursday
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Varsity	Lytle	There
Friday, October 8, 8:00 p.m.		
Junior Varsity	Del Rio 9th	Here
Thursday, October 7, 5:30 p.m.		
Volleyball	Leakey	There
Saturday, October 9, 11:00 a.m., JV/V		
Tuesday, October 12, 5:00 p.m., JV/V	LaPryor	There

Happy 15th Birthday
October 5, 1993

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Jones Elementary Honor Roll First Six Weeks

FOURTH GRADE
Brandi Allumbaugh, Lloyd Lee Davis, Susannah Davis, Levi Duncan, Duquesa Hunt, Jaime Montalvo, Rebecca Perez, Amanda Ward, Brandi Wilson.

THIRD GRADE
Vanessa Castillo, Adam Caton, Sarah Garcia, Erica Garza, Dennis Gazaway, Victor Hernandez, Jared Hobbs, Davina Luna, April Martinez, Zandra Melton, Laura Negrete, Pedro Pacheco, Eric Pena, Douglas Sanchez, Jesse Smith.

SECOND GRADE
Beth Ballew, Priscilla Benites, Stacey Castilla, Ashley Coe, Stephanie Coronado, Amanda Davis, Dietrich Davis, Crystal DeLeon, Joe Flores, Gilbert Fernandez, Melissa Gazaway, Vanessa Glass, Jessie Gonzales, Chestin Hatley-Clark, Matt Jackson, Tony Jamail, Sam Jalomo, Allison LaMascus, David (D.J.) Lattimer, Nathan Luna, Bessie Martin, Emily Petrosky, Arnold Pinales, Adrian Reyes, Ashley Smith, Jason Smith, Jesse Smith, Angelica Talamantes, Rosie Talamantes, Stacy Terrazas, Blake Ward, Johnathon Worden.

Tiger Football

This week, the Tigers will play at Lytle at 8:00 p.m., Friday, October 8.

But

Next week the Tiger game will be on THURSDAY, October 14, 8:00 p.m. at Tiger Stadium, Brackettville. The opponent will be the Eagle Pass JV team.

Early Dismissal

Brackett ISD will dismiss classes at 2:30 Wednesday, October 13, for staff development.

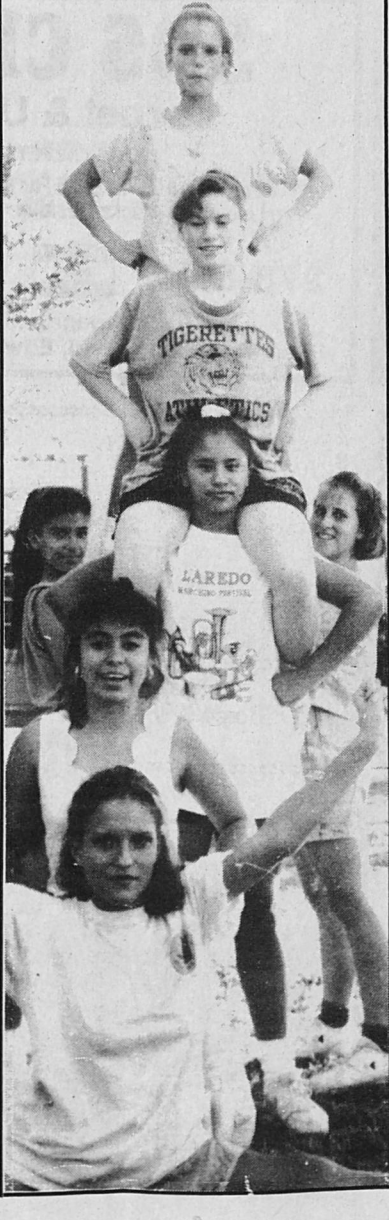
PTO To Meet Monday

The Brackett ISD Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) will meet Monday, October 11, in the school auditorium from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.
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October 14, 1993
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Looking For Brackett Ex-Cheerleaders
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Contact Elaine Luna, Susana Castillo, or Veronica Perez.



Rah! Rah! Rah!

