

The Brackett News

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

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Baseball on the Move in Brackettville



Pictured above is Gregg Nowlin waving in Buddy Brandt during a recent scrimmage. Brandt was 2 for 3 from the plate including a double. He also had an outstanding defensive game with two diving catches in the outfield.

Commissioner's Court Meets

Commissioner's Court met in regular session March 12 at 9:00 a.m. in the Kinney Co. court house. All members were present.

Below are the unofficial minutes of that meeting.

Sheriff's Budget Amended

Commissioners allowed for the following line items on the Sheriff's budget to be adjusted;

\$725 from miscellaneous was transferred to Audits and Accounts.

\$480 from teletype line was transferred to jailer training.

\$7,900 from jailer/dispatcher first class and \$10,200 from jailer/dispatcher second class was transferred to jailer/dispatcher third class. All were within the budget.

County Agent-Telephone Credit Card

Commissioners moved to issue a telephone credit card to county extension agent Alan McWilliams as requested by McWilliams. The need for the card was important because when on out of town county business, McWilliams had difficulty in reaching the office he stated.

Narcotic Task Force Receives \$13,124.00 pledge from Kinney County

Sheriff Hooten approached the court and asked that they participate in the Narcotic Task Force organization that would include four counties and the city of Del Rio. Counties included are Val Verde, Edwards, Real, and Kinney.

"This is a very fragile policy," stated Hooten. "If one should withdraw it could jeopardize the whole thing," he added.

Hooten explained that a pledge of \$13,124.00 was needed from Kinney County, but the actual match would only be \$2,487 or less.

A resolution on the task force and a financial statement were presented to the court for review. Hooten also informed the court that the plan was drawn up by the Criminal Justice office.

Commissioners voted unanimously to participate and pledged the \$13,124 needed out of the over and estimated General fund.

Librarian Resigns

The county Librarian, Irma Perez, submitted her official resignation for commissioners to review and accept. This matter was discussed in the Executive Session of court. The general consensus was that her resignation was a result of friction from some of the Library Board members. Commissioners Slubar and Bizzell said they would look deeper into the matter.

Application for the position of Librarian will be accepted.

"The Truck Switch"

It was reported that the engine in the county maintenance truck had burnt out. Commissioners moved to replace this truck with the newer model blue truck used by the road department, and then look to purchase another used vehicle for the

Road crew

After this motion was passed, road crew supervisor, Lee Lawson made the switch by towing the troubled vehicle to the road department and removing the rack and emblems then placing them on the blue road crew truck. He then filled the gas tank and checked the oil then presented the keys to court.

Commissioner Bizzell said he would check the truck out at Lawson's request.

Roof Repair

Commissioner Bizzell informed the court that he had requested a bid from AAA roofing to fix the leak in the courthouse roof.

Bizzell informed the court that AAA roofing would give a written guarantee that the leak would be repaired at a cost of \$1,100.

Commissioners agreed to accept this bid with the exception of Ruben Fuentes who abstained from the motion.

Tularosa Road Crossing Repairs

Commissioner Slubar informed the court that she had received two bids from Engineer Hild on county road repair. One bid of \$154,000 to repair four low water crossings in the Tularosa area was submitted and another bid of \$130,000 to repair the Pinto Bridge on Standard Lane was submitted.

Commissioner Bizzell was present and approached the court stating, "The low water crossing on Lupe Hildalgo is the worst, sometimes you can't get through it for 2 or 3 weeks before it clears out."

Fort Clark Springs Meeting

Receives Maximum Turnout

Members of Fort Clark Springs Association responded in a mighty way to a call by the Community Council for maximum attendance at their March meeting, last Saturday. A record turn-out of 246 members packed the NCO Club to standing room only.

A special report was presented on the state of membership growth, and factors affecting the financial future of the Fort. Recognition was given to solid progress of the past and to the generally acceptable financial situation at the present time. This was tempered by a warning that recent trends could bring serious problems in the next few years, unless remedial action is taken immediately. Revitalization of membership growth is deemed urgent.

Causative factors hindering desired growth in membership and operating revenue were cited. Members were asked to get involved in support of a concerted effort to study problem areas, and to formulate corrective action proposals for Management implementation.

This was followed by the election of new Council officers for the 1990-91 fiscal year, beginning April 1. The following were elected: Emet Huntsman, President; Dick Hirsch, First Vice President; Pat Owens, Second Vice President; Wilma Lewis, Secretary, and Harold Kauffman, Treasurer. Officers were sworn in by Marge Geeze, the retiring President.

Commissioner Slubar motioned to pursue repairs on one of the low water crossings. This motion was seconded by Bizzell.

Debated Hiring

Commissioner Garza motioned to hire Johnny Joe Reschman as a county road crew employee.

Commissioner Bizzell said that Reschman had turned down the job two years ago and that the county was under no obligation to hire him at this time. Bizzell also added that road crew supervisor Lee Lawson did not need an employee at this time.

A record on a court meeting, held over two years ago pertaining to the hiring of Reschman was read by Commissioner Slubar. The record confirmed that Reschman had turned down the job.

Garza said he was going to stay with his motion to hire Reschman. Judge Seargeant seconded the motion. Commissioners Fuentes, Bizzell, and Slubar voted against.

Road Repairs

County Attorney Shahan informed the court that they could draw up an Interlocal Government Contract between the county and the city to help with materials to repair the city streets.

City Mayor La Gioia had asked county officials to help in road repairs by supplying the materials needed, city employees would provide the labor.

Shahan's confirmation that this could be done legally was incentive for county officials to look further into the needed repairs.

Action proposed by the new leadership includes the following:

a. Installation of suggestion boxes in several strategic locations on the Fort for the convenience of members to submit their written suggestions or complaints for improvements or correction.

b. Organization of Sub-Committees to concentrate on the factors impeding future growth and action that may be effective in overcoming them.

Although the next regular monthly meeting date of April 14 conflicts with other events, the Council Board decided to stick with this date, mainly because no other date could be selected that offered less confliction.

The April meeting will take place in the Town Hall on Fort Clark Springs. A progress report will be given, followed by ample time for open discussion with members on their concerns. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Council will host all members who received meal tickets at the March meeting to an outdoor barbecue north of the swim park.

Rainfall Report

An overall rain fall report, beginning the last week in February and ending to date from the Kyle Rose ranch is up to 5 inches.

Elections Bring Changes

Out of 1,763 registered voters in Kinney Co. 1,353 showed up at the polling booths. They must have gone with one common goal in mind, "Change", as the present commissioner court was uprooted to make room for new faces and new ideas.

Judge Tommy Seargeant, Commissioner Rose Mary Slubar and Commissioner Bill Bizzell all fell to opposing candidates March 13 during the election primary.

Tim Ward secured the race for county judge with 658 votes, Judge Tommy Seargeant ran a close second with 525 votes and Les Roper received 84.

Alvin McClure candidate for precinct 4 commissioner won the race with a total of 291 votes, Bizzell received 219.

A run-off between candidates Plunker Sheedy and Manuel Fuentes for the position of Commissioner Pct. 2 will be held April 10. Both Sheedy and Fuentes took 97 votes. Commissioner Slubar gracefully accepted her defeat and stated, "It's almost a relief," she had 81 votes.

Justice of the Peace Alvin Hall held his seat with 700 votes opposed to Diane Garza Bravo's 553.

Martha Smallwood led the race for Tax Assessor collector with a wide margin of votes, she received the highest amount of votes totaling 1004. Mary Seavers received 224.

Dolores Raney running unopposed for County Clerk brought in 941 and County Treasurer Carlotta De La Rosa also unopposed received 959 votes.

Democratic County Chairman Jack Huey, unopposed, received 736 votes.

The voting outcome for Precinct Chairman went as follows: Pct. 1, Georgie Thompson--149, Pct. 2, Gladys Hall--198, Pct. 3, Albert Lattimer--73, Pct. 4, Charles Wilson--335.

