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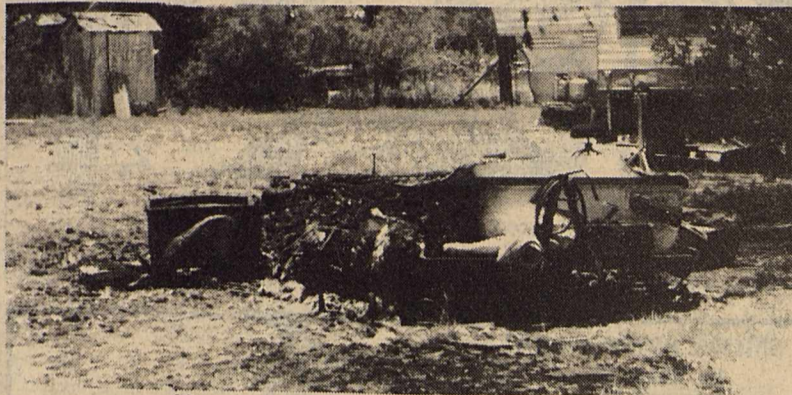
"If a man had half as much hindsight, as he has insight, he would have twice as much foresight"

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Charred remains of a camper trailer that burnt to the ground Friday night in Spofford.

Fire Destroys Camper Trailer

A fire was reported at 1:04 a.m. Friday night in Spofford. A camper trailer in a hunting camp was in full blaze when fire fighters arrived on the scene. By 1:20 a.m. the fire was under control.

A local resident of Spofford commented on the professionalism of the firemen. She stated, "They didn't seem afraid. Chester Puda (one of the volunteer firemen) just jumped over the fence and faced the fire head on and put it out. They were so professional, I'm very proud

of them all."

Adrian Reyes, Fire Chief, said there was so much damage to the trailer that arson investigators from Del Rio could not find a clue to the cause of the destruction.

The hunting camp, belonging to a resident of Houston, had been unoccupied for some time.

"Luckily," stated Adrian, "the propane tanks on the camper had already blown before firemen arrived."

"Siringo" written by Local Author will be Available Soon



Ben Pingent

Texas A & M University Press has just released Ben Pingent's new biography of Charles A. Siringo. Entitled "Siringo" (260 pp., photographs, notes, bibliography, index. \$29.50), it is the story of one of the most colorful characters to come out of the American West.

Charles Angelo Siringo began life on a raw and sparsely settled Texas frontier five years before the Civil War, and died nearly three-quarters of a century later in the sprawling west coast metropolis of Los Angeles. In between his birth and death, he overcame a Dickensian childhood to become a cowboy and longhorn trail driver, a merchant, a detective, a rancher, a state peace officer and a prolific author.

Over the span of his life, he came to know everyone from "Shanghai" Pierce, Billy the Kid and Pat Garrett, to "Bat" Masterson, Pawnee Bill, Clarence Darrow, Will James, Charles M. Russell, William S. Hart, Will Rogers and others, not to mention an assortment of state governors, state and national public officials and a panoply of Western bad men.

Siringo's fame is largely due to the fact that he wrote about himself so much, and although he wrote in a natural, amusing and unassuming style, the image he created is a self-serving portrait of a bold, gregarious and fiercely independent man of the West.

At age 30 he wrote his first autobiography entitled "A Texas Cowboy; or, Fifteen Years on the Hurricane Deck of a Spanish Pony." His book was immensely popular and remained in print for over 40 years. In fact, it is still in print today. Soon after writing "A Texas Cowboy", Siringo went to work as a detective for Pinkerton's National Detective Agency, and for the next 22 years he chased outlaws throughout the West.

After retiring to his ranch near Santa Fe, New Mexico in 1907, he

became embroiled in a bitter lawsuit with his former employer when he tried to publish an account of his experiences as a Pinkerton detective.

In 1922, he left New Mexico for southern California. Fascinated by Western movies and caught up by the myth his own writings had helped to create, he spent the last years of his life in Hollywood.

"Siringo" is based on a large number of original historical sources, and is an intimate and personal examination of the man behind his own self-created image.

Although Pingent's biography shows Siringo as a unique individual, he is also revealed to have been flawed in ways common to the human condition; that he was a man whose character was not only complex but sometimes even contradictory.

Charlie Siringo's life is told from his evolution as a twenty-two-year-old wild and carefree cowboy to that of a clever, audacious and purposeful cowboy detective. "Siringo" details the high points of his career with the Pinkerton detective agency, and examines his adventures, as well as his attitudes and convictions, setting these against the political, social and moral background of American thought in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

It is also the story of Siringo's life after leaving the Pinkertons, of his controversies with the agency, his years as a Santa Fe rancher and New Mexico Ranger. It is a personal story of love and romance, of human understanding and humane tenderness, of enduring and compassionate friendships, and of success, disappointment and failure.

Finally, it is the story of an ill and aging frontiersman struggling for survival in an urban environment; a nineteenth century man who had become an anachronism in a twentieth century world that had passed him by.

Ben Pingent, author of the recently released "Siringo", traveled to San Antonio Wednesday to speak before the national organization, "The Westerners". He will also speak July 11 to "Friends of the Library" in Del Rio.

Ben has always had an avid interest in history. He calls himself "a life-long student in the study of Historic events."

"Siringo" is the second book published by Ben Pingent and can be found at Walden Bookstore in Del Rio, later this month.

If you can't wait that long, ask Ben for a copy. You may even get a personal autograph in it.

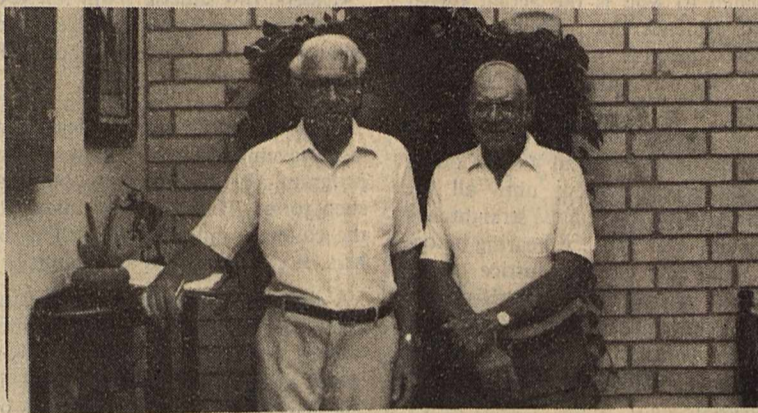
Fort Clark "Guests" Must be Accompanied by Member

The Fort Clark Springs Association, Inc., Board of Directors on Saturday, June 17, 1989, took action to curtail guest privileges for Fort Clark Springs members.

Due to abuse of the guest privileges by a few members, the Board felt it necessary to take this action. Specifically, on some days there were four (4) times as many guests using

the swimming pool as there were members. This is unfair to those members paying to support the Association and who do not abuse the system.

Guests who live within 20 miles of Fort Clark Springs are no longer authorized use of its recreational facilities, unless they are physically accompanied by the member.



Newly installed Lions President Charles Olsen and Past Lions President Louis Sofaly.

Olsen Elected Lions President

by Jennifer Pasanski

Charles Olsen was elected to the honorable position of Lions Club President, Thursday evening, June 15, at the annual installation of officer's meeting.

Lou Sofaly, while stepping down from the office of Lions President, was commended on leading "The busiest year ever for the Lions," stated one of the members.

Sofaly was also congratulated for attending every meeting and board meeting during his term. Sofaly stated, "I really enjoyed it, everybody responded good. I didn't have any trouble getting help and I'm proud of the rummage sale. It was the best we ever had. Everyone got out and really helped."

Newly elected officers for the year 1989-90 are: President - Charles Olsen; 1st Vice President - Clifford Lewis; 2nd Vice President - Quincy Roller; 3rd Vice President - Thomas Faulkenberry; Secretary/Treasurer - B. Peter Pohl; Tail Twister - Sammy Trollinger and Lion Tamer - Jerry O'Brien. The Board of Directors consists of Claude Owen, Francis Laison, Donald Parks, Walter Bauguess, Ben Nelson and all other past presidents.

Officers completing their terms were awarded as they stepped down from office. President Lou Sofaly received a beautiful jacket and the Key Award; 1st Vice President - Norman Butler, received a plaque; 2nd Vice President - Quincy Roller, received a plaque for dedicated service; Secretary/Treasurer - B. Peter Pohl, received "something he could show off", since his walls are full of plaques; and Tail Twister - Sammy Trollinger received a plaque as did Lion Tamer - Larry Sofaly.

Each officer was commended on a job well done. A special award was given to Lion Charlie Ward. He received a quarter century pin with a diamond setting.

Lion Sid Spohnholtz was honored with a plaque and a life membership at the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville. The contribution cost the Lions \$100 for the membership in Spohnholtz' name.

Lion Carl Lancell also received a plaque for services to the club. Lion Annie Owen received a Lapel pin for the honor of being the first Lady Lion in Kinney County.

Certificates of appreciation were awarded to Lion Ron Frisby, Lion Don Parks and non-member Pat Parks.

During the 1988-89 year, the Lions achieved many goals. In the month of July, they gave glasses to two persons, purchased a radio cassette player for the Flag Corp and gave a cash award to the Little League.

In the month of August, they gave glasses away to the needy, provided the McGruff puppet program to the Kindergartners, held the Peace

Poster Program and gave a \$50 Savings Bond to Tiffany Bryant. They also held a "Welcome Back Teachers" barbecue that served 160 people.

In the month of October, they held a Rummage Sale that grossed \$1,400, there were also three new members installed. \$50 was donated to handicapped children and \$150 was donated to the cheerleaders to help offset the cost of camp.

The month of December was also active for the Lions. They distributed 15 food baskets worth \$525. The annual pecan sale was held. Contributions to the sight and tissue campaign were given.

In the month of January, 25 pairs of glasses were given to San Antonio to be sent to second rate countries to the needy.

In the month of March, a \$250 scholarship was given to Tammy Frerich. The Lions also had a snowcone and cotton candy booth at the Frontier Fair.

