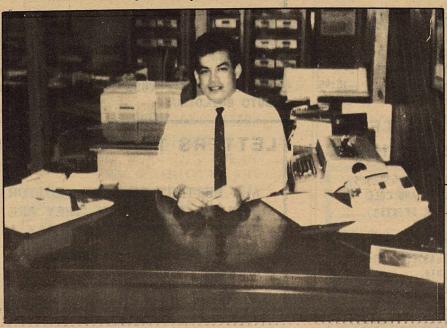
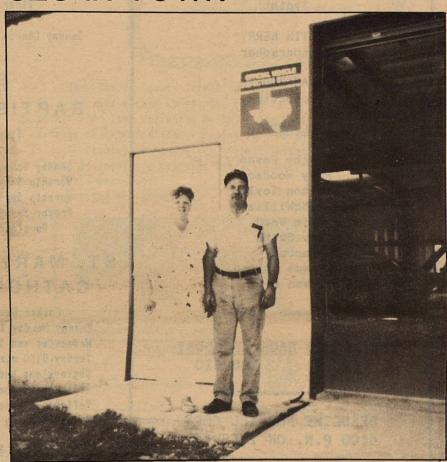


NEW BUSINESSES IN TOWN



SWEETS N THINGS (located next to B & S Grocery) is owned by Robert and Linda Correa of Fort Clark Springs. Linda will operate the shop Monday thru Saturday while Robert manages his carpet cleaning service. SWEETS N THINGS GRAND OPENING Friday December 1 from 10:00 to 5:30. Door Prizes will be given away and refreshments served.





SOUTHWEST SERVICE Co., owned and operated by Bob and Virginia Yastic, opened for business Nov. 1 specializing in diesel and heavy equipment repairs and also performing general mechanic repairs.

Bob has 38 years experience, just retiring from 21 years of service from Arkansas Best Freight Line as mechanic shop foreman for all San Antonio operations.

Southwest Service located on Highway 90 East past the Texas Highway Department is licensed as a vehicle inspection station.

WELCOME BACK, PACO!

Pictured at left is Paco Perez who has just returned from Austin to accept the position of cashier at First State Bank of Brackettville. Paco desires to obtain more experience in the banking industry while obtaining his degree in Business Administration. It's nice to have you back, Paco.

BAR-B-QUE

CARE Bar-B-Que will be held Saturday, December 2, 1989 at Casuals Plus. Sliced Brisket will be sold from 9:30 a.m. till ? for \$4.00 lb.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The Brackett Fighting Tiger Band, Elementary Band and Elementary Students will present a Christmas Pageant on December 18, 1989 in the High School Auditorium. The time will be announced at a later date. A Christmas Play worth watching.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ALL LETTERS TO THE EDITOR WILL BE PRINTED IF THEY ARE SIGNED AND ACCOMPANIED BY A TELEPHONE NUMBER.

Hints to take the weight off housecleaning

(E) How many times has it happened need. Line art drawings of the vacuum that, vacuum and dust cloth in hand, cleaner plus the name and model numyou prepare for a concerted "attack" on household dirt, only to find you're out of vacuum cleaner bags, furniture polish, or some other needed supply? With so many of today's homemakers short on time but long on responsibilities, it's annoying to have to break up a cleaning session with an emergency run to the supermarket.

One way to avoid this problem is to store all of your cleaning supplies in one place. Items such as furniture polish, dust cloths, cleansers, rubber gloves, brushes, tile and toilet-cleaners, vacuum bags and attachments can be placed in one portable organizer or caddy. You might want to keep a small pad and pencil with these supplies for an "on the spot" list when you notice certain items are about to run out.

Storing vacuum bags in their wrapper will help you identify the brand when you need to purchase more. Rubbermaid, which now produces vacuum bags for every major brand of vacuum cleaner on the market, has a handy color code on its packaging. By simply remembering your color, you can quickly find the bags you

ber of each vacuum also are on the package.

Here are some other tips:

 Compartmentalize supplies in drawers in order to find things more quickly.

 Carry a storage box with you and place everything in it that doesn't belong in that room, then put things away at the end of your cleaning spree.

• Don't get sidetracked. Place

"great things to read" or things to file in another box as you clean.

• Divide tasks into manageable units and set specific times for each.

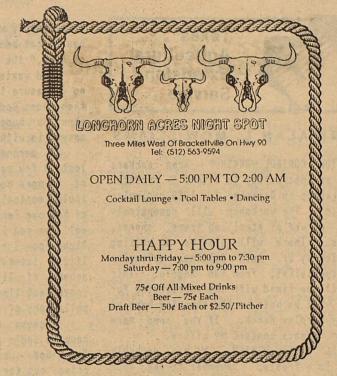
• Do two things at once when possible. For example, keep things to mend, or a manicure set, by the telephone.

• Too tired to clean? Set the timer for 10 or 20 minutes and tell yourself

you'll stop when it goes off.

Few people enjoy housecleaning, so organizing to finish the job quickly and efficiently is one way to make time for more pleasant pursuits.

For a free brochure with more cleaning tips, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Rubbermaid, Dept. MV, 1147 Akron Road, Wooster, OH 44691.

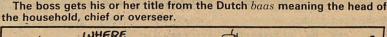


The Kinney County Nutrition Contract for 1989-1990 was approved. It was also agreed by all the court to try to received additional money for home delivered meals. The contract and information and details of this additional monies will be sent soon.

