

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

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Commissioners Meet

Commissioners met in regular session April 9 at 9:00a.m. in the Kinney Co. court house. All members were

that meeting:

Legal Action Against Waste Site

Commissioners met in executive session for over two hours while a crowd of over 20 C.A.R.E. members waited outside of the court room doors in anticipation of the agenda item that would allow Commissioners to begin legal action against a waste site in Kinney County.

Also present in the corridor was TEXCOR representative Charles Salsman and his attorney.

After a lengthy discussion, commissioners opened the doors to the public. County Attorney Tully Shahan explained to the audience the option on this agenda item, he explained, "Because it (the agenda item) says to start legal action the Commissioners Court does not want to do that because of the cost involved. We plan to pass a resolution to do a feasability study and request outside entities to put the money up to do that. He further explained that the court could not pass a resolution during that meeting to do that because they have to follow the agenda.

Members of C.A.R.E. then asked what the cost of a feasibility study might be.

Commissioner Slubar answered stating, "We don't know, it would be hard to say."

TEXCOR representative Salsman informed the court that a copy of the permit was available at the library for anyone to view. Salsman also offered to bring a copy of the application to the court house.

Shahan further explained that in getting into a lawsuit the costs could be unpredictable and that the court felt it would be unwise to use taxpayers money on something that costs were not clear on. He said that the main thing was we all wanted the truth on the issue.

Tootsie Herndon then asked the court how much it would cost to clean up the mess after TEXCOR left. She then said that Salsman said if they didn't want them, they would leave.

After the meeting Salsman answered Herndon's accusation by saying that when Texcor first began looking into this area as a possible site for their project, they asked around and found no opposition. It wasn't until after TEXCOR had already invested time and money into the area that they started hearing negative comments about the project, by then it was not financially feasible to just pack up and leave.

Student Summer Program

Jim Runion, Border Patrol agent in charge, approached the court asking that they furnish \$600 towards the Below are the unofficial minutes of Youth Summer Program to help with the labor cost.

> The summer program is being planned as a joint effort between the school, county and city to provide activities for the youth throughout the summer.

> The school had already donated \$600 plus the use of school facilities. Commissioners agreed to the \$600

Indigent Care

Commissioners agreed to the cost of \$60 per month for two months towards the lease of a TNS machine for Salvador Pacheco.

It was explained to Commissioners that this machine would be used in place of chemical sedatives as a pain reliever for Pacheco.

Radio Tower Agreement

Commissioners agreed to lease the Radio Tower to Exxon under the authority of the Sheriff's dept.

Exxon would pay \$250.00 for 60 days. This money would go into the general fund.

T.A.C. Computer Purchase

Tax Assesor collector, Martha Smallwood approached commissioners asking for a line transfer from the T.A.C. clerk salary to a computer purchase line item.

Out of the \$6,388.10 left from the budgeted salary, \$2,300 was moved towards the purchase of the com-

Salary Increase

Albert Lattimer's salary was increased from \$4.20 to \$4.50 per hour. Ailene Reid was promoted from J.P. Clerk to Chief Clerk and received a salary increase to \$4.50.

Auction Notice

Commissioners motioned to post notice that a sale by public auction

Plunker takes Race

"It feels much better when you win the race than when you lose it." stated an elated Plunker Sheedy after hearing the news that he had won the local race for Commissioner of Pct. 2. Sheedy took a total of 136 votes and opposing candidate Manuel Fuentes took 126.

In the Governor's Democratic race between Mattox and Richards, Kinney Co. voted in favor of Mattox by 261 votes to Richards 216. Richards however took the State.

Here is how Kinney Co. voted for the remainder of the state on the ballot:

State Treasurer Nikki Van Hightower 232 Tom Bowden 204

Justice Supreme Court Place 2 Ross Sears 277 Bob Gammage 137 Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1 Morris L. Overstreet 218

Frank Maloney 199 Fall Semester Procedures

Dates and procedures for the Fall 1990 semester at Southwest Texas Junior College were recently announced.

Students in Uvalde will pre-register April 16-19; Del Rio Center students will pre-register April 16-19 and April 23-27; Eagle Pass Center students will pre-register beginning April 16.

All current and former students of SWTJC who have satisfied all entrance requirements, are not on scholastic suspension, and have no outstanding financial obligations to the college may pre-register for the fall 1990 semester, according to John Allen Davis, dean of admissions/reg-

"To initiate the pre-registration process students needed to complete

a readmission form," Davis said. Students who have pre-registered may change their schedules, if needed, on May 4.

Students who are receiving financial aid will be credited for the funds which they are eligible during pre-registration. Tuition and fees, however, will not need to be paid during pre-registration; the college will send a bill to the pre-registrant's home that must be paid by August 3. Students who do not pay by that date or are placed on scholastic suspension in May will be removed from the rolls and will have to go through regular registration to attend SWTJC in the fall.

For more information, call 278-4401 in Uvalde; 773-9238 in Eagle Pass; 775-1612 in Del Rio.

Mayor La Gioia takes a giant step in preparations. in order to get ready

"First we'll drain this one, then use the first phases of new city pool for the new pool the Mayor stated, jack hammer to break it up then haul

Pool Construction Begins!

The spring break that Brackettville from the Texas Department of citizens have been waiting for began April 10 as City crews began to drain the old pool as part of the first phase of construction towards completion of the new pool.

"You have the Grant," was the statement made to Mayor La Gioia

Commerce.

"Our goal is to see the pool completed by the first of July," stated La Gioia. At first the project was expected to take up to two years for completion.

The pool will be 40 ft. wide 90 ft long built in a rectangle shape. Safety valves will be installed under the pool

to insure that if the pool is empty water will be pumped into the pool instead of building up under the pool. The pool grant is for \$93,037.

Game Bird Hunting Regulations

tory game bird hunting regulations that are similar to last year. However, officials said the September teal season and the special white-winged dove season are still in

The early-season proposals were presented along with other proposed hunting and fishing regulation changes to the Parks and Wildlife Commission on March 22. The proposals will be aired in public hearings across the state during April, then considered for adoption by the commission in a public

hearing in Austin on May 24. Ron George, dove program leader, said the nine-day September teal season, which traditionally began in Texas on the third Saturday in September, was closed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) nationwide in both 1988 and 1989. This was a response to concerns about poor production resulting from extended drought on the northern breeding grounds, George said. "Although it's too early in the season to determine teal nesting success, water conditions in the nesting areas don't appear to have improved significantly," he said.

George said the department is proposing to allow hunters the traditional two-weekend special white-winged dove season in the Special White-winged Dove Area along the Rio Grande. However, the proposed Sept. 1-2 and 8-9 season also is subject to FWS approval.