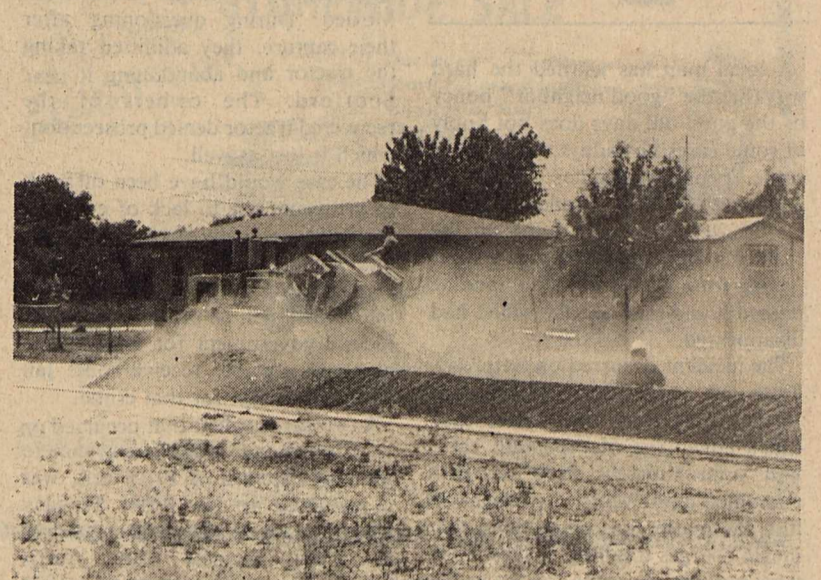


Past International President Herbert C. Petry.

The big event of the year was the 35th Charter Night Banquet. Herbert C. Petry, Past International President, (one of the most honored guests) attended the banquet. Four new members, including the first woman to join the Brackett Lions, were added.

A \$150 contribution was donated to the camp for handicapped children. April proved to be a successful month. The Lions donated \$500 to the Little League. They donated \$572 to the crippled children's camp, included a new member, gave \$100 to the Ortiz family after the tornado left them homeless and they donated \$100 to the Children's Hospital in San Antonio.

They attended the dedication of the Commanding Officers house and raffled a painting of local artist Bud Breen. The Lions have proven themselves to be very generous and an honorable asset to our community.



Construction crew from San Marcos make way for new water pipes in Spofford.

Water Lines Installed in Spofford

by Jennifer Pasanski

Spofford is finally getting their much needed water lines. Construction on the distribution lines began about two weeks ago and is expected to see completion this week.

"We've been waiting for years for this," stated Spofford resident Tootsie Herndon. Tootsie, wife of Spofford Mayor J.B. Herndon, informed *The Brackett News* that the water in Spofford is contaminated because of rusty pipes and the low water level of the wells.

The Texas Department of Health sent letters to the Spofford citizens urging residents to consume only bottled water.

"We are so pleased to get our new lines, we're using the money from the grant we fought so hard to get," stated Tootsie Herndon.

The City of Brackettville is obligated, under contract, to sell water to Spofford for 50 years. Problems involving the 50 year water contract have developed.

Mayor Vito La Gioia stated, "I'd like to re-negotiate the whole thing."

Tootsie Herndon, speaking in behalf of the Spofford residents, said that they would agree to any reasonable changes the Brackett Mayor had problems with. For the time being, Spofford residents are grateful that they may soon have an adequate water supply.

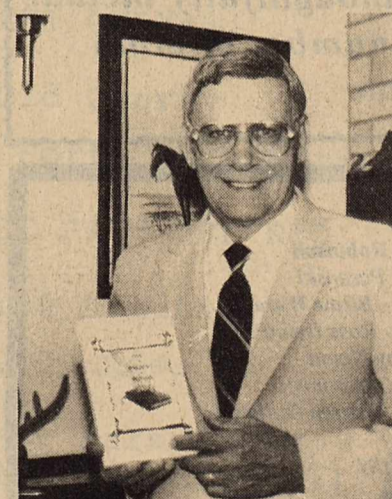
"A lot of people just don't understand how bad it is out here!" stated Tootsie. "Maybe this will help clean up the contamination," she added.

The next step will be to run trunk lines from Brackettville to Spofford.

This reporter would like to make special mention of the Spofford Mayor. He, along with a company out of San Marcos have been laying the much needed lines. The 72 year old Mayor is the overseer of the project and has been doing much of the work himself.

I, personally, have seen him working late in the evening, by himself, digging trenches and fitting pipe. J.B. has done all this work as a volunteer.

Preston Taylor's New Book on Revelations Receives Superb Reviews



Preston Taylor

by Penny Nixon

A local pastor has published a book on the difficult, yet exciting themes on the Bible's Book of Revelation. Preston Taylor of Brackettville's First Baptist Church will have an autograph party at the church's Fellowship Hall on Sunday, June 25, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Public notice

The Brackett Independent School District Board of Trustees will hold a public meeting to allow input from interested parties into the expenditure of Chapter I Regular, Chapter I Migrant and Chapter II federal money.

The hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Central Office Board Room on Monday, June 26, 1989.

"Opening with the theme 'A Book That Blesses' and closing with 'Captivating Conclusions,'" this pastor deals with some of the most difficult, yet most exciting themes in the Bible. The book of Revelation comes alive under the agile pen of one of the down-to-earth authors in our day," said Dr. Rudy A. Hernandez, of the Metro Park Baptist Church of San Antonio in the book's foreword.

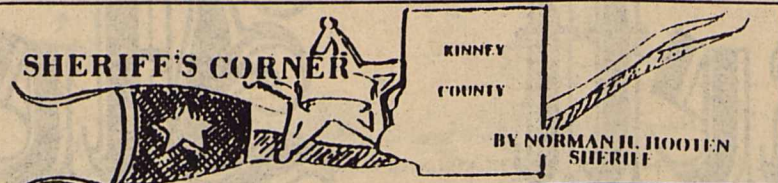
"His use of illustration, both from history and personal experience, is superb," Dr. Hernandez continued. "I believe this writing will bless thousands, even as his previous writings have done. God's hand has been upon the author in the preparation of this book."

Other books by Rev. Taylor are *Phillipians: Joy in Jesus*, *A Letter From Peter*, *Exodus: Escape From Evil*, and *111 Bible Messages*. Make plans to join Rev. Taylor and the congregation of the First Baptist Church from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, June 25, to celebrate the joyous occasion of a local writer's work.

Refreshments will be served during the autograph party. *Revelation: Past, Present, Future* by Preston Taylor will sell for \$10.00. Sixty percent of the Brackettville proceeds will be applied to the scholarships given to Lee Floyd and Melissa Meyer.

Public Notice

Monday, June 26, at 4:30 p.m. a special City Council meeting and public hearing will be held at City Hall to discuss the adoption of an Enterprise Zone for Brackettville. All interested persons are encouraged to attend.



The tractor was abandoned at the exact location of a previously located stolen tractor which leads investigators to believe that at least one of the suspects in this case might be linked to the prior theft.

Tracks of several persons were found leaving the scene of discovery of the latest theft and shortly before noon Border Patrol Agents had apprehended 11 illegal aliens from Mexico. During questioning after their capture, they admitted taking the tractor and abandoning it near Spofford. The owners of the recovered tractor denied prosecution, which is just as well.

The case would have been difficult to prosecute due to lack of evidence as to who actually took the tractor and did the driving. Border Patrol Agents have indicated that some of the "wets" will be prosecuted by the federal government for illegal entry and will possibly receive some jail upon conviction for that crime.

A two car accident that occurred on Ft. Clark Road, near the entrance to the Oaks section of Ft. Clark, was investigated by this writer Monday afternoon, June 19, at the request of Ft. Clark Security Chief Curtis Smith. The accident involved a 1978 Chevrolet Luv pickup driven by Domingo Montoya of Brackettville and a 1987 Ford pickup belonging to Ft. Clark Security and driven by Rosa Baker.

The patrol vehicle was making a left hand turn off Ft. Clark Road to a service road when it was struck in the left door and side by the Montoya vehicle when Montoya attempted to pass. No citations were issued due to traffic laws not applying on Ft. Clark, however, Montoya was arrested at the scene by this writer after a routine check through TCIC led to a "hit" (wanted person) on Montoya for parole violation.

Both vehicles were drivable after the accident and no one was injured. Montoya was transported to the county jail and booked on the warrant from the Texas Board of Pardons & Paroles. He is still in custody at the time of this writing

awaiting a final decision from the parole board on the disposition of his case.

We received a ten BOP (Bureau of Prisons) prisoners from the Uvalde County Sheriff's Department Tuesday, June 20. Uvalde County also has a federal prisoner program but had become overfilled with prisoners for various reasons and were forced to cut back on prisoner population.

We negotiated approval from BOP to take Uvalde's overflow as we were low on federal prisoners due to several being released the past couple of weeks. With the 10 received from Uvalde County on Tuesday, we are now up to 26 federal prisoners and 3 state (county) prisoners. This number puts us slightly over our capacity of 28.

Currently we are receiving \$28 per man day in prisoner care fees at the county jail. Kinda helps buy feed and hay!

A dirt bike motorcycle, that was reported stolen from a Ft. Clark resident almost a year ago, has been located and recovered in Del Rio. The case remains under investigation, however, due to complex issues related to who is the actual owner and evidence that indicates that a family member may have sold the dirt bike without the knowledge and approval of the owner.

The bike, valued at almost \$1,000 will be held by the Val Verde County Sheriff's Department until all the details in the case can be straightened out and cleaned up. A hearing before a Val Verde County Justice of the Peace will be necessary before the bike can be released. At this hearing, bona fide proof of ownership will be required before the bike can be released.

JUST FOR YOUR INFO: We have entered into negotiations with the U.S. Marshals Service and the Bureau of Prisons for an increase in daily prisoner care fees from the current \$28 per man day to \$30 per man day. It has been over 5 years since our last increase and we feel a \$2 increase is well within reason, due to increased costs in prisoner care management at the county jail.

Should we reach an agreement, it will go into effect at the beginning of the new fiscal year (October 1, 1989) and would increase our average annual income from prisoner care fees somewhere between \$15,000 and \$20,000 per year if the prisoner population remains stable at current numbers.

THAT'S ALL!

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I, Nakai Breen, would like to thank the person that reported the horse that was left in my care three months ago. But you reported the wrong person because the horse belongs to neither my son-in-law Erick Gum nor me.