There are always a certain seven people that show up at all of the Tiger football games. They yell the most, encourage players the most, and celebrate when the Tigers do well. These seven people never get the respect they deserve either. These are the seven young ladies that give their all to be the best cheerleaders in the 29-AA district. The question is, "Does Brackett have the best cheerleaders in their district?" Yes, definitely!

The Tiger Cheerleading squad consists of Debra Frerich, Denice Frerich, Amber Davis, Lindy LaMascus, Angie Jaso, Samantha Luna, and Debbie Buntello. Their sponsor is Mrs. Veronica Perez.

A lot of people don't understand what a cheerleader does. She tries to get the crowd into the game by leading cheers. This means they will lead but you must follow along and yell with them.

When asked if there was something they wanted to say as a group they all agreed, "It's fun, it's hard, and we deserve our student body and fans to support us in everything we do."

Mrs. Perez said, "The girls put a lot of effort and hard work in everything they do." The girls motto is, "It's a cheer thing, you wouldn't understand."

All The Way Black and Gold

Vision Teaser



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Printer is missing. 2. Dirt bag is added. 3. Nettle is removed. 4. Dress is different. 5. Earring is changed. 6. Lamp is taller.

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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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- Fourpence
- Groat
- Half crown
- Halfpenny
- Marigold
- Mite
- Quid
- Quinea
- Shilling
- Sixpence
- Tanner
- Threepence

Land Of Amistad Celebrates Friendship

Del Rio, Texas and sister city, Ciudad Acuna, Coahuila, Mexico, will join hands and hearts in their massive annual celebration...Fiesta de Amistad, October 15-31, 1993.

Fiesta Amistad is Spanish for Friendship Festival. Fiesta is the one time each year that finds practically the entire populace of Del Rio and Ciudad Acuna involved in a single undertaking.

Fiesta de Amistad events will begin Friday, October 15, 6:00 p.m. with the Battle of the Bands at the Val Verde County Fairgrounds and includes the best bands from the local area and Mexico competing for cash and prizes. Food and drink booths will be open throughout the evening.

October 16, Laughlin Air Force Base will open its gates for the Air Amistad Open House and Air Show. Laughlin AFB is a U.S. Air Force pilot training facility. The exciting

aerial show includes pilots demonstrating the power of their aircraft and the fine tuned techniques of top notch maneuvers.

At 7:30 p.m. Saturday, the Miss Del Rio Pageant will be held at the Paul Poag Theater.

The International Bike Race and Marathon will begin at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, October 17, at the Plaza Del Sol parking lot. Spectators will see several exciting laps before the racers depart for the International Bridge and Mexico. At 11:00 a.m. the marathon runners take off for Mexico, and their race will conclude at the historic Municipal Building on the Plaza in Ciudad Acuna.

The Abrazo Ceremony will be on Amistad Dam Friday, October 22, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Contemporaries from all walks of life greet each other at the center of the dam to commemorate the cooperation that made reality of a dream and resulted in one of the area's greatest attractions - Lake Amistad. Culminating the Abrazo will be the International Ball at the Del Rio Civic Center at 7:30 p.m.

Highlighting the Fiesta Celebration on both sides of the border is the Fiesta de Amistad International Parade, Saturday 23, the only parade in the world which begins in one country and ends in another. The parade route begins in Acuna at 10:00 a.m. and should make its way into downtown Del Rio about high noon.

The Fiesta Arts & Crafts Fair will be held in the Val Verde Courthouse square Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. Regional artisans and craftsmen will exhibit their talents while live entertainment assures the ongoing festive atmosphere of Fiesta.

The grand finale! Bad Company Rodeo presents the final rodeo on their 1993 "Circle the Wagons" tour at 7:30 p.m. Friday, October 29, and Saturday, October 30.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Brackettville will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Tuesday, October 12, 1993, at 7:10 p.m. at City Hall to discuss the location of the CITY DOG POUND.

/s/ David Luna
City Secretary

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Saturday, October 9
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
Hooten Residence
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Starts at 9:00 a.m.
Thursday and Friday
October 7 and 8
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NOTICE

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION

KINNEY COUNTY, TEXAS
NOVEMBER 2, 1993

BY MAIL: September 18, 1993, through October 26, 1993 Early Voting Clerk may send ballots by mail to applicants as soon as ballots are available. (Section 86.004, Texas Election Code).

