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## CITY "NIXS" CHANNEL 9

### —headliners—

#### NAKAI BREEN AREA REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs. Nakai Breen was appointed to the Texas Indian Commission by Walt Broener, Director of Indian Commissions.

Mrs. Breen will be in Austin April 19th for several meetings with the Governor, Speaker of the House, Lt. Governor and for a meeting with the Texas Indian Commission.

One of the meetings the discussion of the problems of the Kickapoos of Eagle Pass will occupy part of the time allotted along with several other groups of Indians Tribes representatives.

Mrs. Breen said that one of the main problems of the Kickapoo is that they need some kind of official identification from the State of Texas and also an identification cards that will be used at the border crossing with the customs check point. As many people are now using the ID cards of the Kickapoos that are not true Kickapoos. The false use of ID's are posing problems for the Indians that are not needed.

If anyone has any questions Mrs. Breen will be happy to help in any way that she can. Call her at Brackettville, 563-2552

#### TYRUS T. COX TO SPEAK

Public is invited to hear Tyrus T. Cox, April 27, 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Through the courtesy of the Speakers Bureau of the San Antonio Public Library the Kinney County Historical Commission will present Mr. Tyrus T. Cox of Fredericksburg to speak on Restoration of Early Texas Buildings using slides and showing techniques of restoration and adaptive reuse of old buildings.

He has worked on several state projects including Fts. McKavett and Griffin and the courthouse in LaGrange and Halletsville, and several buildings in Austin.

His latest award was the Medal of Honor For Craftsmanship presented to him by the Austin Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

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### COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Kinney County Commissioners' Court met Monday, April 9th, all commissioners were present for the regular meeting.

The commissioners accepted the resignation of Precinct 1, Constable Ralph Gonzeles, effective March 31st. The move to leave the office vacant at this time.

The commissioners moved to assist the Little League with labor and equipment, but not donate any cash at this time.

They also agreed to pay the District Attorney's Office \$2,500, for prosecution fees during the time Kinney County had no County Attorney.

In its Declaratory Relief Case, regarding the completion of the Kinney County Library, the court agreed to hire Mr. Paul M. Green with the law firm of Lang, Cross, Langdon, Boldrick and Green of San Antonio. Mr. Green is a specialist in this area of law.

It was decided to write off several ambulance bills that were created by aliens and considered uncollectable.

Sheriff John Sheedy reported that he should estimate for repairs on the County Jail from Southern Steel Company in San Antonio in this week.

County Judge Albert Postell attended the Annual County Judge's Seminar in Austin, April 3 thru 5. Approximately 167 County Judges attended.

The County Court has collected over \$5,300.00 in fines since the first of the year. According to Judge Postell most of these resulted from marijuana possession and DWI.

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#### COMPTROLLER Representative

AUSTIN--Comptroller Bob Bullock announced that a representative from his San Antonio office will be in Brackettville on Wednesday April 18, to answer questions from taxpayers and provide assistance in filing tax returns.

Bullock said Enforcement Officer Robert Rangel will be at the Kinney County Courthouse from 10:00 am. to 2:00 p.m.

"I hope local merchants will take this opportunity to get any questions they have about the sales for franchise taxes answered," said Bullock.

### CITY HALL

At a Tuesday night meeting, The Brackettville City Council rejected the proposal from the Brackettville Cable TV Company to supply channel nine for an increase of rate of one dollar per month. IN the unanimous vote, the concilmen expressed their opinion that: "The present rates in Brackettville are much higher than surrounding areas that are already receiving this service." In general, the council felt that the channel nine should be supplied at the present rates. The council voted to accept the channel nine at no extra cost. Privately, some of the City officials told the CAVALRYMAN that they were concerned over the growing number of complaints by residents on the present service.

In other business, the council passed a resolution foridding City vehicles from leaving the City without express premission.

Councilmen Joe Garza and Richard Garcia were sworn in for another term of office.

Official elections returns verified by the council were: Joe Garza--119, Allen "Frenchie" Breaux--76; Richard Garcia--213; Bill Riley--135; Dee Jordan--1; Chester McDaniels--1.



#### KINNEY 4-H'ERS IN DISTRICT FOOD SHOW

Nine Kinney County 4-H members were in Uvalde March 24, to compete in the District 13 4-H Food Show held at the Southwest Texas Junior College. The theme of this year's show was "Cooking Good--Looking Great."

Virgie Garza, Lisa Young, and Penni Ward received white tibbons in the preteen division.

Entered in the junior division were Cindy Meyer, Barbara Forbes, Ethel Arrant, and Theresia Ward. Cindy Meyer received a red ribbon in the main dish class. As their first year to

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**LETTERS  
to the editor**

Dear Editor:

On Tuesday, April 3rd, a public meeting was held at the Civic Center for the purpose of discussing the addition of channel nine to our local cable TV system. While only a relative few citizens attended the meeting, many of them took advantage of the rare opportunity to voice their opinions on the quality and performance of the system. That is to say, that some felt that there is darn little of either, the majority felt that there are at least a few problems in the system, and some small few are perfectly content.

How do you feel about it? Are you getting your eight dollars worth? How would you feel if the rate went up to \$8.75 or maybe \$9.00?

CHANNEL NINE

Brackettville TV Cable Co. has made two proposals to the Brackettville Chamber of Commerce regarding the addition of channel nine (the educational channel) to our cable system.

1. If Brackettville TV Cable Co. (hereinafter referred to as BTVC Co.) purchases the necessary electronic device (called a "modulator" and costing \$1750.00) and pays for it's installation, channel nine will be provided at an additional cost, to the public, of \$1.00 per subscriber, per month.
2. If the modulator, and installation, are donated to BTVC Co. the rate increase will be reduced to \$.75 per subscriber per month.

With either of these proposals the cable company will have to pay \$225 per month to the microwave network suppliers for the additional channel. In other words, BTVC Co. must buy channel nine in order to sell it to us.

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be in the foods and nutrition project and to compete in a District Show, The other three girls each received white ribbons.

Competing in the Senior Division were Cindy Meiers and Mary Jane Gacia, who both received white ribbons.

Mrs. Linda Rech helped judge menus prior to the district food show and Patty Messer served as a contest judge at the food show.

4-H Food Shows are sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System, and the Morrison Milling Company of Denton, Texas.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of race, color, creed, sex, religion, national origin, or socio-economic levels.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April 15----Jimmy Ballew  
Bobby Franklin  
Eddie Garcia

April 16----Lisa Williams

April 17----Jean Seargeant

April 18----Neto Pena  
Roxanne Payne  
Kenneth Sweet

April 19----Julian Solia  
Monica Rameriz  
Blanc Fuentes

April 20----Bobbie Schafer



## GREEN THUMBS

by; Joe Townsend

Many shrubs and trees are coming out fully leafed but the leaves are pale and sometimes downright yellow. These trees most likely need feed. Our soil here is almost all iron poor so the trees should be fed some iron. The best treatment is a good all purpose fertilizer with iron. There probably needs to be additional iron added to the trees. This can be done either by adding iron or copperas to the soil nutrients. This will get to the roots and hence into the tree more quickly. Be sure the trees have plenty of water but don't let them stand in soggy mud. If you do this a little patience and you should see the tree or shrub a deep healthy green.