A resolution in support of legislation to authorize the State of Texas to reimburse counties for State mandated duties performed for the State was passed.

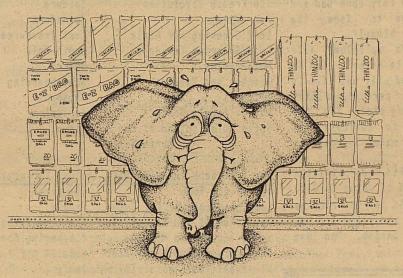
Meeting was adjourned.







More than 60 places in the United States have been named in honor of **Christopher Columbus**



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COMMISSIONERS COURT

The Kinney County Commissioners' Court had special meeting on November 27, 1989. All Members were present.

A dicussion was held on paying expenses for a basic police course Constable Juarez. Constable Juarez had two years to certify from last January. Constable Juarez did not want to attend the school in He preferred to take his basic training in Corpus Christi. Some of the Commissioners were willing to pay Constable Juarez's expenses in the amount it would cost to go to Uvalde. Constable Juarez asked for \$1,500.00 for expenses. The vote was three for and two opposed. The motion carried.

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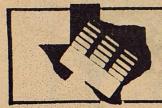
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Texas Agricultural Extension Service

BY ALAN L. MCWILLIAMS

PREDATOR CONTROL WORKSHOP - Area ranchers will have an opportunity to attend a predator control workshop on December 7, 1989 beginning at 1:30 p.m. The workshop will demonstrate techniques on use of steel leg traps, snares, and M-44's. There will also be a calling demonstration by Dr. Dale Rollins, extension wildlife specialist, from San Angelo. This program will be timed with the approaching fur season and will be held in the shearing barn at the Hadley Wardlaw Ranch. If you need more information, please contact my office.

PRUNING DURING WINTER - We are probably very close to a freeze. Remember to set your house plants and succulents inside. I have had several calls with questions about pruning. I think the thing to keep in mind is do not wack away at your woody ornamentals in the yard unless they really need pruning.

Some of the right reasons for pruning include removing dead or winter-killed growth or balancing the top with the root system when setting out new plants. (Now, I said balancing the top on newly transplanted plants--not topping the entire tree itself.)

Exposing the structural form of plants such as crape myrtles, can be done by removing overly dense growth or small, twiggy limbs that cross one another. Also remove diseased or insect-injured wood as well as storm or accident-damaged limbs.

Shrubs can be rejuvenated by removing older branches at the base. Pruning also can help develop a desired shape or size as well as aid in producing better flowers and fruit.

If possible, avoid severe pruning. It is always better to prune lightly and more often to prevent sunscald to sensitive inner branches. Never leave stubs that invite insects and diseases to enter. Plants which bloom early in the spring with the appearance of new leaves, should be pruned after they flower. Those that bloom later in the spring or summer, should be pruned during the dormant season. Always use sharp pruning tools for an easier pruning operation.

Be sure and watch for a county pruning clinic to be held in February. The clinic will cover aspects of ornamental and fruit tree pruning. If you have any questions, or would like more information, we also have bulletins on landscape and fruit tree pruning in our office.

REFLECTIONS

BY PRESTON TAYLOR FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

A person sometimes gets "turned around" or lost in a city, in a large department store, or in a river bottom hunting wild hogs. Such lostness brings on a helpless feeling.

Man is lost today in a jungle and wilderness of sin. Somewhere "East of Eden"

most people walk or wander about, not knowing how to get back to God. Deprived of the "tree of life," the siner faces certain death.

God wants man to come home. The Lord takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked. Why, then, does God not save everyone? Is He helples about our human misery and lost condition? The answer is with each individual.

A person who has no time for God stays lost. A few may say they will give God a chance at "a more convenient season"...as though man could manipulate the Eternal God at the whims of his own feeble wishes! "Not now, God, I'll call on you later, if I ever really need you. Right now I have my business and sometimes a little interest in my family and the whole scheme of life. So you just wait for my convenient time, God". That's the diabolical philosophy of some worldly wise people.

Because of the refusal to believe or receive God's gift of life, some remain cut off from God. Jesus said a rich man in hell once cried out for some one to be sent to warn his brothers about the torment that comes to those who do not believe in God. Jesus let it be known that whoever refused to rely upon God and accept His Word wil have to face the consequences of damnation for himself.

Vast numbers don't have spiritual life because they are not wiling to repent. God is holy and pure. He can not and will not live in a dirty heart and life. The corrupt, filthy life can never be a dwelling place for the Almight God. He would have to abdicate his place as Lord if He agreed to make His home in an impure heart.

Is God cruel? No. He has made provision for our cleansing by the blood of Jesus Christ. To accept God's Remedy for sin is to receive life everlasting. God loves and cares for us. He doesn't want anyone to perish. Man may

accept God's gift of life and know a redemption that is complete and eternal. The alternative is eternally tragic.