PERSONAL APPEARANCE: Early Voting by personal appearance in the County Clerk's office of the Courthouse in Brackettville, Texas, will begin October 13, 1993, and end on October 29, 1993, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. each day during regular office hours. (Closed from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. each day). (Section 85.001 (a), Texas Election Code).

EMERGENCY EARLY VOTING HOURS: After close of business on the seventh day of preceding election, a voter's representative of a disabled voter who became disabled on or after the seventh day preceding the election 10/26/93 can obtain balloting materials from the absentee clerk under the provisions of Section 102.001 Election Code. Late early voting due to death in immediate family that occurred on or after 10/28/93 may be voted under Section 103.001, Election Code.

DATE: October 1, 1993

/s/ Dolores Raney, County Clerk and Early Voting Clerk
Kinney County, Texas

AVISO DE ELECCION SOBRE ENMIENDAS A LA CONSTITUCION

2 DE NOVIEMBRE 1993
CONDADO DE KINNEY

En el dia 18 de Septiembre hasta el dia 26 de Octubre 1993 la Clerica de Votar temprano esta permitida para mandar bolotas por pedico postal tan pronto cuando esten las balotas desponsibles. (Section 84.007 Texas Election Code).

Para votar temprano en la oficina Clerica del Condado de Kinney, Cuidad de Brackettville, Tejas suscitar el precipara el 13 de Octubre 1993 y terminara el 29 de Octubre 1993 entre las oras de 8:00 a.m., hasta las 5:00 p.m. todas los dias durante los dias regulares de trabajo. (La oficina estara cerrada durante 12:00 a mediodia hasta la 1:00 p.m.) (Sec. 85.001 (a) Texas Election Code).

Para votar en caso de una Emergencia: Despues de horas en el septimo dia antecedar la eleccion un representante de un votante inhabilitado que parecio inhabilitado en o despures del dia septimo antes de la eleccion 10/26/93 podra obtener materiales para votar de la Clerica Ausente obajo la provision Section 102.00 Election Code.

Para obtener una voleta tarde nada mas en caso de fallecimiento en la familia inmediata que occurio en o despues del dia 10/28/93 podra votar de bajo la Seccion 103.001 (b), Election Code.

EL DIA 1 de Octubre 1993
/s/ Dolores Raney
Clerica del Condado de Kinney
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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The Middle Rio Grande Development Council is seeking applicants for the position of Executive Director.

All interested persons may obtain an application packet by contacting Ramon S. Johnston, Deputy Director of Administration, MRGDC, P.O. Box 1199, Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834, telephone 210-876-3533.

Deadline date for all applications is December 1, 1993.

The Middle Rio Grande Development Council is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

#4495

Fishing Report

AMSTAD: Water clear, 4 feet low; black bass are fair to good to 7 1/2 pounds on worms, rats and topwaters early; striper are fair to 14 pounds on jigs and slabs in 40-50 feet of water; crappie are slow; white bass are fair in sporadic schools on slabs or minnows at night; catfish are good to 4 pounds in 12-15 or 20-25 feet of water on cheese baits.

BRAUNIG: Water murky, normal level; black bass are poor; striper are fair to 3 pounds on liver; crappie are slow; catfish are excellent to 5 pounds on shrimp at various depths; redfish are excellent to 18 pounds downrigging in 18 feet of water with spoons; corvina are slow.

CALAVERAS: Water murky, 86 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass are slow in shallow water; hybrid striper are slow; crappie are slow; catfish are good to 4 pounds on live perch and shad; redfish are good to 14 pounds on perch and crawfish off the bank to 20 feet; corvina are slow.

CHOKE: Water clear, 84 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass are good averaging to 2 pounds with 10 pounds the largest, shallow running cranks early and soft jerk baits later around the grass in 3-12 feet of water; crappie are fair with most undersized on minnows in 10-35 feet of water; white bass are schooling in the deeper water but scattering; catfish are fair but few keepers with the best action early in 3-10 feet of water near the trees where the birds roost.