For the referendum proposition one, Kinney Co. voted in favor by 565 votes and against by 235.

Referendum proposition 3 lead with a wide margin Kinney County voted 776 for and 72 against.

Seventeen different names appeared for write-in candidates Joe Townsend received four votes for Pct. chairman, and even though he's not a resident of Kinney County. Pee Wee Herman received one write in vote. Newly elected officials will assume office Jan. 1, 1991.

Below is the way Kinney County voted in the State Election:

United States Senator
Harley Schianger--247
Hugh Parmer--424
U.S. Representative District 23
Albert Bustamante--599
Governor
Jim Mattox--442
Mark White--212
Earl Holmes--16
Ray Rachal--16
Ann Richards--274
Theresa Hearn-Hanes--20
Stanley Adams--30
Lieutenant Governor
Bob Bullock--691
Attorney General
Dan Morales--478
John Odam--386
Comptroller of Public Accounts
John Sharp--601
State Treasurer
Armando Gutierrez--227
Karen Friend--159
Nikki Van Hightower--186
Tom Bowden--251

Commissioner General Land Office
Gary Mauro--598

Commissioner of Agriculture

Clyde W. Chandler--86
Paul McDaniel--61

Dan Pustejovsky--38

Neal A. Krenek--10

John E. Smith--224

Jim Hightower--363

Railroad Commissioner

Robert Krueger--613

Clint Hackney--237

Chief Justice Supreme Ct.

Oscar H. Mauzy--356

Justice, Supreme Ct. Place 1

Fred Biery--356

Gene Kelly--374

Justice, Supreme Ct. Place 2

Bob Gammage--207

Scrappy Holmes--183

Ross Sears--313

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1

Jeff Van Horn--309

Frank Maloney--232

Morris L. Overstreet--155

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2

Sam Houston Clinton--596

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3

Bill White--490

Pat Barber--240

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 4

Herb Hancock--332

Charles Baird--348

State Senator, Dist. 21

Judith Zaffirini--767

State Rep. District 68

Dudley Harrison--639

Pete P. Gallego--288

Chief Justice 4th Ct. of Appeals Dist.

Blair Reeves--540

Brackett No. 1 For Planning Grant

City Council met in regular session March 12 at 4:30 p.m., upstairs at City Hall.

All members were present with the exception of Manuel Fuentes.

Election Judge Appointed

Lingo Sandoval was appointed as the 1990 election judge for the city.

Election News

City Hall, was designated as the voting quarters for city elections for the May 5, 1990 election. Positions opened for re-election are Mayor and three alderman.

Absentee voting will be conducted each week day at City Hall from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. beginning April 16 and ending May 1.

Josephine Gomez was appointed Clerk for absentee voting. Ginger Dodson and Lynn Dalton were appointed as Deputy Clerks for absentee voting.

Landfill Hours Changed

City Council decided to change the landfill hours once again, because the newly posted hours conflict with some of the local business dumping demands. "Some people complained that they had trash sitting around for a couple of days," stated the Mayor. The new hours adopted by City Hall should alleviate any hardships on local businesses, they are as follows:

Open-Monday, 9-1
Closed-Tuesday,
Open-Wednesday, 9-5
Closed-Thursday
Open-Friday, 9-1
Open-Saturday, 9-5
Open-Sunday, 9-5

Effective March 12, 1990

The Mayor asked for cooperation from the community in abiding by the new landfill rules, he stated, "If we don't enforce these rules, everyone will just dump whatever and whenever they want."

The Mayor also stressed the importance of complying with the standards set by the Texas Health Department to insure that the city dump will remain open.

C.P.L. Charges

City Council voted to adopt the fee of \$400 per month to be charged to C.P.L. for handling the companies utility payments.

FUENTES RESIGNS

City Council accepted the Resignation of Alderman Manuel Fuentes. The Mayor stated that a letter of Commendation would be given to Fuentes for the work he's done for the city.

Animal Control

It was reported at City Hall that two children were bit last month by stray dogs. The Mayor stated that dogs should be on a leash when out for a walk, he also informed councilmen that a tranquilizer gun had been ordered for animal control. The gun arrived Tuesday morning.

"We will train personnel to use the gun," stated the Mayor. The Mayor and designated animal control personnel will attend Animal Control School.

Road Repair

It was reported that road repairs had slowed down because of the rain. "As soon as the rain lets up we're going to concentrate on potholes," stated the Mayor.

Brackettville Rated #1 on Planning Grant

Out of 50 cities applying for a planning grant, Brackettville was rated number one on the list of qualifying applicant.

This high rating is a result of all the economic seminars attended by city officials. "They saw we were trying, they looked at it and said we were #1," stated the Mayor.

Swimming Pool Grant

The Mayor reported that the swimming pool grant is expected to come through much earlier than previously expected. "We hope to start construction next month," he stated.

Drug and Alcohol Testing

The city council voted to adopt a Drug and Alcohol testing program.

Group Insurance Considered

Because group rates for city employees were so high, city council requested that employees get their own policies and the city would pay \$75 on what ever policy they favored.

Ariel Map Designated

City Council motioned to hire a pilot for \$600 to take aerial shots and supply a map of the city. "This will help for future planning grants," stated the Mayor.

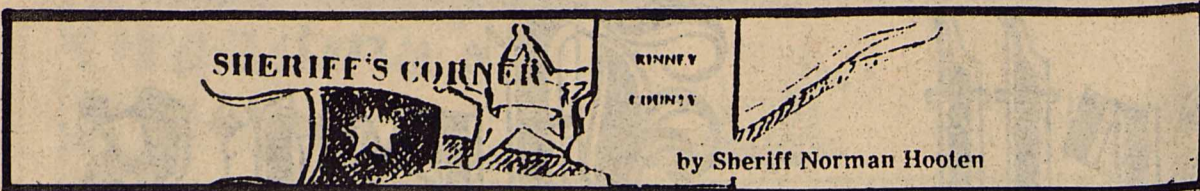
Security Lighting at Football Field

It was reported that the unlit area on Brown street behind the Football Field was a hang-out for children and an avenue of shelter for vandalism. Councilmen chose to establish a security light in the area to deter crime.

Students to Perform One-Act Play

The one-Act Play, "The Actor's Nightmare" will be performed on Monday, March 19, at the High School Auditorium for the public. Admission is \$1.50. The cast is as follows: George-Armando Talamantez, Amanda-Shelley McDaniel, Ellen-Wendy McDaniel-Executioner, Scott Sims, Henry-Lynn Floyd, Voice-Gus Garcia, Director-Mrs. Merry Beth Mills, Crew-Michelle Brandt.

The play will be entered into competition at Cotulla next week. Last year, the One-Act play won District and advanced to Area. All U.I.L. contests will be held in Cotulla. Contestants will be competing for District titles. Fidel Hernandez will be returning to competition. Fidel advanced to the state level in shorthand under the direction of Mrs. K. Adams, who has quite a number of State champs. Fidel is in accounting this year and hopes to advance to state level again. The One-Act Play is produced by special arrangements with the dramatists Play Service, Inc.



As the old saying goes "A new broom always sweeps better." We are about to find out with the defeat March 13, of incumbent County Judge Tommy Seargeant, Pct. 2 Commissioner Rosemary Slubar, and Pct. 4 Commissioner Bill Bizzell. Seargeant was soundly and convincingly defeated by challenger Tim Ward who carried enough votes into the final tally to be declared the winner without the necessity of a run-off election. The 3-man race for county judge was decided as follows: Tim Ward 658, Tommy Seargeant 525, and Les Roper 84. Under state election laws a candidate in a race with more than 2 candidates running must garner at least 50% plus 1 vote of the total votes cast in order to win the race without a run-off. Tim Ward had more than the required 634.5 votes needed to win outright without a run-off.

Pct. 4 Commissioner Bill Bizzell was defeated by a prior commissioner, Alvin McClure by a vote of 291 to 219. It is believed that the issue of the proposed N.O.R.M. dumpsite that has caused much controversy in Kinney County over the past few months may have contributed to Bizzell's defeat.