# Re - Opening SATURDAY, APRIL 21<sup>st</sup> The Longhorn



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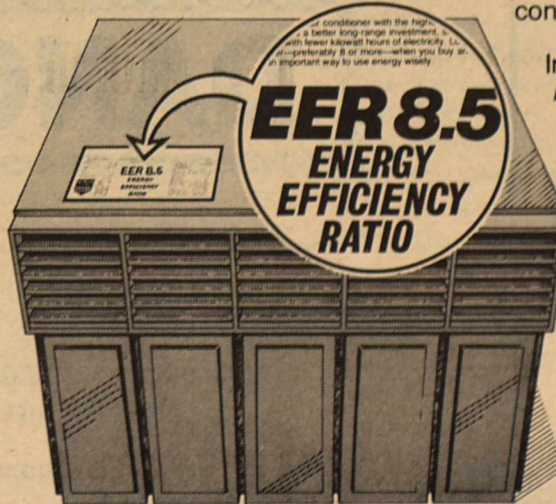
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Your Host:  
TRAVIS AND LANETTE WILSON

# Shopping for air conditioning? High EER means more efficiency.

High EER: that's the requirement to keep in mind if you plan to invest in air conditioning this summer.

EER, fortunately, isn't as mysterious as it may sound. EER stands for Energy Efficiency Ratio, and is simply a measurement of cooling delivered for energy consumed.



In air conditioning, the higher the EER number on the system you choose, the more efficiently it operates. And that means savings for you on electric bills.

Air conditioners with the same cooling capacity may vary greatly in their efficiency, with some using more electricity than others to achieve the same level of cooling. By

comparing EER numbers, you can determine which unit will do the most efficient job.

Although the air conditioner with the highest EER may cost more initially, it is a better long-range investment, since you will be able to run it with fewer kilowatt hours of electricity. Look for a high EER number—preferably 8 or more—when you buy an air conditioner. It's an important way to use energy wisely.



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The following events, selected by the Texas Tourist Development Agency, are but a few of the many excellent recreational opportunities offered by communities across the state.

April 14—Easter Fires Pageant and Tour of Homes, Fredericksburg. Perhaps the nation's most unusual Easter celebration, the pageant retells the story of the settlers' children who were frightened on Easter eve by Indian fires in the surrounding hills.

April 20-29—The 84th Fiesta, San Antonio. One of the really big happenings in the state, Fiesta offers a full schedule of parades, carnival, food, fireworks, music, dancing and much more.

April 25-29—The Legends of Golf tournament, Onion Creek Club, Austin. This event, which is telecast internationally, features the big names in golf who have reached the 50 and over age.

April 27-29—Arts Festival, Lubbock. This first time event, sponsored by the Lubbock Cultural Affairs Council, will be in the Memorial Civic Center.

April 28, 29—Brazos River Festival, Waco. On the schedule are historic homes tour, demonstrations of pioneer crafts, a re-enacted Civil War battle, doll collection display, art show, antique show and sale, ethnic foods and more.

April 28, 29—The fourth annual Texas State Festival of Ethnic Cultures and Arts and Crafts Show, Ballinger. Headlining this event are Miss America, Miss Dominion of Canada, Miss Texas and World's Our Little Miss.

April 28, 29—Second annual Buffalo Gap Art Festival, Perini Ranch, Buffalo Gap. Sponsored by the Abilene Fine Arts Museum, this festival includes paintings, sculpture, woodwork, pottery, jewelry, live entertainment, regional food and an enchanted forest for children.

April 28, 29—Historical Tours, Liberty. Sponsored by the Liberated Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, this event offers a full day's activities. There are historical tours of this third oldest Texas city, homes tours (some with transportation provided, some drive yourself), barbecue, an antique show and booths selling such items as handmade quilts, bonnets, dolls, palmetto

brooms and baked goods. For more information contact Historical Tours, Box 1756T, Liberty 77575 (713-336-6250).

April 28—Spring Arts Festival, Oaks Park, College Station. This first time event is sponsored by the City's parks & recreation department. With hours 10 a.m.-10 p.m. the festival includes arts sales, demonstrations, entertainment, food, drink, music and dancing. For

information contact the Parks & Recreation Dept., Box 9960T, College Station 77840 (713-696-4753).

April 28—Bob Wills Day, Turkey. This annual event, the last Saturday in April, salutes native son Bob Wills, the father of western swing music. A 10 a.m. parade is followed by a barbecue lunch at the Bob Wills Community Center. At

noon there is an old fiddlers' contest and at 2:30 p.m. stage entertainment featuring a western band. There is also an all-day arts & crafts show and the Bob Wills Museum is open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. A dance from 7:30 p.m.-1 a.m. completes the activities. For additional information call Jim Robison at 806-423-1024.

11th ANNUAL BRACKETTVILLE FRONTIER FAIR
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## BATF withdraws firearms regulations

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Treasury Department—in the face of the largest volume of public comment ever logged against a pending Federal action—has withdrawn its proposed firearms regulations—a move hailed by the National Rifle Association as “a clear victory for every citizen who believes in individual privacy.”

The announcement of the withdrawal of the firearms regulations—which would have required computerized records of every firearms transaction made through any of the 120,000 Federally licensed gun dealers—came during budget hearings before the House Appropriations committee's Treasury subcommittee. That subcommittee had initiated the \$4.2 million fund cut enacted into law last summer, a cut which prohibited the Treasury Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF) from spending any funds to implement the computerized records scheme in the current budget.

Neal Knox, the head lobbyist for the National Rifle Association—which opposed the firearms regulations proposals from their inception—called the withdrawal “an acknowledgement by the bureaucracy of the will of the people,” and said, “the

public comment on the BATF regulations was a national plebiscite on the issue of national gun registration.”

“Both sides very clearly had an equal opportunity to muster comment from individual citizens. The National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action (NRA-ILA) sent mailings to our members, as did anti-gun organizations. The end result of the public comments was 337,000 letters opposed to the regulations, with only 7,800 in favor. That tally is nothing short of a national public referendum on the issue,” Knox said.

Knox, the executive director of the NRA-ILA, added that “Congress understood the meaning of these regulations. The Congress labeled them for what they were, the foundation of a system of massive electronic dossiers on anyone wishing to purchase a firearm in legal commerce.”

The Treasury proposals being withdrawn include provisions for the submission of quarterly reports on all firearms transactions to be entered on a central computerized file in Washington, and a so-called “unique” computerized serial number to be stamped on all newly manufactured firearms, including handguns, rifles and shotguns.