LIBRARY NEWS

New Juvenile Books Received Crocodiles and Alligators Lake Cave The Beagle Trucks Mexico Airliners Princesses Mountain Gorilla The Body Cycle of a Duck I Like Music As Old as the Hills Animals of the Night Soviet Union Paws and Claws The French Revolution Near Water Good Grooming for Girls Good Grooming for Boys Motorcycles Apaches and Navajos Iriquois Why Do People Smoke Totle Pole Indians of the Northwest

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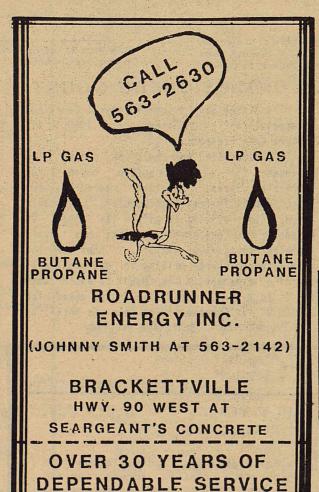
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PUBLIC NOTICES



Community Council of Southwest Texas, Inc.

JOB OPENING

The Community Council of Southwest Texas, Inc. is accepting applications for a cook for the Brackettville Headstart Center in Kinney County.

Must have at least two years experience in meal preparation such as cooking, baking and serving meals. Should be able to read and write and keep daily average attendance and meal count. Must have the ability to relate to small children.

All interested applicants must submit their applications to Jorge Botello, Executive Director, Community Council of Southwest Texas, Inc., 429 W. Main, Uvalde, Texas 78801, or mail application to P.O. Drawer 1709, Uvalde, Texas 78802-1709.

Applications will be accepted until December 18,1989, 5:00 p.m.

Community Council of Southwest Texas, Inc., is an Affirmation, Equal Opportunity Employer.

CHILI SUPPER

A chili supper, complete with salad bar and cake will be held at the Fort Clark NCO Club from 5-7 P.M. on Saturday, December 2nd. The supper, for the the benefit of the first United Methodist Church of Brackettvile, will be \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children under 12. The public is invited.

The Directors, Officers and Employees of The First State Bank of Brackettville Wish you Season's Greetings and request the pleasure of your company at an Open House This Holiday Season Friday, December 1, 1989 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. First State Bank Lobby



MEMBER F.D.I.C.



REQUEST FOR BIDS

REQUEST FOR BIDS ON TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION Sealed proposals for 197.563 miles of seal coat on various limits of US 90, US 83, US 290, IH 10, US 377, SH 163, US 190, SH 137, RM 337, FM 1572, RM 1989 & RM 2597 in Val Verde, Kinney, Real, Crockett, Sutton and Edwards Counties covered by CPM 22-4-17, CPM 22-5-16, CPM 22-6-39, CPM 23-2-31, CPM 23-3-32, CPM 23-4-51, CPM 36-5-26, CPM 36-6-16, CPM 140-9-21, CPM 140-13-12, CPM 141-3-45, CPM 141-4-25, CPM 141-5-21, CPM 201-3-23, CPM 201-4-19, CPM 201-5-16, CPM 412-4-21, CPM 558-10-23, CPM 558-10-24, CPM 792-1-19, CPM 792-2-11, CPM 2012-2-11, CPM 2227-1-8 & CPM 2573-1-3 will be received at the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Austin, until 1:00 p.m., December 6, 1989, and then publicly opened and read. Plans and specifications including minimum wage rates as provided by Law are available for inspection at the office of Robert C. Parker Resident Engineer, Del Rio, Texas and at the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction Division, D.C. Greer State Highway Building, 11th and Brazos Streets, Austin, Texas 78701. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas at the expense of the bidder. Usual rights reserved.

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Position for general office clerk with experience in bookkeeping, computer operations, and office machines. Legal experience helpful and applicants must be bondable. Fringe benefits after six months probation include retirement, hospitalization and life insurance. Please send resume to: Dolores Raney, County & District Clerk, P.O. Drawer 9, Brackettville, Texas 78832. Kinney County is an equal opportunity employer.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1989, AT 10:00 A.M. THE SALE WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNTY PARKING LOT ACROSS STREET FROM THE COUNTY JAIL, CORNER OF MORTH ST. AND FRITTER ST., BRACKETTVILLE, TEXAS.

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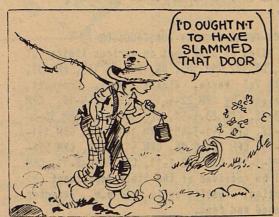
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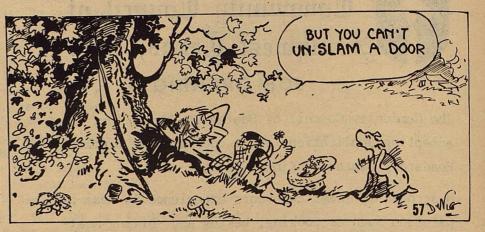
"One of the greatest pains to human nature is the pain of a new idea." Walter Bagehot

JUST FOR LAUGHS

HUCKLEBERRY FINN



WHEN MISS WATSON SLAPPED ME FOR SASSING HER, INSTEAD OF RUMMING OUT AND SLAMMING THE DOOR, I'D OUGHTA COUNTED TEN, GRINNED AT HER AND SAID, "MISS WATSON, YOUR HAIR LOOKS SWELL THAT WAY."





"I want you to pick out the best. You gave me such a lovely ironing board for my birthday."





JOSH BILLINGS Sez . . .



It must be a long way to nowheres -- it takes a lot of people a lifetime to get there.



A kangaroo cannot jump if its tail is lifted off the ground. It needs its tail for pushing off.





" THE AUTO CLUB WAS RIGHT. THE LITTLE BLUE LINES ARE RIVERS!"



" I'M NOT ANGRY WITH YOU ANYMORE."