Pct. 2 Commissioner, Rosemary Slubar, was ousted in a 3-way race in the Precinct 2 district. She received 81 votes with a tie of 97 votes each for her two opponents, both prior Pct. 2 commissioners, J.A. "Plunker" Sheedy, and Manuel Fuentes. Sheedy and Fuentes will have a run-off

election scheduled for April 10th. Fuentes already has a brother on commissioners court, Ruben Fuentes, Pct. 3 Commissioner. Sheedy served Kinney County as Pct. 2 Commissioner for 8 years prior to his defeat by 4 votes by Rosemary Slubar in a run-off election in 1986. Tax Assessor-Collector Martha Pena Smallwood soundly trounced her challenger, Mary Seavers, by receiving 1,004 votes to Seaver's 244. This race in particular proved beyond any reasonable doubt that the voters of Kinney County are more educated, more aware, and want qualified, experienced public officials working for them in sensitive, important positions in county government. The old days and old ways of handpicked puppets of political power bosses are gone forever in Kinney County.

Incumbent Justice of the Peace Alvin Hall also soundly defeated his opponent, Diane Garza-Bravo by a vote of 710 to 553. This is the second time Bravo has challenged Hall for the J.P. seat and her second defeat, this time by a much larger vote margin. Another example of being rewarded by the people for competent, qualified, and honest public service. Judge Hall will face Republican nominee Roy Dyer in the General Election in November.

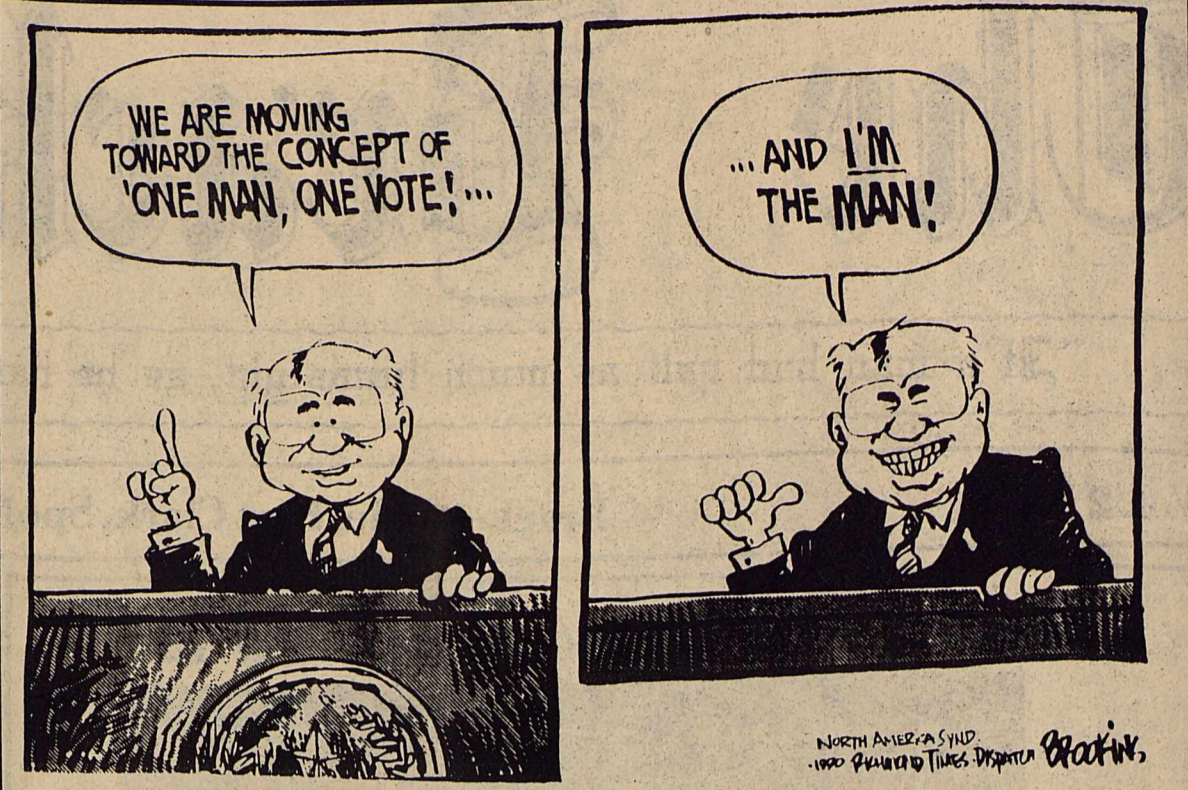
Though all the candidates nominated by election in the Tuesday Democratic primary will not be officially elected until the November General Election, elections in Kinney

County have historically been settled in the Democratic Primary elections with occasional run-offs. The Democratic Primary, decided by the majority of the people by their votes, has effectively put an end to the efforts this year of a particular county official and candidate to gain control of county government. This official's hand-picked candidates were defeated in the Primary with exception of one who will be in the run-off. This Primary Election securely keeps Kinney County government in the hands of the PEOPLE, as it should be.

Precinct 2 voters need to maintain their interest and gear up for the run-off election for the position of County Commissioner, Pct. 2, scheduled for April 10th. A county commissioner is a very important position in county government that needs a strong, capable, decisive person in that position that will stand on his own two feet and vote on important issues based on the desires of the majority of the people of his district and in the best interest of the majority of the people of the county as a whole. J.A. "Plunker" Sheedy is just such a man and proved his ability during his 8 years service as County Commissioner before. Mr. Sheedy will need the support and votes of concerned citizens and taxpayers in his district in the run-off election.

With this column I extend my Congratulations to the winners of the election and my condolences to the losers. All of us in public office must serve at the pleasure of the people to the best of our ability, and we must accept their pleasure with honor and humility.

That's All!



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Our quotation found under the Mast head on the front page in a copy from "The Rear Vision Mirror", a Fort Worth newspaper published Wednesday, March 8, 1961.

Unsung Hero

There is a man in Brackettville who has been here most all of his life. He has a wonderful wife and they have raised a fine family. For a good number of years he worked for Rio Grande Electric. There followed a number of years with a local rancher. He now for several years has done outstanding in assessing and collecting taxes for the city, the county and the schools. He has upgraded the efficiency of the office and stays on top of his responsibilities. He is warm hearted, courteous, helpful and friendly, Surely Marcus Tidwell is an "Unsung Hero."

Our Machine Responds to "I Love George"

Last week, while we were trying to get the paper ready to be printed the headliner started pumping out garbage.

Marie said she thought the machine must have been made in Germany because that's what it looked like.

In an attempt to find an answer to what might be the problem, I called my sister at the newspaper in Johnson City. I usually call on my youngest sister, Melissa, for problems of this nature, she's the machine repair whiz.

On this particular day she wasn't in, instead my older sister, Robyn, (the ad. sales whiz) answered the phone. Just about this time Jewel and Wes came in the room, Jewel probably wondering how much it might cost if Johnson City couldn't help and Wes wondering if he might fix it himself with the proper instruction.

"Robyn, the headliner is messed up, it's spitting out garbage, what should we do?" I asked.

"Well, I always just type 'I love George'." She answered. Geeze Robyn, I thought, I know your crazy about your husband, but give me something professional at least professional sounding to relate to Jewel and Wes.

Just then Wes asked, "What did she say?"

I hesitated, then thought, what the heck, "She says to type, 'I love George'."

"Any other advice?" I pleaded.

"No that's all, It always works for me," she answered.

"Well, thanks alot Robyn, tell Mom hi and when Melissa gets in will you have her call?" My cheeks were a full shade of red at this point. "We'll talk to Melissa later." I said to Jewel and Wes, hoping that would satisfy them.

"Well we could try it." Wes said, "It can't hurt." he added.

He must be desperate, I thought. Wes went back to the headliner and typed a series of "I love Georges" and added a couple of "I love Genies," to everyone's amazement, it worked!