Like teal, whitewing nesting success has been below normal in recent years because of the weather. Freezing temperatures last winter severely damaged citrus trees in the Valley, adversely affecting as much as half the region's whitewing nesting habitat, George said.

Another proposed change in dove regulations would lengthen the winter mourning dove season in the Central and South Zones from 10 to 16 days in order to provide three full weekends of hunting. George said surveys indicate that much of the dove hunting activity in Texas occurs in the first two weeks of the fall season and declines steadily after that time. Activity increases with the opening of the January season, he said. The fall hunting season would be closed six days earlier, and those days would be applied to the January season, George said.

The mourning dove season proposed for 1990-91 is: North Zone, Sept. 1-Nov.9; Central Zone, Sept.

AUSTIN--The Texas Parks and 1-Oct. 24 and Jan. 5-20; South Zone, mourning and white-tipped doves in and Jan. 5-20.

> The proposed mourning dove bag limit for all zones is 12 mourning, white-winged dove and white-tipped doves in the aggregate, including no more than two white-winged and two white-tipped doves per day; the possession limit is twice the daily bag limit. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset in all

The white-winged dove season in the Special White-winged Dove Area (except Sanctuary A), is proposed for Sept. 1-2 and 8-9, and shooting hours are noon to sunset. For the portion of the whitewing zone south and east of Del Rio, the proposed bag limit during the whitewing season is 10 white-winged, mourning and whitetipped doves in the aggregate including no more than five mourning doves and two white-tipped doves per day. For the portion of the zone north and west of Del Rio the proposed limit is 10 white-winged,

Wildlife Department has tentatively Sept. 20-Nov.12 (Nov. 8 in the the aggregate including no more than proposed 1990-91 early season migra- Special White-winged Dove Area) two white-tipped doves per day. The ossession limit is twice the daily bag

> The staff also proposed to continue the requirement that one fully-feathered wing remain on all dressed doves at all times in the South Zone and the Special White-winged Dove Area. The proposed season for teal ducks

> is Sept. 15-23, with shooting hours from sunrise to sunset. The daily bag limit would be four teal in the aggregate, with a possession limit of The proposed rail season is Sept.

1-Nov. 9. Bag and possession limits for King and clapper rails would be 15 and 30 respectively, and for Sora and Virginia rails it would be 25 and

The gallinule (common moorhen and purple gallinule) season would be Sept. 1-Nov. 9, with bag and possession limits of 15 and 30. Shooting hours for rails and gallinules are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.



Flight at the Las Moras Creek Les Roper on page 3.)

Father and Son Team Walter and Invitational. (For more information Roy Dyer won the Championship on the event turn to Golf News by

"The Actor's Nightmare"

On Saturday, April 7, "The Actor's Nightmare" was entered into the Region IV, Area II contest in Mason. The play received fourth place among several other plays, Armando

Talamantez was awarded with a trophy and a spot on the All-Star Cast. Shelley and Wendy McDaniel both received Honorable Mention. Directed by Merry Beth Mills, this is the second year in a row that

Brackett's one-act play won District and advanced last year, the drama "Dear Papa" advanced to the same level of competition. The cast and crew would like to thank Mrs. Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Sims, Mrs. Harrison and parents for their Support. The two advancing plays were "The Curios Savage" performed by Cotulla High School, and Johnson City's production of "Lover's in Midsummer."

Texas A & M President will Speak Here

BRACKETTVILLE--Texas A&M ing ties with their alma mater. University President William H. Mobley will speak here Saturday,

Approximately 150 former students from as far away as Uvalde, Del Rio, April 21, to help area Aggies observe Eagle Pass and Rocksprings are Muster, the institution's annual expected to be on hand for the ceremony for honoring former stu- luncheon program, notes Tully dents who have died during the past Shahan, Brackettville attorney and year and for renewing and strenthen- 1967 Texas A&M graduate who is

Dr. William H. Mobley, President Texas A&M University

coordinating arrangements. The program will begin at 11:30 a.m. in Kinney County Civic Center.

Dr. Mobley is expected to give an overview of the status of Texas A&M today and discuss "megaforces" that will affect the future of the university and the state overall. Those megaforces include the continuing shift to a knowledge-based society, the rapid globalization of the economy and the increasing ethnic diversification of the population of Texas.

Strategies for Texas A&M to be a leader in coping with, and capitalizing on, those trends are included in a "Commiment to Education" program that Dr. Mobley recently announced and will discuss in his remarks. "Commitment to Education" is intended to help combat education problems facing the state and nation at levels ranging from pre-school to graduate school.

Dr. Mobley was named as Texas A&M's 20th president on August 1, 1988. He joined Texas A&M in 1980 as professor and head of the Department of Management and progressed up through the ranks to dean of the College of Business Administration. At the time he was selected president, he was executive deputy chancellor for The Texas A&M University System.

Shahan can be contacted at 512-563-2462 for luncheon reservations or more information about the Muster



Congratulations to Plunker Sheedy for his win in the run-off election for the Democratic nomination as County Commissioner, Pct. 2 on Tuesday, April 10th.

Sheedy was the final victor of the 3 candidate race which began several months ago. His well organized campaign brought him through to final victory in a hard fought battle for the nomination. He has no Republican opponent for the General Election to be held in November. His victory completes the much needed transition of the Kinney County Commissioners Court with the recent defeats of Tommy Seargeant by Tim Ward for County Judge, Bill Bizzell by Alvin McClure for Commissioner, Pct. 4, and incumbent Rosemary Slubar and candidate Manuel Fuentes for County Commissioner, Pct. 2.

It is anticipated that Ward,

nominations confirmed by county voters at the November General Election as none have Republican opponents and Kinney County elections have historically been pretty much decided by the Democratic Primary elections. The re-joining of the team of Ward, McClure, and Sheedy as members of the Commissioners Court will be like a breath of fresh air in the courthouse as the three were fellow members of the Commisioners Court in years past that led the county out of the depths of a huge county debt and back from the brink of bankruptcy. They are fair, open-minded, and very able public officials that will listen to the people. All have proven records of outstanding job performance and a combined total of 24 years public service to the people of Kinney County.

Another very important factor not McClure, and Sheedy will have their to be overlooked is that the morale of

Big Mama Sez:

Don't believe anything you hear and only half of what you see.



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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.

many county officials and employees has sunk to an all-time low during the administration of the current commissioners court. It is anticipated by this writer and several other county officials and employees that the change in county government with the addition of the new members to the commissioners court on January 1, 1991 will prove to have a radical effect for the better and will give a much needed lift to the morale and overall attitude of county officials and employees. With their anticipated victory in November and the swearing in process on January 1, 1991, Kinney County government will, at last, be returned to the PEOPLE, as it should be! THAT'S ALL!