It belongs to a gentleman from San Antonio. He left the horse here in my care until he could get a horse trailer. Yet, my husband and I are the ones that graze the horse every day. We buy feed and hay when we have the money.

One bale of hay, here in Brackett, costs \$7 and the sack of feed costs just about the same. I hardly have enough to buy food for my household.

One bale of hay feeds this horse three times. I could not offer to buy hay every other day. Now the horse is gone and again I thank you for calling Laughlin Base and in turn the Humane Society to directly accuse my son-in-law Erick Gum, when in fact he is not even involved with the horse. The horse was brought here during the Medicine Wheel.

If you are a Christian, remember there is an Almighty above you that is seeing all the injustice that you have caused me and mine.

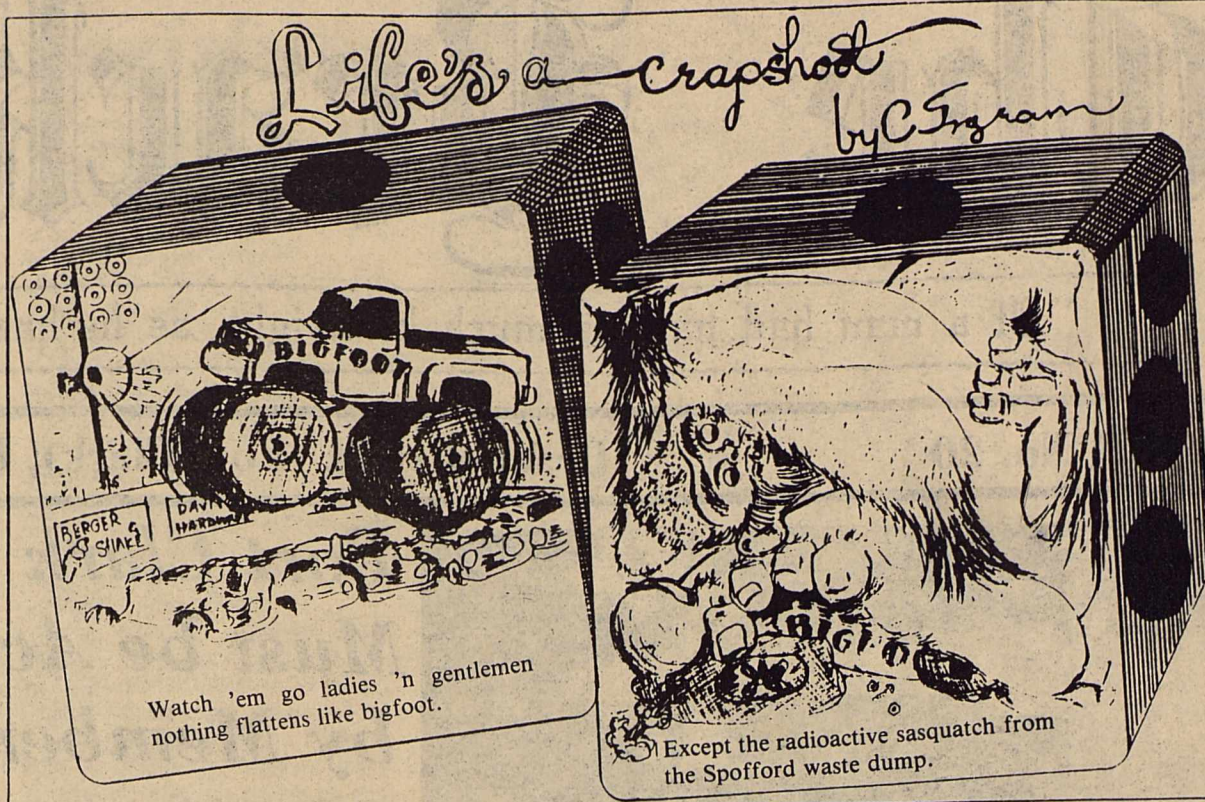
The person that reported this horse must not know a thing about horses. This horse was unloaded here. He is old, has high withers and sway back. He is also probably wormy, but he never went without drinking or eating.

Ahoo Nakai

Correction

We apologize to Ginger Dodson, City Secretary, for writing her name as Ginger Hooten last week in the June 15th issue.

This was a typographical error that was not noticed until the paper was printed. Again our apologies.



Se Oh

Readers, this sunrise I will tell you about the non-Indian children and what they think or say about an Indian.

I was invited to the Kindergarten last November for a Thanksgiving program. My little boy was a pupil in such room. Their teacher talked to the children and she said, "This is Mrs. Breen and she is an Indian."

A little boy jumped up and said, "No, she isn't! Do you remember when I saw you at the store and you were wearing blue jeans? That is because when I go to schools or military bases to speak I wear my Indian regalia."

Another child told the mother he wanted to meet an Indian, so she brought him to my house to meet me. He said, "She is not an Indian. Her son is in my grade."

Another grandmother from Rocksprings brought her grandson to meet me. He said, "I thought my grandfather had killed you because he tells me stories of how many bear, buffalo and Indians he has killed." I told the child that his grandpa must not have been a sharp shooter because I was still here.

I cannot understand how people still dwell on Indian battles of one hundred years ago. I was not even born yet. All the wars, even the Vietnam, are history.

I am proud to say that from my adopted father to my brothers, husband and sons all served honorably in our United States service.

My father Hobbs was stationed here in Ft. Clark. I have a picture to prove it. He was with the mule unit. My people, the Cherokee, fought side by side with Sam Houston. "The Raven" Chief Bowls was in charge of the Eastern Band.

I feel so proud of any and everyone that is still in the service and every veteran. I am a flag waver from way back.

With good medicine,
Nakai

"The Great Government Gun Grab"

by Donald S. McAlvany

No country has ever fallen to a communist revolution, but that its citizens have not first had their firearms confiscated. Despots and tyrants throughout history have advocated restriction of weapons for citizens. The Nazis confiscated guns when they came to power. And the political left in America has been campaigning for over 30 years, to register, confiscate and completely ban firearms ownership. Our Founding Fathers saw firearms as a bulwark against tyranny and talked and wrote frequently (including in the Second Amendment to the Constitution) about how guns in the hands of the citizenry were essential in preserving the liberty of a free people.

Now, led by a liberal Republican President, his drug czar (William Bennett), the BATF (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms), Congressional liberals, the liberal US media, and the same political left which is pro-Sandinista, pro-abortion, anti-death penalty, pro-disarmament, pro-sanctions against South Africa, etc., the most dangerous onslaught against gun ownership in US history has now moved into high gear.

A couple of years ago, the gun-control movement coined the emotionally negative phrase, "Saturday Night Special", to launch a campaign against hand gun ownership (e.g. .357 magnums, .38 special, .45 automatics, etc.). They were only partially successful in certain states and cities thanks to the efforts of several large pro-gun citizens' groups. Now, the anti-gun political left (led by Handgun Control, Inc. and the National Coalition to Ban Handguns) has coined a new emotional propaganda phrase with which to incite anti-gun hysteria - "the assault rifle".

In the immediate wake of the Stockton, California murder of 5 school children by a maniac with an AK-47, the political left across America began to scream in well orchestrated unison - "assault rifles are evil and barbaric" and must be banned. After a week's national media blitz on this theme, they began to substitute for the phrase "assault rifles", the phrase "semi-automatic weapons" - which includes most of the rifles and over half of the handguns and shotguns in America. So the second phase was to launch a cry for the banning of all semi-automatic firearms.

(Writer's Note: The only hunters rifles which are not semi-automatic are the older bolt action, lever action and pump action models - a tiny minority of all US rifles; and revolvers. Even the popular World War II .45 automatic is a semi-automatic pistol. [Even bolt action rifles and most shotguns are included in the new anti-gun legislation.] According to the US Defense Department, "assault rifles" are by

definition "fully automatic." None of the foreign made rifles banned by the Bush Administration are fully automatic (these have been illegal since the 1930s), nor are they "assault rifles". This was a scare/propaganda phrase fabricated by the leftist gun control groups and latched on to by the media and the Bush Administration.)

In March, The Bush Administration moved to ban the importation of certain foreign made semi-automatic rifles (such as the Uzi, AK-47, etc.) and in early April widened the ban on importation to all foreign made semi-automatic rifles, including .22 calibre. They pressured Colt Industries, which has large military contracts with the government, to cancel production of the AR-15 (and it did) and are pressuring other US manufacturers to do the same. Bush has even sent the BATF into gun

stores across America for the past 30 days to photocopy Form 4473 records of anyone who has bought a Semi-automatic weapon over the past month or so. (This is called the BATF Advanced Tracing Program).

(Writer's Note: The BATF is the "Gestapo" of gun control, which is made up of rabidly anti-gun bureaucrats who have, for years, trounced on the rights of gun dealers, gun owners, hunters, etc. They will be Bush's primary "enforcers".)

This is the same George Bush who warned us last fall that if we voted for Dukakis, we would get gun control. Bush has given us the first significant pieces of gun control legislation since the 1968 Anti-Gun Act (which liberal Congressman Bush voted for). And this control is not even legislation, but is government fiat, issued by drug czar William Bennett for the President.

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by Mark Brown

(Author's note: This column can only help you recognize potential legal risks and opportunities, not solve them. Please do not attempt to solve individual problems with only this general information.)
(Editor's note: The author, an attorney in San Angelo, is Board Certified in Farm and Ranch Real Estate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.)

by Mark Brown
Texas is an heir to the U.S. Constitution only by adoption.

While the U.S. Constitution was being signed Sept. 17, 1787, in Philadelphia, Texas was claimed by Spain and warring Indian tribes. It's first indigenous constitution wouldn't come, however, until 1824 under Mexican rule.

Texas did not embrace the U.S. Constitution until its 1845 annexation, 58 years after it was signed in Philadelphia.

So do Texas and Tom Green County really have anything to celebrate? Absolutely. The Constitution works for the people of Texas and Tom Green County every day.

It works every time a newspaper lands on a doorstep or a television or radio station broadcasts news or editorials, and prohibits Congress from abridging freedom of the press.

A free press provides an independent institution to investigate and report on the workings of government. A free press generates honest analysis and critique of government policy which are essential for an informed electorate.