For the rest of the day, the headliner worked fine.

I recognize that R.C. Hirsch has not been here long enough to know all the nuances of the relationship between Ft. Clark Springs and Brackettville. However, he knows the meaning of the legal term "citizen." It is unconscionable to take umbrage at the quotation regarding the use of the landfill. Every household in Brackettville pays for the landfill operation every month. No one in Ft. Clark Springs pays for the landfill I'm sure the "designated area" on Ft. Clark has not been inspected by regulators from Austin as is the Brackettville landfill regularly leaving strict control orders.

There was a time when a carefully orchestrated action led to Ft. Clark Springs being freed from ever being annexed to Brackettville thus avoiding paying city taxes as everyone in Brackettville does. So Mr. Hirsch, technically residents of Ft. Clark Springs are not "citizens" of Brackettville.

Mr. Hirsch, you pay school taxes because the school serves the entire county including Ft. Clark Springs. now to the nitty gritty of the matter: The people of Brackettville and Kinney County are happy that Ft. Clark Springs is so much a part of the community. We could hope that the

residents of Ft. Clark Springs didn't feel they are doing Brackettville a favor; and I'm sure most of our friends inside the gate do not feel this way.

May I point out that our school, Chamber of Commerce, stores, clinic, etc. were here before Ft. Clark Springs was even a dream. Were it not for the proximity of Brackettville many present residents of Ft. Clark would not live there.

Every church welcomes and is warmly happy to have residents of Ft. Clark Springs worship and participate in the church. It is a privilege to minister to the people of Ft. Clark Springs and it certainly is an asset to Ft. Clark Springs to have such a variety of choices of a place to worship without having to drive a minimum of thirty miles to worship.

Brackettville has many good merchants, especially groceries and clothing. It is certainly an asset to Ft. Clark Springs to have grocery stores so residents don't have to drive thirty miles to buy a loaf of bread, as fine meats and groceries as can be bought anywhere and at competitive prices. It's nice for residents of Ft. Clark Springs to be able to buy gasoline and have cars serviced without driving 30 miles. Landscaping and

floral needs can be met in Brackett without driving thirty miles.

Auto parts can be bought in Brackettville without having to wait two or three days to have them shipped in. Most lumber and hardware needs can be met without driving thirty miles. Many health needs can be served by the clinic saving the trouble of a thirty mile drive. People who want to rent a video have a tremendous variety locally.

Yes, Mr. Hirsch, Brackettville is happy and blessed by so many wonderful people who live at Ft. Clark Springs. They certainly contribute much to our city in every way. The fact that they pay no city taxes but enjoy all the benefits of Brackett is no problem and does not create any distaste.

Most of us had felt such critical tones and fault-finding were forever buried in the past and perhaps when Mr. Hirsch has been here longer he too will see the advantage of all folks in Brackettville, Ft. Clark Springs and Kinney County living in comity and not feeling a sensitivity that someone is putting "Pie in the face." Life is too short and has too much to offer to have such "nit" picking.

Letter to the Editor

Mr. Hirsch: Residents of Ft. Clark Springs are not allowed to use the city landfill. Not because they have their own designated area on the Fort: because residents of Ft. Clark Springs do not pay for the landfill. Residents of Brackettville pay for the landfill with an additional charge to their city utilities.

Yes, you're citizens of the United States, Texas, and Kinney County but I find it hard to consider you citizens of Brackettville when you pay no city taxes. You, who's business is taxes, know school taxes are a county tax and have nothing to do with where you live in that county. Whether or not you're a citizen, resident, or whatever you have to pay those taxes if you live in Kinney County.

Residents of Ft. Clark, should participate in local activities because you've not been excluded from them. Even though Ft. Clark excludes Non-member residents of Brackett and their children from many activities up on the Fort. A non-member resident of Brackettville may not go swimming without a member to watch over him or her. This is interesting because the City of Brackettville holds the water rights to the springs which fill the pool. Brackettville residents, merchants, churches, clubs, etc. know Ft. Clark Springs is a vital part of the community. It brings revenue and jobs to Brackettville. If you feel excluded from Brackettville it is probably because you exclude yourself.

P.S. This is no slip of the tongue.

Sincerely,
Wes Robinson

Letter To The Editor

No offense was intended when the word citizen was used to describe residents of Fort Clark. I am all for Fort Clark and Brackettville working together to make one solid community sharing not only the benefits but also the expenses.

Let's ANNEX!

Sincerely Yours,
Vito La Gioia, Mayor, Citizen, Resident, Inhabitant, Dweller, National Voter, Subject, Countryman, Compatriot and Occupant of the City of Brackettville and a member of Fort Clark Springs Association.

Birth Announcement

Dorothy "New Grandmother" Roberts' oldest daughter gave birth to a son, Nicolas John, born Monday, March 5, 1990 at 4:10 p.m. Nicolas

weighed in at 8 lbs. 6 1/2 oz. This is Dorothy's Sixth grandchild. Congratulations!!

Happy Birthday

Norman Hooten--March 16
Johnny Sheedy--March 17
Buck McKnight--March 17
Marlene McKnight--March 20
Marie Green

Congratulations to Clay Hunt and Tevin Senne for winning their second consecutive tournament championship!

Have you heard? The Tiger band is preparing for their spring concert to be held on April 27. There will be a special performer accompanying the band. More details later.

The F.H.A. and F.F.A. will join forces and have their banquet sometime next month. All the details haven't been ironed out yet.

Can anyone tell me why "Fidel is great" is on the sign above the main office in the high school? Any information is greatly appreciated.



Howdy!
Did you exercise your right to vote last Tuesday? I hope you did and I hope you voted for the right candidate.

Last Tuesday and Wednesday, B.H.S. has C.A.T. Tests. Seniors had a career day, to help them make decisions. There was a variety of people who spoke to the students. Some were Border Patrol agents. David Luna, Deputy Sheriff was on hand to tell how to become a police officer. Vocational nurses, and college scouts were all on hand to help with career decisions.

The Catholic Church's Altar Society will have a prize and cake walk

Sunday, 18th at 3:30 p.m. at the church grounds. All money raised will help with the cost of preparing the altar for services.

Miss Garcia's fifth grade C.C.D. class will have a bake sale this Sunday also at the Catholic Church. All proceeds will help defray the expenses of C.C.D. activities.

U.I.L. events are next week, and all the participants are getting into high gear, and are anxiously awaiting for contest day. Mrs. Adams' accounting team is revving to go and so is everyone else who is competing. Good luck to everyone who is competing!

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Have you heard? The Tiger band is preparing for their spring concert to be held on April 27. There will be a special performer accompanying the band. More details later.

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Can anyone tell me why "Fidel is great" is on the sign above the main office in the high school? Any information is greatly appreciated.

GolfNews by Les Roper



Early Monday morning, 33 old toughs responded to the call of duty and reported for another work day that was called by the Men's Golf Association. The golf course is undergoing drastic changes in appearance as these old "codgers" continue to spread dirt and gravel and install new sprinkler heads along with building and beautifying the tee boxes on each hole. They brought their own shovels, rakes, grubbing hoes, and four wheelers and trailers as they continue to contribute their time and muscles to this project.

If you had gone to the golf course this past Monday looking for a friend or an acquaintance you could have encountered a serious identity problem. Of the thirty volunteers working on the golf course, not one of them was handling his chores in a standing position. They were all bent over with their "bo-hunkusis" higher than their heads and telling which one was which was nearly impossible. Hoagy Nelson, the self appointed "head knocker," sent one of the men out to get a nose count on the workers but the courier returned and reported that no noses were visible enough to count. These old guys just don't know what quit is.

Due to the hard work put in by this group the golf course is beginning to develop into a premier recreational facility, and, in a very short time one of the top drawing cards in this part of Texas. This has been the dream of all the members of the golf association at Fort Clark for quite some time. Just goes to show that one good man can get a lot done but several good men can get a whole lot done.