## PECAN TREES NEED FREQUENT ZINC SPRAYS DURING THE SPRING

Beautiful pecan trees and regular harvests of high quality pecans begins each spring with frequent zinc sprays. Good foliage is the secret to optimum growth, healthy trees and regular production. Mature pecan trees can have double the amount of foliage with three or four zinc sprays in April and May. Leaves on mature trees are full grown by June, so spray early and frequently. Young pecan trees can grow six feet instead of six inches in one year if zinc is sprayed onto the foliage every two or three weeks from April until August. This is of course in combination with a good management program.

There are two types of zinc which can be used in Texas, zinc sulfate or NZN. Each is effective. Commercial pecan producers have used zinc sulfate with good results for over 40 years. Caution will need to be used however because zinc sulfate can kill many types of plants, so spray it only onto the pecan foliage. NZN is a new type of zinc which is a liquid. It was developed by Dr. J. Benton Storey of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. NZN is highly soluble, less toxic to other vegetation and readily available at many garden centers.

The commercial rates of zinc for spraying pecan foliage in Texas are 2 pounds of zinc sulfate or 1 1/4 quarts of NZN per 100 gallons water.

The homeowner should use 2 teaspoons of zinc sulfate or NZN in one gallon of water.

Other forms of zinc, such as zinc chelates or tree injectors, have been tested but have not been found to be an effective source of zinc for pecans in Texas.

Zinc is utilized by pecan foliage for the manufacture of a growth hormone called indole-acetic-acid. Without Zinc and indole-acetic-acid pecan growth is greatly reduced. The leaves will be small and the shoots will be short and in clusters forming what is commonly called “zinc rosette.” Zinc is not readily translocated from shoot to shoot; consequently, frequent zinc sprays are needed if new growth is to receive zinc. This is also why good coverage is important. Since aerial application does not complete tree coverage, commercial growers have to depend on ground sprayers for zinc applications.

There are over 600,000 acres of native pecan trees in Texas. Yet strange as it may seem pecans are one of the few plants that cannot absorb zinc from the soil. Texas soils frequently contain very high levels of zinc but because of the high pH nature of alkaline soils a high percentage of the soil zinc is not soluble in the soil water and is thus unavailable to the pecan. Applications of zinc to the soil are of no significant value to pecan trees in Texas.

Relative humidity has a great effect on foliar absorption of zinc. In far west Texas extreme difficulty can be encountered in getting the zinc into the leaf. Along the Gulf Coast, absorption can be extremely easy. Zinc should not be concentrated to 2X or 4X rates because foliage burn can result during periods of high humidity. The use of spreaders are not recommended because they can result in accelerated drying and reduced zinc absorption.

A pecan grower can determine if his zinc sprays are effective by observing the amount of terminal growth the

trees make during the year. Mature trees should make 5 to 10 inches of shoot growth annually. Nonbearing trees should make 24 inches of shoot growth each year. In addition, leaves collected in August or early September can be analyzed in a chemical laboratory to determine the concentration of zinc in leaves. A level of 75 ppm is considered a minimum and 125 ppm is optimum. It is very important to have the leaves washed before analysis to prevent measuring the zinc that may remain on the surface of the leaf.

Zinc alone is not the answer to perfect pecans. It is however a very important cultural requirement. With good zinc management other cultural practices such as fertilization and irrigation will be more effective. However, fertilization or irrigation without zinc sprays is of little value. So, zinc sprays are one of the pecan growers most important first steps to success each year.

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## Present Day Myths

by: JOE TOWNSEND

We are beginning to see again the twisting of truth to suit political desires. We are hearing and will continue to hear from the National administration about how inherently evil the oil companies are. To the unthinking masses of the American people this will be swallowed hook, liner and sinker. The basic truth is that this derogatory rhetoric is simply to cover up the past national policy toward the oil industry in American that has been the epitome of idiocy. The very ones who are now denouncing the big oil companies are the ones who have hamstrung these companies for years and built into our society a dependence on foreign oil. Had the oil industry been left free of government interference we would now have plenty of domestic oil and at a much lower price that we will soon have. The government under the unwise counsel of such men as Kennedy and Jackson have held down the price of domestic oil until foreign oil has become outrageously high simply because of the whims of little men in little nations who want to feel big. Now that the price is unreasonably high Mr. Carter wants to deregulate the price over a two year period. This means that when the little big shots on the other side of the world decide to raise the price of oil the U.S. will continue to pay the increase and when full deregulation comes the domestic price also will be outrageously high. Why not cut the strings completely and immediately? Let the price rise to the world price if it will develop enough energy resources that at least the price will stabilize and the billions of American dollars will quit going to extortionists outside the U.S. When Mr. Carter talks to an excess profits tax he seems to think the American People are stupid and maybe we are. When half the increased income is taxes there is no honest way to call this an excess profits tax. It seems Mr. Carter simply wants to say those things that will be swallowed by the unthinking people and maybe he won't lose too many votes. It's high time Mr. Carter and some others in Washington should begin to think what is best for the country and then just maybe they might be re-elected.



### SENATOR PETE SNELSON

REPORTS  
FROM

YOUR STATE CAPITOL

AUSTIN - The session has some seven weeks left to run, and the tempo, hectic from the beginning of the 140 allotted days, has begun to pick up.

The House of Representatives records some 2,185 bills introduced into that body for deliberation as of April 5.

Of those bills, there have been 116 passed by the House and sent to the

Senate.

The Senate has listed 1,233 bills introduced. Of those introduced, 283 have passed the Senate and been sent to the House. Grand total as of April 5: 3,418.

Eleven of those passed bills have been passed by the Senate. Fifty of the Senate bills passed have been enrolled, or passed by both houses.

So far, then, 61 bills have

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#### WHY INCREASE THE RATES?

BTVC Co. claims that the additional operating and maintenance costs of adding channel nine will fully justify the rate increase. Let's look at the figures:

Mr. Younts (co-owner of BTVC Co.) claims that the installed cost of the modulator is \$2250.00 and that this cost would be financed over a 60 month period. My admittedly poor arithmetic tells me that this will not exceed \$45.00 per month. This figure, added to Mr. Younts' estimated maintenance costs for the modulator and the \$225 tariff cost (to the microwave people) comes to \$282.00 per month. Distributed between the 575 subscribers Mr. Younts says he is collecting from, this comes to just under 50 cents per subscriber. If the modulator and installation are donated, the per subscriber cost is a shade over 40 cents.

Mr. Younts also said that there were other costs to consider, but neglected to specify what they were, nor did he imply that BTVC Co. is suffering any financial deprivation under the existing rate structure.

