

# The Brackett News

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

## Bizzell To Fill Constables Office

Brackett News Reporter

BRACKETTVILLE--In a surprise move by the Commissioners Court, following the resignation of Constable Gregorio Juarez, ex-commissioner Bill Bizzell was appointed to fill the unexpired constable's term of two years. The appointment did not come without controversy as a full court room of spectators led by County Attorney, Tully Shahan, expressed their disapproval of the move.

The agenda for the special meeting called for the acceptance of the resignation of Juarez as constable for personal reasons and the appointment of a person to fill the vacated position. From all indications, word must have reached Bizzell's opponents as they turned out en masse expecting a meeting loaded with political fireworks.

Shahan, not known for his punctuality, was on time for this

meeting with his homework carefully prepared. His attack on the Commissioners and their business was well planned. It was clearly evident that he had researched the anticipated move in detail before the meeting was called to order. On more than one occasion he stated that "it was his opinion" that the Commissioners were in error. At no time during the course of the discussion did the county attorney tell the commissioners that "a law exists that prohibits the appointing of Mr. Bizzell to this vacancy". To the commissioners, Shahan's "opinion" was not good enough to sway their thinking on the appointing of Mr. Bizzell to this vacated position.

Commissioners Garza and Fuentes made it very clear that they would not knuckle to the "opinion" of the county attorney and allow a personal vendetta, which was clearly obvious, alter their judgement. Fuentes nominated Bill Bizzell for

the position to be filled and, after a heated exchange of words between him and Shahan, a repeat of the nomination was made which was followed by Bizzell's appointment as constable of Kinney County.

Immediately following the meeting, county clerk, Dolores Raney swore Bizzell in to the office, which he will fill for the next two years.

After the meeting adjourned, rumblings from a dissatisfied group of onlookers could be heard from the court house corridors to the front steps. Many of the concerned citizens felt as though the meeting was poorly handled while others assured the listeners that "Mr. Bizzell has not heard the last of this. His appointment could still possibly end up in the courtroom".

Constable Bizzell took office immediately and promised to serve the citizens of Kinney County fairly and impartially.



New Kinney County Judge Tim Ward and his wife Debbie

## Judge Seargeant Apologizes For Breakdown In Communications

By LES ROPER

Brackett News Editor

COURTHOUSE--County Judge, Tommy Seargeant, called a special meeting to order last Friday morning at ten o'clock in the county court room. With all four Commissioners present a quorum was easily determined and the meeting progressed on schedule.

The first issue of business was the 1991 contract on the Kinney County Aging Service, or better known, as the Nutrition Center. Bill Bizzell made the motion to approve the contract that is now in effect for another year and a second by Ruben Fuentes opened the subject for discussion. The motion carried.

Judge Seargeant notified the Commissioners that he was making a formal apology to Kinney County for the breakdown in communications that required the dismissal of a jury that had been selected plus the time and mileage of a court reporter who came from out of town. The jury and the court reporter were paid even though they did not hear the case.

Due to a conflict of interest, Judge Seargeant had requested that Val Verde County Judge, James Simmons, hear the case for him. County Attorney Tully Shahan had also requested that District Attorney, Tom Lee, handle the case for him. Both Simmons and Lee agreed and the trial date was set.

Before the case came to trial Lee contacted Judge Simmons and requested a continuance which was granted. Judge Simmons notified Tully Shahan's office of the continuance. This information was not relayed to the county clerk's office so procedure for the trial continued for the prearranged date.

The jury, along with the court reporter, was notified of the date for the trial and they appeared only to find the Judge and the District Attorney absent. After a call it was found that a continuance had been granted to the D.A. Janis Floyd, secretary for the county attorney's office, reported that no call had come across her desk. Dolores Raney, county clerk, also disclosed no report to her office.

The jury and the court reporter

were all paid for their inconvenience and dismissed.

According to the County Judge's Office, another panel of jurors will have to be selected before the trial proceeds further.

The Commissioners voted to approve the bonds that are mandatory on all elected officials.

Commissioner Slubar called on Tim Ward, volunteer superintendent over the Nutrition Center project, to assist in the opening of the bids for further work on this building.

The bids that were accepted by the Commissioners were:

Cinder blocks	Feather Light Building Products	
Approx. \$	.88 per block	
Labor on block work	Valdermar Guadiana	\$5,278.00
Outside plaster	Valdermar Guadiana	2,417.40
Steel Roof	Vulcraft, San Antonio	3,804.00
Build Up Roof	Oviedo & Segovia Roofing Co.	6,450.00
Plumbing	OV Casey Plumbing	3,850.00

## Commissioners Accept Constable Gregorio Juarez's Resignation

By LES ROPER

Brackett News Editor

COURT HOUSE--A special meeting by the County Commissioners was called to order Monday afternoon at 3:00 P.M. in the county court room with a capacity crowd on hand. Judge Tommy Seargeant called the meeting to order and with all Commissioners present a quorum was determined.

Commissioner Slubar made the motion to appoint Tim Ward to serve in her vacated position as overseer of the Nutrition Center and Commissioner Fuentes to fill Bill Bizzell's vacated position of overseeing the water crossings. A second was made and the motion carried.

Performance bonds are required on all contractors who bid on county projects but after a report was presented stating the cost of these bonds as prohibitive for the present jobs that were now in progress it was voted to waive this requirement. The County will assume the responsibility of the work that is

being done on the Nutrition Center. It was noted by outgoing Commissioner Bizzell that Tim Ward and Dan Woods were now overseeing the projects and their expertise would suffice.

A resignation from Gregorio O. Juarez as Kinney County Constable was submitted to the Court at an earlier meeting but could not be acted on at the time because it was not on the agenda. Juarez was told that his request would be on the agenda for the next meeting.