The Constitution works every time a member of the clergy steps into the pulpit. Because the Constitution forbids Congress to establish a religion or prohibit the free exercise of religion, government is prevented from using its purse strings or police powers to manipulate churches for its own ends.

Churches remain free to pursue their spiritual mission with integrity, and provide an independent moral voice that powerfully affects public opinion about government policies.

The Constitution works every time individuals enjoy a particular movie, book, video, magazine or musical recording. Its protection of speech and freedom of expression allows every individual to select these materials according to his own personal judgment and taste.

The Constitution's guardianship of individual liberty is vital in a republic with such a culturally and philosophically diverse citizenry.

The Constitution also works every time citizens are summoned for jury duty. Its guarantee of trial by jury is an important safeguard against government resorting to efficient, time-tested methods of disposing of political opposition through politically motivated criminal prosecution based on false charges.

Jurors simply cannot be relied on to render the guilty verdicts sought by such prosecutions.

The Constitution works when a student in Tom Green County voices concern about proposed mandatory drug testing in the public schools. Although such testing would facilitate identifying drug users, it would invade the privacy of non-drug users and - through inevitable testing errors - misidentify and stigmatize some non-users as users.

Such mandatory testing would be unconstitutional under most conceivable circumstances as a violation of the individual's right of privacy.

The Constitution works every time someone wants to make law enforcement easy. The important mission of enforcing our laws cannot be easy if the innocent are to be protected and if the criminal justice system's treatment of the guilty is to be proportionate to their offenses.

The requirement of probable cause, the right to be secure against unreasonable searches and seizures, the Miranda warning, the right to notice of the charges against one, the right to counsel, the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses, the right to be present at one's trial, and the right to public trials by jury all protect the innocent.

Although most people indicated in Tom Green County generally prove to be guilty, constitutional protections are still necessary. Under constitutional safeguards, the innocent is usually acquitted before the prosecution reaches the indictment stage.

The Constitution works every time the City Council, county commissioners, the state Legislature, the lake board or any other body with legislative powers enacts an ordinance or statute.

It limits the extent an ordinance or statute can authorize the government to intrude on citizens' rights.

With thousands of bills introduced at each regular session of the Texas Legislature, it is not surprising, however, that a few that exceed constitutional limits get enacted.

In 1981, the Legislature passed a law authorizing commissioners courts in rural counties to declare in their minutes that they believe that a road across a particular tract of land is public. The law does not require that notice of this declaration be

given to the landowner. The law stated that if the landowner did not file a lawsuit within two years and prove that the road remained private, the road would become public, without any compensation being paid to the landowner.

The statute plainly exceeded constitutional limits and was void. The lack of notice to the landowner was a denial of due process. The commissioners court's conversion of a private road into a public one by its mere declaration would be a taking of private property for public purposes without compensation, which also is prohibited by the Constitution.

Fortunately, an appeal to the courts to strike down the law was unnecessary. Recognizing the problem, the Legislature amended the law in 1985.

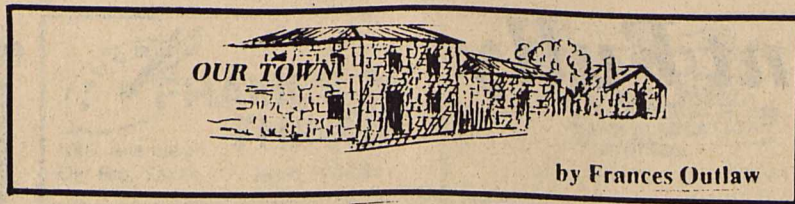
Probably no constitutional rights are more frequently exercised than the rights to speak freely and to petition the government for redress of grievances.

The Constitution works not only to prevent government from abusing citizens but, in a sense, to prevent citizens from abusing government. The Constitution safeguards our republican form of government by preventing the aggregation of power sufficient for tyranny.

There always have been, and always will be, evil men seeking despotic power. Such people's names regularly appear in history books and in newspapers. Even good men and women can be transformed by the intoxication of power.

The framers of the Constitution were students of human nature. Though created 200 years and 1,400 miles distant, the Constitution works in Tom Green County because human nature remains the same from the banks of the Delaware River to the banks of the Concho.

The Constitution remains as vital and important today as when the framer's ink dried on Sept. 17, 1787. This we should celebrate.



Tino and Rose Mary Cervantes had a full house for Father's Day. Sons, James and William came in, however, their brother Richard wasn't able to make it. Marcella Cervantes, granddaughter from Houston, also came in.

Jim lives in Sacramento, California, where he teaches at the University of California, also his friend Laura Graves came in. She is working on her PH. D. at California State. She calls Ozona, Texas home. Billy, wife Cyndy and 4-year old Cody came in from Houston, as did Marcella.

Marcella graduated from SWTJC in Uvalde, then went to Stephen F. Austin and now is back in Houston and will attend the University of Houston. Two trips to Acuna and side trips of the Seminole Cemetery and the devastation of our woods proved very interesting to the group. Many pictures were taken. All in all a great time was had by all.

Having visited Fort Clark as a youngster in 1963, John Reed of Austin returned for a two day visit June 15 and 16. John's first visit back was in 1988 and he commented on the many changes that had taken place in his absence.

One incident that stood out in his mind was on his trip his mom warned him not to walk out on the parade grounds (now the golf course) for fear that the snakes might bite him.

If you are visiting the Fort Clark Swim Park, be sure to duck in to the "Duck Inn" for hot dogs, hamburgers, snacks, cold drinks and ice cream. The inn is open daily, except Thursdays, from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

It's a granddaughter for Oscar and Marguerite Neuman. Jessica Ann Neuman was born June 9, 1989, to son Fred and daughter-in-law Geri Ann of Hobson, Texas.

Maxine Schofield was in the hospital for several days. She is now home and feeling great.

A family reunion at the NCO Club in Fort Clark for the family of Bud and Mary Agnue, last Saturday and

Sunday, was enjoyed by all.

THE WATCH THAT SPENT THE NIGHT IN KNIPPA!!!!!!

Just call me lucky, lucky! A week ago Tino and Rose Mary were driving back from Houston, at Knippa, drivers changed. Rose Mary got out to go around to the driver's seat. For some reason she noticed the location. When they arrived home, her wrist-watch was missing.

The next day, Sunday, around 3:00 p.m., they invited friends "Batch" and Marge Batchlor to go for a ride and headed towards Knippa. They stopped at the location where they had stopped the day before, and after only 3 minutes of looking, the watch was spotted by "Batch". It was exactly where it had fallen 24 hours earlier. It was intact and running great!

A Concerned Citizen Asks

A concerned citizen asks - "Why, when we were asked to conserve water, does the County Courthouse have sprinklers going on during the hottest part of the day?"

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Second Nuclear Plant Fully Operational

Early this morning, the South Texas Project Unit 2 became the second nuclear-powered generating unit in the state to be declared in commercial operation. The declaration was made shortly after midnight.

With this achievement, the construction and testing era of STP comes to an end. Both of the plant's 1,250-megawatt reactors are producing electricity at full capacity. Unit 1 began commercial operation on August 25, 1988.

"With this declaration of commercial operation, STP Unit 2 adds a new dimension to energy independence in Texas. In the early '70's, as we faced one of the most severe energy crisis in our nation's history, we made a commitment to diversify our fuel base.

Today, we see the full realization of that goal. In the future, this achievement will help us better defend against fluctuations in our energy supply," said Tom Shockley, president and chief executive officer of Central Power and Light Company. CPL owns 25.2 percent of the plant.

"About a quarter of our electric supply to our customers will be produced by low-cost nuclear fuel. Additionally with STP, South

Texans can count on an ample, reliable supply of electric power which will help attract new business and industry and build jobs."

Start-up testing on Unit 2 began in March when it received a full-power license from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The unit must now be certified in commercial operation by the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

Since Unit 1 began operation, it has had one of the highest performance records of new nuclear units in the nation, Shockley said. The unit has been "at power" for more than 100 consecutive days since it was returned to service March 5, following a maintenance outage. At full capacity, both units produce enough power for half a million homes.

The nuclear power plant in

Matagorda County has attracted international attention as a state-of-the-art plant with recent visitors including engineers from the Soviet Union, Japan and the People's Republic of China. A delegation from France is expected to arrive this week.

STP is owned by CPL, Houston Lighting & Power Company, and the cities of San Antonio and Austin.

State Money Available for Traffic Light Synchronization

Governor Bill Clements announced today that his campaign to improve governmental efficiency, waged from the Texas Capitol, is now being moved to the streets.

Literally. Clements announced today a \$5.2 million program, administered by his Energy Management Center, designed to enhance traffic light synchronization in cities and towns across Texas.

"This common sense approach to traffic management can save Texans

both time and money by improving the flow of traffic in cities and towns all across our state," Clements said.

"Cars and trucks use more gasoline per mile in traffic than on the open road. In fact, it has been estimated that between 30 percent and 40 percent of fuel burned in high traffic is burned while idling at red lights."

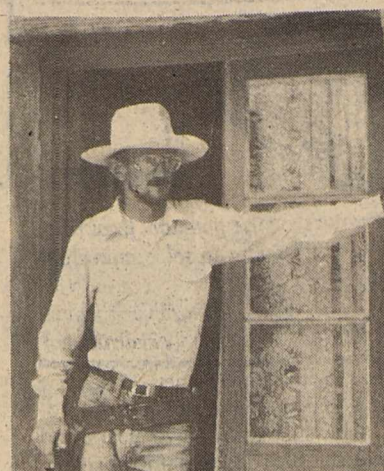
Clements said that less than half of the estimated 13,000 traffic lights in Texas are timed for maximum driving efficiency.

The synchronization program will

be administered by the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation. Texas cities will compete for a share of the synchronization funds under guidelines to be established by the highway agency.

State funds can be used to supplement up to 75 percent of a city's total synchronization effort.

Money for the program is being obtained from oil overcharge funds which have been refunded to Texas as settlement for alleged oil company violations of federal price controls between 1973 and 1981.



by Jennifer Pasanski
Richard "Rich" L. Curillo, an employee at Alamo Village, has been visiting the village since he was a young boy.