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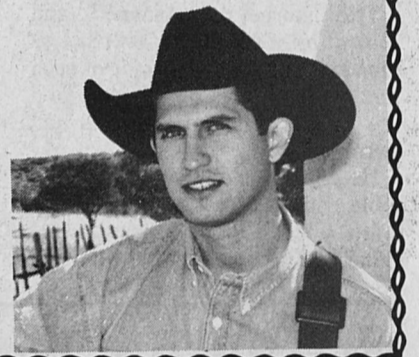
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Recorded By Sergio Salinas

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Sen. Phil Gramm, 370 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, 1-202-222-2934.

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Rep. Henry Bonilla, 1116 Longworth HOB, Washington DC 20515; 202-225-4511.

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Comptroller: John Sharp, Lyndon B. Johnson State Office Building, Austin TX 78771, 512-252-5555.

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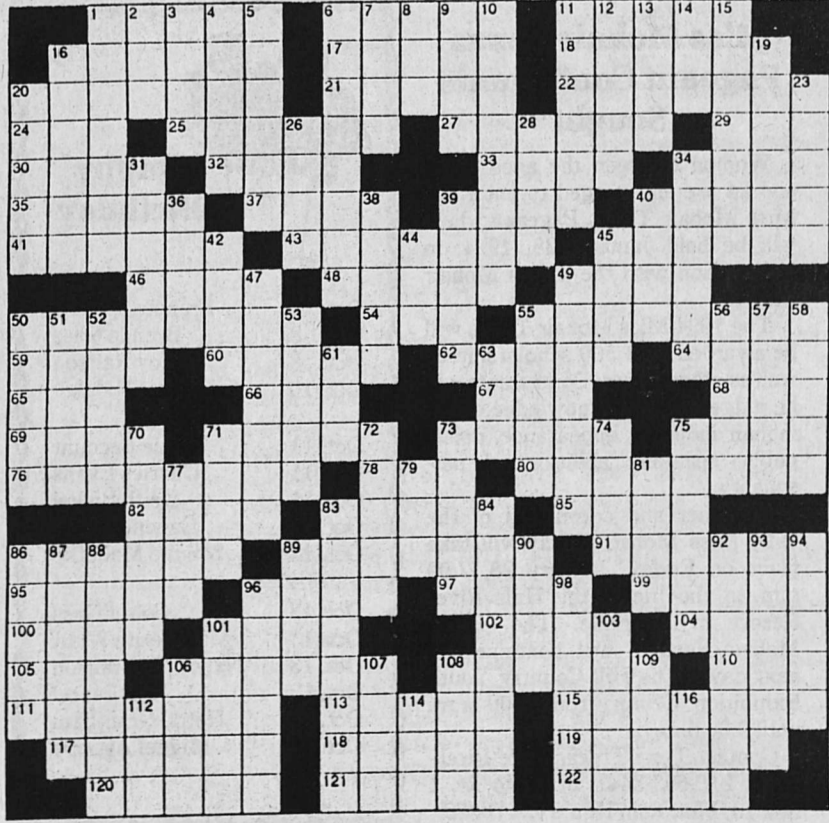
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18 Husband of Isis
20 "Apocalypse Now" sailing
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24 Debatable gift
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News from . . . *The Pastor's Pen* GIL ASH

First Baptist Church

The story is told of a lady who once showed a man friend of hers a very expensive and elaborately laced handkerchief which had been stained by a drop of ink from a fountain pen. Her decision was that it had become worthless. She deposited it in the waste basket and lamented her loss.

Her friend quietly retrieved the handkerchief and left only to see her again a few days later. On their meeting again he handed her a small package with no explanation.

She could hardly believe what she saw upon opening the package. It

was the same piece of cloth with the elaborate lace she was certain, but the ink stain had been turned into a beautiful artistic design. She asked how such a miracle could have happened. Her friend told her, "I have a friend who can make anything beautiful."

I have a friend like that, too! He can take things that are stained and torn, beaten and broken, deserted and given up as worthless, and make them into something beautiful. His name is JESUS. My friend can be your friend, too. He can make something beautiful of your life.

Frontier Baptist Church

By Joe Townsend

Sunday was another special day at Frontier Baptist Church. It was the regular Sunday to observe the Lord's Supper and enjoy the regular fellowship luncheon. These are always high-light experiences at Frontier Baptist Church.