Letter To The Editor

In regards to the Sherriff's Corner in last weeks paper--We apologize for a Grand Jury having to be called for "one case" and the fact that Flores-Ruiz, being an alien pauper will cost the tax payers for a lawyer, because Lord knows WE pay enough

As Paul Harvey would say, "Here is the rest of the story." We know our 1977 truck is old and dilapidated but it is legally tagged and inspected (more tax dollars) and our personal property, even though we rarely take it off our ranch. Sherriff Hooten failed to mention that our barn and front porch was completely ransacked and an expensive tool was a hammer and beat the lock off our gate, and also that although we were at the site of the apprehension and willing to drive our truck home or wherever the law demanded it be taken, it was towed in at our expense. on it and asked why we should be liable for the towing charges, we were told "because Mr. Flores-Ruiz doesn't have any money."

Another fact that was not disclosed was that this was not the first vehicle stolen from our property or any mention of the numerous break-ins by so called alien paupers. The last vehicle taken from our ranch was a several thousand dollar Willys Jeep that was driven to the other side of was burned up. Again we had to pay towing and storage fees to recover it.

We also failed to see the accuracy of Mr. Flores-Ruiz being "suspected" of stealing the truck when he was mental picture of an old man dressed caught driving it.

So, in closing we again apologize to all of you tax-payers that have to help stand the expense of trying to breaking in to steal a bottle of see justice done.

> That's All Don & Linda Woodson proviorono

Unsung Hero

There is a man here who holds a very responsible position. He's been here most of his life. He took time out to establish himself as an outstanding defender of his country in the military. He served commendably on the Commissioners court. He cast around in various walks of life until he finally found his spot. For a good while he has served as "Chief Deputy" Sheriff. He has studied hard and long to get the necessary "book learning" and has demonstrated a great deal of common sense in carrying out his responsibilities. Surely David Luna is an "Unsung Hero."

UPDATE

One of the most modern scientific break throughs is on the verge of reality as "Discovery" awaits launching.

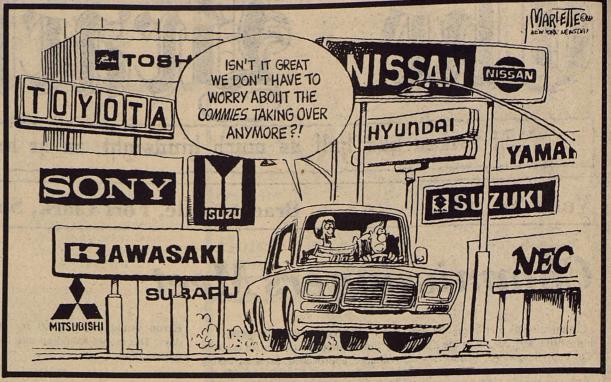
The high powered telescope will be placed about 400 miles in space. It has the capability of spotting the light of a firefly from 10,000 miles

Several cases of stomach virus and strep throat and one case of scarlet fever were reported at the United Medical Clinic.

Madge Blecher-Keys reported massive amounts of hail on her ranch last Thursday. Madge stated that in the run off area there was about 4ft. of hail in piles. All the trees and brush stripped of their foilage.

Bret Trant reported around 7 inches of rain on his ranch for the year to date.

What a nice addition those center stripes on Spring and Ann St. made. It is almost worth the dust storm that proceeded them when the sweepers cleaned the roads before the paint





So the Bob Newhart show is about to bite the dust. To say I'm elated is to put it mildly. It's not my type of entertainment. At my house when he comes on, it's time to change the channel. I recognize this type of humor as something that appeals to many people or his show couldn't have been on the air these many years. One day recently I didn't change the channel fast enough and caught a glimpse of the show. Someone was talking with him about eating and said somethings about saying "grace" before he started to eat. Bob Newhart said, "I guess there found on the suspects when they were are still some loonies out there who apprehended, or that they had taken still do that." Bob--you are so very right; here's one of millions of "loonies" who still does that. When I realize what God has done and continues to do for me, I would feel lower than a snake if I didn't take a

moment before a meal to say "Thank you God" and ask Him to continue to bless me. Another thought occurs to me, someday I will eat my last meal on this earth. It may be years away and it may be the next meal I eat. I'd hate to think I would be ushered into His presence after neglecting to touch hearts with Him by saying "grace." I'm grateful that as I grew up I always heard my father say "grace before every meal"--Thanks Dad! There has never been a meal at our home where "grace" did not precede eating. This is true of the homes of all my children. If we but recognize God for who He is and what He does it's inconceivable to me anyone would neglect saying thanks to God for His love His care and His providence. Yes, Bob Newhart and your script writers, there are still some loonies out there who do that.

My prayer is that you will someday look beyond the arrogant parameter of your egotism and recognize that God is important. Important enough to even pause and say "grace".

Teri--Even in this poisened atmosphere of a polluted and death dealing earth in America. I note you have amassed an income where you can live a totally non-productive life. By your condemnation of Big Bend because the "haze" is the "worst in the world" you classify yourself as not only ignorant but lacking in objectivity and honest evaluation. People flock there literally by the thousands to breathe that polluted haze. You must have a tremendous income. It would require no small income to buy polish for your halo. After all it costs a bundle to polish

When we produced proof of ownership of the said truck to get a release "Rememberence, Forgiveness and Sin"

There are three words that best describe Easter for me, "Rememberence", "Forgiveness", and "Sin".

There is something I have noticed in the Bible pertaining to sin. It never says which sin is greatest. There are two top commandments; To love God and his Son before all else and to love your neighbor as yourself. But other than that, sin is pretty San Antonio and abandoned on the much sin. The Bible never says side of the freeway after the motor murder is a greater sin than stealing. Then the Bible tells us not to judge

> All of these thoughts were running through my head and I got this in tattered dirty clothes, bulging angry eyes and an unkept beard walking up to a liquor store and whiskey. The police are called and the man is arrested and placed in jail. Then I pictured a grandmotherly

type woman, dressed very neatly, living in a cute little cottage sitting at her window admiring the neighbors roses and thinking how they probably wouldn't mind if she clipped a few for her dinner table that evening, then doing it.

As humans we would probably forgive the elderly lady more easily than the old man. Although her motive for stealing the roses could have included desregard for her neighbors possessions and greed to have what was not rightfully hers.

The old man on the other hand could have been acting on an addiction and his only motive being what he thought meant survival for

"How often do we Judge others with our eyes?" Heck all of the time. Maybe that's why God said we were not to judge others, He probably knew we were not capable of doing

Wouldn't it be something if we could stop ourselves from judging others with our eyes. Then we could only Judge ourselves.