The resignation was included on the agenda for this meeting and it was presented to the Commissioners and the Judge for approval. County Attorney, Tully Shahan, read and amended the resignation that had been turned in to the Judge's office earlier Monday morning at ten-thirty o'clock. The amended resignation stated that Constable Juarez wanted his resignation to take effect Monday at 12:00 midnight. Shahan spoke out very strongly in favor of accepting the amended resignation. Judge Seargeant explained to Shahan that the amended resignation could not be

acted on since it was not on the agenda. Shahan retorted by telling the commissioners that, in his opinion, they were wrong in not accepting the amended resignation.

Commissioner Slubar asked Constable Juarez why he had changed his mind and decided to amend his original resignation. Juarez's answer was that he did not have to have a reason. He asked Slubar if he should have a reason and she replied, "You don't have to give me the reason but I do think that you should have a reason for changing your mind".

All the Commissioners agreed to take action on the original resignation that was turned in by Juarez since it was on the agenda and the amended one was not. A motion was made and seconded to accept the resignation and it passed making it effective immediately.

The next order of business was the resignation of Bill Bizzell as County Commissioner. A motion was made and seconded to accept his resignation and the motion passed. Bizzell excused himself from the meeting and left the room.

## New Kinney County Officials Are Sworn In

Brackett News Reporter

COURTHOUSE--Tim Ward, newly elected County Judge, was sworn into office this past Tuesday morning at 11:30 o'clock in the District courtroom by District Judge, George Thurmond. Plunker Sheedy and Alvin McClure were next to be sworn in as county commissioners of precinct two and precinct four respectively. Alvin Hall, re-elected to the office of Justice of the Peace, Dolores Raney, re-elected to the office of County Clerk, and Carlotta De La Rosa, re-elected to the office of County Treasurer, were sworn in for another four year term. Martha Smallwood, was the last of the new elected officials to be sworn in by Judge Thurmond, as she assumed

the duties of Tax Collector and Assessor.

A good crowd of supporters and friends turned out for the ceremony that was held on New Year's Day and were treated to cookies, coffee, and refreshments after the festivities were concluded.

Judge Ward assumed the office of County Judge after defeating Tommy Seargeant in the primary and then running unopposed in the general election. Commissioner Sheedy defeated Rosemary Slubar in the primary and then again in the general election when she ran as a write-in candidate.

Commissioner McClure defeated Bill Bizzell in the primary and again in the general election as Bizzell, too, decided to run on a write-in ticket.

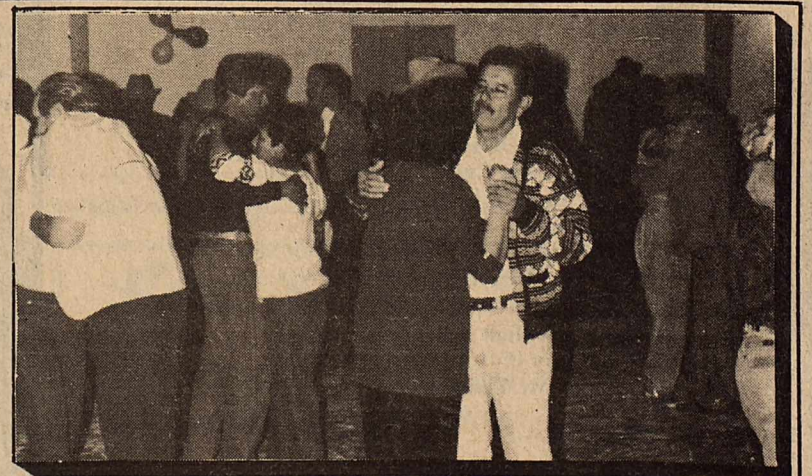
Justice of the Peace, Alvin Hall, defeated Roy Dyer, who ran on a republican ticket, in the general election and will be assuming his office for four more years.

Dolores Raney has served in the County Clerk's office for a total of 34 years with 17 of them as County Clerk. Carlotta De La Rosa has served in the county treasurer's office for ten years.

Betty Deason, who was reappointed County Auditor by Judge Thurmond was sworn into office earlier in the week.

Bill Bizzell, who had earlier been appointed to fill the unexpired Constable's office after Gregorio Juarez had resigned, was sworn in on Monday by county clerk, Dolores Raney.

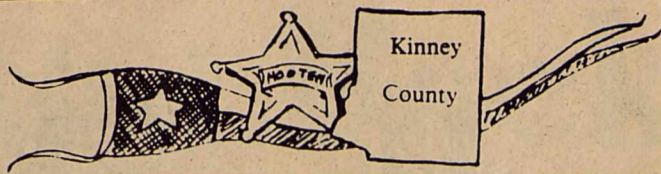
## Brackettville and Fort Clark Residents



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The  
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# Sheriff's Corner

By Sheriff Norman H. Hooten



Action taken by the Kinney County Commissioners Court at a Special Meeting held on December 31, 1990 is currently under investigation by the combined forces of the County Attorney's Office and the District Attorney's office, with input from the Attorney General's Office.

The action in question was taken by the commissioners court consisting of County Judge Tommy Seargeant and Commissioners Bill Bizzell, Rosemary Slubar, Joe Garza, and Ruben Fuentes. In that action the court is alleged to have committed improper and possibly illegal procedures in accepting the resignation of Constable Gregario O. Juarez and the subsequent appointment to that office of Bill Bizzell, County Commissioner, Pct. 4.

In order to more clearly understand the chain of events that led up to the alleged improper and possibly illegal actions of the court one must go back to January 1, 1989.

Mr. Juarez was elected to the office of Constable at the November 1988 General Election, taking office on January 1, 1989. State law requires that all constables who are not certified, licensed peace officers at the time they take office must become certified and licensed within two years from the time they take office. This procedure is as follows;

The officer must submit an application for licensing to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards & Education (T.C.L.O.S.E.) in Austin. The applicant must next complete a minimum 400 hour Basic Peace Officer Certification Course and then successfully pass a state licensing exam. The applicant may take the exam no more than three (3) times. If he/she fails the exam in the 3 tries he/she must then attend the 400 hour course again before being allowed to re-test.