The pastor chose Psalms 32:8 for the morning message. The emphasis was "Our Guide For The Journey Of Life." This journey is one everybody takes. From birth to death, day by day, we relentlessly make our way.

The journey is planned and known by God who nevertheless allows us to make the choice of each step and day. Taking one step and one day at a time He directs and blesses us.

He gives instructions through the Bible and by direction of the Holy Spirit. This means we must be sensitive to His voice and learn from

Him, ever looking to Him for leadership.

Almost daily we face dangers we need to avoid. To be impulsive is to invite disaster. To be obstinate is to face inordinate problems many times bringing misery and failure.

God always deals with the impulsive and stubborn. He urges us not to be like horses who must be controlled by bit and bridle.

In turn as children of God by our personal faith in Jesus Christ, we enjoy God's blessings from and the "peace that passeth understanding" within.

He knows the best way for us to take and blesses us as we walk in that way.

Another message from God's Word, the Bible, can be heard next Sunday morning at Frontier Baptist Church.

Pray before you stay away!

St. John's Baptist Church

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

The Universal Praise Of God
Oh, praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise Him, all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us; and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.

Praise ye the Lord, Praise God! Psalms 137
Thank you and may God bless all that attended the seven nights of gospel preaching last week at St. John's Baptist Church. Praise God.

Lutheran Church Services

6:00 P.M., Saturday, October 9, 1993
Fort Clark Golf Club

Church Directory



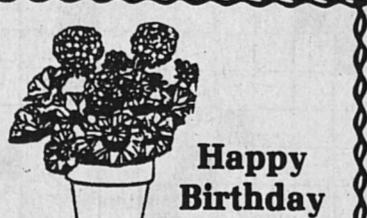
St. Andrews Episcopal Church: Henderson & Fort, Sunday Church Service 10:30 A.M. Vicar: Rev. Bill Koons, 563-2071.
Frontier Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church): Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 A.M., Sunday Evening Service 6:00 P.M., Joe Townsend, Pastor, 563-2158.
First Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church): 307 N. Ann Street, Sunday School 9:45 A.M., Sunday Worship 11:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M., Wednesday Worship 7:00 P.M. Gil Ash, Pastor, 563-2245.
Church of Christ: N. Ann St., Sunday School 9:30 A.M., Worship Service 10:30 A.M., Bible Study Sunday 6:30 P.M., Wednesday 7:00 P.M.
St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church: Masses Monday and Friday 7:00 A.M., Wednesday and Saturday 6:30 P.M., Sunday (Spanish) 8:00 A.M., Regular 10:30 A.M. Confession Wednesday and Saturday 6:00 P.M. Religion Classes Wednesday 6:00 P.M. Sunday 9:00 A.M. Prayer Meeting (Spanish) Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Fr. David G. Zumaya, Pastor.
First United Methodist Church: "Celebrate and Witness" Morning Fellowship 9:30 A.M., Church School Classes 9:45 A.M., Service of Worship 11:00 A.M., Choir Rehearsal Wednesday 5:00 P.M., Gordon Miller, Pastor.
St. John's Baptist Church: Crockett Street at Keene Street. Sunday services, Sunday School 10:00 A.M., Worship 11:00 A.M.; Wednesday, Bible Study, 7:00 P.M. William P. Adams, Sr. Pastor, 563-9175.

Miss Mohair Texas Pageant Contestants Sought

Women between the ages of 16 and 24 are encouraged to enter the Miss Mohair Texas Pageant which will be held January 28, 1994, in conjunction with the Texas Mohair Festival.
The 1994 Miss Mohair Texas will be awarded a \$1,500 scholarship as well as other prizes. Contestants will be judged on their knowledge of the mohair industry, appearance, poise, public speaking ability, and personality.

A dinner and coronation of the 1994 Miss Mohair Texas will take place on Friday, January 28, 7:00 p.m. at the Inn of the Hills River Resort in Kerrville. The Texas Mohair Festival will continue the next day at the Hill Country Youth Exhibition Center from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Contact Terri Trees, State Director at 210-683-3441, or write Rt. 1 Box 70, Mountain Home TX 78058.