Forgiveness, would we ever have to forgive anyone if we had not already judged them? How can we ever judge what is in anothers heart?

Remember, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16.

Have a safe and Happy Easter.



Based on the assumption that a soon as you introduce the suggestion o "Start using words that help' someone will ask you for examples of helpful words, we are pleased to offer these expressions: I/We love you.

That's great! Good job.

You look terrific. What did you like best about today? You're very special. I like your smile.

Let's talk about you. /We want to help you. 'm/We're so proud of you. can see why you're angry. Let's talk about it. believe you can do it. Believe in yourself as I believe in you

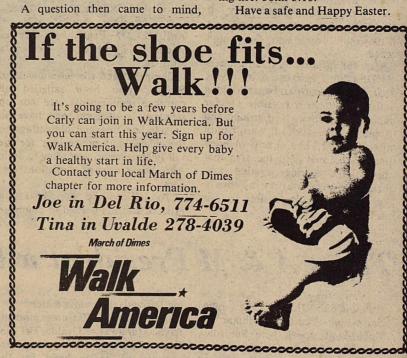
You're such a good worker. You doso well. Don't give up. You're so nice to be around today. Just do the best you can.

Thanks for your help.

You're going to be just fine. How can you/we fix it? Angels can do no more. Give it your best... You are what matters.

We can do it together. You made me happy; I hope you made you happy.

And, in general, words that validate a child's feelings and give him/her



VITO LA GIOIA Truie armadille Dear acnie, I heard Grandma tell her neighb "That only happens once in a blue moon". What did

Dear Sally. "Blue moon" originally meant the

second full moon in the same calendar month. Now,

it just means a very long time. You can learn a lot

from Grandma and Grandpa! arnie

she mean? Sally

Sponsored by The Mayor

GolfNewsby Les Roper

The Las Moras Creek Invitational was played in typical Texas weather...cool mornings, warm afternoons, windy and damp mornings, and very windy afternoons but not one of these elements created enough discomfort to alter the outcome of this tournament. SUCCESS, spelled in big capital letters is the only description that can be given to this two days of golf that brought so many out of town visitors to Brackettville and Fort Clark. Those who participated and visited had nothing but praise for the entire operation.

Ronnie Gibbs, the club pro at Fort Clark's Golf Club, was responsible for the success of the tournament as he assembled and organized the crews and committees to handle each phase of the operation. He had good men serving in key positions on these committees and during the tournament he had ladies making major contributions with their volunteer labor. When asked about the tournament, Gibbs replied, "I could have never handled a job as big as this without some mighty good help. The workers who volunteered for these very strategic positions never failed me one time. I have nothing but praise for all of them." Jim Bussey was responsible for attaining golf carts to be provided to the out of town visitors. Danny Isenberg took on the job of acquiring the caterer who provided the good food that was served. The door prizes were accumulated by Doc and Chick Cruse and Hubie McKelvy. Prizes and gift certificates were given to golfers who were closest to the hole ...longest drive...and most accurate drive and Bob Derrickson attended to all of the details that made this possible. "Fat Boy" Adams was in charge of the refreshments that were served during the entire tournament. He made sure they were properly iced down and available for everyone. Andy and Avis Anderson took on the big job of registering all of the contestants in for the tournaments and needless to say they did a great job. There are not enough nice words in Webster's Dictionary to describe the fantastic job Pat Nelson and Betty Mathison did. They sold donations for greenies to all of the players and their working hours were from "can" to "Can't" Their pretty smiles and words of encouragement inspired many golfers to "rear back" and hit way beyond their capabilities to win a free sleeve

team leader. Not only was it a great team effort but it was a great community effort. Sponsors from Brackettville, Del Rio and Uvalde contributed heavily to the golf tournament and their generosity put it over the top. The sponsors were Southwest Communications, Southwest Service Co., Lozano Welding Shop, Larry's Barber Shop, Kaline, Inc - Dunkin Donuts, Armando Gonzales, Allstate, Griffeth Ford, Inc., Lacks Furniture, Alamo Village, Oliver Jewelry, Amistad Automotive, Del Rio Coffee Service, Super S Food Store, Lou and Betty Schlatterer, J.C. Paint and Body, First State Bank of Brackettville, The Brackett News, Texcor Industries, Del Rio Carpet, Studer's Decorating, Travis Wilson Enterprises, Bill Bizzell Construction, Cannon Graphics, Brackettville Conoco, Sun Belt Group, Inc, Rob's Mini Shop Grocery & Car Wash, Jean's Nash Dry Goods, Rose Jewelers, Sweets and Things, B and S grocery, and Uvalco, Inc. Also contributing was Robert Correa Carpet Service, Bumper to Bumper Auto Parts, The Jug Store, Burger and Shake, Davis Hardware, Kinney County Wool and Mohair, Kinney County Land Co., Papco Service Co., Rory's Video Revue, Coors of Del Rio, Sam and M. L. Trollinger, Breen Gallery, Tipton Carson Dist., Dan Lloyd-State Farm Insurance, and OLE Distributors, Inc.

of balls. No question about it, folks,

it was a team effort led by a great

The players and their wives were invited to a Golfers Social at the NCO club on Friday night with cold drinks and finger sandwhiches being served. A good crowd of golfing enthusiasts turned out to enjoy the fun and participate in the night's activities.

Highlighting play on the final day was the local team of Roy and Walter Dyer, a father and son combination who proved to the skeptics that they were a twosome to be reckoned with. They played as a team on a mission with a point to prove and after the tournament was over there was no question as to who was the best on that day. Their pin point accuracy off of the tee box, their awesome approach shots, and the deadly approach shots, and the deadly putting stroke they both showed was too much for the other eleven teams in the Championship flight. They shot a ten under par for a total score of 124 and the championship. Two young golfing giants from Piedras Negras, Mexico, George and Mario DeLacabada, split second and third place with perennial winners, Rick

Caballerdo and Bill Batev of Eagle Pass, as both teams recorded a 125. The first flight was won by Cary Spurgeon and Billy Bob Holden, two of Uvalde's best golfers, as they recorded a combined score of 127. The highlight of their two rounds of golf was their first day's score of 8 under par 62. There was a two way tie for second place between Jack Cooley and Fred Wirsing and Fernando Romero and Jesse Rodriguez with a net score of 131. however, Romero and Rodriguez won second place outright in a sudden death playoff. The second flight was won by R.T. Cano and Richard Sanchez with a net score of 126 for both days. The team of Davis and Flores tied with M. Fletcher and Ken Miller after posting a score of 130. They agreed to split the winnings.