Mr. Juarez completed the 400 hour basic course in 1990, he then failed three (3) successive attempts at the state licensing exam and time ran out on him. He then elected to resign instead of facing removal proceedings in District Court as mandated by state law. However, Mr. Juarez made it clear to the court verbally and in writing that he intended his resignation to become effective at 12:00 midnight, December 31, 1990. The commissioners court refused to accept the wishes of Mr. Juarez and acted on a letter received from Mr. Juarez by Judge Seargeant on December 28, 1990 instead of the amended letter submitted by Mr. Juarez at 10:15 am on the morning of December 31st. The court also refused the subsequent verbal

request of Mr. Juarez in his explanation to the court of his intentions and desires given at the 3:00 pm meeting. The commissioners court brutally overrode the intentions and desires of constable Juarez and voted unanimously to accept his resignation, effective immediately.

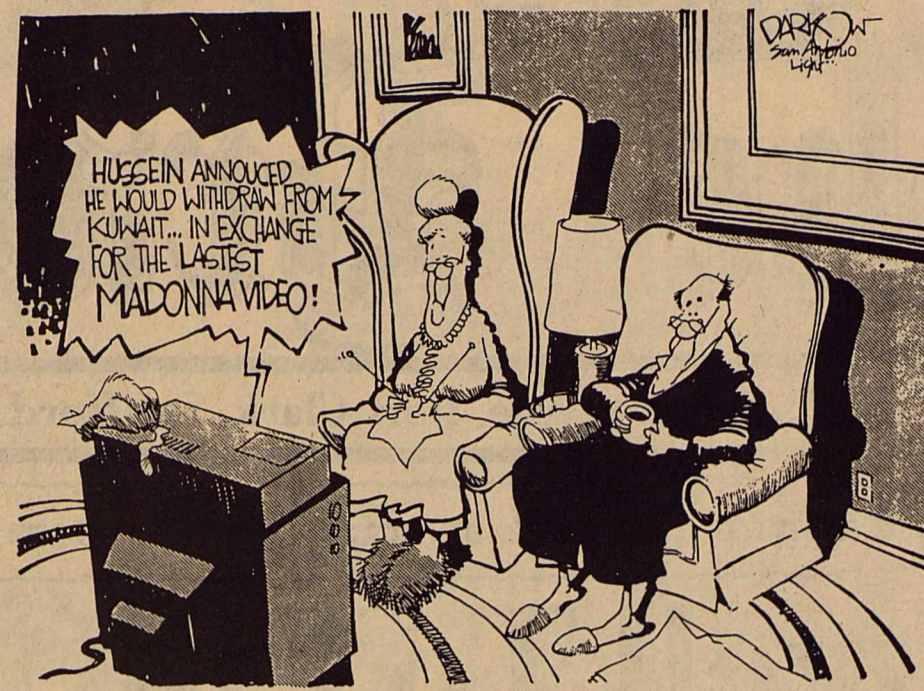
Then in another action, alleged to be highly improper if not illegal, the commissioners court voted to accept the resignation of County Commissioner Bill Bizzell and immediately appointed him as constable to fill the vacancy created in the office by the resignation of Mr. Juarez.

It is important to note that the actions of the court were taken in spite of repeated objections and warnings to the court by County Attorney Tully Shahan who had thoroughly researched the issue prior to the meeting. He repeatedly advised the court that their actions were not in line with numerous Attorney General Opinions and case law results in similar situations. All to no avail as he was virtually ignored by the remaining members of the commissioners court and even accused of biased legal opinions on the issue. Seems that they just did not want to accept the opinion of the chief legal advisor of the county and refused to table the issue until further research could be done. Time was running out on them and they had their minds made up.

Several questions remain regarding the actions of the court on that day. Some that come forth in my mind are: (1) Why was the court so eager to accept the resignation of constable Juarez, even over his objections and explanations as to his true intentions and desires as to the effective time? (2) Why was the court so eager to fill that vacancy with one of their own when the appointee was NOT certified, was NOT licensed, and had NO experience as a Texas peace officer? (3) Why would the court NOT allow the issue to be settled by the new majority of the commissioners court scheduled to take office the next day? Especially in light of the stated intentions of the new court to advertise the position and make a selection based on experience and qualifications for the job mandated by T.C.L.O.S.E. and state law? (4) Why did the appointee, Bill Bizzell, already have a bond for the office in his possession at least two days prior to the meeting? Had the decision to appoint him already been made by the court? If so it was done illegally in violation of the Open Meetings Act! (5) Was their action improper then? (6) Was their action then illegal? (7) Was their action morally right? (8) And, perhaps most importantly, was their action that of public servants acting in good faith to the best of their ability to exercise the powers of their office in the best interest of the PEOPLE they were sworn to serve?

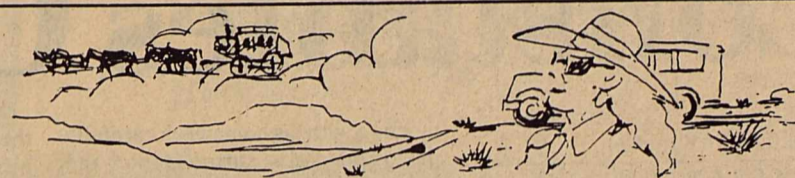
Only time and the completion of the current investigation into their actions will tell. In the opinion of this writer their actions were disgraceful, shameful, and an embarrassment to Kinney County.

THAT'S ALL!



## Days Past

by Dorothy Payne



**In January, 1716** a Spanish expedition of nine friars, twenty-six soldiers, six women, and one thousand head of cattle left Saltillo, Mexico, for San Juan Bautista and on north. They founded four missions near the Neches Angelina Rivers, Texas, and reoccupied Eastern Texas from Spain.

**In 1718** under Martin de Alarcon the Spanish established a mission and

fort on the bend of the San Antonio River in South Central Texas; this settlement became the important town of San Antonio.

**January 16, 1756**-The French and Indian War spread to Europe, where it was known as the Seven

Years War finally Prussia and England signed a new treaty.