In 1961, he visited the famous village wearing his raccoon skin cap. He was excited to be on the location where movies were made. "Even then I knew that I wanted to be part of making movies," stated Rich.

"I knew all about the Alamo at the age of 12. When I graduated from High School I was interested in film making because of the Alamo," he added.

Rich enrolled in college at Penn State and began studying production courses. He learned production, editing and required full training. Soon he began teaching film production courses. During summer breaks he would return to Alamo

Curillo: You May Soon Be Hearing a Lot About Him.

Village to work. "Every summer I worked for Happy and began directing the gunfighters," said Rich.

Rich now has a production office at Alamo Village and has written and completed three scripts for movies to be made at Alamo Village.

His production office is called GTT. It stems from the early western days when people would post "Gone with Texas" on their doors.

"After a certain point you know who you are, then you need to make it work for you. Now, it's just getting closer and closer to that goal. The real reason I'm here is to write scripts and make films," stated Rich.

"The next step will be to sell a script," stated Happy Shahan. "Remember Richard's name. You'll be hearing a lot about him in the future," added Happy.

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by Gus Garcia

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First off, I would like to congratulate my parents on their 26th wedding anniversary on the 30th.

Well, how has your summer been? I guess you could say O.K.

Driver's Ed has been pretty exciting. Several people have completed their needed hours and are on their way to being "Kings on the Road".

Let's check up on some people and see how their summer vacation is going: Yvonne Luna, Head Cheerleader for 1989-90, hopefully plans to go to SEA WORLD and find herself some secretarial work.

Lee Anne Carle is planning to go to Fort Worth to visit relatives and go

to Rio Dosa, New Mexico, also to visit relatives.

Mrs. Sally Justice (teacher) says: "Ain't doing nothing!"

Rosa Pena, typesetter for *The Brackett News* just visited her husband, Lalo, in Great Lakes Naval Training Base and is planning to visit long time friend Marie Sofaly in San Antonio. Isn't she the busy bee!

So it seems that there is a great variety in what people are up to. I hope you have got something exciting to do this summer! If you do, let me hear about it!

Happy Birthday to Robert McCall on the 22nd. Also, a hearty Happy Birthday to Ms. Estha Barker on the 24th.

See ya next week!

BETWEEN US



by Joe Townsend



and treatment". Research has established the cause and spread of AIDS.

With rare exceptions, it is a fact that AIDS can be controlled by refraining from deviate and promiscuous sex and use of needle-induced drugs. Why should the general populace be harnessed to pay for immorality?

It's high time the masses carefully looked at these devastating issues and let fact and reason deliver them from fear. There's too much to make life enjoyable to have it soiled by fear of what some negativists, who seek only publicity, so loudly torch under the microscope of truth and reality, these predictions coming forth as loud clanging warnings in reality are tinkling cymbals.

I grow weary of the purveyors of doom. Never a day passes but the news media parades across our path, persons who say we are destroying our world. The ozone layer is becoming a favorite whipping post.

There are those who would have us believe that every drought is caused by the "green house" effect caused by this calamity. No matter that the next year record breaking floods come.

There are those who would have us believe we will all get cancer because of the polluted air we breathe. There are those who would have us believe we will all die because of pollution of our water supply. It goes on and on and on.

Yet, people live longer now than ever in America. The fact is that many people die with cancer because they have outlived all other physical problems. The basic fact is that we are all going to die.

We'd all like to be fully active and just go to sleep some night and wake up dead. Chances of this happening are from few to none. It's a sordid and miserable existence to live under the shadow of fear. It robs one of joy and happiness and makes one feel as though he is walking in quicksand.

In the first place, a careful analysis of these purveyors of doom will easily show they are simply setting up straw men in order to knock them down.

The jury is still out on the ozone layer. The jury is still out on air and water pollution. When any issue gets into politics, it becomes an issue that politicians feel they can throw money at and solve the problem.

The taxpayer today is bled for millions and millions of dollars because of fancied problems. The homosexual community continually demands millions more "research

Tien Tsin, July 25.—News has reached here that a battle is raging outside of New Chwang. The fighting can be seen from the housetops.

In the engagement of yesterday, the Russian losses are reported to have been 700. The Japanese are slowly nearing New Chwang. Great excitement prevailed in that city during Saturday and Sunday's fights.

Battle Near New Chwang.
New Chwang: A battle was fought Saturday near Ta Tche Kiao, attended, it is believed, with heavy losses. The progress of the battle was watched by the Chinese. The day was clear and the guns could be plainly seen.

Was at Ta Haul.
Tien Tsin: A report from New Chwang states that Saturday's battle was at Ta Haul, six miles distant, and that the Japanese were successful. Many Chinese refugees arriving at New Chwang have reported that nine Japanese guns from Fort Arthur have arrived at Tah Ting Shan.

Japs Advance Toward Slakhotan.
St. Petersburg: Lieut. Gen. Sakharoff, in a dispatch to General Staff, dated July 23, reports skirmishes in the vicinity of Kai Chou on July 22. Lieut. Gen. Count Keller's reconnoissances on the same day showed that the Japanese had only weak detachments at the Slakokao and Wangkau passes.

There was no change in the situation in the high road to Mukden, according to the report, but strong Japanese columns with thirty guns were advancing along the left bank of the Tai Tse river in the direction of Slakhotan.

Disposition of Japanese.
Liao Yang: The Japanese forces to the eastward are grouped at Liaocho, Fenshul and Sigowlin passes. The southern army is at Shuyen, in close touch, and apparently awaiting developments.

Yin Kow is quite free from Japanese troops who have made no attempt to occupy it.

Gone to the Bottom.
Tokio: The Russian Vladivostok squadron has sunk the merchantman which it captured off the coast of Idzu Province Sunday. The name of this ship and her nationality are not known, and nothing has been learned of the fate of her crew.

The Russian warships were last replaced the late Mgr. Guidi.

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Cape Iro is about thirty-five miles southwest of Yokohama and about fifty miles from the entrance to the bay upon which Yokohama and Tokio are located.

A Probable Prize.
Tokio: It is reported that a merchant vessel is accompanying the Vladivostok squadron which was sighted Sunday morning sixty miles off Idzu. It is probable that the merchantman is a captive.

A Family Affair.
Knoxville, Tenn.: A special to the Journal and Tribune from Jonesboro, Tenn., says that Robert Keys has been shot and killed by his son in law, Joe Martin, at the Keys home, twelve miles from Jonesboro. No details are obtainable. Keys was a prosperous farmer and both families are prominent.

May Go to Manila.
Rome: The Giornale d'Italia says that it is likely that Mgr. Falconi, the apostolic delegate in the United States will be transferred to Manila to replace the late Mgr. Guidi.

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Henry Boltzoff

Trivia Test by Linda Luckhurst

1. **Nations:** Name two countries that border Mongolia.
2. **States:** What state has the nickname "Granite State?"
3. **Capitals:** What is the state capital of Florida?
4. **Music:** What was the name of Debbie Gibson's first hit single?
5. **Money:** What is the type of currency used in Norway?
6. **Presidents:** Name the 39th President of the United States.
7. **First Ladies:** What was President Truman's wife's first name?
8. **Jewelry:** What is the modern-day birthstone for the month of November?
9. **Gifts:** What is the traditional gift for a second wedding anniversary?

YOUR HOROSCOPE

by Charles King Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Talks with bigwigs on the job will be highly successful, but guard against unwise expansion. You'll profit from some down-to-earth advice about one of your projects. In addition, keep home expenditures within reasonable limits.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) An unexpected social meeting could interfere with your plans for the week. Parents make plans regarding a child's future welfare at this time. One career idea may be a bit far-fetched, so think before acting.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Unexpected company could be headed your way this week so keep up on your domestic chores. Your creativity is now at a peak. You'll enjoy a stimulating summit with a young person. Guard against unnecessary evening expenses this week.

MOON CHILDREN (June 21 July 22) Seek more than one opinion regarding a future investment matter. Competition is touchy in business at this time, but you will end this week with career gains. Be determined in this area. Romance looms for you this week as a person from your past reappears in your love life.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Don't let an argument with a close tie about money spoil what should be a trusting and long-lasting friendship. You're good at promoting yourself this week as your creativity is on a high. You're most persuasive with honchos at work and family members on the home front.

VRIGO (August 23 to September 22) Some complicated problems may arise in your social life this week, but you're able to turn things around to your satisfaction by week's end. It won't take much to start a squabble this week, so use tact when dealing with others whose personality is extremely sensitive.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Guard against an unwise use of

credit on pleasure pursuits this week. A chance to get ahead drops in your lap now, but you must capitalize on it with some hard work and determination. Ignore the fiery set of relatives in your life at this time looking to stir up some turbulent times.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Exciting and enjoyable times come this week in the company of friends. Extra drive puts you on top of a business concern. Confidential information is entrusted to you. Social contacts can be trusted at this time and may be helpful to you in business.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This week local travel has romantic overtones. Creative pursuits are favored now. Try not to spend too much money this week. You'll also meet with success on the job. Favorable behind-the-scenes developments affect your financial picture.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Try to use your leisure time constructively. There's a tendency to worry too much about a career matter. You could be making a big deal out of something inconsequential. This is not the best week to ask for favors from friends.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) This week is probably not the best time to win someone's heart. Financial problems could arise now. Worry could keep you from being your best self. You may be concerned about a domestic matter, but try not to take your frustrations out on those close to you.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You'll have luck with a business venture, but silence could build a wall between you and a close tie this week. Don't let small things become stumbling blocks. Make sure you keep all communication lanes open at home and on the job.