#### WHAT ABOUT THE EXISTING RATES?

BTVC Co. takes in some \$55,200.00 per annum minimum from its 575 subscribers. Making an estimated allowance for the additional income from installations, disconnects, reconnects, and subscribers having more than one cable outlet in their homes, this figure is probably closer to \$62,000.00 a year. (This figure, and all the estimated figures to follow, are based on input from observation and informal sources.) Out of this estimated 62 thousand dollars, BTVC Co. must pay their technician an estimated \$7,000 leaving \$55,000. Mr. Younts indicated that his cost per channel was \$1400.00 in 1978. Allowing for \$100.00 per channel inflation this year, that brings us down to \$49,000.00. Allowing another \$24,000.00 per year for office rent, supplies, vehicle maintenance, and monthly installments on outstanding debts, we have a balance of \$25,000.00. Assuming that none of my estimated figures are off base, does this then mean that Mr. Younts and Mr. Brian are collecting around \$12,000.00 apiece every year from a business that they operate from a distance as a sideline to their regular full time jobs? Maybe they are putting some of that money back into the company, but according to Mr. Younts, BTVC Co. shows a profit of \$500.00 for the first eight months of this fiscal year. What do you think?

#### ADDITIONAL DATA

BTVC Co. has installed 297 additional cable outlets in the new RV and trailer parks on Fort Clark at an expense of \$32,000.00 and Fort Clark has agreed, according to Mr. Younts, to pay for 50% capacity, less actual subscribers, from the time the system is made operational.

#### DISCLAIMER

Data for this article came from my tape recording of the public meeting, informal sources, and pure guesswork. Any or all of this information may be partially or completely erroneous. This article does not necessarily represent the opinion of this newspaper or its staff. This article was written by a biased reporter who feels that he is not getting his eight dollars worth as it is and bitterly resents being asked to cough up even another seventy five cents. Persons wishing to hear my recording of the public meeting may do so by appointment, I will not part with it under any circumstances. This reporter welcomes comment from any source, whether augmentary or contrary to my own opinion and will gladly print same.

been passed and sent to the governor for his signature.

The governor has signed 30 of these bills sent to him; 21 Senate bills and 9 House bills. The governor has signed, in addition, 55 concurrent resolutions; 17 from the Senate and 38 from the House.

The governor has received, but not signed, 20 Senate bills, one House bill and one Senate Concurrent Resolution. He has yet to veto a bill.

Last session there were 3,603 bills introduced by both houses and slightly less than 900 made it into law. As you can see, if approximately the same number are signed into law this session, the closing days will be very busy ones.

The majority of the bills introduced in either house will never make it out of committee. Some will make it out of committee, only to die on the floor of the House or Senate, not being able to muster sufficient votes or be crowded out by the long calendar of bills awaiting consideration.

Those bills which make it through the committee process, floor debate, final passage and enrollment, for the most part will be good ones.

The 140 days mandated by the Texas Constitution hardly seems enough time for the volume of work the Legislature does every two years. The process is slow with seemingly endless committee meetings and lengthy filibusters lasting until well

/s/ Don Crowder

past midnight.

But, the tempo is quick, with the promise of an even faster pace as we near the 140 day deadline.

Committee action on the two most important bills of the session, Senate Bill 28, the General Appropriations bill and the Public School Finance bill (there are four public school finance bills now in a subcommittee of the Senate Education Committee, which will have to be welded into one before floor debate) are yet to be acted on. It is unclear at this point which will be coming up for debate first, but the debate on each is certain to be long and intense.



## SHEEP & GOAT RAISERS NEWS

The Environmental Affairs Committee of the Texas House heard recently from one Texan, at least, who has seen the golden eagle from both a sheepman's and a scientist point of view.

Rancher-biologist Bob Ramsey, Hunt, addressed the committee during its discussions on the proposed Texas golden eagle protection bill sponsored by El Paso representative Ronald Coleman.

Ramsey recalled hosting an Audubon Magazine representative on his ranch in 1977. At one point, he told the legislators, he asked his guest whether any of a number of top-name professional golfers could possibly have a better grasp of playing conditions on a particular course than the local pro who plays the course daily.

His point, of course, was that a livestock producer is infinitely more aware of conditions on his land than a legislator, regulator or self-proclaimed environmental "expert" who may or have even set foot on the place

in his lifetime. An obvious observation but one apparently either not grasped or not shared by the Audubon man.

In his address, Ramsey likened environmental "radicals" to coyotes. He pointed out that "one coyote", when he gets fully wound up, can sound like several!

He also told the Texas law makers that the state's landowners are truly its top conservationist, having stored whitetail deer, wild turkeys, pronghorns and long horn cattle to levels untouched by other states where governmental "experts" control much of the land.

Not only have Texas landowners protected native wildlife, he added, but they have even managed to provide a restocking pool for many of the world's endangered species. Ramsey noted that a group of hill country ranchers who run exotic game along with livestock and domestic wildlife were able to help

restock the Blackbuck antelope in Pakistan after its almost total demise during the India-Pakistan war.

Ramsey went on to outline scientific evidence of predator damage in general and eagle damage in particular, then called on the numerous "environmental protection" organizations to pool their resources and attempt to lease and operate a ranch "in the heart of the sheep, goat, eagle and coyote-producing region of Texas." He proposed that these groups put into practice all the imaginative management methods they would have stockmen adopt in lieu of predator control, then try to survive for five years. If it worked, he indicated, ranchers would take up the strange methods, and if it failed, the anti-control forces could eat crow.

Ramsey ended his address with a lengthy quote from a 1936 edition of Birds of American, edited and contributed to by several of the most respected naturalists in history. The passage acknowledged eagle predation on livestock and noted that, "it thus will be seen that in one region the bird should be protected and in another kept in check."

It was Ramsey's basic point that Texas falls into the latter category.

## Colorful waves of bluebonnets signal arrival of Texas spring

By Connie Sherley  
World News Features

AUSTIN—No matter what the calendar may decree, spring arrives in Texas when waves of bluebonnets start rolling across the landscape.

The season begins in the southeast, along the roadsides and fields near the Gulf of Mexico. It ends about six weeks later in the northern part of the Lone Star State.

The first bright blue blossoms usually are spotted in mid-March, although they may be as early as Texas Independence Day, Mar. 2. That's appropriate, for the bluebonnet has been the Texas state flower since 1901.

There are several varieties of the beautiful blue flower, which grows in greatest abundance in Cen-

tral Texas. The displays become spectacular there the first two weeks in April.

With the help of the Texas Highway Department's extensive seeding program the Bluebonnet Belt has been extended to an area roughly 50 miles on either side of a line drawn from Dallas to Corpus Christi.

Several places publicize local displays and have trails and tours of historic homes. The biggest crowds are drawn to Highland Lakes Bluebonnet Trail, sponsored by seven members of the Highland Lakes Tourist Assn., with headquarters in Austin.

Visitors from all parts of the U.S. drive along marked routes that run through Austin, Marble Falls, Granite Shoals, Kingsland, Llano, Buchanan Dam and Burnet.

Arts and crafts exhibits and sales usually are held

along the trail. Dates for 1979 are Mar. 31-Apr. 1 and Apr. 7-8. A brochure outlining the event is available from Dept. GW, TN, Bluebonnets, Box 1967, Austin 78767.