**In 1760** the population of the thirteen colonies was estimated at 1,600,000. There were also 10,000 Christianized Indians in the area.

**In 1763** Jeremiah Dixon and Charles Mason began to survey the boundary between Pennsylvania and Maryland, which became known as the Mason-Dixon line.

**In 1775** James Adair, a trader, published his, "History of the American Indians," in which he contended that the American Indians are descendants of the ten lost tribes of Israel.

**In 1781** the settlers began building proper log cabins having dances

known as bran dances in which corn siftings were danced into the wooden floors to seal the raw wood. Later these dances were called barn dances.

**In 1782** in Paris, American and British representatives signed a preliminary peace treaty, granting American independence.

**January 9, 1789** the governor of the Northwest Territory reaffirmed the Treaty of Fort Mackintosh, with

the Ohio Indians, in the Treaty of Fort Hamar. This treaty established the principle of payment to the Indians for land received.

**In 1789** George Washington was elected President in the first election held by the new nation.

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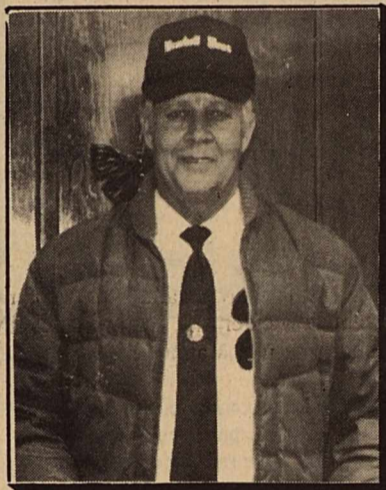


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Norman H. Hooten

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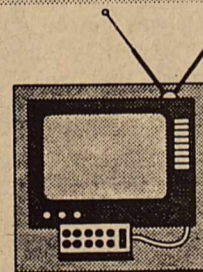
Brackett News Writer

BRACKETTVILLE-After two weeks running the mystery picture in the Brackett News was properly identified as the parking rail behind the jailhouse. Sheriff Norman Hooten correctly identified the picture and claimed the Brackett News cap in doing so. Hooten was a little red faced when he dropped by the News office and admitted that it took him two weeks to identify the rail while it was in his backyard all the time.

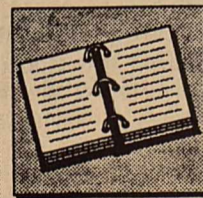


## How A.C. Nielsen surveys the television audience

A.C. Nielsen Co., the firm that measures the television audience and sets television ratings, has been accused of inadequate surveying by minority groups and the major networks. Nielsen counts the overall television audience by two methods:



■ The national sample is gathered through 4,000 families with in-home "peoplemeters." Viewers punch buttons on a remote control box to indicate their viewing habits and demographic details such as age and gender.



■ Local samples are taken with diaries, which viewers fill out by hand. The weekly diaries are supposed to supply the same information as the "peoplemeters."



■ A single national rating point represents 921,000 television households; a local rating point represents 31,000 households. Out-of-town audiences such as bars and motels are not registered.

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# Backward Glance

By LES ROPER  
Brackett News Editor

To many, the past year glided by, slowly and leisurely, as if on the "Wings of a snow white dove" This is the group of people who enjoy everyday life and accumulated many fond memories that will remain with them as long as they live.

There is another group who approach life differently. They are the ones who refuse to slow down long enough to "smell the roses" as they travel through life at speeds exceeding "Mach 1". They are the ones who feel like the year 1990 might have been a little bit cruel when it set a new speed record as it passed by.

Regardless, the year is gone and there is nothing we can do about it. We can look back over it and review the events that made the headlines.

January--Fidel Hernandez was nominated by Congressman Albert G. Bustamante for admission to either the Air Force Academy, Naval Academy, or West Point... C.A.R.E. members announced they will be attending the second hearing on the N.O.R.M. facility at the Texas Senate Committee meeting... Brackett Tigers lost their game in district play to Lackland... Bizzell's "Sandbaggers" got their tails kicked by a bunch of rag tagged golfers from Uvalde... Gene Armandariz showed the Grand Champion Steer during the Kinney County Stock Show... Stock Show sets new sale record... Golf Course Management Committee elected... new golf course manager, Ronnie Gibbs, hired.

February -- The Brackett News celebrated its first birthday... Zaffirini visits Brackettville... candidates announce for city and county offices... golfer, Chi Chi Coward scores ace... Jenifer Shahan takes top honors at San Antonio Stock Show with heavyweight fine wool lamb... Dan Laws hired as manager of Rio Grande Electric Coop... Broadway play "Harvey" a smashing success... Larry Moore, Ralph Gonzales, and Bobby Guidry announce their candidacy for mayor... Tigerettes, bi-district champs... Lt. Ronald A. Sandoval, U.S. Navy, was presented the Navy Achievement Medal for service as an instructor pilot... Susie Montgomery and Wes Robinson join Brackett News staff.

March -- Gerardo Pacheco, 17 year old, lost his life in a car accident... Mayor LaGioia takes oath for reelection to the office of Mayor... Sheriff Hooten receives Certificate of Compliance after jail inspection... Tigerettes Yvonne Luna, Stephanie Ahrens, Dorothy Ward, Vivian Luna, and Wendy McDaniel receive 31-AA all-district honors... Lloyd Davis, Jr. and his son, Lloyd Lee Davis III walk away from plane crash... Clay Hunt and Tevin Senne capture boys doubles championship in Uvalde... Commissioners Bizzell and Slubar defeated in primary... Tim Ward wins county primary in county judge race... Attorney General sues Spofford for "un-fit" water... Lou Schlatterer scores ace... Tigers beat Dilly 22-2... E.K. Snyder involved in wreck on highway 90... Ladies Spring Fling total success.