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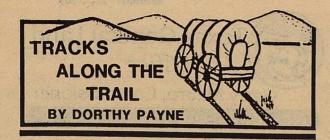
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Differences: 1. Stacks are different. 2. Steeve is longer. 3. Arm is moved. 4. Part of leg is concealed. 5. Blinds are lowered. 6. Hake is changed to a



"I want to stop payment on all checks I write from now on."



There are many legends told of the mistletoe. If you walk under the mistletoe you are in danger of getting kissed, that is true. But, there is another legend about the Druid priests of ancient Celtic tribes.

They would rattle their ghostly bones if the mistletoe ever touched the ground. When it was harvested a long time ago in mid-winter young maidens would catch the branches in a cloth because if it touched the earth it would cause bad luck. The branches were cut with a special golden knife of the Druids.

Mistletoe in England was considered a special favorite of the gods. All of us living on earth will inherit the troubles of the world, but, because the mistletoe lives high above the crowd without visible roots it can't be contaminated and can protect us from any bad luck.

Mistletoe comes from the Anglo-Saxon word mistle-tan which means antidote. It would heal such things as epilepsy, barren cattle or horses, it would make warts disappear, protect you against your enemies, and reduce swelling.

The natives believed it was planted high up into the trees because only gods could reach that high to plant it.

Which brings us back to why we kiss anyone standing under the mistletoe. The Norse legend is about the young god Balder, who was the son of the great god Woden, and the goddess Freyus. The young god Balder was killed by a weapon made of cactus. Woden punished the world by turning it cold, and the poor mistletoe was

The Queen of the Underworld announced that all living creatures should pray for the young god Balder. When Freyus (his mother) prayed her tears fell upon the mistletoe and the tear drops turned into little white berries all over the mistletoe. The Queen was so pleased with the berries on the mistletoe that she forgave the mistletoe and kissed all who walked beneath it. Therefore began the custom of being kissed under the mistletoe. So, to walk under the mistletoe can be good or bad luck depending on which legend you want to believe.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Parent:

Just imagine the following situation:

You have taught your son to play footballnot just the rules and some tactics, but you
practiced throwing and catching the ball so
many times you felt he could do it while
sleepwalking. And if you had been asked by any
outsider whether he knew the game, you would be
so sure you could have bet on it. Now, after
four days of vacation, he comes to a game in
his regular clothes, looks at the football and
says "What is this? How do you throw this...?"
You think he is joking, has only forgotten to
bring his sports outfit and tell him to get
going. But he insists on not knowing the game,
where to start, or what to do in the first

place. You try to remind him about what you taught him, not just once, but over and over again. He tells you right in the face that you never: ..told him that at all,

.. told him to remember that,

..wanted him to remember anything beyond a game,

and that he never understood it in the first place.

How would that make y o u feel?

Now it wouldn't be your son if he didn't tell you that he would change, if you gave him just one more chance. Tomorrow, yes, tomorrow he will start to learn. From the very beginning, of course. Even remember things if it made you happy. And as he knows how to con you, he will get by with it again, as he did so many times before. Be a model student, at least for a week, maybe even two. So you give him another chance...

Another chance at what? How would you feel having to review everything every other week with your son (and about half of the other students)? During this time, you could have taught him some new tactics instead of reteaching the basics over and over again.

But then, luckily, you are not the professional. I am and I do have some answers. You may not like them, but at least you are a caring parent (unlike most other parents) and you may give them some consideration:

1. According to psycological research, an average person needs to make at least three to six efforts to remember ordinary information permanently.

2. During this time, the person should be kept motivated enough to make these five efforts or else the original instructions were a waste of time! Besides, it would be much better if the person wanted to remember the info rather than being forced to learn.

3. The necessary minimum time interval between each effort ranges from one hour up to several weeks, depending on the individual and the subject.

4. If not enough motivation can be maintained from the first to the last effort, the information will not be passed on to the brain's "permanent storage area" and is simply lost.

5. It is especially important to maintain a positive learning environment between the first and second effort (or between two day of school) or the information could be lost right away.

Conclusion: Only with the active involvement of parents can there be a high rate of success for the average student. While some students need very little support, others require downright tutoring on the subject (10-30 minutes per day and subject!) to make that second effort successful. Checking their notes or asking them to summarize each lesson from memory will give you an idea of whether their very first effort was worth it. The teachers can only build on what is left from the previous day!

Let me add my impressions derived from 16 months of exposure to the American interpretation of education as seen from the parents' point of view:

As parents, it may seem easy to rid oneself of their part of the education process, expecting the school to do the whole job. After all, you are paying the school to do it. To do what?

a. To reverse bad habits or "don't care" attitudes that originate mostly in the home environment?

b. To compete for attraction with all available types of entertainment which the students are freely exposed to at home? (Letting a child watch TV is much more convenient than devoting (wasting?) some time to him/her.)

c. To make up for lost opportunities of letting the students develop a sense and appreciation of ethical behaviour, moral codes and values? (Compare how long you see your child alone everyday with the 50 minutes a teacher has available to address not only your child, but ten to thirty other students also.)

d. I almost forgot: Physical education:
 (Be tough, get rough, get physical, whenever

necessary),

Sportsmanship: (Learn how to play the game (or life) where a foul is only a foul when it was called).

Team Spirit: (Make your child realize that it doesn't count to be a member of a winning team, but only to stand out, be the star, get mentioned).

e. Oh yes, let's not forget the three Rs. After all, they are mandated by law.