The scenery along the Highland Lakes trail wins raves from viewers, since it includes the chain of connecting lakes that wind like a watery ribbon through the Hill Country. Overlooks provide views of lake waters dotted with sailboats' billowing spinnakers and traced with the V wake of motorboats.

Straight native cedars stand beside gnarled mesquite and scrub oak trees in pasture land, where herds of sheep and goats graze. White yucca blossoms tower over the bluebonnet carpets, which are sprinkled with the added colors of red-orange Indian paintbrush, pale blue thistles,

pink primroses and yellow daisies.

The bluebonnet is part of the lupine group of plants that have long spikes of flowers. In the case of the lupinus texensis, as the flower is known horticulturally, the flower petals form a raceme as much as six inches high. Each blue petal has a white marking tinged with red and black. A white crown makes the blue even more brilliant, and the density of the blooms creates an unforgettable scene.

There is hardly an artist in the state who has not tried to capture the bluebonnets on canvas. The most famous was the late Porfirio Salinas, whose landscapes featuring the flowers have become collectors' items. The flower lends itself to oils and there even is a shade of the color called "bluebonnet."

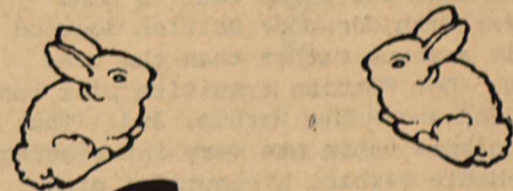
Bluebonnets are protected by state law and may not be picked. This plan for leaving the flowers until the last petals fall creates a re-seeding process that has spread the blanket of blue over wider areas. Year by year the spring winds blow the boundaries of the Bluebonnet Belt a bit farther out.

There are motels and resorts which provide convenient accommodations in the Hill Country near Austin. One of the best known is Horseshoe Bay near Marble Falls on Lake LBJ. It offers a splendid place to stay while touring.

Horseshoe Bay has rental units in addition to permanent homes. Available are a championship golf course and tennis courts, and on the grounds is one of the most unusual swimming pools you will find anywhere. It is made of black marble and set amidst flowers and shrubbery.



This oil painting by Jack Copper, Fredericksburg, TX, artist, shows the bluebonnet country of Central Texas.—Photo courtesy Fredericksburg Radio-Post.



# Easter

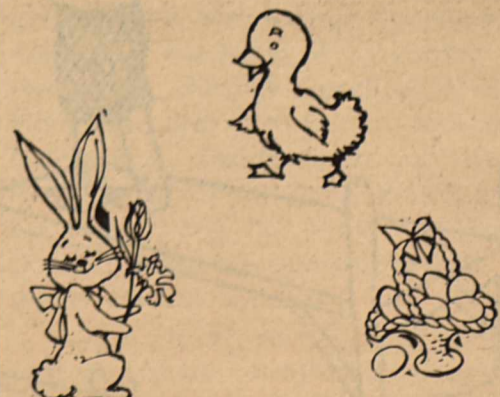
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RETAMA GARDEN CLUB FLOWER SHOW

What would our lives be like without flowers? If you missed the beautiful flower display Sunday, April 8th, that the Retama Garden Club presented let me tell you about it. The NCO building was the setting, "western Springtime" the theme. Wildflowers displays brought the beauty of the hills and fields inside first- Jean Powers, second and third to Nancy Franson Weatherwood, Cactus and succulents 1st Edna Tarver, a piece of weathered wood resembling a horse's head-2nd Dot Fithian-3rd Nancy Franson. Artistic arrangements-1st Iola Jones, 2nd Ruth Haywood, 3rd Pauline Lucas. Ruth's arrangement left me with a peaceful feeling, a tall white religious figure

looking down upon a burning candle with red roses, praying for peace to all. Cut flower arrangements Edna Tarver-1st, with a basket of dogwood; 2nd-Rachel Mahefky, a basket of pansies; 3rd-Mable Parham, on this table was an arrangement of small orchids from the lily family so graceful with their tall stems and leaves--unusual flowers grown by Avilee Frerich.

Miniature so tiny and petite really cute! 1st-Nancy Franson with cactus and blue verbinia; 2nd-Kathleen Smith with precious blue violets and 3rd-Virginia Williams.

The Horticulture division was outstanding. It was a good representation that the garden club members know how to grow beautiful healthy specimens. 1st prize went to Edna Tarver with dogwood; British dogwood it is a shrub rather than the tree type. Dot Fithian exquisite pink rose was 2nd and Mable Parham, 3rd. The pot plants table was very interesting 1st-Mable Parham, a beautiful pink flowering begonia; 2nd-Ester Kesteloot;

3rd-Alene Bishop. The hanging basket section was well displayed with 1st and 2nd Avilee Frerich, 3rd-Dot Fithian. The african violets, a magnificent table display 1st, 2nd and 3rd-Eleanor Frerich. and the last the Guest Table-non-members, who can't resist entering the flower show with welcoming displays-1st-Martha Blackwell, pomegranate, bud, flower and full fruit arranged in an oriental imported container; 2nd bacon and 3rd-Aulgar. "Best of Show" an honor I am proud to accept was awarded to your reporter. My arrangement was three tropicana roses representing a Spring time sunrise. We thank the three

judges: Joe Townsend, Dempsey Cook and Irma Appelt.

This show was assembled under the leadership of Retama Garden Club Preseident, Ester Kesteloot with co-chair person, Avilee and Eleanor Frerich. The guest book registered more than one hundred signatures. Refreshments served by Charlotte Golemon, Edith Miers, Mary Rash, Laura Seargeant and Sylvia Simpson. This splendid show would not have been possible without the help of every club member. Now don't you agree with me? It was beautiful.

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Retama Garden club will have a meeting Tuesday, April 17th, at the Town Hall at 10:00 a.m. for a trip to the Seargeant Ranch where we will enjoy the Springtime and have a covered dish luncheon.

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HOME HEALTH AGENCY PROVIDES CARE IN PATIENT'S HOME

A person with a lingering illness is often unable to stay in a hospital. He wants to be at home, but his condition requires nursing care, or care supervised by a qualified individual. The situation poses a problem.

The problem has been solved here by Hill Country Home Health Agency, a non-profit organization. MBFA Foundation was organized over nine years ago in Lubbock. Hill Country Home Health Agency, its oldest ministry, offers skilled nursing care by an RN or LVN on a physician's orders right in the patient's home.

The agency provides home nursing care to the aged, to the totally disabled, to the bedfast and to patients who can be comfortable at home if they

have occasional professional nursing.

The nurses can handle such services as intravenous fluid feeding, intermittent positive breathing treatments for the emphysema patient or those experiencing breathing difficulties, dressing changes, handling indwelling catheters, taking blood pressures and administering injections. They work very closely with the physician, the patient and the family in management of the patient's health condition and meeting nutritional needs. This is critical in the case of the newly discovered diabetic patient who often must change a lifetime of eating and grooming habits to prevent serious conditions developing through improper diet or care.