There is an old saying that "On the right hand of any successful man there is a good woman" and that held true Monday at noon. These good women rose to the occasion and prepared the noon meal for the workers. The meal was prepared by Jean Petaja, Barb Miller, Elizabeth Dillahunty, Marti Isenberg, Eleanor Herron, and Hilda Viestenz. The meal was started with a flaming spinach salad and shrimp cocktail. The main course was lobster tails drowned in fresh butter, scalloped potatoes, fresh green beans, fresh bread sticks and butter. Fresh apple pie and ice cream was served for dessert. Some of the ungrateful old "toots" said the food tasted like bologna sandwiches, cheese and ham, and chicken salad sandwiches but they were wrong.

The recent wet weather has really

halted golfing activities this week but the membership knows how beneficial the good rains are to the golf course so you hear very little complaining. The greens and the fairways are beginning to look like Augusta and this is appreciated by not only golfers but people who also live on the fort. This should be one of the prettiest Spring seasons we have seen in many years.

The Couple's Tournament got under way this past Thursday afternoon after several delays because of weather. There were a lot of cancellations and drops but eventually 20 players banded together and teed the ball up for a game of golf. The weather was atrocious when the gang started play but as the day wore on the clouds moved out, allowing the sun to appear and the game was finished in slightly windy but otherwise beautiful playing conditions.

First place was won by Robbie and Ruth Robinson, Pat and Lavera Grant with a net score of 44. Second place was won by Rueben Warren, Vickie Nichols, P.M. Moore, and Evelyn Whitely with a net score of 45. Finishing in third place was Gordon Petaja, Jean Petaja, Gordi Mathison, and Betty Mathison.

This past Monday morning Sandra Meil was caught "clucking" around her flock of little "chickens" (the old toots who are so faithful to her) and dividing them up into teams of four each as tee off time drew near for their weekly 9 hole Scramble. She had 34 "hard hittin'" golfers sign in

with their entry fee in their hands.

After play was finished and the scores all tallied together a two way tie for first place was discovered. First place was won and shared by Fay Gooch, Jim Clayton, Walt Baugess, Dick Hirsch, and Joan Boutwell and Gerald Gallion, Lila Udy, Ed Boyco, and T. Boutwell. A tie for second place was between the team of Carol Benefield, Charles Evans, Art Norris, and Tom Faulkenberry and the team of P.M. Moore, Dutch Schoolfield, Dave Lair, and Mac McCandles.

The ladies Spring Fling still remains the highlight of the golfing activities for the month of March. At last report the field was filled with a waiting list. Men, if you think these gals of Fort Clark can't do things right then you better check in with your friendly local psychiatrist. They just continue to show the men up from year to year. Maybe, just maybe, the men might be able to pull a rabbit out of the hat this year with their tournament.

You know you're getting old when even your hot flashes are lukewarm. Be honest now. Wasn't life better when you had ten speeds and bikes didn't?

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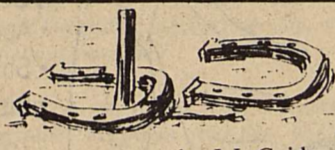
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Sports



by J.J. Guidry

Sports Bits

The Ingram Warriors won the class AA mens state basketball championship last Saturday in Austin. Troy House, the all-time state scoring leader, had 31 points. House and teammate Josh McCormick earned first team all-state honors. Tiger Coach, Jesse Rodriguez was on hand at the state finals.

The baseball team recently scrimaged the Border Patrol. The Tigers

fought hard and took a 4-0 lead, but couldn't hold on and lost 5-7. They will face the Dilley Junior Varsity on the road tonight. The tennis team had a practice meet with Del Rio on Tuesday. They are open until the Uvalde tournament on March 30-31. The District tourney is April 3. It will be held in Uvalde. District teams include Cotulla, Dilley, Sabinol, and San Antonio Lackland.

McDaniel Takes Match

Brackettville's top girls player, Shelley McDaniel started the tournament off great with a 6-1, 6-2 victory over Mia Smith of Del Rio. In the second round Shelley ran into a bit of trouble...by the name of Byrd of Carrizo Springs. Byrd was a transfer from Alamo Heights. She was ranked as one of the best in the state last year. She overcame Shelley 6-0, 6-0. Byrd won first place in the A division. Shelley's sister, Wendy, competed in the B division. She defeated Kris Mabley 6-2, 6-3, but then lost to Linda Santos of D'Hanis

5-7, 4-6. Santos went on to win the B division.

The girls doubles team of Vivian Luna and Kasey Hall faced Julie Brooks and Linda Reagos of Leakey in their first match. Brooks and Reagos overpowered Vivian and Kasey 6-2, 6-3. The Leakey team advanced to the semi-finals, but were defeated by Shannon Dodson and Shannon Dickie of Sabinol 7-6, 6-3. The Brackettville netters travelled to Del Rio last Tuesday for a practice meet. Results will be published in next weeks paper.

Amistad Fishing Report

AMISTAD: Water clear, 54 degrees, 14 feet low; black bass are good to 12 1/4 pounds on purple worms in 10-15 feet of water; striper are fairly good in number to 15 to 20 pounds in 12-20 feet of water on Bananahead jigs; crappie fair up the

Pecos on minnows; white bass are good in the Pecos and in the Rio Grande; catfish are fairly good in the 15 to 20 foot range off stink bait mostly in shallow water are caught on shrimp and worms.

Number 2 for Hunt & Senne

SABINAL--Clay Hunt and Tevin Senne captured their second straight doubles title last weekend. The duo took first place in boys doubles in the A division at the 29th annual Sabinal Invitational Tennis Tournament.

Other schools competing were Carrizo Springs, Crystal City, Del Rio Junior Varsity, Del Rio Freshman, Devine, Dilley, D'Hanis, Hondo, Knippa, Leakey, Medina Valley, Nueces Canyon, Sabinol, and Somerset.

Hunt and Senne faced Carlos Gallardo and Mark Dominguez from Hondo in the final. The Brackett team was victorious 6-4, 6-4.

The B doubles team of Peter Perez and W.T. Hunt won their opening match 6-4, 6-2 over Lyons and

Parker of Medina Valley. Peter and W.T. were then defeated by Bailey and Rodriguez of Sabinal 6-2, 6-3.

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If elected I will do my utmost to merit your trust in running the Justice of the Peace Office honestly, fairly and properly again I thank you!