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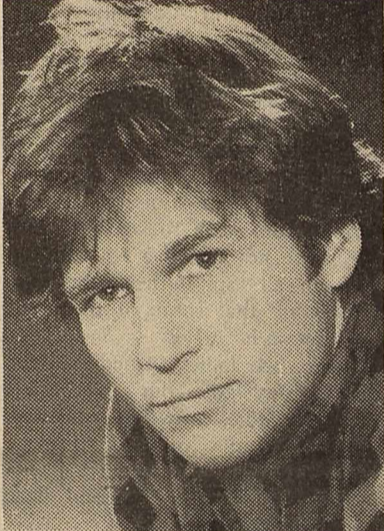
ACROSS

1. City in India
6. Nipperlike organ
11. Farewell (Sp.)
12. Body of water
13. Black tern (Eur.)
14. Take out (print)
15. Foreboding
16. Lamprey
17. Steer wildly (naut.)
19. Solar deity (Egypt.)
22. Salt (Chem.)
25. Lines at head of articles (Journalism)
28. Run away and marry
30. On fire
31. Proved false
33. Seed vessel
34. Wager
35. Common seagull
37. Hawaiian food
39. Sibyllant exclamation
43. A meal
46. Peruvian Indian
47. Accumulate
48. Melodies
49. A drop
50. Narrow strips of wood

2. A Dutch cheese
3. Coins (It.)
4. Callous
5. Part of "to be"
6. American Indian
7. Elevation
8. Evening (poet.)
9. Permit
10. Land-measure
14. Covered with dew
18. Incite
19. Small cut
20. Leading
21. actor in a play
22. Native of Serbia
23. Toward the lee
24. Gallery in a church
26. Dip out
27. Whether
29. Early bronze coin (Chin.)
32. Send forth
36. Revolve
37. Gone by
38. Mountain of Thessaly
40. Protuberances of the skull
41. Begone!
42. Soviet news agency
43. Large roofing slate
44. Ostrich-like bird
45. Caress
48. Roman pound

Top Video Rentals

1. "Cocktail" starring Tom Cruise (Touchstone) Last Week: No. 1
2. "Big" Tom Hanks (CBS-Fox) No. 2
3. "The Accused" Jodie Foster (Paramount) No. 7
4. "Tucker: A Man And His



Dreams" Jeff Bridges (Paramount) No. 3

5. "Gorillas In The Mist" Sigourney Weaver (MCA) No. 9
6. "A Fish Called Wanda" John Cleese (CBS-Fox) No. 6
7. "Eight Men Out" Charlie Sheen (Orion) No. 11
8. "Child's Play" Catherine Hicks (MGM/UA) No. 4
9. "Crocodile Dundee II" Paul Hogan (Paramount) No. 8
10. "Mystic Pizza" Annabeth Gish (Virgin Vision) No. 5
11. "Betrayed" Debra Winger (MGM/UA) No. 10
12. "Big Business" Bette Midler (Touchstone) No. 13
13. "Married To The Mob" Michelle Pfeiffer (Orion) No. 14
14. "Crossing Delancey" Amy Irving (Warner Bros.) No. 15
15. "Die Hard" Bruce Willis (CBS-Fox) No. 12
16. "Clara's Heart" Whoopi Goldberg (Warner Bros.) No. 18
17. "Bull Durham" Kevin Costner (Orion) No. 17
18. "Bat 21" Gene Hackman (Media Home Ent.) No. 19
19. "Dead Ringers" Jeremy Irons (Media Home Ent.) No. 21
20. "Fresh Horses" Andrew McCarthy (RCA/Columbia) No. 22

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Videorettes by Rhonda Hill

SPECIAL COLLECTOR'S ITEM — Walter Cronkite, who appeared on CBS news for over 30 years, is teaming up with CBS/Fox Home Video for a special home video release. The vid, titled "Man On The Moon," is to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the historic



landing on the moon. This special video will be released on July 6 for a suggested retail price of \$19.98.

NEW HOME VIDS OF NOTE — "The Accidental Tourist" starring William Hurt, Kathleen Turner, and Geena Davis (Warner Bros.) \$89.95 ... "I'm Gonna Get You Sucka" starring Keenan Wynn and Bernie Casey (MGM/UA) \$89.98 ... "Options" starring Matt Salinger and Joanna Pacula (Vestron) \$89.98 ... "American Ninja 3" starring David Bradley (Cannon) \$89.95 ... "Alpine Fire" starring Thomas Nock (Vestron) \$79.98 ... "Traveling North" starring Leo McKern and Julia Blake (Virgin Vision) \$79.95.

RECOMMENDED NEW SPECIALTY VIDEOS — "Dirty Tennis" starring Dick Van Patten (MCA) \$19.95 demonstrates dirty ways of distracting your opponent ... "Playboy Wet And Wild" various artists (HBO) \$19.98 ... "Shape Up With Mary Hart" starring Mary Hart (Avon Home Video) \$19.95.

COMING SOON — This July 27, 1989, Orion Home Video will release the most talked about motion picture of 1989 in "Mississippi Burning" starring Gene Hackman and Willem DaFoe for a suggested retail of \$89.98.

Top 10 Movies

1. Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade starring Harrison Ford
2. See No Evil, Hear No Evil Richard Pryor
3. Pink Cadillac Clint Eastwood
4. Field of Dreams Kevin Costner
5. Road House Patrick Swayze
6. K-9 Jim Belushi
7. Earth Girls Are Easy Geena Davis
8. Dead Poets Society Robin Williams
9. Major League Corbin Bernsen
10. No Holds Barred Hulk Hogan

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Vision Teaser

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Hair is shorter. 2. Mouth is larger. 3. Package is missing. 4. Head is turned. 5. Shirt is different. 6. Hand is concealed.

Flick Picks by Debbie Fletcher

PINK CADILLAC — It's hard for me to even begin to sort this one out. My first thought was, why in heaven's name did Clint Eastwood even do this movie? It's not in his usual vein, but, then again, he has been trying his hand lately at a lot of new ventures. That sounds good. I guess I'll go with that.

Anyway, let's begin with the plot. Clint's character, Tom Nowak, is a man who tracks down bail jumpers. His latest job is to find Lou Ann McGuinn (Bernadette Peters) and her eight-month-old baby. It seems McGuinn's husband is a speed freak who agreed to hold a quarter of a million dollars in counterfeit money for an organization of Neo-Nazis, so she's in trouble with the law herself. Well, this lady has a strange idea of keeping herself hidden. She ends up in Reno, flashing around her husband's wad of counterfeit bills, and is finally spotted by Nowak at a crap table, provocatively wiggling her hips in a really slinky (and loud) red dress.

However, once he's got her, he decides he likes her — and he buys her sad story. She, too, is captivated by him. But let's not get carried away, we still have to deal with the bad guys (Neo-Nazis) who are also after McGuinn. Thus, we have high-speed chase sequences, and some action which is reminiscent of earlier Eastwood movies.

What really doesn't work here is Clint's apparent attempt at comedy. While that granite face does once in a while actually crack a smile, somehow we are not amused. This is made doubly so when such a light-hearted attitude is taken regarding the baby, who is in constant, life-threatening danger.

Have you got that all straight now? I still don't think I do! **Rated: PG-13. Star Rating: ★½.**

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Answers to King Crossword

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MagicMaze

NBA Names

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

Bird	Wilkins	Drexler	Thomas
McHale	Cheeks	Floyd	Cummings
Jabbar	Malone	Ewing	Barkley
Worthy	Davis	Jordan	

Sports Quiz Answers

(Quiz on page 7.)
1. Bill Wiloughby; Atlanta Hawks, 1975, 18 years old; 2. 23 times; 3. Pittsburgh Pirates; 6. Jackie Slater; 7. 10; 8. Steve Busby; 9. Krone; 10. China, 19.

Trivia Test Answers

Bernice Frankel
1. The U.S.S.R. to the north and China to the south; 2. New Hampshire; 3. Tallahassee; 4. "Only in My Single; 4 Mike Witt, 1978; 5. New York Giants, Brooklyn Dodgers; 6. Bill Wiloughby; Atlanta Hawks, 1975, 18 years old; 2. 23 times; 3. Pittsburgh Pirates; 6. Jackie Slater; 7. 10; 8. Steve Busby; 9. Krone; 10. China, 19.
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Just For The Fun Of It!



Darnett Goodloe
(her son, Josh)

Place born - Brackettville, Texas.

Occupation - Housewife.

Favorite food - Fried chicken.

What's the best movie you've ever seen? "Hamburger Hill"

Best book you've read lately - "And Then There Were None" - Agatha Christie.

Hobbies you enjoy - Fishing and Bingo.

Your friends say you're - Friendly.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go? Hawaii.

Secretly you've always wanted to be - A nurse.

If you could change anything about Brackettville, what would it be? Change some people's attitude about politics.

In one word describe yourself - Gullible.

Golf News

(Editor's Note: Golf news is back! Les Roper has hit a hole in one with us! He has volunteered to take Hoagy's place for the summer months, and handles the assignment beautifully. Thank you, Les, for keeping up on Golf news!)

While Hoagy and Pat Nelson are spending the summer months in the mountains of Colorado, enjoying the fresh mountain air and cool nights, your reporter on golfing activities that take place at Fort Clark Springs will be me, Les Roper. I will readily admit filling Hoagy's shoes will be impossible but I hope that my feeble effort will be tolerated by the readers until our "Big Teddy Bear" returns for the winter.

We have had some welcome rains this past week and they have done wonders for our golf course. Larry Montgomery, our course superintendent, has had his crew staying late every night doing rain dances and it looks like it finally paid off.

While we are talking about the rains and condition of the golf course, I feel compelled to remind some of our players about the care of our golf course. The good rains came on a Friday night and Larry, not wanting to anger our weekend golfers, allowed the course to remain open. He was hoping that the golfers would show good judgement and keep their carts off the course and out of the wet and muddy areas.

However, it was found later in the day that many golfers had driven their carts through freshly ploughed areas and created mudholes that would be hard to repair. One set of tracks was found no further than ten feet from the putting surface of a green. Some of the fairways had cart tracks going right down the middle of them during this wet time, leaving indentations that will be around for quite some time.

As we all know or should know, Larry is not obligated to open the course after a rain such as the one we had. It is strictly up to his good judgement. If some of the golfers fail to cooperate with Larry during these times, we just might drive out and fine the course closed and we will have no one to blame but ourselves. As good members, let's pitch in and help management by politely reminding violators of their wrongdoing.

We had a good group of golfing enthusiasts make the journey from Fort Clark Springs to Tapatio Country Club. This is a magnificent golf course that has been carved out of the cedar and hills around Boerne, Texas. It is a private and very exclusive club, and being one of the group, I felt honored to be there. The trip was arranged by George and Helen Miller, who are members of this club, and it was enjoyed and appreciated by everyone who made the trip.