The third, fourth, and fifth flights were played on Sunday morning with the weather not to the golfers liking. However, the determined competitors knuckled down and rose to the occasion as if they were playing in sunny Hawaii. Long hitting Flip Talamantez and his playing partner, H. Nelson, won the third flight with a net score of 128. Flip commented, "We just couldn't do anything wrong. We sunk about four miles of putts." James Alexander and Guy Crippen won the runner-up slot with a net 15. When Guy was asked about the big grin he had on his face he quickly replied, "Hot diggity dog, I had a hole in one on number fifteen." By crackie, he did too! Sashaying in for third place with some fierce play of their own was Bob Young and Hubi McKelvy with a net score of 136. The fourth flight was tight both days but after the dust had settled it was Don Moore ond Flight Winners

providing the spark as he and Les Roper (yours truly) turned back the competion with some consistent play. Les would get a little bit complacent now and then but Old Don would re-light the fire in him (like chew his tail out) and things would start rolling again. They recorded a net score of 138. Second place was split between Ken Kenerson and Gene Brittan and Bud Conoly and Charlie Rose. Britton chipped in on the first hole of a sudden death playoff to claim second place outright. they had a recorded score of 139. The fifth flight was won by...ladieeeeees and gentleman...the one and only, Gordie Petaja and Don Herron with a score of 139. Poor old Gordie finall found something to make him happy. He was all smiles at the end of the final day. Second place was won by Red Udy and Gordie Mathison,



R.T. Cano, Richard Sanchez, Sec-

two of our local favorites. Hanging in tough to haul down third place honors was Dave Russell and Charlie Dillahunty

Fort Clark Springs is now into their fourth month as sole owners of the golf course and they have just finished the two most successful golf tournaments in this area with the Ladies Spring Fling and the Las Moras Creek Invitational. There has been a phenomenal upswing in golf on the Fort this past four months and this should be a prediction of bigger and better things to come.

Sondra Meil, after putting in three days of continuous work during the golf tournament, turned her alarm clock off this past Monday morning, rolled over, and went back to sleep. Wrong!!! She bounced up and met her faithful followers at the golf course and helped them get started with their Monday morning game of golf. They were short of players but Sondra, being an expert at overcoming adversity, rose to the occasion. She called for help. Five players had shown up and each one wanted to be a team captain. She assigned the first team Doc, Sneezy, and Sleepy, the second team Winken, Blinken, and Nod, the third team, Dopey, Grumpy and Happy, and so on until she ran out of characters. Boy Howdy...did they have fun. Dave Blair won the first place check and Dave Yates finished second.

The champion golfer has the type of doctor who tries to break things to you gently. He said, "Doc, is it anything serious?" The doctor said, "Only if you have plans for next

WORDS OF WISDOM: If all men knew what each said of the other, there would not be four friends in the world...The best rule of friendship is to keep you heart a little softer than

Sports

The high school coaches of Texas recently voted for the all-state basketball team. Troy House was voted 2A player of the year. Julie Brooks and Linda Reagor earned

For the fourth year in a row, Armando Talamantez will compete in the regional track meet. Last year he set the district record in the 110 hurdles. This year he broke that record and came close to Manny Pena's record in the 300 hurdles. Pena graduated from Brackett high school last year. Talamantez took first place in district in both of the hurdling events. The sprint relay team also took first place. The team consists of Talamantez, Billy LaGioia, Adrian Pena, and 'Juan Dominguez.

Clay Hunt, Tevin Senne, and Shelley McDaniel will also be competing at the regional level. This is the second consecutive year the trio will compete at the regional tennis tournament.

Congratulations are in order for Shelley McDaniel and Kim Ahrens. Both were unanimous choices for head cheerleader. The cheerleaders will attend camp at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcus.

Last Monday, the Tigers played a double-header in Eagle Pass. They were defeated in both games by Eagle Pass, who were a lot stronger. Audie The Cubettes sprint relay captured Hill scored his first run of the year for Brackettville.

> Thanks a million to all of those that participated in the Fort Clark Video. You were great! Lashawn Wardlaw

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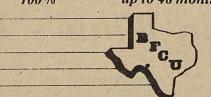
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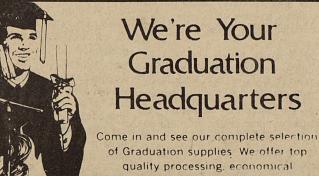
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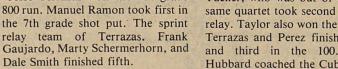
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Track Teams Compete

Jesse Terrazas won the 7th grade 800 run. Manuel Ramon took first in the 7th grade shot put. The sprint relay team of Terrazas. Frank Gaujardo, Marty Schermerhorn, and

COTULLA-The Jr. High track

teams competed in the district meet

last week. Coach James Day reported

that the cubs finished fifth.

the district title. The team was composed of Jessica Taylor, Jennifer Terrazas, Theresa Perez, and Karla Hall. Hall took the place of Danielle Tucker, who was out of town. The same quartet took second in the 800 relay. Taylor also won the 200, while Terrazas and Perez finished second and third in the 100. Rebecca Hubbard coached the Cubettes.

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New Home

by J.J. Guidry **Brackettville Netters** Earn Regional Birth

UVALDE--The tennis team competed in the district 31-AA tournament last week. The tourney which was held at the Uvalde High School tennis courts, featured teams from Brackettville, Cotulla, Dilley, San Antonio Lackland, Natalia, and Sabinal. Frank Taylor coached the

Sports

Three of Brackettville's netters earned a regional birth, while three others earned alternate positions.

Shelley McDaniel took first place in girls singles with a 6-0, 7-6 victory over Laurie McFadin of Sabinal. McFadin ousted Brackett's Wendy McDaniel in the quarterfinals.

The girls doubles team of Vivian Luna and Kasey Hall finished fourth. They were defeated by Jeanette Smart and Tiffany Stewart of Sabinal in the semi-finals. A team from Cotulla defeated Hall and Luna for third place. Jennifer Shahan and Michelle Brandt won their opening match, but were defeated by

Shannon Dodson and Shannon Dickie of Sabinal. Dodson and Dickie advanced to the finals where they met their teammates. Both Sabinal doubles teams will compete at regionals.

J.J. Guidry and Richard Perez competed in boys singles. Guidry won his opening match, while Perez fell to Jeffrey Lefeure of Natalia. In the semi-finals, Guidry was defeated by top seat Casey Smart of Sabinal 6-2, 6-2. Lefeure defeated Guidry for third place. Jason Aley, a freshman from Sabinal, advanced to the finals by the luck of the draw where he

faced Smart. Clay Hunt and Tevin Senne took the boys doubles district title. They defeated the Sabinal team of Coy Wells and Michael Campos in the championlship match. Hunt and Senne along with Shelley McDaniel will take part in the regional meet

later this month.