And I always believed that through education our children should be enabled to eventually take over responsibility and carry on our society and structure of ethical values. Therefore, education is such an important task that we should not leave it to any one institution like school or church or any other group to do it!

As a parent, you can exert more influence on your child than anybody else.

P 1 e a s e, d o i t !

Respectfully,
Eberhard Kunze
Computer Science Teacher
Brackett High School

SAN ANTONIO LIGHT SUBSCRIBERS AND PATRONS

On Wednesday, November 29, 1989 the contract delivery truck for the San Antonio Light, failed to leave enough newspapers (127 short) for the Brackettville area. I wish to apologize to all of our customers and patrons whom were unable to receive the newspaper this date, or received it late.

Walter L. Morgan
San Antonio Light Dealer
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FFA XMAS TREES

The Brackettville FFA Chapter will go on its Annual Christmas Tree Chop on December 4. Christmas Trees will be available for sale at the Ag Shop behind the High School beginning Tuesday morning, December 5.

If the Chop is cancelled due to rain, trees will be sold December 12. Price ranges will be between \$5 and \$20. Come and support your local FFA Chapter and buy a Christmas

Tree.

THE KINNEY CAVALRYMAN



Pictured above is Genell Hobbs modeling one of the Southwest outfits at the Southwest Christmas Extravaganza.

SOUTHWEST CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

By LaShawn Wardlaw

South Texas sparkled and shined at the Southwest Christmas Extravaganza Tuesday, December 28 at Fort Clark Springs sponsored by FCS Recreation. Del Rio, Eagle Pass, Uvalde and Brackettville stores showed three of their most spectacular southwest outfits and other stores provided decorations. With twenty stores participating in the surrounding area, spectators enjoyed leathers, sudes, rhinestone and glitter with a southwest flair.

Sondra Meil (FCS Recreation Director) and Lashaun Wardlaw (FCS Public Relation Director) were the hostesses for the evening.

Sculptor and now part-time actor Robert Hooker of San Antonio displayed his bronze work and gave away an Indian terra cotta figurine as one of the four door prizes. Hooker is now working as the stand-in for James Arness in the movie Gunsmoke II being filmed at the Moody Ranch outside Brackettville. "I started my art work in 1983; but have really enjoyed the acting part of it all too," said Hooker.

Brackettville stores, Jeans, Tulisha P.S., Alamo Village and Devona were sensational. "The clothes were great but besides that, it was fun," said Virginia Shahan owner of Alamo Village.

Premier designer, Deanne Anderson of Longview who has had shows at Neiman Marcus and is now in the process of creating a denim jacket for the woman of the White House brought to the style show a unique style. Denim jackets made of an old wedding dress and Indian artifacts were among the styles shown. "This really was nice show," said Anderson.

Brackettville models Lisa Conoly, Joy Ralston, Darlene Shahan, Jamie Ballew, Beth Ann Smith, Kathy Johnson, Mary Lee Trollinger, Fern Dyer, Genell Hobbs, and Sharon White were wonderful. Vicki Nichols (coordinator) did an excellent job lining-up 54 outfits with the ten

The elegance of the food prepared by the Las Moras Inn Restaurant added a perfect touch to the evening.

The class of people and the class of clothing modeled made this Fort Clark event one hard to forget.



Pictured above is the very becoming Lisa Conoly modeling one of the Southwest outfits.

FALL VEGETABLE CONFERENCE

The 1989 Winter Garden Fall Vegetable Conference and Field Day is Dec. 6 at the Texas Agricultural Research and Extension Center

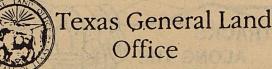
The conference is slated to begin at 1:30p.m.

Proposed topics include an update on spinach diseases and varieties, a discussion on possible spinach market expansion, and an update on cole crops research at the A&M center. A field tour will include the new produce laboratory at the center, demonstration of a broccoli harvesting machine and spinach nurseries.

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Garry Mauro, Commissioner

News Release

What may prove to be a new wave of technology to clean up oil spills was tested Thursday during a controlled oil spill experiment sponsored by Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro.

Naturally occurring microorganisms, which have been enhanced in their activity by Alpha Environmental of Austin, were applied to oil spills in saltwater tanks at the University of Texas Marine Science Institute. In a process known as bio-remediation, the microbes react with the oil to form an emulsion of fatty acids. This emulsion then sinks and is consumed by various marine life.

"Coping with spills requires a multiple approach in which all avenues must be explored," Mauro told scientists, business people, environmentalists and media representatives on hand for the demonstration.

Mauro adovcates better communication, quicker reaction, more strategically located clean-up equipment and technological improvements. "Research into experimental technologies, such as bio-remediation, must go forward as rapidly as scientific rigor will allow," Mauro said.

The test Thursday served to demonstrate the process to the public and to allow for testing of the effects of the process on marine life. Ruska Laboratories of Houston is performing the scientific analysis and full results will be known in about 30 days.

"What we don't know is what happens to the toxic hydrocarbons in the original oil," Mauro said. "Ideally, the microorganisms render them completely harmless. It's possible, however, that emulsification into food for marine life injects the toxins into the environment far more rapidly than if we had let nature degrade the spilled oil at her own pace.

"That is what this experiment is all about," Mauro said.

U.S. Rep. Greg Laughlin, Dis. 14, praised the test on the floor of the House of Representatives last week, saying that development of such new technology would help avoid disasters like that near Valdez, Alaska.