April -- Rozetta Pingenot and John Oliver elected to Fort Clark Board of Directors... Sheedy preparing for runoff with Manuel Fuentes... Sheedy defeats Fuentes in runoff... swimming pool construction begins on city pool... large hail and heavy rains pound Brackettville... Brackett High School band to perform... commissioners debate action against waste site... Karen Annette Lehnert and Warren William Voss exchanged marriage vows... Clay Hunt and Tevin Senne attend regional meet.

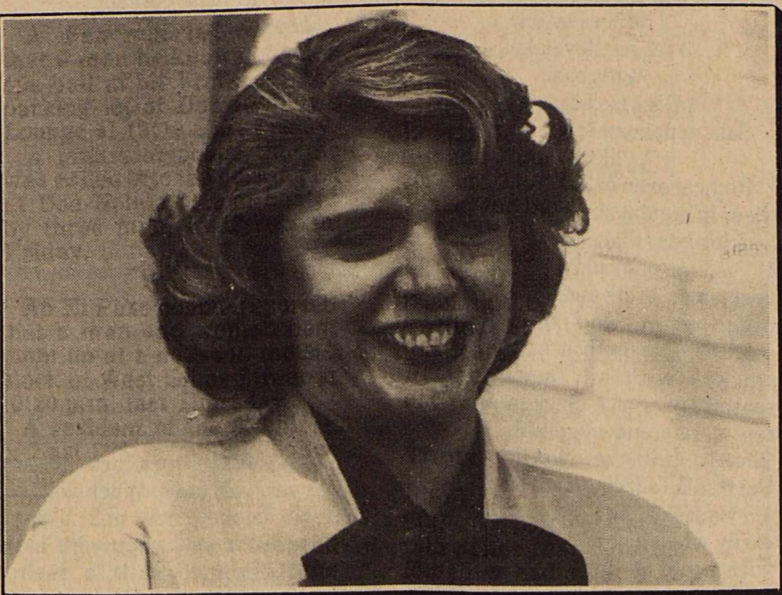
May -- Genie Gidge joins Brackett News Staff... Spofford residents suffer from high chlorine content in

water... heavy rains damaged roads... troopers reunion held at Fort Clark Springs... golf course manager, Ronnie Gibbs, and his wife, Theresa, were visited by the stork... it's a girl... Meet the city candidates highlighted the news... Larry Moore wins mayor's race by 6 votes... First Baptist Church hires youth minister... Bob Nelson appointed general manager of Fort Clark Springs... Yvonne Luna honored as top female athlete... Jim McDaniel elected to school board... Jimmy Bader re-elected to school board... Little League baseball underway... Fern Dyer, Chick Cruse, Helen Miller, and Jan Chism traveled to Devine and brought home the "bacon"... Tonya Jill Senne and Bob Owen were married in an outdoor ceremony at Indian Lodge in Fort Davis... bumper peach crop announced in Fredericksburg... Father David visits Pope John Paul II... Shelley McDaniel, Theresa Terrazas, and Kasey Hall vie for Miss Kinney County.

June -- Shelley McDaniel crowned Miss Kinney County... Rosemary Rubino wins silver medal at state meet in Austin... Susie Montgomery bids farewell to Brackett News... new manager, Robert Perez, Jr. to Super S Foods... The Glory Road rehearsals underway... Brackett FFA Rodeo a huge success... Armando Talamantez and Wendy McDaniel chosen "Male and Female Athlete of the Year"... fatal accident claims life of Jeffery Mark Godwin... Tanya Frerich and Wendy McDaniel attend basketball camp... Little League and slow pitch Softball season underway... The Glory Road opens to a full house... Richard Esser, 14 year old son of Carl Esser, kills mountain lion... Little League All-Stars selected. Grace Mata joins the Brackett News staff.

July -- Les Roper accepts the position of Editor on the Brackett News Staff... Sargeant First Class Gilbert Hernandez, Jr. receives the Meritorious Service Award Medal, the highest award given during peace time... Richard Bieszcak injured in two car smash-up on Spring street... The Brackett News receives top award from the Texas Press Association... Karen Collins and James Greer join staff as regular news contributors from Campwood... warning system approved for Spofford and Fort Clark Springs... Tina Baugess, Norma Gould, and Rozetta Pingenot return from seven day raft trip down the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon... Royce Massingill hired as new city judge... it rained and rained... Helen Peck reports on golfing from Wisconsin... Kasey Hall top cowgirl on the high school rodeo circuit... Rains continue... Karl Chism appointed security Chief of Fort Clark Springs... New head football coach, Steve Kolb, making preparations for upcoming season... Lily Schwandner joined The Brackett News staff.

August -- David Zumaya tours Russia... landfill problem becoming critical... Shelley McDaniel eligible to compete in the Free Enterprise speech contest and \$4000 scholarship... Sterling Evans celebrates 91st birthday... Dotty Dwyer returns to Alamo Village... Petra Terrazas celebrates 93rd birthday... Kasey Hall wins all around championship and trophy saddle... Gus Garcia to Who's Who... horse racing in Bandera becomes popular with Brackettville residents... U.S. Border Patrol moves into new office... David Esparza hired for the job of city manager... Yvonne Luna recipient of Scholarship Fund... High School football kicks off with scrimmage against Leakey Eagles... LaShawn Wardlaw's Variety Show plays to sell out crowd... Super S Foods presents Brackett Schools with new Apple Computers.



## Senator Zaffirini visits in Kinney County

September -- Cowboy horse races at Alamo Village draws big crowd... Antique cars popular with visitors... Ronnie Gibbs relieved of duty at the Golf Course... Tigers scrimmage Medina... county attorney calls halt to work on river crossings... Tigers defeated by Sabinal Yellowjackets... Scott Sims and Michael Flores players of the week... Seminole enjoy annual celebration... Katy Nicole Flores and Evarista Villarreal are Queen and King of the Brackett Head Start... Steve Clementz and Buddy Brandt players of the week... Tiger band wins award... Nancy Mendoza, FFA Sweetheart... hikers from Germany for Volksmarch... Rosemary Rubino wins superior rating in baton twirling... Tigers defeat Nueces Canyon... Adrian Pena player of the week... Leticia Valenzuela and Joe Don Ferguson exchange wedding vows.