BREAKFAST

Monday 16

Scrambled Eggs

Toast

Fruit

Tuesday 17

Cereal

Juice

Toast

Peanuts

Wednesday 18

French Toast

Peanuts

Fruit

Thursday 19

Cheese Chunks

Donut

Fruit

Friday 20

Sausage

Biscuits

Gravy

Fruit

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News From First United Methodist

The public is invited by First United Methodist Church (one block west of courthouse) to special events associated with Holy week: A Maunday Thursday Service, April 12, 7:00 p.m.; Regular (11:00 a.m.) and Sunrise (7:00 a.m.) Easter Services; and an Easter Monday Humor Happening (April 15, beginning with snacks/finger food at 6:00 p.m.).

The Maunday Thursday/Service will celebrate the events of Christ's last night on earth before his crucifixion, including the Last Super, Christ's example of humility, his symbolic way of showing his followers the importance and greatness of service will include hymns which remind us of these events that night, and others, a prayer altar time, and a brief communion service. Pastor Cole will give a brief meditation on how Christ's "maundatum" or new commandment raises ethics to the highest level the world or persons of faith could know.

The 11:00 a.m. Easter service will include many more hymns than usual, including some that have just become available to UMC congregations with the new hymnal such as "Because He Lives," "In the Garden," and "Up from the Grave He Arose." The "One Great Hour of Sharing for Local Mission" banks

will be received at that time. The Voices of Ft. Clark Springs are sponsoring the Easter Sunrise Service in the Old Quarry Amphitheatre at 7:00 a.m. They have asked First UMC's pastor, Rev. J. Roland Cole, to bring the message this year at that service. His sermon title is "He Lives.'

The public is also invited to the Easter Monday Humor Happening, April 16, 6:00 p.m., to be held in Slator Hall, 109 W. James St. This time for fun, joy, good humor, fellowship and clean jokes is a tradition of the Eastern Orthodox Church that is increasingly being observed by churches of all denominations in the United States. The Joyful Noiseletter, a publication of the Fellowship of Merry Christians, reports that over 200 Protestant churches had some kind of Easter Monday event last year. They expect many more times that number this year, celebrating the joy that is ours through Christ and that "Jesus had the last laugh on the Devil." Each person or family is asked to bring snacks, dip, chips, drinks, etc.; a good clean joke, humorous poem, story, bumper sticker, etc. and/or a need for more joy, smiles, or laughter in life. All persons in the community are welcome.



Left to right: O.C. Farmer of Freeport TX, Emit Huntsman of Fort Clark, Huntsman's grand

daughter Sara Sanders of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and H.M. Farmer of Santa Monica, California.

Return To Fort Clark

by Lashawn Wardlaw

Brothers, H.M. Farmer of Santa Monica, California and O.C. Farmer of Freeport, Texas visited Fort Clark Tuesday, April 10th.

H.M. Farmer served at Fort Clark for about a year, 1940-1941. Tuesday was the first time that he had been back since his cavalry days. "I remember that my first paycheck was 13cents. I arrived July 22, 1940, so I just had nine days until the end of the month (payday). Plus, after the money was taken out from going to the movies and other activities, my

paycheck was hardly anything," said H.M. Farmer.

"During the depression, everyone was poor. I remember him saying how lucky he was to be at Fort Clark," said H.M. Farmer's brother O.C. Farmer.

The office that Fort Clark Assistant Manager, Bob Nelson now occupies was H.M. Farmers office in 1940. H.M. Farmer agreed that times have definitely changed. From Buck Private in the Cavalry to Lieutenant Col. in the Air Force, H.M. Farmer has

LINE B

Monday 16

Tacos

Taco Salad

Fruit

Tuesday 17

Buffet Salad

Crackers

Wednesday 18

Baked Potato

Cheese

Fruit

Bread

Deli Bar

Let & Tom

Bread

Fruit

Friday 20

Cheeseburger

Hamb Salad

Thursday 19

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School Menu

LINE A

Monday 16

Burritos

Spanish Rice

Pinto Beans

Cake

Tuesday 17

Spaghetti

Garden Salad

Corn

Garlic Bread

Wednesday 18

Hamburger

Hamb Salad

Tator Tots

Fruit

Thursday 19

Pork Chops

Sweet Potatoes

Greens

Hot Rolls

Friday 20

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Changes in White - Tailed Deer Hunting

AUSTIN--The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Wildlife Division has proposed several changes in white-tailed deer hunting regulations for 1990-91, including reductions in bag limits in several counties and prohibition of hunting deer with

The proposed changes will be aired in public hearings across the state during April, and the Parks and Wildlife Commission will consider them for adoption on May 24. Changes adopted at that time will go into effect Sept. 1, 1990.

The proposed white-tailed deer season for most of the state is Nov. 3, 1990, through Jan. 6, 1991. The South Texas season is proposed for Nov. 10, 1990, through Jan. 13, 1991. The proposed mule deer season for the taking of anterless deer, in

for the Panhandle is Nov. 17-Dec. 2, and in the Trans-Pecos it would be Nov. 24-Dec. 9.

Bobby Alexander, acting director of the Wildlife Division, told the commission the staff recommended that the use of dogs to hunt deer be prohibited statewide. The practice was allowed in 10 East Texas counties during the last half of the 1989-90 deer hunting season. Alexander said a department study showed that deer densities are lower in areas where dog hunting is allowed, and higher in similar habitat where the practice is prohibited.

Another change proposed was establishment of "doe days," or days within the hunting season designated certain counties.

In Gonzales, DeWitt, Wilson, Karns and portions of Guadalupe, Lavaca and Colorado Counties, anterless deer could be taken only during the first nine days and the final nine days of the regular season. Also proposed was a reduction in the buck bag limit from two per season to one in Gonzales, DeWitt, Wilson, Karnes and Guadalupe Counties.

In Cladwell, Bastrop, Lee, Fayette, Washington, Waller, Austin and portions of Guadalupe, Lavaca and Colorado Counties, anterless deer could be taken only during the first two days and the final two days of the regular season. No anterless deer hunting permits would be required in any of the counties offering "doe

A regular season for white-tailed deer was proposed for Hunt County, which had an archer-only season last year. Also proposed was a reduction in the buck bag limit from two to one in Taylor and Comanche Counties.

In Limestone, Freestone, Anderson, Robertson, Leon, Brazos, Madison, Grimes and Houston County (west of State Highway 19), landowner-issued anterless deer hunting permits would be required to harvest anterless deer. Last season these counties were under the either-sex system of bag limits. No change in bag limits was proposed for these counties.

In Houston County east of State Highway 19, the proposed bag limit is four deer, no more than two bucks. The county had a limit of three deer, not more than one buck last season.