In addition to skilled intermittent nursing care and physical therapy referrals to appropriate community agencies and the delivery and use of medical supplies as instructed by the patient's personal physician are carried out.

Depending upon the resources of the patient's services are paid through Medicare, Medicaid, Veterans Administration, Champus or private insurance benefits. Both skilled and unskilled care can be given by the nurse on a private pay basis. This could include personal care such as bathing or administering injections of vitamins.

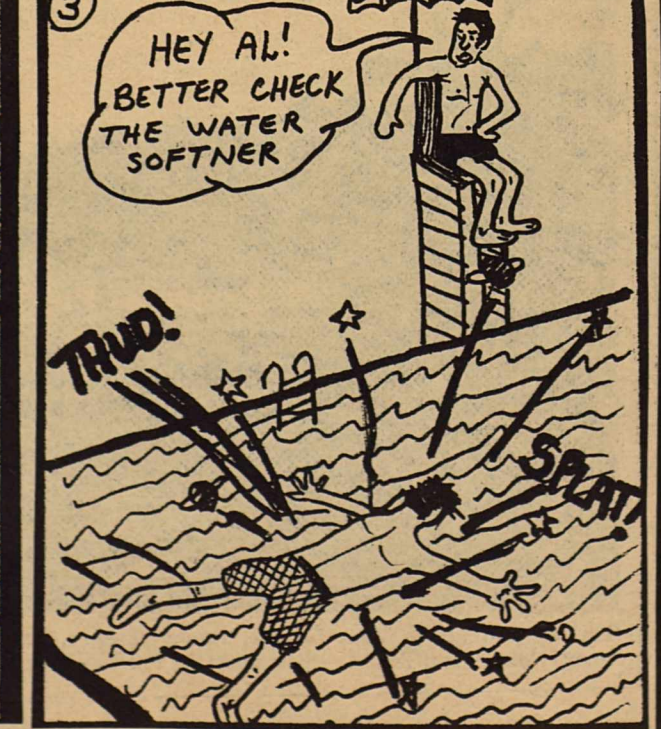
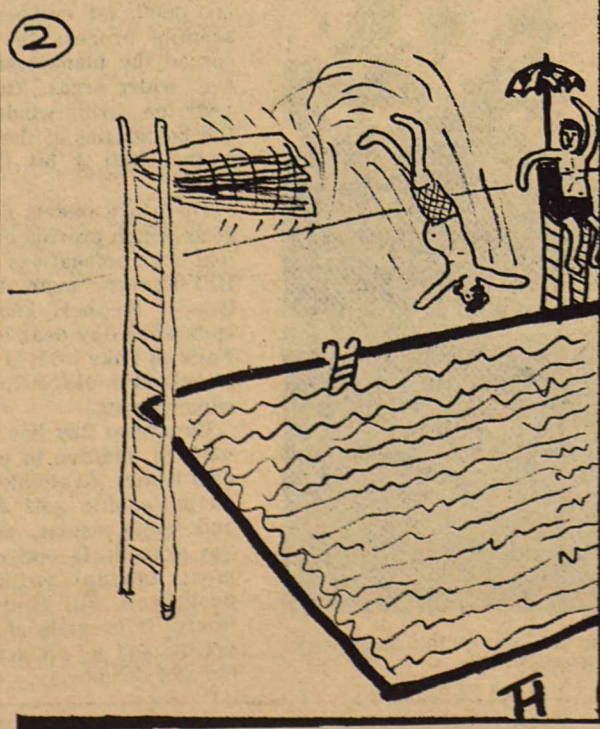
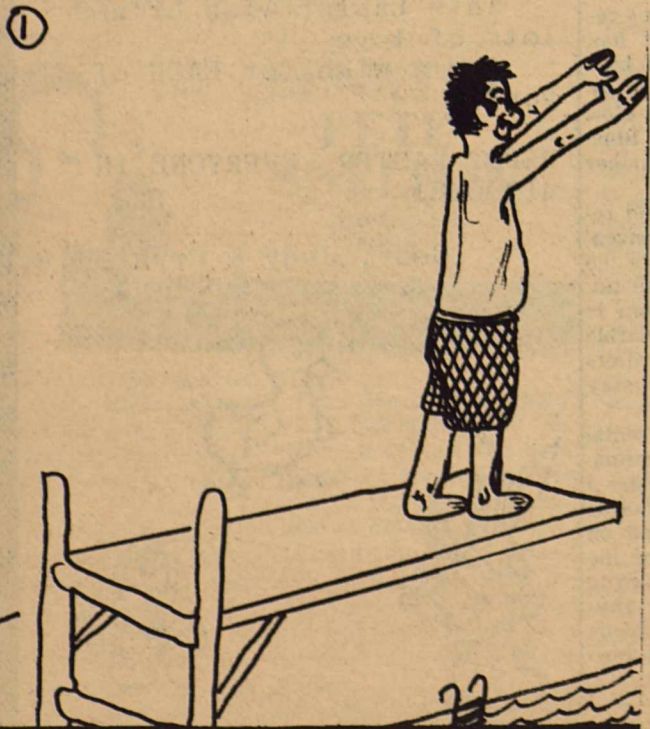
For more information concerning home health services please call Hill Country Home Health Agency at 512/896-3330 or write 401 Junction HiWay; Kerrville, Texas 78028, The R.N.'s and L.V.N.'s serving this area can be reached at 512/775-8068.

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By: TEX HILL



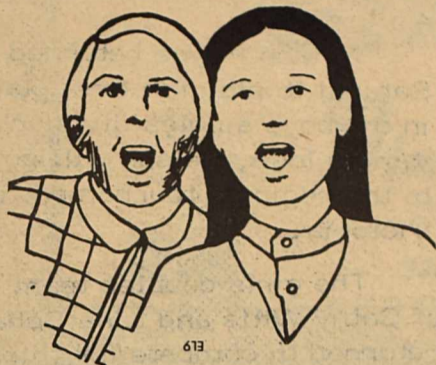




# BRACKETT TIGER TAILS

THE BRACKETT TIGER TAIL IS A PRODUCT OF THE JOURNALISM CLASS OF BHS.

## ELEMENTARY



By: Norma Perez

On April 3, 1979 the Elementary will go to Charlotte for UIL. Fourth and fifth grade students compete in spelling and picture memory events.

Picture memory contest is designed to encourage the study of art in the Elementary grades and to expand the perception of the students. This experience helps the students. This experience helps the students appreciate and project his own judgement in exploring the world of art and natural beauties about him.

The Spelling contest is designed to develop spelling skills and vocabulary development.

Students for picture memory event:

Lisa Young, Benny Benacci, Hector Pena, Jackie Simmonds, Maria Campos, Penni Ward.

Students entered in the Spelling contest are: Ann Robledo, Theresa Ward, Rita Diaz, Nakai Breen, Kristy Gwartney, Jodi Haynes, Juan Lozano.