October -- Post Office parking lot receives concrete topping... Tigers defeat Rocksprings Billies... Minnae Olmstead and Lenny Mahefky exchange wedding vows... historical society meets in court house... Texcor opponents meet in Spofford... Elderhostel participants visit Fort Clark and Alamo Village... Lesly Floyd returns interception 104 yards for new high school record... Eloy Garcia fatally injured in vehicle accident... commissioners purchase new Cat track loader... Masonic Lodge building dedicated... past Grand Master, Graham H. Childress, visits Brackettville... Tigers win district opener against Lytle... Cubs pounce D'Hanis... Kelly Henrich and Anthony Rubino players of the week... Zaffirini consoles Spofford residents during visit to Kinney County... Tigers trounce Asherton Trojans... Lynn Floyd and Frank Rodriguez players of the week.

November -- Seth Kaplan enters

Iron Man triathlon... health fair draws good crowds... Dorothy Payne rides circus camel while circus is in town... Tigers maul Natalia Mustangs... Jack Legg, new golf pro for Fort Clark Springs... election over for the year with new county judge, two new commissioners... Tigers defeat LaPryor Bulldogs... Rogelio Herrera chosen as player of the week... commissioners receive favorable audit... Tigers whipped by Dilley Wolves... new manager hired at Fort Clark... Lingo Sandavol appointed to serve the unexpired term of Eloy Garcia on the school board... Poth defeats Tigers in bi-district play... Tigers place 16 players on all-district team... Tigerettes defeat Lady Panthers of Nueces Canyon in overtime... Rev. Preston Taylor joins Brackett News as contributing writer.

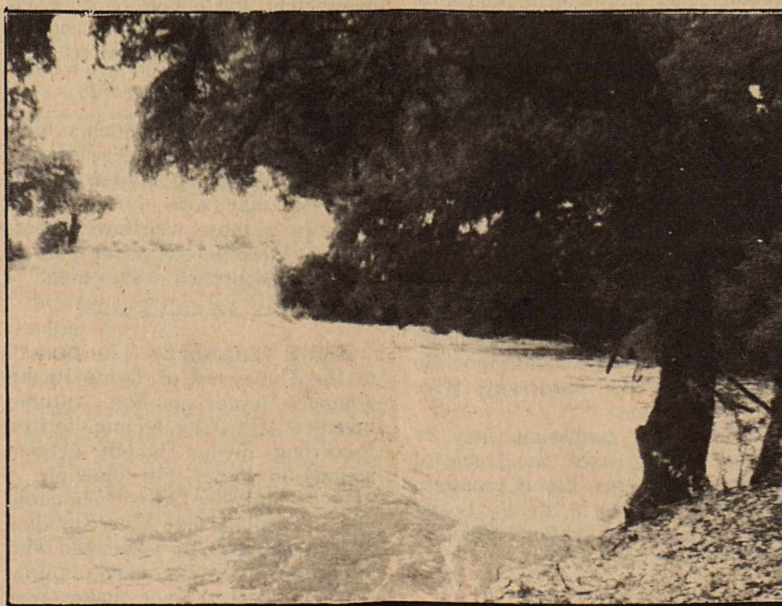
Bring in the new  
take out the old

December -- First low water crossing completed... Fort Clark preparing for upcoming election... Clay Hunt makes all tournament team in Barksdale... Lions Club members enjoy history making event as they swear in 5 new members at the same time... city of Brackettville plagued with financial problems... Tigerettes win district opener.

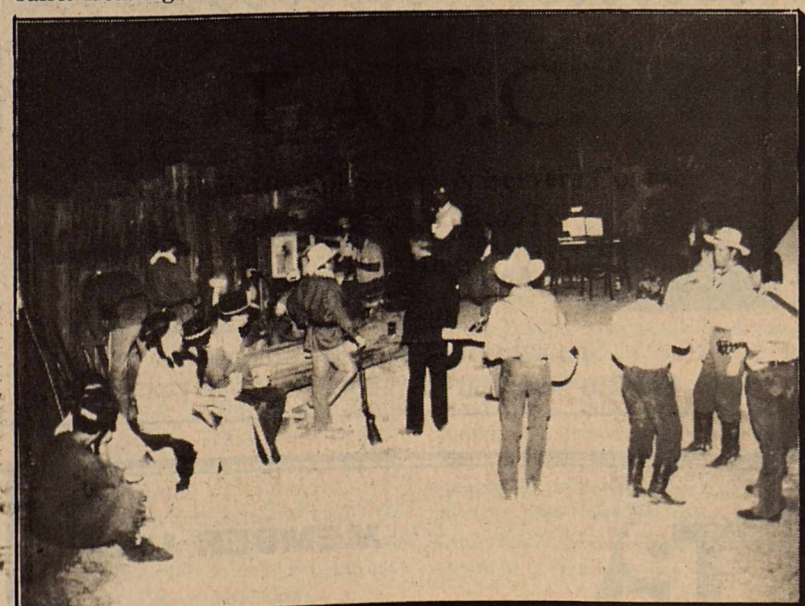
By no means were all of the events of the past year mentioned above but maybe the ones that were might just possible stir your memory and remind you of the importance of living every day of your life. Maybe... just maybe... you might find your name in next year's rundown. Make it a point to "reach out and touch a friend" by offering him or her a kind word and a friendly smile!!!