"Immediate implementation of this technology would have saved the lives of thousands of eagles, otters, and sea birds, as well as the livelihoods of Alaskan fishermen," Lauglin said.

Laughlin was instrumental in urging the use of bio-remediation in Alaska after the Valdez spill.

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DRUG DOGS VISIT SCHOOL

Drug dogs visited the campuses of Brackett Independent School District on Monday, November 27, 1989. The dogs found no evidence of drugs. This is the second visit for the dogs from Global, Inc. of San Antonio this year. An earlier visit in September also found no evidence of drugs. The dogs were led around campus by their handlers. The dogs were exposed to classrooms, hallways, lockers, and automobiles.

Superintendent Bob McCall said that he was very pleased that no drugs were found. This does not mean that drugs are not present in the community. It does indicate that students are not bringing drugs to school. The drug dogs first visited Brackett in May of 1989 on an experimental basis. At that time, the dogs marked a jacket in an unassigned locker, and a student's notebook. However, upon closer inspection of the jacket and notebook no identifiable evidence of drugs were found. All visits are unannounced. Even administrators are not aware of the specific day the dogs will visit.

Mr. McCall noted that the drug dogs are part of the district's on going drug education and drug prevention program. We want students and the community to know that drugs are dangerous and illegal and we definitely want to do as much as we can to keep drugs out of the hands of students and off the school grounds.



VIDEO VIEWER
BY RORY WOODSON

GHOSTBUSTERS II

Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd and Harold Ramis regroup to nuke the spooks in the highlyspirited GHOSTBUSTERS II. Side-lined for five years since their spectacular save (and near destruction) of New York city, the superstars of the super-natural spring back into action when the infant son of single-mother Dana Barrett (Sigourney Weaver) becomes the target of a powerful demonic force. Reunited with the no-nonsense Zeddemore (Ernie Hudson), nerdy, near-sighted Lois (Rick Moranis) and their ever-industrious secretary Janine (Annie Potts), the heroes of the hereafter must put a stop to an enormous underground river of slime ready to rot the roots of the entire Big Apple. Now, if your hometown was on the verge of being sucked down into the 10th level of Hell, who else would you call?

K-9

James Belushi stars as Thomas Dooley, an unorthodox narcotic cop who teams with an independently minded police dog in this hilarious action-comedy.

Headstrong Dooley is one step away from nailing a prominent socialite in a \$50 milion cocaine bust. But branded as too crazy to partner with, no one will work with him except Jerry Lee, a superbly trained German Shepherd police dog with the best nose in the drugbusting business.

The unconventional pairing pleases neither partner, but after a series of shoot-outs, stake-outs, brawls and romantic misadventures, they develop a grudging respect for each other.

It's a heartwarming, fast-footed adventure about an unlikely and unbeatable police team that will have you rooting for man's best friend.

A LONG BICYCLE JOURNEY

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Tim Smith of Detroit, Michigan, spent Sunday night in Brackettville.

Six weeks ago he left his hometown in Michigan on his ten-speed bicycle. He pedals between 80 and 110 miles per day. At night he unfolds his tightly packed tent, stretches out his sleeping bag, and curls up for a few hours of rest.

Tim turned 24 the day he left Brackettville. He faces west, leaving behind him countless impressions of his journey from Michigan to Florida, through the southern coast lands of Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisana. When he gets to California and starts north, Tim says he has no definite plans.

He graduated from The University of Michigan with majors in Latin and classical Greek. He taught school for one year and decided he needed more adventure.

Although Tim has been to Arabia where his Dad now is employed and even though he traveled with the family during his father's 25 years in the Air Force, he said he wanted to see the country from another perspective.

"Well, I'm glad I have had the opportunity of seeing 'Lost Maples' and a part of the Hill Country as well as meeting a lot of friendly people in Brackettville," says the young man from Michigan.

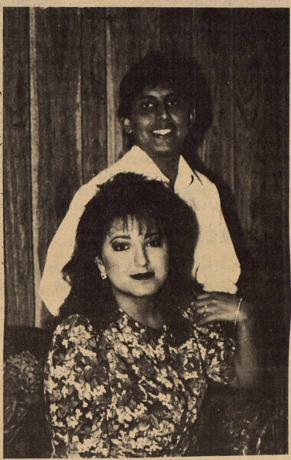
"Courage is grace under pressure."

Ernest Hemingway

VAL VERDE WINERY PROGRAM

The Fort Clark Historical Society's program Saturday, December 2 will feature Thomas Qualia, third generation proprietor and vinter of the Val Verde Winery of Del Rio. Mr. Qualia will explain the workings of the winery, in operation since 1883, with a talk and slides. His presentation will be followed by a tasting of the new crop of wines just bottled by the winery. (It is a very good year.) Everyone is invited to attend and sample the great products of our only area winery. For more information please call Ron Buckles at 563-2877.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED



Mr. Juan R. Rodriguez, from Del Rio, Texas, is proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of his daughter, Marta Rodriguez to Robert Lopez, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Lopez from Brackettville, Texas. They will exchange marriage vows on Saturday, December 9, at the Guadqalupe Catholic Church with a reception and dance immediately following at the Civic Center in Del Rio. The Couple will reside in San Antonio where they are both presently employed.