The eight men were George Miller, Karl Chism, Larry Montgomery, Carl Spray, Danny Isenberg, Jim Bussey, Doc Cruse and yours truly. The four lovely ladies who made the trip were Marti Isenberg, Helen Miller, Mae Roper and Luella Johnson. The trip home was highlighted by a stopover in Bandera and a wonderful meal at the OST Restaurant.

The Golf Committee, headed by President Bill Bizzell, continue to create activities and "fun times" at the golf course. The committee started the year with a banquet and dance with live music at the club house. The next venture was a Twilight Scramble that took place at 7:00 p.m. This allowed many of the members who work to participate. It was so successful that another is now being planned for Thursday, June 29.

The men of Fort Clark Springs have

organized a summer league that has really caught fire. The first week was received but with little excitement. However, the tide has turned and the golfers are now looking forward to their Wednesday match with a member of the opposing team.

Each team is made up of four golfers and these golfers must have a handicap totaling 60 or more. Each team has a team captain and the captain assigns his players to the player he must play on the day of competition. For the summer league we have four teams. They are as follows:

Team No. 1

Les Roper, team captain, Clem McKelvy, Jim Bussey and Danny Isenberg.

Team No. 2

Charlie Smith, team captain, Bill Bizzell, Ray Kurtz and Herb Voracek

Team No. 3

Ralph Vienstenz, team captain, Gordon Lundquist, Bob Derrickson and Sam Henninger

Team No. 4

Ruben Warren, team captain, George Miller, Ward Pomeroy and Harold Kauffman

At the present, team number 3 is leading with 40 points. This team is strong and the members have really been coming through. Team no. 1 is in second place with 37.5 points. The point spread between no. 1 and no. 3 is small and can change very easy. Team no. 4 is in 3rd place and team no. 2 is in last place. If a full team cannot play on the day of the tournament, we have a player's pool from which a player can be selected.

The Ladies Golf Association continue to have their weekly tournaments and I might add with great success. These "gals" never cease to amaze me with their ability to organize and get things done in an orderly fashion. They are very creative and seem to discover a new format from week to week. So far they have not found a tournament they can call "Spit in the Ocean" but I feel sure that some of them are working on it.

Twenty-two ladies turned out for the Tuesday ladies day and played Best Nine Holes. Low gross was won by Jane Young and second place went to Jan Chism. Low net was won by Dorothy Wood and second place went to Marti Isenberg.

Keep up the good work, Ladies, because the men are eating their hearts out trying to do half as good.

On Monday of this week three lady golfers from Fort Clark Springs and one lady from Hondo traveled to Fredricksburg for a ladies golf tournament. The ladies reported that they had a great time and played golf on a beautiful golf course.

They were especially impressed by the hospitality they received. The three ladies from Fort Clark were: Luella Johnson, Helen Miller and Jan Chism. The lady from Hondo was Joy Belcher. Luella won 2nd low net and Joy won 1st low net. Good going, ladies, as you continue to represent our golf association in championship form.



Pictured above is Miss Black Texas 1988-89, Veronica Warrior, as she appeared in the Juneteenth parade.

Juneteenth Celebrated

by Gus Garcia

Emancipation Day was celebrated by the Seminole Indian Scouts Association with a three-day "party" beginning on Saturday, June 17. Everyone had a great time helping celebrate the Juneteenth at Carver School Grounds.

Celebrations were started with the annual parade beginning at Southwestern Communications office on Ann Street and winding down at the Carver School parking lot. The parade began at 10:00 a.m.. Several entries depicting the "Olden Times" were seen. The Catholic Church won first prize for its float. The Seminole Indian Scout Association won second prize and the Chamber of Commerce won third.

Consolation prize went to the float of Miss Black Texas 1988-89, Veronica Warrior. Following the

parade, Ms. Beverly Wright, Parade Coordinator, stated: "It was all worth it. There were a lot of visitors from out of town."

After the awards presentations, a delicious barbecue was served. At the same time, booths were set up selling T-shirts and caps with the Seminole Indian Scouts emblem. If you still want to get one contact Ms. Audrey Ward.

Later that night, a dance with fine music was held at the Town Hall in Fort Clark Springs, which ended the all-day party.

The following day, June 18, was more of a Father's Day celebration with a barbecue and the 20th was more of a social gathering. People shared stories and caught up on what other people are doing. All in all, it was the best time I've had all summer.

Little League Update

by Martha Smallwood

RAMS 13, LIONS 5

Friday, June 16, 1989

Michael Munoz limited the LIONS to three hits and Jason Sciba led the RAMS with three runs to carry the RAMS to a victory over the LIONS.

Munoz was the lone pitcher for the RAMS. He struck out nine and allowed six walks.

Also scoring for the winning team were Jo Lee Jones - 2, Pat Munoz - 2, Edwina Banta - 1, Chris Hale - 2, Ignacio "Butch" Lopez - 2 and Ryan Guidry - 1.

At the top of the fifth inning, Nacho Aguirre of the LIONS hit a three base single; then went in to score one run off a one base single by Chris Mulligan who also scored one run.

Ryan Spring also scored one run in the fifth inning. Also scoring for the LIONS were Ramon De Leon and Jerry Cedillo, who both shared the pitching duties that evening.

COWBOYS 21, CUBS 2

Tuesday, June 20, 1989

On Tuesday, the first game of a doubleheader was between the COWBOYS and the CUBS. The CUBS were outscored by the COWBOYS 21 - 2.

Making the runs for the COWBOYS were Kelly Henrich,

Josh Crumley, Wil Shahan, Anthony Rubino, Moses Hernandez, Patrick Munoz, Saul Hidalgo, Brent Smith, Joey Pena, David Melancon, Rene Luna and Caleb Crumley.

The scorers for the CUBS were Manuel Ramon and Angie Castillo with one run each.

Pitching for the CUBS were Domingo Villarreal and Joey Avila. Winning pitchers were Moses Hernandez and Jared Shahan of the COWBOYS.

RAMS 5, ASTROS 4

Tuesday, June 20, 1989

The second game of a doubleheader was very close and exciting during the last inning of the game. But in the end the RAMS came up on top by defeating the ASTROS 5 - 4.

Once again, Michael Munoz was the winning pitcher. Pitching for the ASTROS was Jorge Rodriguez.

Leading the RAMS with two runs was Jason Sciba. Also scoring were Pat Munoz - 1, Edwina Banta - 1 and Tim Hale - 1.

Scoring for the ASTROS were Jorge Rodriguez - 1, Sean Burks - 1, Rocky Aguirre - 1 and Demitrus Williams - 1.

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday, June 23, 1989

5:30 p.m. LIONS vs. COWBOYS
7:30 p.m. CUBS vs. RAMS

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RAMS	VS. COWBOYS	TUESDAY	JUNE 27	7:30 P.M.
ASTROS	VS. CUBS	FRIDAY	JUNE 30	5:30 P.M.
LIONS	VS. RAMS	FRIDAY	JUNE 30	7:30 P.M.
FIREBALLS	VS. TOP GUNS	SATURDAY	JULY 1	9:00 A.M.
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5. General repair and painting of superintendent's residence.
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Beta Sigma Phi Meets

The ladies of Beta Sigma Phi of the Perceptor Theta enjoyed a social meeting at the Las Moras Restaurant over a very lovely meal. It consisted of Quiche, tropical fruit, a fresh garden salad, coffee and tea.

The ladies discussed their monthly business and election of officers were voted in. The hostess was Hawkins Huey. Thank you Hawkins for a lovely night out.

The ladies attending were: Mildred Borden, Oleta Townsend, Orlean Riley, Lily Schwandner, Mary Geese, Mabel Parham and Nakai Breen.

The officers that were elected were: Nakai Breen - President; Orlean Riley - Vice President; Oleta Townsend - Recording Secretary; Georgia Benacci - Corresponding Secretary; Lily Schwandner - Treasurer; and Mabel Parham - Historian.

Sports Quiz

by Alan Ornstein

1. Who is the youngest player to appear in an NBA game?
2. How many times did the Montreal Canadiens win the Stanley Cup?
3. What did Hank Aaron do in his final at-bat in his career?
4. Who was the last pitcher to pitch a perfect game for the California Angels?
5. Name the three baseball teams that once held spring training in Havana, Cuba.
6. Who are the remaining two L.A. Rams from the 1979 Super Bowl team?
7. How many times has Mike Schmidt won the Gold Glove Award?
8. Who was the last Kansas City Royal pitcher to pitch a no-hitter? (See page 5 for answers.)

**This Week
in History**

This week in 1876, Col. George Custer and over 200 soldiers were killed in his famous "last stand" ... In 1944, a G.I. Bill of Rights law was signed, providing veterans with benefits ... In 1947, The Taft-Hartley Labor Act curbing strikes was vetoed by President Harry Truman ... In 1985, an Air India Boeing 747 mysteriously crashed into the Atlantic Ocean off the southern coast of Ireland, killing 329 aboard.



Thursday, June 22 - 7:00 p.m. Theater Workshop - all ages Ft. Clark Town Hall

Thursday, June 22 - 7:00 p.m. Civil Air Patrol - Cadets (13-21 yrs.) Tower building east side of Uvalde airport Call George Fear at 278-8192 for info

Thursday, June 22 - 7:30 p.m. Kinney County Kickers - square dancing Ft. Clark NCO Club

Saturday, June 24 - 8:00 p.m. "The Diary of Adam and Eve" Old Quarry Amphitheater Fort Clark Springs (See ad page 3.)

Sunday, June 25 - 11:00 a.m. Children's Church First Baptist Church

Sunday, June 25 - 1:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge Ft. Clark NCO Club

Monday, June 26 - 4:30 p.m. Special City Council meeting Hearing on Enterprise Zone City Hall

Monday, June 26 - 6:00 p.m. Public meeting, BIRD Board of Trustees Regarding expenditures of Chapter I Regular, Chapter I Migrant and Chapter II federal money. BIRD Central Office Board Room

Monday, June 26 - 7:00 p.m. Civil Air Patrol Tower building east side of Uvalde airport Call Bob Price at 278-2014 for info

Monday, June 26 - 8:00 p.m. A-A Slator Hall, James St.