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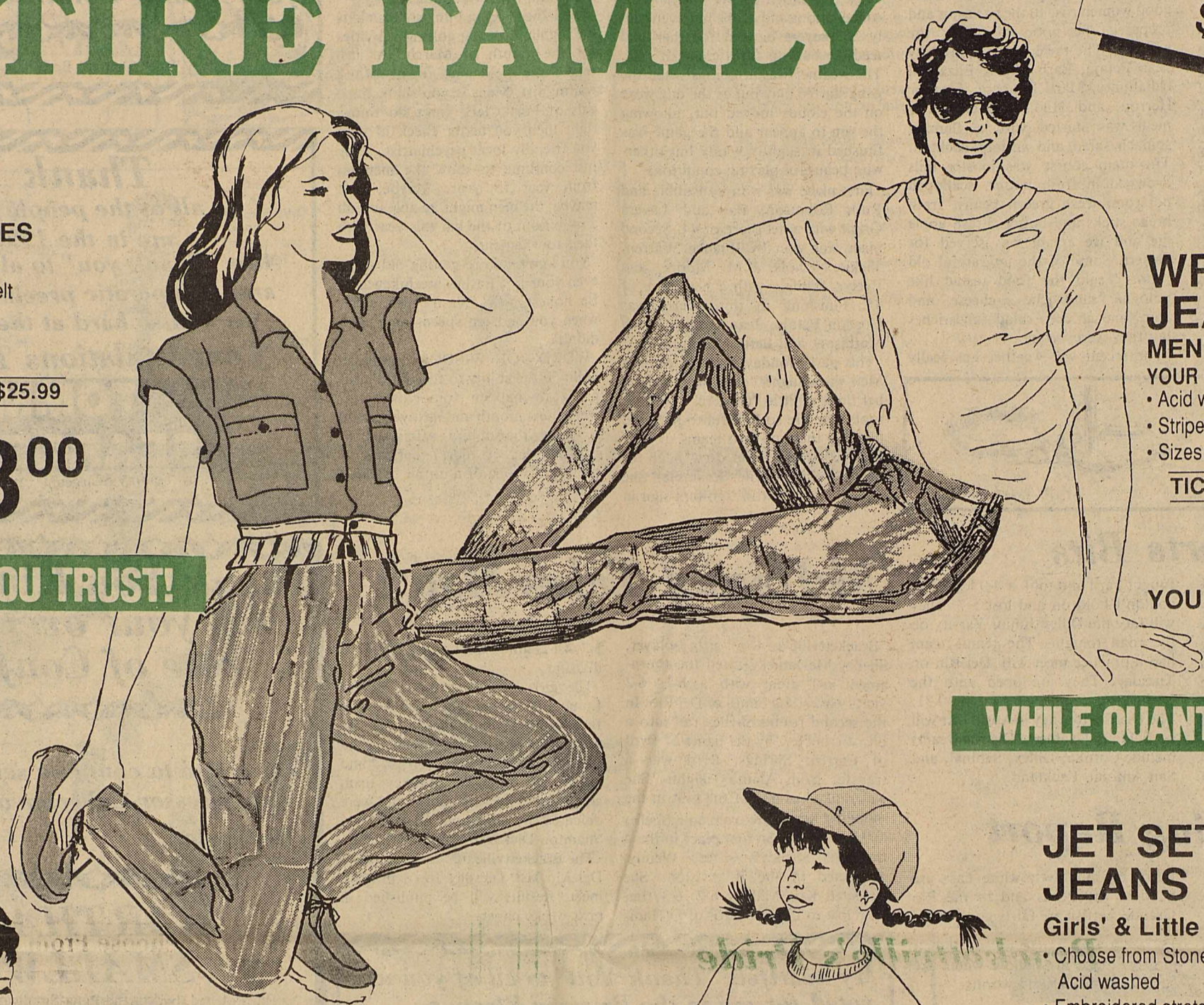
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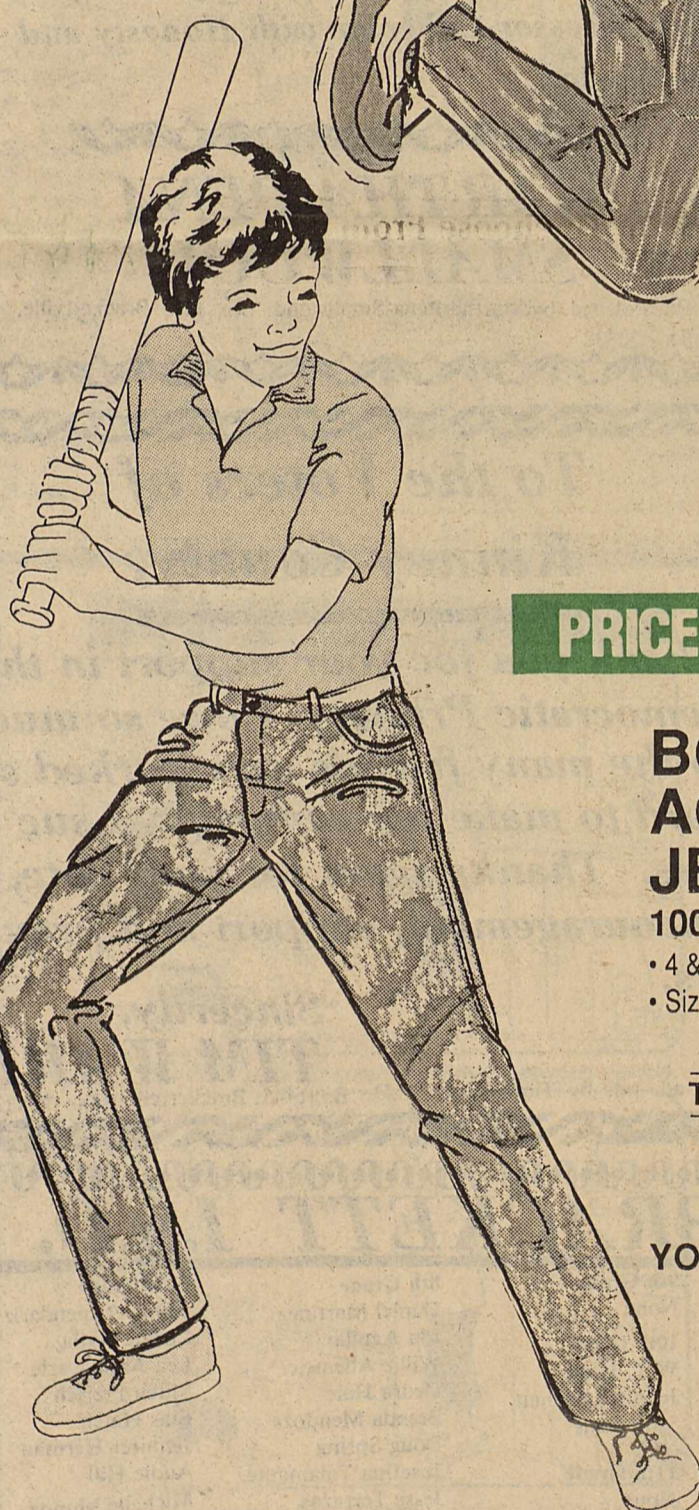
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(Editor's Note—Leonard Sandoval is the son of Mary and Joe Sandoval of Brackettville. Leonard's wife, Eleanor, and children, Kristina and Matthew, are staying in Brackettville while he is on temporary duty in the Virgin Islands.)

Brackettville native Leonard Sandoval knows first-hand the destructive power of a hurricane. In fact, he has several different perspectives of the same storm.

Sandoval, an employee of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fort Worth District, is working with the Corps' Hurricane Hugo disaster recovery mission on St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Sandoval also worked the Corps' Hugo mission in Charleston, S.C.

Hurricane Hugo slammed into St. Croix on Sept. 17, lashing the island with 140 mph winds. On Sept. 21, Hugo crashed into South Carolina. The results were basically the same in both places—almost total destruction.

"Both places were really destroyed by Hugo," said Sandoval. "Charleston probably has more dollar damages because they had more buildings and homes damaged. St. Croix had more debris and tree damage."

"It'll be a couple of years before either place gets back to normal. I consider St. Croix very lucky. Looking at the damage they had, they are lucky more people didn't get killed."

Sandoval worked in the Charleston area Nov. 5 to Dec. 23. He has been in St. Croix since Jan. 2 and will stay until April. Sandoval has worked on debris removal at both locations, including estimating contract costs, inspecting contractor work and overseeing contract management.

"Being on these disaster missions

TEAMS Retakes

Individuals who are no longer enrolled in school and have not previously passed both sections of the TEAMS exit level test but have met all other graduation requirements may retake the sections not passed. The English language arts test will be administered on Tuesday, May 1, 1990, and the mathematics test will be administered on Wednesday, May 2, 1990. Individuals may pick up a registration packet at Brackett High School from Susan Harrison. Registration forms must be completed and returned in the pre-addressed envelope and are to be received in Iowa City, Iowa, no later than 5:00 p.m. April 11, 1990. It is suggested that individuals registering for the test obtain proof of delivery by sending the registration form either by registered or certified mail. Questions concerning out-of-school examinee testing should be directed to Susan Harrison, Brackett High School, 563-2491.

It's Time to Prune Roses

Homeowners are reminded that March is the best time to prune roses. Hybrid Teas, Floribundas, and Grandifloras are usually pruned heavily at this time (down to 18 to 24 inches from the ground). Weak or dead canes should be removed or shortened to healthy tissue any time during the year. If you prefer a less

drastic approach to annual pruning, you can cut back the vigorous canes one-fourth to one-third their length for a more attractive plant, especially

for old shrub-type roses. A light application of fertilizer with some pruning in mid-August can lead to some fall flowering.