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OLD ARMY DAYS

BY WALLACE MORGAN

1st Cavalry Division Camp, Toyavale, Texas, 1938. The scene above is from an annual field exercise when the entire division would be together. This included the 5th Cavalary Regiment from Fort Clark and Regiments from Fort Bliss and other military posts. Incidently, these troops rode their horses to the training area from whatever area that they were stationed.

TEEN PAGEANT

Applications are now being accepted from girls 13 through 19 for the 1990 Miss Texas U.S. Teen Pageant.

The Texas winner will receive a cash scholarship, a tuition scholarship, an all expense paid trip to the national pageant including airfare, color portrait, crown, banner, trophy and a host of gifts and products.

In addition to the state title, awards will be given in leadership, scholarship, friendship and photogenic categories.

The Texas pageant will be held in Dallas at the Hyatt Regency DFW. Judging will be based on poise, personality, and school and community involvement.

Over \$100,000 in awards, cash and scholarships will be offered at the national pageant. Miss U.S. Teen will receive a cash scholarship, a 4 year tuition scholarship, thousands of dollars in products and gifts, including a 1 week Caribbean vacation at Frenchman's Reef Resort in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, a fur, diamond pendant, complete modeling portfolio, T.V. and personal appearances, crown, banner, trophy, and a year of travel and excitement.

For further information, contact: Carole Clements, National Director - Miss U. S. Teen, P.O. Box 1229, Auburn, Al 36830 or call (205) 745-6875.

REWARD TO INFORMANTS

MATTOX DRUG BUSTER PLAN OFFERS 10-PERCENT REWARD TO INFORMANTS WHO TURN IN PUSHERS

Saying that a 10-percent reward will encourage citizens to be the "extra eyes and

ears" of the police, Democratic gubernatorial candidate Jim Mattox Tuesday unveiled the opening planks of his 16-point plan for a drugfree Texas.

"I'm going to provide a little more incentive for more people to get involved in the fight to reclaim our neighborhoods, our schools, our children and our future," Attorney General Mattox said at a press conference in a South Dallas neighborhood whose residents are organizing to fight drugs. "We want them to help Mr. Pusher meet 'the slammer.'"

They're fed up with the burglaries. They're fed up with the stolen cars. They're fed with the violence.

"We must work together to make the playgrounds once again safe for our children."

A former criminal prosecutor, Mattox is the only candidate in the race for Governor who has ever been to the front lines of the war against drugs and crime. He is the only candidate who has ever prosecuted a pusher, faced down a murderer or sent a rapist to

Operating similar to the highly successful Crime Stoppers Program, Mattox Drug Busters Program would put a pusher out of business every 30 minutes. Confidential informants would receive at least 10 percent of all assets seized from pushers they help convict. Informants who test positive for drugs would be required to submit to treatment as a condition of their rewards.

"The community knows who the criminals are" Mattox said. They know who is dealing the drugs, committing the burglaries, threatening their loved ones. And when the drug pusher knows he is no longer welcome in our neighborhoods, that's when this war will be

won."

"The Internal Revenue Service has found that a 10-percnet reward helps them catch tax cheaters all the time. We believe this program will greatly improve our chances of solving a much more serious crime."

Mattox said that as Governor, he would standardize the dispersal of seized assets to all law enforcement agencies involved in a case to ensure that the assets are reinvested in the war against drugs, into drug education and into treatment programs.

Mattox also called on Texans to make an extra effort to keep dangerous drugs away from school children. "Our schoolyards have turned into drug supermarkets in far too many parts of Texas today," he said.

"We must eliminate drugs from our public schools so that our children have the clear minds they need to learn. And we must create drug-free school zones to save our next generations from the ravages of drugs."

The Mattox plan calls for a 2,000-foot Drug-Free Safety Zone around all of our public schools. It includes:

*Mandatory 100 hours of community serviceon top of any punishment imposed by the courts - for possesion of illegal drugs within the safety zone;

*Strict enforcement of new laws prohibiting use of telephone paging devices by student pushers; and

*Immunity from civil liability for teachers and school employees who provide law officers with information on illegal drug activity in their schools.

The third plank Mattox unveiled Tuesday is aimed at the growing illegal drug processing industry in Texas. Precursors-legal chemicals used to manufacture cocaine and other illegal drugs-are the essential ingredients that keep foreign and domestic drug labs running.

"In a very real sense, we are providing our own poison to drug traffickers." Mattox said, as he called on Texas chemical companies to cocaine producing nations.

Although acetone, ethyl ether, solvent "They're fed up with the dope pushers. toluene, methylethyl ketone and sulphuric acid have many legitimate uses, the sale of these and other chemicals to cocaine producing countries has increased 125 percent in the past six years despite the economic crisis in that region.

"With our position on the border with Mexico - the trampoline to and from Latin America - Texas must have the toughest precursor laws in the nation," Mattox said.

"We will tighten state regulations on the sale of precursors and work with the industry to create fair, effective requirements for registration guidelines, background checks and waiting periods for those who buy these chemicals.

"The checmical industry is a key component Texas' industrial base. We must be sensitive to the needs of their legitimate business. At the same time, they must be responsible corporate citizens."

Mattox will layout the remainder of his anti-drug platform over the coming weeks. "I'm going to be presenting a number of specific proposals to create a drug-free Texas," he

"Today is just the beginning."