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TUESDAY  
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Fruit/Juice - Milk

WEDNESDAY  
Pancakes - Honey/Syrup  
Fruit - Juice - Milk

THURSDAY  
Cheese Toast  
Fruit - Juice - Milk

FRIDAY  
Sweet Rolls - Juice - Milk

MONDAY  
Macaroni & Cheese w/ham  
Green Beans - Fruit  
Roll - Milk

TUESDAY  
Hot Dog/Chili  
Vegetarian Beans - Fruit  
Spice Cake - Milk

WEDNESDAY  
Hamburgers - Burger Salad  
French Fries  
Raisin Cookie - Milk

THURSDAY  
Frito Pie - Ranch Beans  
Cornbread  
Fruit - Milk

FRIDAY  
Spaghetti w/meat sauce  
Veget... Fruited Jello





# YOUR HOROSCOPE

by Charles King Cooper

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Difficulty in communicating with others plagues you most of the week, but by the week's end, bring common-sense solutions. Try to put off important financial decisions till later in the week. Expenses escalate now, but you'll find new money-making opportunities.

**TAURUS** (April 20 May 20) Problems of self-assertion cause you to seek advice about putting your best foot forward. A friend will give you new insights. Curb a tendency to withdraw into yourself or to think negatively. Catch up on your book-keeping. Put financial accounts in order.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You'll need tact and sensitivity in dealing with troublesome friends. Your spouse or a close friend gives you valuable support. There could be some loopholes in current business proposals. Pending negotiations will be troublesome until a breakthrough.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Distant affairs seem muddled — requiring extra effort to straighten them out — but the right answers will come in due time. There could be hidden costs regarding a financial deal. Real estate and domestic matters are favored. Family discussions help.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You could experience a few trying moments regarding a partnership or a close relationship. Heart-to-heart talks will clear the air. You won't make as much progress on the job as you'd like, but your difficulties will teach you new ways to improve your efficiency.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Avoid extravagance in your pursuit of good times. You will reach a better understanding with a loved one before week's end. A family member's trying behavior requires that the two of you have a private chat to resolve difficulties. Your thinking is sharp.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Your best confidante is your mate or close friend. Don't believe supertime rumors. Others may be purposely evasive then. Initiative and self-discipline combine to bring you business achievement. Be careful in financial negotiations with others.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You'll take the lead in romance and may be surprised how much your feelings will deepen. There is some confusion late in the week. Tidy up unfinished business around the house. Do the necessary research regarding a domestic matter. Curb escapist tendencies.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Keep in touch with friends. Group activities are favored. Write letters or visit others. Avoid foolish romantic involvements. You get the go-ahead to reach for the top spot in your business career. A good day's work brings benefits. A relative distracts you.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Get important things accomplished early in the week. Later, you may obtain unreliable information. Enjoy cultural activities. Keep joint financial moves confidential, but avoid excessive spending. Be wary of somewhat dubious propositions toward week's end.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Though the week is favorable for solidifying romantic ties, you still may not see the situation exactly as it is. Avoid self-deception. Overall, you'll have a productive work week. This will further your ambitions, but there could be a misunderstanding with a co-worker.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Romance looks good, but friends aren't to be counted on this week. Education and creative projects are nicely accented. It's a good time to seek financing for projects that interest you, especially real estate. A higher-up may be evasive.

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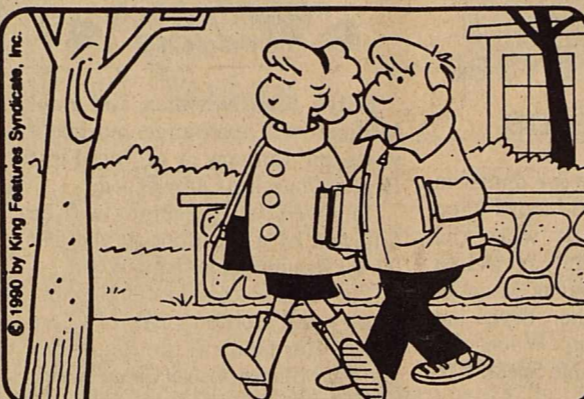
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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| Candy  | Caramel | Cannoli | Nectar  |
| Taffy  | Fudge   | Cake    | Torte   |
| Bonbon | Nougat  | Mousse  | Cordial |
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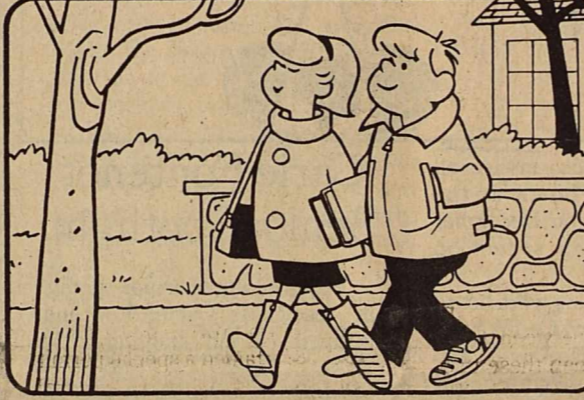
## Super Crossword