Brackett Track Season Opens In Utopia

Utopia—The Brackettville track teams opened this season last Saturday with a meet in Utopia.

The highlight of the day was the sprint relay team's first finish. The team consists of Armando Talamantez, Billy LaGioia, Adrian Pena, and Juan Dominquez. Talamantez also finished first in the 110 meter hurdles. La Gioia finished third in the 200 and fifth in the 100. Pena also competed in the 100 and took sixth place.

In girls action, Theresa Terrazas finished third in the triple jump, sixth

being away from your family for so long."

The biggest difference for Sandoval between Charleston and St. Croix?

"They drive on the left side of the road in St. Croix. It takes a little getting used to."

History of Kinney County Public Library: Part One

Have you ever wondered how our beautiful Kinney County Public Library came into being, and who were the public-spirited persons who made it possible?

In 1958, when Mrs. Glee Utterback became President of the Kinney County New World Study Club, she suggested members bring books to share with one another. The study Club had raised funds to purchase the old frame Baptist Church for use as a meeting place, and it became their "Bookshelf." Mr. Raymond Fuentes built bookshelves, and members brought their books. This informal arrangement continued for eight years.

In 1966 Mrs. Charlotte Goleman volunteered to classify and catalog the books the Study Club had collected. Mrs. J. Lee Ballantyne moved that the book collection be opened to the community as a public library to be operated as a Club project. Miss Elsa Sauer seconded provided counsel and advice on how to design a filing system and which

design a filing system and which items should be purchased for the new library. Other volunteers were Mrs. Leo Glasgow, Mrs. Bob Walkup, and Mrs. Laura Seargeant.

Brackettville now had a Public Library, which was open three days each week from 3:00 p.m. to 6 p.m., operated by volunteers. During the year, as community interest and needs grew, the Study Club made an appeal for volunteer help and book donations. The Lions Club built two more large bookcases and a book drop for the old building.

In 1973 Mrs. Goleman, Mrs. Joe York, and Mr. Richard Getz, San Antonio Library Supervisor, attended a Kinney County Commissioners' meeting, and discussed the needs which could be met and the benefits which would be brought to the community by having their public library affiliated with the Texas State Library System and the San Antonio Area Library System. The Commissioners voted to grant \$50.00 per month to pay utilities, postage, and other supplies for our Library, in order to qualify it for membership.

Brackettville's Pride

Maria Duran, a sophomore at Brackett High School, will learn about "America's Incentive System" during an expense paid trip to San Antonio to attend the West Texas Leadership Seminar. The Seminar is affiliated with the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation and will be held March 29 to April 1, 1990, at Lackland Air Force Base, San



Mary Duran

Antonio. More than 225 outstanding sophomores, each representing a different school, from El Paso to Waco to Brownsville to Corpus Christi will attend. The Seminar is sponsored by Optimist Clubs, Kiwanis clubs, Greater Federation of Women's Clubs and various businesses in the community.

During the Seminar, these future leaders will hear from today's distinguished leaders in business, government, education and the professions. The young leaders leave with a better understanding and appreciation of the economic system and the democratic process.

The Foundation was established 32 years ago by movie and stage actor Hugh O'Brian in the belief that America's greatest resource is its youth. The purpose of the Foundation and the related Seminars is to seek out, recognize and reward leadership potential in sophomores.

Mary Duran, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugenio Duran, is a 16 year old sophomore in the Brackett High School. Mary is the sophomore representative in the Brackett Tiger Band, a member of the Flag Corps (Captain), and 4-H Club. Mary was elected "Most Friendly" in her class and received the "Gold-Star Award". She has participated in many activities including the Pre Employment Skill Training Program, the Upward Bound Program, and U.I.L. (Persuasive Speaking and Poetry).

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Chamber of Commerce Spotlight Review

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Pat Melancon is the man who can help create these desirable cool sanctuaries. Melancon's company, PAPCO, can sell, install, and repair any brand of air conditioning/heating system. Pat Melancon is insured and licensed with the state of Texas as an air condition contractor. He is also a carrier dealer for air conditioners.

Pat Melancon recommends people begin examining their present air conditioners by cleaning or replacing filters and making sure cool air is blowing. If there are problems, it would be wise to call him and have him take a look at it immediately.

before the summer heat arrives. Melancon has been in the air-conditioning business for eleven years and is fully capable of maintenance repairs on any system.

Pat Melancon and his family moved from Houston to Brackettville in 1987. Pat's mother was born in Brackettville and his grandmother, Ruby Veltman, still resides in Brackettville. As a child, Pat visited Brackettville every summer and fell in love with the community. He decided early on to raise his children in this part of Texas.

The Melancon family lives in Spofford. His beautiful wife Pam teaches second grade at Jones Elementary. Pat and Pam have three children, Patrick, 12, David, 11, and Michelle, 7. They all enjoy life away from the big city.

Call Pat at 563-9493 for more information on air conditioners. He is a friendly man and always ready to help his customers. By the way, if you haven't guessed, PAPCO is the acronym for Pam and Pat's Company.

Physician Joins Medical Staff

Dr. James Randolph recently joined the medical staff of Val Verde Memorial Hospital. Dr. Randolph is a native Texan. He attended Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, where he played varsity basketball, then attended medical school at the University of Texas at Houston. He completed his residency in orthopedic surgery at the Texas Tech University Health Science Cen-

ter in Lubbock. For the past four years, Dr. Randolph has been practicing in San Marcos. Dr. Randolph's practice is limited to orthopedic surgery with interests in sports medicine, arthroscopic surgery and total joint replacement. In his spare time, Dr. Randolph enjoys fishing and other outdoor activities. His office hours are by appointment at the Del Rio Medical & Surgical Clinic, 1200 Bedell Ave., 774-2505.

B.I.S.D. Drug Media Fair

Brackett I.S.D., the drug advisory committee, and region xx service center will host a substance abuse media fair for all Brackett students in grades PK-12 on March 16, 1990. Entries in audio, computer programming, graphics, photographic prints, videotape, and multi-media will be accepted at the high school library on March 15, with judging to take place

that afternoon. Trophies and ribbons contributed by First State Bank, Nash Dry Goods, Sergeant Concrete, Border Patrol, and Jim Runyan will be awarded. The public is invited to view the exhibits at the high school library on March 16, 1990. For more information, please contact Susan Harrison at Brackett High School.

Bridge Anyone?

On Sunday, March 4, Duplicate bridge was played at the Sabre room at Fort Clark. Top Score at North-South went to Milly Harvey and Fran Swanson. In second was Anita Korbel of Del Rio, playing with Norma Gould. Gene and Mary Britton were high at East-West, followed by Ruth Wilks and Marge Bachelor.

Seven tables were in play on Tuesday evening March 6. First place

at North-South went to Joyce Bell and Pat Johnson, both of Del Rio. The Brittons were runners-up.

At East-West high score went to Molly Schroeder and Carol Benfield, followed by Flo Stafford and Evelyn Whitely.

On Sunday, March 11, with only five tables present, Howell was the movement. La Monte and Marcie McCandless had the high score, with Gene and Mary Britton close behind.

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Grandma's Kitchen



If I'm a little late with my thank-you's you'll have to forgive me, its because I get spells of writing, therefore I'm way ahead of myself-sometimes-and if I make a boo-boo once in awhile, that's simple, my mind thinks about 3 times faster than I can write. Thanks Ed. from Louisiana, for liking Grandma, and all the others I heard about from those special girls at the "Brackett News." I just read a bit of news about our Congress--it not only startled me, but sidetracked me from other healthful news, so listen to this, and let me know what you think? As of October 23rd, 435 Representatives in the House had to answer 387 roll calls, 201 on votes, 182 on quorum calls, approximately 190 hours of time were given over to being summoned by bells and saying, "Yea," "Nay" or "Present." Now get this--In an age when electronics, which allows us to take pictures of Mars and transmit them over 134 million miles of space, the House spent five entire work weeks in less than ten months answering, in turn, to 435 names deliberately intoned by two gravel-throated clerks, a cumulative total of over 240,000 times. What about that bit of time wasting folks? And they wanted a 50% raise? If every one of those old-foggies in Washington was replaced by a housewife who's raised a family and balance a budget then all our Washington problems would be solved. Well, guess I'd better get on with some recipes or I'll get thrown out of my own kitchen.