Happy Birthday

Oct. 7	Frances Outlaw
Oct. 8	Brenda Gass
Oct. 8	Joy Ralston
Oct. 10	Francis Hidalgo
Oct. 11	Jessie Lecout
Oct. 11	Charles Evans
Oct. 11	Keith Bickel
Oct. 12	Eugene Green
Oct. 12	Minnie Mahefky
Oct. 13	Colter Gass
Oct. 13	Marguerite Wiatt
Oct. 13	Nancy M. Franson
Oct. 13	Inez Laurel
Oct. 13	Hettie Grantham
Oct. 13	Miguel Aguirre

Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department Benefit Held Sunday With Golf Tournament Barbecue And Auction

Thanks to the following for helping make the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department Golf Tournament a success:

Ad-Venturous Corp. of Junction, Wal-Mart, HEB, Currie Manufacturing, Inc. of Ridge North, Igloo Products Corp. of Katy, Pearl Brewing of San Antonio, H & H Sales of Uvalde, General Beverage of Del Rio, Lance, Inc. of Uvalde, Southwest Texas Coors of Del Rio.

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Fort Clark Springs Association, First National Bank of Big Lake - Del Rio Branch, Ora's Drive Inn, Bandera Downs, Ruth Pack, "Bad Girls" Movie, Picosos Peanuts of Helotes, Wallace "Sarge" Morgan, Bea Porter (signs), Larry Sofaly, Herbert Nordmeyer Mesquite Products of Knippa, Regina Pena, Visual Images of Uvalde, L & M Hair Designs of Uvalde, Rio Grande Marketing.

Barbecue cooks were Rick Hagler, Bill Whitworth, and Albert Payne. Harrell Floyd was the auctioneer. Helping with the tournament were Shelly Naylor, Charlie Hall, Genell Hobbs, Madelene Morgan, Janis Floyd, Bea Porter, Joy Williams, and Bill Mitchell.

If any person has been omitted, it was not intentional, and you too are appreciated.

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Golf Placements

1st place, 60, Charlie Smith, Shirley Stephenson, Andy Anderson, Charles Schmitt.

Three teams tied at 61. Places were determined by the handicap. 2nd place went to Don Letsinger, Bob Derrickson, Mary Stephenson, Chuck Porter. Taking 3rd was Ray Pena, Jr., Gwen Ladd, James Stafford, Harrell Floyd. Flip Talamantez, Ron Ring, Hugh Tarbell, and Betty Dennis placed fourth.

At 63, Karl Chism, Doc Cruse, Marty Isenberg, Pat Melancon; Julian Garza, Mark Frerich, Vicki Nichols, Dave Yates. Hoagy Nelson, Treg Mitchell, Pat McKelvy, Jerry O'Brien.

At 62, Bill Bizzell, Cash Letsinger, Louise Williamson, Rick Bacon.

At 64, Mitch Frerich, Jim Bussey, Judy Letsinger, Manuel Madrid. Allen Schenck, Darrell Settle, Tully Shahan, Jerry Moore. Mike Cervantes, Cricket Ladd, W.E. Williamson, Barbara Miller.

At 65, Stan Conoly, George Miller, Pat Nelson, Bobby DeAtley. Jim Swinney, Jimmie Lomax, Bill Koons, Flo Stafford. Kenny Moore, Les Roper, Dan Isenberg, Pat Barnett. Lou Green, Bob Miller, Vance Bonner, George Cowart. Tom McNew, Hubert McKelvy, Jared Shahan, Carl Green.

At 66, Gordon Lundquist, Jane Cowart, Dutch Schoolfield, Wes Robinson. Mark Johnson, Pete Perez, Helen Miller, John Osborn.

Longest Drive

A player - Flip Talamantez.
B player - Cash Letsinger.
C player - Tully Shahan.
D player - Wes Robinson.
Women's - Vicki Nichols.

Closest To Pin

A player - None
B player - Pete Perez.
C player - James Stafford.
D player - Chuck Porter.
Women's Pat McKelvy.

Prizes for the "Longest Drive" and "Closest To Pin" were provided by First National Bank of Big Lake - Del Rio Branch.

Mike Cervantes won a putter for closest to the pin on #2.