Monday, June 26 - 8:00 p.m. Al-Anon St. Andrews Episcopal Parish Hall

Tuesday, June 27 - 6:30 p.m. Shriners - social hour followed by meeting at 7:30 p.m. - Las Moras Inn

Tuesday, June 27 - 7:00 p.m. Duplicate Bridge Ft. Clark NCO Club

Wednesday, June 28 - 7:00 p.m. VFW & Ladies Auxiliary Post 8360, Fort Clark Springs NCO Club - covered dish supper at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 29 - 12:00 noon Rotary Club - Las Moras Inn

Thursday, June 29 - 7:00 p.m. Theater Workshop - all ages Ft. Clark Town Hall

Thursday, June 29 - 7:00 p.m. Civil Air Patrol - Cadets (13-21 yrs.) Tower building east side of Uvalde airport Call George Fear at 278-8192 for info

Friday, June 30 - 9a.m. - 4p.m. Driver's license renewal Kinney County Courthouse - upstairs

Thursday, July 6 - 6:30 p.m. Lions Club - Las Moras Inn

Saturday, July 8 - 10:00 a.m. Experimental Aircraft Assn. Meeting Picnic lunch (covered dish) Lloyd Lee Davis Ranch

Monday, July 10 - 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Court Kinney County Courthouse

Monday, July 10 - 4:30 p.m. City Council Meeting City Hall

Tuesday, July 11 - 7:00 p.m. Masonic Lodge - Lodge Building

Bridge, Anyone? by Dot Burrow

Sunday, June 18, found three tables in play at duplicate bridge. Betty Inman and Rozetta Pingnot brought in top scores. Tina Baugess and Gene Britton came in second.

Tuesday night the group at duplicate had increased to five tables. Anita Korbel, of Del Rio, playing with Tina Baugess was the winner. Fran Swanson and Mildred Harvey were in second place.

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Grandma's Kitchen



The coffee's on and you're always welcome, so come on in. This is my 12th week of doing this column and I'm still anonymous. I think I could carry a big sign around my neck saying, "I'm Grandma" and I'd still be anonymous. I'm truly surprised. I've given you so many clues. I guess that shows me nobody is reading this, so I might as well quit wasting my time.

By the way, those muffins I gave you last week were delicious and they came out just like C.J. said they would, thanks C.J.

I heard some things recently about the people over in Brackett not being nice to the people at the Fort and I have to respond - I've been living out here since 1982 and I have never had anyone in Brackett be anything but nice and friendly. So people, what's your problem?

I realize there are people who have nothing to do or don't know how to stay busy with their hands, so they run around looking for nit-picky things to complain about. If you're so unhappy living here, the highway goes both east and west and there's no one begging you to stay. Yes, I love you Brackettville, and until someone gives me reason not to, I will defend you til the last breath.

Now that that's off my mind, let's get onto something happy and creative.

Last year I made friends with this young lady that was going blind. We sat up all night long talking and getting acquainted. She said it was a karma she had to fulfill and was learning all she could while she could still see shadows. She sent me the braille alphabet and now Grandma has one more thing on her list of learning. I honestly don't know when I'll get the time, but I plan to keep it handy and learn something every day. This is the time of year when it's fun to warm up the RV and take off for new adventures.

Here are a few tips for the RV travelers: A crockpot is great to keep plugged in with hot water handy for a cup of instant tea or chocolate, or instant coffee if you like, then at night turn it down low, tilt the lid and the steam helps keep your sinuses from drying out.

To keep your paper towels from unrolling, put a rubber band around the roll while traveling, then when you need a towel, slide the band to one side. Lysol Basin - Tub & Tile cleaner cleans the filthiest whitewall tires quickly and easy. A soapy whisk broom with plastic bristles works

wonderful for cleaning those tough places such as spoked wheel corners, ribbed running boards, etc.

Baby oil works great for cleaning the soft, rubbery outdoor caulking and the plastic screw - corner strips around windows, seams, etc. It's also great for restoring the color to faded plastic wheel fenders. Just before you take off, one of the last things to do for the house is buy half a dozen or so boxes of mothballs and sprinkle them all around the house, in cabinets and closets. You will come back to a bug-free house.

Also for clean and fresh smelling bathrooms and sinks, pour clorox down each drain. Dip water out of commode and fill as full as you can with clorox, about a gallon for each commode will do the job.

According to a report in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, both vegetarians who eat no animal products whatsoever and those who eat dairy products show significantly lower blood pressure than the national average. The advantage doesn't seem to come from the lack of intake of animal products, but the increasing consumption of vegetable products.

Here's another great breakfast treat that's sugar-free.

Raisin Bread

2 large eggs 2 tsp baking powder
 1/4 cup water 1 tsp baking soda
 1/2 cup vegetable oil 1/2 tsp nutmeg
 2 cups unbleached flour
 3/4 cup blended pear (whip chopped, fresh or canned pear until smooth)
 1 1/2 cups raisins

Beat together in a medium-sized bowl eggs, water, pear and oil until creamy. Add flour, baking powder, baking soda and nutmeg. Beat well. Stir in raisins. Spoon batter into an oiled and floured 9" x 5" loaf pan. Spread batter evenly. Bake at 325° for about 45 minutes or until a knife inserted in center comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack before slicing.

Thought for the week - The key to everything is patience. You get the chicken by hatching the egg, not by smashing it open.

Big Hugs & Special Love
 Grandma

Legislature Passes Governor's Criminal Justice Task Force

by Governor Bill Clements
 No other factor more adversely affects the quality of life of all Texans than crime. That's why criminal justice remains one of the top priorities of my administration.

For the second consecutive regular session of the Legislature, working hand-in-hand with the legislative leadership - Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, House Speaker Gib Lewis and others - we have achieved the needed advances first recommended by my Criminal Justice Task Force.

These sweeping criminal justice reforms will have a significant impact on crime and punishment in Texas.

Our prisons are being strained by an increasing crime rate and the decreasing ability of the prison system to prevent violent recidivists from repeating their offenses. Overcrowding has become the mechanism that drives our corrections systems.

It has been imperative for us to increase prison capacity in order to keep violent criminals behind bars and alleviate the backlog of state prisoners in county jails. That's why I am pleased to report that the 10,800 new prison beds that I requested in January were authorized by the 71st Legislature. When these beds are added to the 13,000 currently under construction, the massive and historic prison expansion that I recommended in 1987 will be completed.

Our efforts to ensure swift and sure punishment for criminals this session were not limited to prison expansion alone.

The members of the 71st Legislature also demonstrated their resolve to conquer crime by approving a major overhaul for the criminal justice system.

These reforms will bring our state's corrections management into the 21st century with the creation of a Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Further, drug testing will be emphasized and continuing education as a condition of probation or parole will be required for felons who lack basic reading and writing skills.

It is imperative that inmates who leave the state's custody have the skills necessary to be productive members of society. It is our duty to do everything in our power to see that they do not return to a life of crime.

Other important recommendations of my Criminal Justice Task Force also won legislative approval, and will soon become law. Here are some examples:

*Organized crime statutes have been enhanced to provide new tools to prosecute drug kingpins and those who conspire to commit major fraud.

*New provisions have been passed to make it more difficult for illegal drug manufacturers to obtain the chemicals required to produce "speed" and other dangerous drugs.

*Possession of child pornography has been designated a felony offense, making it easier to prosecute the individuals who create the demand for this type of obscenity.

*Judges will again be allowed to impose a cost on felons as a condition of probation that will be used to apprehend other criminals through the highly effective Crime Stoppers program.

*Victims' rights have been strengthened by adding a Crime Victim Bill of Rights in the Family

Code to protect victims of juvenile crime.

*Assault on a peace officer has been upgraded to a first-degree felony to protect the officers who risk their lives daily.

*In a major change, certain recordings of oral statements made by criminals to police officers have now been cleared for admission in a court of law.

*Fingerprints will now be recorded on court documents of criminal defendants to streamline the admissibility of prior criminal convictions.

*Funding has been appropriated to the Texas Department of Public Safety to implement a statewide Automated Fingerprint Identification System to better help law enforcement agencies obtain positive identification of suspected criminals.

These reforms will be added to the anti-crime arsenal approved last session which included granting the state a right to appeal, determinate sentencing for juvenile offenses, a clarification of the good-faith except to the exclusionary rule and regulation of the precursor chemicals used to manufacture controlled substances.

We have now enacted a comprehensive strategy for restoring balance to the criminal justice system. Our strategy is based on the tried and true experience of professionals in the field and on the common-sense voice of the people in our communities.

The Legislature should be applauded for its fine efforts.

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Unsung Hero

by Joe Townsend

A man brought his family and came to Brackettville about 25 years ago. He had two small children and a fine wife. He came to teach school.

In the intervening years the children grew up and married. This man taught school and coached.

The time came when he opened a business which he operated for a number of years. He took up ranching and finally went back to teaching. He has always shared his time as a referee and worker in community activities.

He is friendly, jovial and always "up beat". He is well liked by all who know him. Surely Ray Smallwood is an "Unsung Hero."

In the family of butterflies, there are no pest species so you can not worry about having butterflies gracing your garden with their bright colorful appearance. Of course, it helps to have a few of the nectar bearing bushes living in your garden, too. The same plants will attract bees to further pollination.

The butterfly bush is a three to eight feet tall shrub that bears long flower spikes from summer to fall, and it attracts both butterflies and bees. If it's not too cold in the climate in which you live, this plant will survive for another summer. Butterfly bush bears lilac, red, pink, white, purple and blue blossoms.

Other plants for your butterfly garden are black-eyed susan, rose of Sharon, gaillardia, mignonette, cornflower, rosemary, columbine, lavender, primrose and sweet-William to name a few. If their plantings are scheduled at the right time, your garden will be in continuous bloom.

Some butterflies actually have a color preference of blossoms. There are books in your local library to read up on butterflies, especially for the beginner.

You may want to raise plants that will feed butterfly "larvae". For instance, the Monarch feeds almost exclusively on milkweed leaves, although most plants grown for "larvae" are a ragged sort and not very attractive.

A great amount of these plants would be required for feed, so if you don't have much space you might want to bypass feeding "larvae" entirely.

Anything it takes to attract butterflies will pay off. Watching their habits and graceful flitting will put you in a good mood, especially while you are weeding and watering.

After all, in such a garden you are not only feeding and harboring butterflies, you are also feeding your soul and who could ask for anything more?



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