Here's a favorite, guess it must have been handed down from several generations, my family has always enjoyed it. Some folks call it Poor

Man's Pie and some call it --Shepherd's Pie:

1 1/2 to 2lbs ground beef
1 small onion, chopped
1/2 can cream of mushroom soup-salt and pepper to taste
16oz can (2 cups peas and carrots, or mixed vegetables-drained) or you can use leftover vegetables
3 to 4 potatoes, mashed (or use instant)

Brown ground beef and onion in skillet, drain excess fat. Add salt and pepper. Blend meat with 1/2 can of undiluted soup and spread meat mixture in bottom of 1 1/2 quart casserole. Drain vegetables and pour over meat-soup mixture. Spread mashed potatoes over vegetables.

Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Turn on broiler to brown potatoes if necessary. My family always loved this with cheese slices on top of the mashed potatoes, and then brown. People have asked me how I get my family to eat casseroles and my family started off eating them. I suppose it's just a matter of what you get used to, but it's worth a try to get them to accept casseroles, they are a great time saver as well as money saver. If someone fusses about the grocery bill, tell him you're going to economize, then serve casseroles and they can eat them or go hungry. After all, we're giving them a choice.

Ham Casseole

7 oz (about 2 cups dry) elbow macaroni; or egg noodles
1/2 cup milk
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1/2 teas. celery salt
1 can "tender chunk" ham or 1 cup diced picnic shoulder, or 1 can of Spam-diced

Ham Casserole

Heat together soup, milk, cheese and celery salt. Remove from heat and add ham. Combine with macaroni. Pour into greased 2 quart baking dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. To prevent hard pieces of macaroni on top of casserole, cover while baking. While your main thoughts are on the protein dish, here's a good new filling for peach pie, you can use fresh, frozen, or canned peaches.

Peach Pie Filling

1 unbaked pie crust
Peaches-as many as you like-sliced
3 egg yolks
1/2 cup sugar-adjust to amount of

peaches.
2 TBS. flour
1/2 cup sour cream
Arrange peach slices in crust, blend remaining ingredients and pour over peaches. Bake at 450 degrees for 20 minutes. Reduce oven heat to 350 degrees and bake another 20 minutes, or until center of pie is firm.
My thought this week: Life is sorta like a mirror, you only get out what you put in.

Now get your hug and have a safe week.

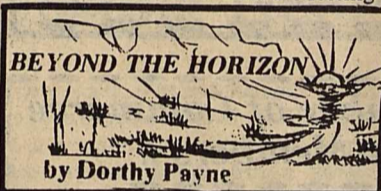
I love you-Grandma

Clean Up Day Set

A CLEAN UP DAY has been set by the Ground & Building Committee which is headed up by Albert Payne. He has requested that Adults show up at the Little League Field on Saturday, March 17, at 9:00 a.m. He also asks that everyone bring shovels, hoes, rakes and whatever tools that might be handy.

The Managers Committee will also meet with people who have expressed a desire to Manage or assist in Coaching the same morning, Saturday, March 17, at 9:00 a.m. John Jones is the Chairman of this Committee and he will try to make team assignments and make sure of each persons preference. If anyone cannot be at this meeting, but does want to Manage or Coach, please make sure to get in touch with: Chairman, John Jones, 3-2735; T-Ball Vice-President, Albert Payne, 3-2157; Softball Vice-President, Debbie Coe 3-2471; or Senior League Vice-President, Darlene Shahan, 3-2152. The Board is grateful to all those in the community who have offered their time and help.

The next scheduled Board Meeting



The rattlesnake is the only species of venomous snake that gives warning before it strikes and is sometimes called the gentleman among snakes. But it is doubtful this is true about the deadliest and most hated American snake.

The rattles of a rattlesnake's tail are merely rings of dried and hardened skin that do not come off when the snake sloughs its skin, because of the button at the end of the tail.

When Mr. Rattlesnake is excited and gets ready to strike he nervously moves his tail and causes the rings of old skin to rattle. Naturalists do not believe it is a deliberate warning but an action over which he has no control.

Rattlesnakes are the only species of snakes that have rattles, but other species of snakes like the bull snake or the fox snake vibrate their tail and if in contact with leaves or brush makes a sound like a rattlesnake.

According to Charles Darwin it is no more likely that a rattlesnake would give deliberate warning of its strike than a cat would warn a doomed mouse. He believed the rattlesnake wiggles his tail for the same reason that the cobra expands its hood, the puff-adder spreads its head, the cat arches its back and the hen with chicks ruffles its feathers when threatened with danger.

Most snakes are timid and will avoid human beings. They will usually try to escape and will fight when trying to escape or when stepped upon.

The deadly "fer-de-lance" (French for "iron of a lance" that is, "lance head"), is said to be one of the few venomous snakes that attack man without being molested. The "fer-de-lance" is closely related to the rattlesnake but has no rattles.

Library Notes

Our best wishes go with our former Librarian Irma Perez, who left our Kinney County Public Library last Friday to accept a new position with the Brackett Independent School District. She has worked very hard and long hours while with our Library, and we appreciate all she accomplished. Assistant Librarian Maria Sanchez and Volunteer Earlene Thurber will endeavor to serve you until a new Librarian can be employed by the Kinney County Commissioners.

Our thanks to Mayor Vito La Gioia and the City of Brackettville for two desks and chairs provided for the use of our Library System division of the Texas Library System. They fill a great need in keeping Library records and making reports to the State and are much appreciated. In addition, the amount of community support received from the City and the County determines the amount our Library is qualified to receive from the State for payroll, equipment, and new book funds.

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(location)

between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on April 16, 1990
and ending on May 1, 1990 (date)

Additional absentee voting will be held as follows:

Location	Date	Hours
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Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
Mrs. Emma Swalm
(Name of Absentee Voting Clerk)
P.O. Box 586
(Address)
Brackettville, Texas 78832
(City) (Zip Code)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on
April 27, 1990
(date)

Issued this the 27th day of February, 1990
Nettie Cronover
Signature of Presiding Officer

ORDEN DE ELECCION

Por la presente se ordena que se lleve a cabo una eleccion el 5 de Mayo 1990 con el proposito de:
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Elegir a dos miembros para la mesa Directiva de la Escuela por tres años.

La votacion en ausencia en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en
La Oficina de la Escuela Secundaria de Brackett por la calle Ann #300
(sitio)

entre las 7:30 de la mañana y las 4:00 de la tarde empezando el 16 de Abril 1990
y terminando el 1 de Mayo 1990 (fecha)

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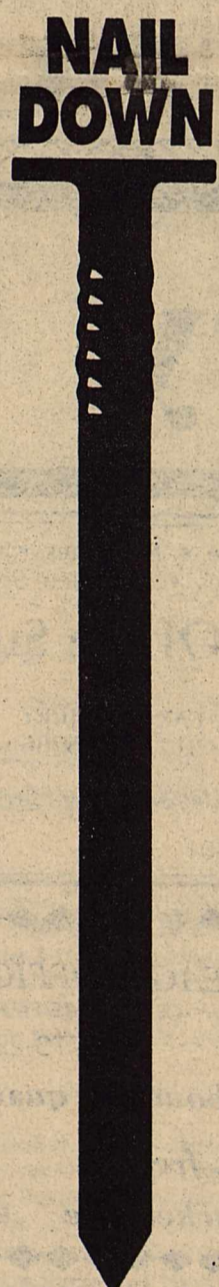
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