Golf News



Mens Golf

Wednesday, September 29, 1993
1st, 143, Garza, Gaston, Moore, Gilliland.

2nd, 146, tie, Beatty, McKelvy, Miller, Hutton, Boutwell; Lundquist, Cruse, Tarbell, Eckenroth.

147, Dyer, Ladd, Green, Williamson.

149, Smith, Wood, Isenberg, Osborn.

151, Viestenz, Bussey, Koons, Yates, Voracek.

Couples Tournament

Thursday, September 30, 1993

1st, 56, Roy & Fern Dyer, Bill & Odette Mills.

2nd, 63, tie, George & Helen Miller, James & Flo Stafford; Jim Swinney & Mary Stephenson, P.M. Moore & Evelyn Whitely; Carl & Lou Green, E.W. & Louise Williamson.

64, Cricket & Gwen Ladd, Andy & Avis Anderson; Bob & Jane Young, John & Lorraine Osborn.

66, Tom Beatty & Kelly Dennis, Rick Bacon & Betty Schlatterer.

68, Clem & Pat McKelvy, Jerry & LaVon McLane.

3-Par Scramble

Monday, October 4, 1993

Scores were good as Fay Gooch, Alfred Pena, and Ron Frisby came in with a 2 under par 25 to claim first place.

At 1 under par 26, the team of Bill Koons, Stretch Clump, and Charles Schmitt claimed second place.

The third place team of Micky Braun, Art Norris, Art Ray, and Pat McKelvy came in at 3 over par 30.

Ladies Golf

Tuesday, October 6

The Ladybug Golfers of Fort Clark Springs were involved in a number of games on the October 6 playday.

Playing with the Tri-City group were Maxine Lawson from San Felipe, Cherle Humphrey and Omega Zavala from Laughlin AFB, and Ladybugs Betty Inman, Patty Barnett, Helen Miller and Marty Isenberg.

Helen Miller won low gross in the first flight. Patty Barnett won overall low net and Betty Inman won low net in the second flight.

Next playday for Tri-City will be November 2 at San Felipe Golf Course.

The newly organized 9-hole league had their first playday. Those playing were Pat Bussey, Dorothy Wood, Lorraine Osborn, Lorraine Lundquist, Ruth Wilkes, and Eileen Voracek. Other players are welcome and may contact Eileen Voracek at 563-9400.

The remaining Ladybugs played Bankers Handicap with side games of skins and chip-ins.

Shirley Stephenson chipped in twice and Flo Stafford once. On the skins, Pat McKelvy won four points, Gwen Ladd 3 points, Shirley Stephenson 3 points, Flo Stafford 2 points, and Barbara Miller 1 point.

Shirley Stephenson won low gross with 78. First place for Bankers Handicap was Kelly Dennis and tied for second and third were Gwen Ladd and Barbara Miller.

Other players were Lou Green, Mary Stephenson, Leslie Houk, Clara McCord, Pat Long, LaVon McLane, Louise Williamson, Chick Cruse, Jane Young, Avis Anderson, Fern Dyer, Pat Nelson, Betty Schlatterer, Carol Benefield, Mae Roper, and Vicki Nichols.

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Ralph Emery Will End TNN Career By Filming At Fiesta Texas

A "who's who" parade of country music stars will join TNN's "Nashville Now" host Ralph Emery when his final week of shows is broadcast from Fiesta Texas Theme Park in San Antonio. The award-winning entertainment/talk series will wind up its successful 10-year reign on TNN, The Nashville Network, from the theme park October 11 - 15, 1993.

On stage with Emery during the show's final week will be Mark Chesnut, Sammy Kershaw, Johnny Rodriguez, Hal Ketchum, Holly Dunn, Eddie Rabbitt, Gary Morris, and other stars still to be confirmed.

Tickets are available to the live show Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, October 11, 13, and 14 at 7:15 p.m., and also to a taping on Tuesday, October 12 at 12:15 p.m. The Tuesday afternoon show, which will be broadcast Friday evening as Emery's final show, will feature Con Hunley, who opened the first "Nashville Now" on March 7, 1983, performing "Oh Girl." The show telecasts live at 8:00 p.m. Central

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