Mrs. Javens sponsors the fourth grade Picture Memory contestants while Mrs. Howard sponsors the Spelling contestants.

## GRADUATION INVITATIONS ARRIVE THIS WEEK



By Anna Gomez

Senior invitations arrived last Tuesday, March 27. This is the moment that the seniors have looked forward to for some time. Some of the seniors ordered more than invitations; some packages contained memory books, calling cards, thank you notes, special invitations for parents, and appreciation books.

All of the invitations are alike, but the individual calling cards are personal in design and color.

## DISTRICT FFA BANQUET

By Joe Martinez

On March 28, the Brackett High School chapter of the Future Farmers of America attended the annual district banquet at Medina Valley High School. The meeting began at 7:30 pm. At the beginning of the meeting each FFA chapter president introduced their chapter advisor, officers, members and sweetheart.

The 1979 FFA District Sweetheart was chosen from the various chapter sweethearts present. Nellie Saenz, Brackett FFA sweetheart made it to the top three. The Utopia candidate was selected, however.

Attending the meeting from the Brackett FFA chapter were: Joe Cruz, David Cruz, Linda Cruz Steve Kral, Curtis Kral, Joe Martinez, Doug McCarty, Victor Robledo, Martina Valdez, and chapter advisor Charles Foust.

Everyone enjoyed the speeches, the meal, and especially the sweetheart contest.

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## "TIGER" SHEEDY NAMED TO ALL STAR CAST

By Angelica Hernandez

Monday, March 26 the One Act Play members held dress rehearsal. Richard Wills video-taped the performance with the school's new video camera. After the rehearsal, the cast and crew watched the performance. The video-tape helped because the performers were able to see themselves. They saw their mistakes and learned what should be done to correct them.

A performance of "Make Mine Vanilla" was then given for the student body on Wednesday, March 28 during sixth period.

The next performance for the UIL competition in Uvalde on March 31. Although the Brackett performance did not win, the actors did receive compliments for their costumes, make up, and clear speaking. The directors also said that the young actors of "Make Mine Vanilla" were excellent. "They made a good representation of BHS even though they did not win" stated Mrs. Bunsen.

Lytle and Natalia won first places with "Asylum" and "On the Other Side of the Wall". Nueces Canyon won second place with "JB". Lytle and Natalia will go on to regional competition with their plays.

## NOCONA BREEN TAKES SECOND PLACE IN INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

By Elsa Aguirre

On Tuesday, April 3, several Brackett High School students attended the UIL competition in Uvalde. Nocola Breen, a sophomore, won second place in the Informative Speaking contest. He will go to the regional competition in Victoria on April 20.

Mary Hidalgo won third place in the typing contest and will also participate in the regional contest in Victoria.

Other students participated in a variety of other events including poetry reading, prose reading and journalism. These did not place, but represented Brackett High well and gained valuable experience which will help those attending in the future.



## JUNIOR VARSITY TRACK AND FIELD TEAM TRAVEL TO SABINAL

By Armando Avila

The Brackett High School junior varsity track team traveled to Sabinal last Sunday, March 28 while the varsity went to the Comstock Relays in Del Rio. All in all the team did rather well. Arthur Goodloe placed first in the pole vaulting events and Bill Ferguson placed first in the discus.

Richard Guajardo place fourth in the 880 dash and the mile relay placed fifth. Members of the relay are Bill Ferguson, Tim Butler, David Koch and Arthur Goodloe. The 440 relay made up of Silverio Resendez, Arthur Goodloe, Bill Ferguson and Tim Butler took a fifth place. David Koch won the only first place ribbon for running events by winning the 120 yard high hurdles. David placed second in the 330 intermediate hurdles.

The junior varsity and varsity teams will be reunited on Thursday for the District meet in Uvalde.

UIL Competition

UIL Competition in Junior High

Keen competition has sparked the Brackett Junior High School UIL competition. In their desire to represent their school at Lytle on April 7 and bring back literary awards, students have been contesting hotly for the coveted three spots in each literary events open to junior high school students.

The most difficult of the contests is ready writing. The contestant must choose one composition topic from several offered, and in only two hours he must think through his topic, organize his thinking, and write a 500 word essay—a paper which says what he wants to say in an interesting, original way and exhibits the qualities of unity, coherence, and emphasis. The ability to write such an essay is a test of the student's competence in all areas of the language arts.

Competing to represent us in this event were:

8th grade: Conrad Veltman, Warren Voss, Brad Gwartney, Seth Kaplan, Lashawn Wardlaw, Terry Sandoval, Terry Malonosky, Ginny Martin, and BeBe Sweet.

7th grade: Sandra Munoz, and David Hensley.

Their sponsor, Mrs. Helen Huebner, rated their essays in the following order: Seth Kaplan, Lashawn Wardlaw, Brad Gwartney, and alternate, Terry Malonovsky.

Which is more difficult—spelling weird words or putting across to a judge the meaning of a poem?

Trying to outspell one another on 120 difficult words at the rate of six words a minute were the following students:

8th grade: Erasmo Garcia, Terri Sandoval, Mariano Hernandez.

7th grade: Walter Dyer, Barb Forbes, Cindy Meyer

Winners who will represent us are: Barb Forbes, Mariano Hernandez, Erasmo Garcia, and Terri Sandoval.

In the third category, oral reading the following students, after much hard work, read their poems to the panel of judges:

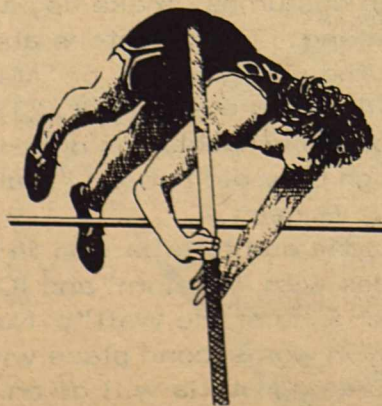
8th grade: Ginny Martin, Brad Gwartney, Bonnie Resendez, and Lashawn Wardlaw

7th grade: Brenda Foust

The judges, Mrs. Martha Bunsen, Mrs. Maud Crockett, Mrs. Helen Huebner, and C. L. Hall rated the presenters on a scale of one to ten in many areas. Winners, and representing Brackett Junior High, are the following students: Bonnie Resendez, Lashawn Wardlaw, Brad Gwartney, and alternate, Ginny Martin.

This year we will enter the number sense competition. Robert Ormsby is working with BeBe Sweet and Chris Hermann to prepare them to calculate rapidly in their heads to solve 80 problems in 10 minutes.

Mrs. Huebener says she is extremely proud of all of the students who have given their enthusiasm, their time, and their energy to help our school attempt to gain recognition in all of these areas. "We hope to come back with a winner or two this year!" she said, fingers crossed.