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Krysti Gail Schubach, age 17 of Boling, TX. died Sat. April 7, 1990 in Wallis, Tx from injuries sustained from a motor vehicle/train accident. She was born on Nov. 18, 1972 in Uvalde, Texas to A.J. and Sandra Riley Schubach.

Krysti was a Junior at Boling High School. While attending Boling High School Krysti was a Student Council member, a JV Cheerleader, and a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and she participated in Volleyball in her 9, 10, and 11th year. She was also in track in grades 9 and 10. Krysti was a member of the Annual Staff her junior year and a member of St. Josephs Catholic Church in Boling.

Funeral services were held Tues. April 10, 1990 at 3PM from Holy Family Catholic Church with Father Benton Thurmond officiating. Interment followed in Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery. Rosary/Wake services were held Monday April 9th at 7PM from the chapel of the Wharton Funeral Home under the direction of Deacon Alvin Matthys.

Survivors include her parents--A.J. and Sandra

Schubach of Boling. Brother--Troy Schubach of Boling. Grandparents--Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Riley of Brackettville, TX and Mr. James J. Espinola of Sun Lakes, Arizona. Numerous Aunts and Uncles also survive.

Pallbearers were: Ray Beall, Allen Ferrell, Larry Hill, Ben Scharnberg, Clinton Brown, Pat Peabody, and L.J. Rolf.

Honorary Pallbearers were: Michael Parker, Reid Ferrell, Ryan Aguilar, Ruben Becerra, Chad Bickham, Robert Fisher, Shawn Jackson, Gary MacGriffin Jeff Hawks, Scott Kocian, Stewart Coleman, Nathaniel Dorsey, Aaron Spell, Matty Ochoa, Marvin Callies, Tommy Rolf, Alfred Alvardo, Mike Adams and Carl Seaholm, Tony

Reina, Matt Daughtery and Mark Tripson. Memorials may be made to the CYO Krysti Schubach Memorial Fund, Community State Bank Boling, TX 77420 or to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 245 Hungerford, TX

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Wharton Funeral Home.

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"The entire conference will be video taped and available with simultaneous translation into Spanish," Paschal said.

Further program information is available is available from Paschal, Texas A&M Agricultural Research and Extension Center, Corpus Christi, (512) 265-9203, or George Gonzales, Webb County Extension Agent, (512) 721-2626. Advance attendance notification is requested but not required.



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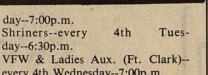
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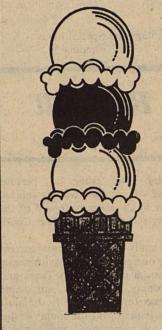
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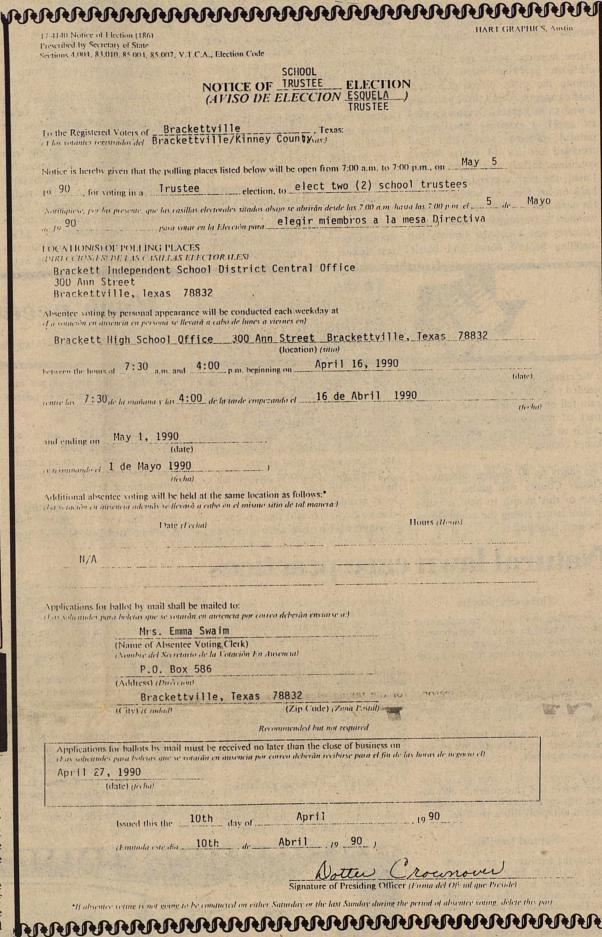
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Bridge, Anyone?



Tuesday, April 3, saw eight tables of Duplicate bridge in the Sabre Room at Fort Clark. High at North-South were Norma Gould and Rozetta Pingenot. Gene and Mary Britton were second. At East-West Carol Benefield had top score followed by Ruth Wilks and Marge Batchelor.

Sunday, April 8, there were five tables playing Howell. Joyce Bell of Del Rio and Martin Sheets made the best score with Jim Harber and Birdie Ward as runners-up.



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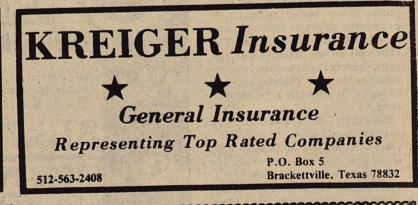
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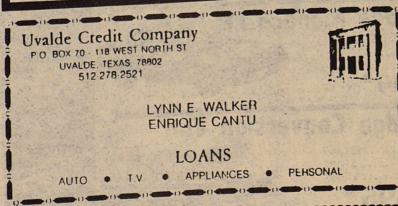
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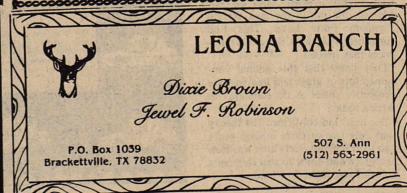


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Grandma's Kitchen

Peanut Butter Pie

Bet you don't know that last week was my 1st yr. anniversary at writing this column, yep, a whole year and I'm still anonymous. Oh, there's a few special people who've figured it out, but we're playing a game on Grandpa, and until he looks up and says "You're grandma," I will never tell, we're having too much fun, right? Let's get on with talking about healthy things. Three thousand years ago, the Greeks in their wisdom were using comfrey, and it wasn't long before it was entered into the very earliest catalogs of medicinal herbs.