C/C SPOTLIGHT REVIEW:

CASUALS PLUS & PLAZA WASH

SPOTLIGHT REVIEW #9

If you are looking for a small variety store with many novel and hard-to-find items, you need to visit "Casuals Plus." This cozy spot is located on the plaza square at Ann & Fulton streets, near the high school. Owners, Cordelia Mendecke and Lucille Fuentes, had the building constructed for their business in 1987. The plaza itself, with generous parking space, is beautified by schrubs, plants, ornamental trees, and other adornments; it will be most attractive in time. You will enjoy resting a bit on the wooden park benches which overlook the plaza.

A quick summary of nifty items you can purchase there include the following:

-T-Shirts for Brackett "Tiger" fans and H.S. Students. Decals are applied along with names while you wait. Sweat shirt/pants outfits for outdoor use, exercise, fishing, and hunting. Also, a great selection of sports caps cover a rack, with logo identification of your favorite professional football team, as well as hunter camouflage types. Undergarments for men and women are there too.

-A special rack and display counter contain inspirational and religious personables to carry or to display in special spots at

-Greeting cards for all occasions, but expecialy those identified from "Brackettville" to convey friendship and caring sentiments, are in great suply. Christmas cards, gift wrapping paper, and crepe-paper party streamers too.

-Baby gifts, cologne for men and women, and more gift selections.

-H.S. band students can obtain replacement reeds for their instruments, slide oil, and drum sticks. Artists can find oil paints, canvas boards, etc.

-Glassware such as punch or salad bowls, wine and water glasses, candy dishes, and condiment containers. Also, a few small appliances for the kitchen.

Plaza wash is next door. It is an excellent facility, being open, airy and welllighted, a place to delight the hearts of those who must use a commercial laundry place. The equipment which is nearly new consists of 40 standard load Maytag washers, three extra large ones for heavy washing, 14 regular dryers, 7 large load dryers, and 3 folding tables. Nice wooden benches add to your comfort while waiting for the machines to do the work.

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NEW LAWS AIM TO DECREASE TRUANCY, DROPPING OUT

"The American home constitutes the strength, security, and integrity of our Government," President William McKinley said. "It is the foundation of a pure national life. The good home makes the good citizen ... good government necessarily follows."

While parents should strive to provide a secure family life for their children, that task has become increasingly difficult for

In a report released in October, 1989, the Joint Speical Interim Committee on High School Dropouts reported that between 5 million and 15 million Texans are "latch-key children." returning from school in the afternoons to empty homes."

Most parents have no choice about working. While fathers traditionally have worked, the latest figures indicate that a majority of mothers of school-age children now work as well. In a 1985 survey, 48 percent of Texas mothers with children under age six reported working full-time. Among those with children aged six to 17, 63 percent reported working.

The Joint Committee conculded that "latchkey children" are at risk of becoming truants. Those whose parents fail to enforce school attendance laws are at risk of dopping out.

Parents who intentionally or negligently fail to ensure that children aged six through 17 (inclusive) are in school or are educated at home in accordance with TEA regulations may be prosecuted for allowing truancy. They may be penalized \$5-\$25 on first offense, \$10-\$50 on second offense and \$25-\$100 on subsequent offenses.

Too many parents, however, seem to be unaware of this responsibility.

The 71st Legislature addressed some of the problems related to school truancy and the concomitant parental responsibilty.

Senate Bill 1668 by Zaffirini, for example, strengthened the enforcement of truancy laws by allowing school attendance officers to refer truants to county juvenile probation departments for action as "conduct indicating a need for supervision." Courts are directed to prioritize these cases.

House Bill 969 by Rep. Lucio (D-Brownsville), which I sponsored in the Senate, enables judges to order parents to attend classes designed to help them learn how to cope with their children's truancy.

Our bill authorizes school districts to offer such courses. Participating parents would explore the causes underlying student truancy and strategies for resolving those problems.

H.B. 969 also allows juvenile courts and school districts to work together in developing educational and counseling programs for parents of chronically truant youth, with the goal of providing the tools and the motivation for addressing the issue.

Concurrently, under directive S.B. 1112 by Sen. Bill Haley (D-Center) and Rep. Ernestine ROBBIE ROBERTSON Glossbrenner (D-Alice), the Texas State Board of Education is changing school attendance

regulations.

School districts will be given more flexibility in determining whether to grant class credit to students with numerous unexcused absences. Each district will develop an attendance committe to hear such petitions and will be permitted to allow for "extenuating circumstances" in deciding whether or not to grant class credit.

The new rules are being developed because of fears by bill sponsors and educators that previous policies inadvertently may have increased dropout rates. Prior regulations were inflexible, allowing only five unexcused absences each semester before categorically denying class credit.

These measures are a strong message to our children that school attendance is so important that it is required by law. At the same time we are letting our children know that we will be reasonable in evaluating their best efforts to attend school.

Such messages must be reinforced by parents as well as educators, for children derive many values from both.

"We must believe the things we teach our children," Woodrow Wilson said. The converse also is true: We must teach our children our beliefs. We must show our children through our own commitment that we will accept nothing less than our children's best efforts.

THANK YOU

Again this year the Knights of Columbus were able to make a total of 25 food basket distributions to families of the community on Thanksgiving. Many thanks to those that donated canned goods and money.

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Location: Middle Rio Grande Development Council Planning Department, Uvalde, Texas.

How to apply: Mail resume or application to: Middle Rio Grande Development Council, c/o Personnel Department, P. O. Box 1199, Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834. Applications will be accepted until 5:00 P.M., December 18, 1989

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