TIGERETTES TAKE FIRST PLACE AT COMSTOCK RELAYS

By: Adrian Reyes

First annual Comstock relays, took place at Del Rio High School Track and field facilities last Saturday. Boys competition featured the Eagle Pass JV; in first place with 228 points, Brackett Tigers in second place with 97 points followed by Del Rio JV, Asherton Comstock and Knippa.

Brackett Tigerettes with 136 points came in first in the girls division. Followed by Asherton, Comstock, Rio JV and Knippa. Elsa Estrada of the Tigerettes won the outstanding performance trophy for girls with 29 personal points to her credit. Other

individual results follow: Monica Benites; long jump 2; Elsa Estrada 2 triple jump; Jennifer Burgess 1 high jump, Laura Propotny 2 high jump, Elsa Estrada 1 880 yard dash; Monica Benites, Elsa Estrada, Bea Garcia, Lauri Paprotny 2 880 relay; Monica Benites, Elsa Estrada, Laura Paprotny, Martha Tovar 2 Mile relay.

Boys Division: Danny Samaniego 3 shot put; Art Terrazas 3 long jump, Jim Lindeman 1 discus, Roman Saenz 3 high jump; Donnie Nance, Steve Kral, Happy Cervantes, Kevin Kaplan 3 440 relay; Steve Kral 1 high hurdles; Happy Cervantez 3 330 yard intermediate hurdles.

Senior Steve Kral brought home a first place in the 120 yard hurdles.

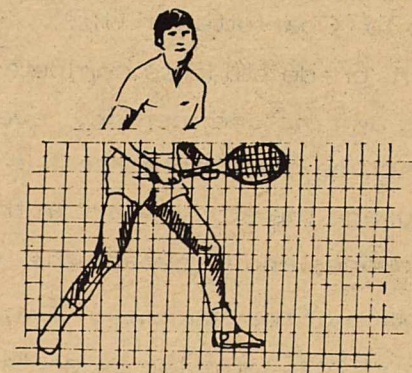
PAYNE ADVANCES TO REGIONAL

By Darnette Goodloe

The Brackett High tennis team competed in the UIL District Tennis Meet in Sabinal. The first rounds were played Tuesday, but due to rain all matches were not completed and had to be continued on Wednesday, April 4.

Nelson Payne returned to Sabinal to play for first place in the boys singles division. Win or lose, Nelson will go on to the regional tournament in Victoria.

The girls doubles team of Cathy Wills and Lisa Schafer returned to compete for third place. Bernie Cervantez also returned to compete for third in the boys singles division.



LASHAWN WARDLAW TAKES DISTRICT TITLE

By Darnette Goodloe

Lashawn Wardlaw won the junior high girls singles tennis championship for the second year this past Tuesday. She defeated Rosanna Chavez of Sabinal 6-4, 7-6 to take the title.

The boys doubles teams had to return Wednesday for the quarter finals. Walter Dyer and Conrad Veltman make up one team while Erasmo Garcia and David Wilson make up the other.

Debbie Sproul and Virginia were still playing the first round Wednesday.

SCHOOL RECEIVES NEW COLOR TV

By: Connie Pearson

Brackett High School recently purchased a color television set with title IV B funds from John Ward on the 9th. These funds are used for enriching language arts, history, math, and science also for library book and audio visual facilities.

Mrs. Simmonds' 5th period Free Enterprise class became the first group to use the new set. They witnessed the signing of the Peace Treaty. The television will be useful for viewing important events in the future.

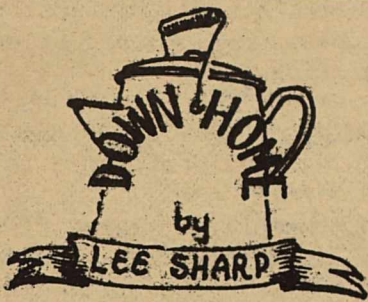
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**BETWEEN US**

By: Joe Townsend

One of the best things that has happened in Brackettville in many many years is the fact the City and County are working well together. It has been a sad commentary for years that the City and County authorities refused to work together. Many thousands of dollars could have been saved through the years and both the county and city could have been so much better off if this practice had been initiated long ago. It has always been a mystery to me why the type of coordination of equipment and labor we are now seeing was not the modus operandi all the time. The same people pay the taxes and use the various facilities of the county and city. It is only right that these tax supported entities work almost as a unit for the betterment of the city and county.

The opening of streets and clearing of alleys is long overdue. These projects alone will do much to give Brackettville a much better appearance. The new Commissioners' Court council along with the new City administration should be give a standing vote for approval for doing a good job.



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- 6-hard boiled eggs
- 1/4 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise or salad dressing
- 1/2 cup finely chopped dried beef.

Slice eggs in half lengthwise and carefully remove yolks. Mash yolks, and add mayonnaise and mustard, stir in dried beef, Stuff egg whites.  
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CURRIED EGGS IN RICE RING

- 6 tablespoon melted butter or margarine
- 6 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoon curry powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 3/4 cups milk
- 1/3 cup orange juice
- 9 hard-boiled eggs, quartered
- Hot cooked rice
- grated rind of orange

Blend butter, flour, curry powder, salt and orange rind in sauce pan; cook until bubbly. Gradually add milk, stirring constantly. Bring mixture to a boil over medium heat; simmer, stirring constantly until thick and stir in orange juice; add eggs and heat thoroughly.

Arrange rince in a ring; spoon curried eggs in center.  
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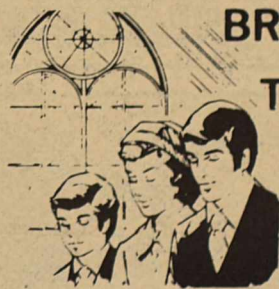
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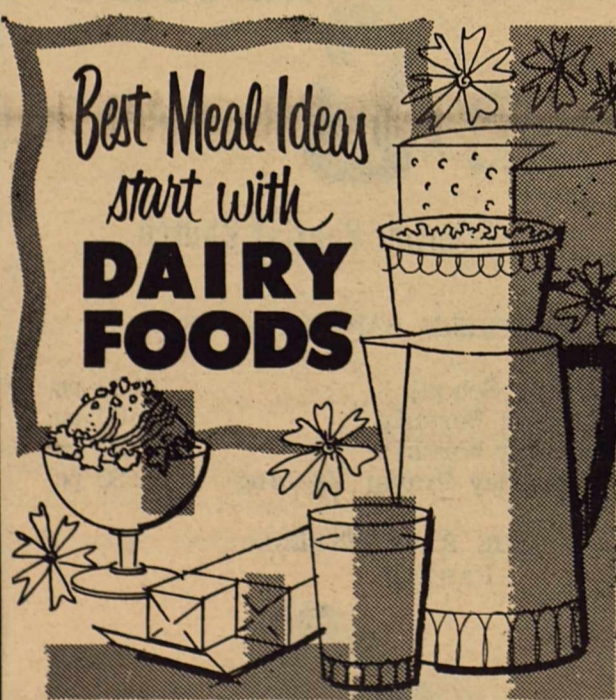
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