Three hundred years ago the Elizabethian herbalist listed comfrey among the most effective natural healing agents. About three years ago a woman in Veneta, Oregon decided to apply a comfrey dressing to painful varicose veins that had troubled her for 13 years. Where countless doctors and remedies had failed, the herb succeeded. Happily back on her feet, the woman spread the news that comfrey truly "worked wonders". During the Middle Ages, Comfrey was a popular remedy for another time, enough for today. I mending broken bones and battle

wounds. It earned the name "knitbone" because of the ability of its leaves, when applied directly as a poultice or salve, to reduce swelling around fractures and promote bone union. A decoction made by simmering an ounce of ground comfrey root in a quart of water for 30 minutes was taken internally to treat dysentery, diarrhea and stomach ulcers. As a remedy for bleeding hemorrhoids or other internal bleeding. One-half ounce of witch hazel leaves was added to the preparation. Comfrey root tea has long been used to treat lung troubles and whooping cough. In Ireland, comfrey was eaten as a cure for circulation troubles and to strengthen the blood. Modern herbalists recommend a strong, hot decoction of comfrey tea for bad bruises, swellings, sprains, and boils. Make a poultice of fresh leaves for sore breasts, wounds, ulcers, burns and gangrene. Where the skin is lacerated, of course the poultice should never be uncomfortably hot. We could go on and on about comfrey, but will have to do that just found out that I have some

young admirers, and I've heard all kinds of fantastic things about them. I'm so proud of you kids, excuse me young ladies, for wanting to learn and do things, keep up the good work. Here's a -Meatball Casserolethe young ladies can have fun making dinner for Mom and Dad.

2 cups white rice (Minute Rice is fine) 1 lb. ground beef 1 small onion 1 potato 1 carrot 1/2 cup milk

salt and pepper to taste

1 can Golden Mushroom soup

Cook rice, place in oblong 81/2 x 11 inch baking dish, set aside. Grate onion, potato and carrot (use the food processor to save time). Mix well with ground beef, along with the salt and pepper, and milk, the milk helps make ground beef juicy and tender. Not only in this recipe but anytime you're using it. Form beef mixture into balls, cook in the microwave or brown in 2TBS vegetable oil. Place meatballs on top of rice. Blend soup with 1/4 cup water

and cover rice and meatballs. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Here's another quicky for you young ladies with love.

Peanut Butter Pie

80z Cool Whip 8oz cream cheese softened to room temperature ½ cup creamy peanut butter ½ cup powdered sugar 2 TBS of milk

Mix all ingredients with beater and pour into a graham cracker crust. Refrigerate at least 12 hours, cut into small slices, it's very rich. My cousins, who are all ole-ladies now, make this and freeze it, then its like an ice-cream delight, and real easy to sneak a slice, when the urge strikes.

My thought for this week: There is no thrill in the world quite like doing something you didn't know you

Big hugs and Special Love-Grandma



Texas Agricultural Extension Service

Much needed Rainfall

by Alan McWillams

needed rainfall in our area. This last rain fell on the folks in the southern part of the county. I've heard as much as 2 ½ inches. Let's hope it keeps coming.

As many as 40 leading citizens of Kinney County will gather on the 24th of this month to help identify

The purpose of the meeting, one of many being conducted in counties around the state this spring, is to assist in the development of the educational programs by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service that are responsive to local needs.

I think it is the local people who have the best ideas on how to solve local problems. The Extension Service wants to tap into that collective

ditioning of the soil by breaking down

organic matter such as dead grass and

ganisms also can suppress common patch

Also, slow-release nutrient sources in

Chemical fertilizers, on the other

the fertilizers, such as bone meal and

wheat germ, feed the grass with "natural

hand, simply stimulate the grass plants

with chemicals and actually deplete the

soil of microorganisms by failing to pro-

vide the necessary food. And excessive

use of chemical fertilizers poses a threat

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diseases in lawns.

in ways that make them reliant and effective and have meaning to people who participate in them.

More than 10,000 people are expected to participate in this grassroots planning effort in Extension Service-sponsored county meetings throughout Texas.

In Kinney County, the meeting is scheduled for April 24, 1990 at 7:00 wisdom, and structure its programs P.M. at the Brackett High School

the kit's heavy-duty composting bag, add

the packet of compost starter and some

water, seal the bag and turn it once every

few days. In about 30 days you'll have

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Library. The group of persons invited to attend was organized earlier by the executive board of the county's Extension Program Coun-

The study group will hear current status on the economic, enviromental

reconvene, hear task force reports, and discuss how these issues impact the county's economy, environment, and social welfare.

one of the first major steps in an intensive effort for determining Extension Service programs of 1991-1994. Each county long-range Extension program, developed by October, will be considered in the development of the Extension Service's statewide program plan.

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We continue to receive some much

critical issues facing the county over the next four years.

and social conditions in Texas and the county. The group will divide into task forces to identify the most critical issues facing the county in the areas of agriculture and natural resources, community development, youth and home economics.

Afterwards, the study group will

The work of the study group is

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Natural lawn care practices

Three-step process

According to Ringer Corporation, the feeding the living grass. These microornation's leader in natural, environmentally sound gardening systems, there is a simple three-step process for making the

One, begin using natural, organic fer-

tilizers that outperform the chemical products you buy from stores or lawn Two, switch to natural, biological pes-

ticides, which are highly effective yet use no toxic chemicals. And three, recycle your grass clip-

pings, leaves and garden debris into nu-

trient-rich compost rather than send the

material to rapidly filling landfills.

Natural fertilizers

First, the fertilizers - new natural, organic fertilizers have been proven to build healthier, lusher lawns in research at several universities for one simple reason: They enhance the natural process already occurring in the soil.

For example, a product called Lawn Restore actually adds living microorga-nisms to the soil. They speed up the con-



Elephant Butte Lake near Truth or Consequences is shaped somewhat like an elephant. A discovery in 1983 proves it was named correctly. A prehistoric elephant jawbone was found just west of the Lake. The University of New Mexico paleontologist, Spencer Lucos said the remains found on the banks of a long ago Rio Grande was technically a; "Gomphathere."

This short fat relative of the elephant lived two or three million years ago, had two tusks and stood about nine feet tall at the shoulder. The jawbone measured two and a half feet and was in good condition. There were two teeth and some patches of enamel intact.

It was found by Tom and Heidi Hubble while dirt biking on state land leased by their father, Dr. Ellsworth Hubble. It was sticking out of a block of sandstone eroded from an arroyo embankment.

The Hubbles quickly covered it with sand for protection and called the State Land Office who in turn

contacted Spencer Lucas. The remains of mammoths, mastadons, and older gomphotheres had been found in other parts of New Mexico, but not in the area around Elephant Butte Lake. This find furnished them with the cross-references they needed.

They knew that this animal consumed lots of grass and had to have protective shade as do elephants in Africa today.

The new find confirmed the theory that only two or three million years ago the Elephant Butte area was lush and green and home to real elephants and not just racks and sand.

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