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|--|--|--|----------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>                                    | <b>Life</b>                              | <b>80 Funeral orations</b>                           | <b>1 Sword hit</b>               | <b>37 Father of Theseus</b>               | <b>75 French river</b>       |
| 1 Cushion  | 50 Patrick Henry, for one                | 83 Hartebeest  | 2 Celebs wild ox                 | 38 Fit of pique                           | 77 Handle roughly            |
| 6 Look for bargains                              | 51 Covered with gold                     | 85 Fountain fare                                     | 3 Studlike projection: old style | 39 Curve of ship's planking               | 78 Code man                  |
| 10 It sings "at heaven's gate"                   | 52 — Old Place with You                  | 86 Tell  | 4 Consumed                       | 41 Actress Hagen                          | 81 Author Wallace            |
| 14 Land held in fee simple:                      | 53 Dutch measure                         | 87 Line from Wilde's "The Grave of Keats"            | 5 Sufficient                     | 42 Drunkard                               | 82 Palm leaf: var.           |
| 18 Indochinese region                            | 54 Write a short memo                    | 92 Forty winks                                       | 7 Sharpen                        | 43 "And still I seem to — classic ground" | 84 D.C. denizen              |
| 19 Study carefully                               | 55 Hot time for Henri?                   | 93 —, my children, and you shall hear...             | 8 Table scraps                   | 44 Hesitate                               | 85 Does the crawl            |
| 20 General Bradley                               | 56 Take to court                         | 94 Before Heavenly bodies                            | 9 Footlike organ                 | 45 Donkey, in Deauville                   | 88 Stag's pride              |
| 21 Undershot waterwheel                          | 57 ROUNDED                               | 99 Froth   | 10 "I shall — in December..."    | 46 Egg-shaped                             | 89 Bricklayer                |
| 23 They are left in the "sands of time"          | 60 Indeed:                               | 101 Impudent talk                                    | 11 Central American tree         | 47 Captive of Hercules                    | 90 Traduced                  |
| 25 It's advertised by "the loud laugh"           | 62 Trig function                         | 105 Verdi opera                                      | 12 Ran swiftly                   | 48 Require                                | 91 Is persistent             |
| 27 Measuring devices                             | 63 Did a gardening task                  | 106 Makes public                                     | 13 Malay isthmus                 | 49 Guaranteed: abbr.                      | 92 To buy: Scot.             |
| 28 Apportion                                     | 64 Descriptive line by Coleridge         | 107 Vest   | 14 Inexperienced                 | 50 Instrument for Myra Hess               | 93 Violent free-for-all      |
| 29 All about: colloq.                            | 69 Sanity                                | 112 "...they that fought for England, following a —" | 15 Major — (butlers)             | 51 Operated                               | 94 Actress Burstin           |
| 30 Needle bug                                    | 71 Lobster eater's garb                  | 114 — does make cowards of us all                    | 16 Greek patriarch of Alexandria | 52 Letter before omega                    | 95 Sylvan deity              |
| 31 Barked  | 72 — picker (fussy one)                  | 115 More liberal                                     | 17 Small lunar crater            | 53 Biblical verb form                     | 96 Eared seal                |
| 32 "...her lips control the — of a summer night" | 73 Himalayan mountain                    | 116 Actress Daly                                     | 22 Puts two and two together     | 54 Back door: rare                        | 97 Word or expression        |
| 33 GI's address                                  | 76 Source of Shakespeare's "gentle rain" | 117 Party-giver                                      | 24 Tear                          | 55 Mayday                                 | 98 Bricklayer                |
| 36 Gambling house                                | 77 School of seals                       | 118 Penetrate  | 26 — "City" of TV                | 56 Back door: rare                        | 99 Instrument for Myra Hess  |
| 39 — Saw, Margery Daw                            | 78 Club participant: abbr.               | 119 Strong urges                                     | 28 French painter                | 57 Biblical verb form                     | 100 Instrument for Myra Hess |
| 40 Advice from "A Psalm of David"                |  | 120 Goad   | 31 Authoritative book            | 58 Biblical verb form                     | 102 A military group: abbr.  |
|  |  | 121 Exclamation of sorrow                            | 33 Solitary                      | 59 Hercules                               | 103 Filthy places            |
|  |  | 122 Rage   | 34 Evita or Juan                 | 60 Chemical suffix                        | 104 Fragrance                |
|  |  |  | 35 Giant grass                   | 61 Crushing snake                         | 107 Fleece                   |
|  |  |  |                                  | 62 Disencumber                            | 108 Handle                   |
|  |  |  |                                  | 63 Inhabitant                             | 109 Upon                     |
|  |  |  |                                  | 64 Hebrew letter                          | 110 Maple genus              |
|  |  |  |                                  | 70 Comfortable                            | 111 Word or expression       |
|  |  |  |                                  | 73 Size of type                           | 113 Theology prof.           |
|  |  |  |                                  | 74 Actor                                  | 114 Half a ball-room dance?  |
|  |  |  |                                  | O'Toole                                   |                              |

## Vision Teaser



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Tree limb is different. 2. Button is missing. 3. Books are moved. 4. Hand is different. 5. Foot is moved. 6. Foot is different.

## Answers on Page Five

### Happy Birthday

- |                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Mary Seavers      | January 2 |
| Ethel Schoolfield | January 5 |
| Fay Gooch         | January 7 |
| Bette McCaughey   | January 8 |
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- Altar Society of St. Mary Magdalene-Meets the 1st Sunday of every month at 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
- Band Booster Club-2nd Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the Brackett High Band Hall.
- Bass Club-Every last Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
- Chamber of Commerce-Every 1st Thursday 7:00 p.m.
- Commissioners Court-Every 2nd Monday at 9:00 a.m.
- Community Council-9:00 a.m. the 2nd Saturday of each month in the Sabre Room at Fort Clark.
- Del Rio Christian Women's Club-Meets 1st Wednesday of each month, 12:00--Laughlin AFB officer's club must make reservations.
- Drivers License--9 a.m. to noon, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on the 1st, 3rd, and last Thursday of the month.
- Duplicate Bridge-1:30 p.m. every Sunday and Tuesday.
- Kinney County Historical Preservation Society-7:00 p.m. on every 4th Thursday of each month at the Kinney County Courthouse.
- Kinney County Kickers-7:30 p.m. every 2nd and 4th Thursday.
- Lions Club-6:30 p.m. every 1st and 3rd Thursday.
- Masonic Lodge-7:00 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday.
- Order of the Eastern Star #204-7:30 p.m. the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at Masonic Hall, 407 Bedell, Del Rio, TX.
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## Former Student Named To President's Honor List

By DORTHY PAYNE  
 Brackett News Staff Writer

Cecelia is a Freshman at San Antonio college in San Antonio. She had 4.0 average at the end of the first semester. Mr. and Mrs. Brooks live in San Antonio; both were former Brackettville citizens and attended school here.

## Happy New Year

# Successful Hunt For Old Friends

Brackett News Wildlife Reporter

Back in the days of tricycles and slingshots, on the outskirts of Dallas in the little town of Irving, Wes Robinson and Mark Junker developed a friendship that has endured and followed them through the years. Wes and Mark still enjoy talking about the good old days when "mumble peg" and "shooting marbles for keeps" was the highlight of their day. Today, Wes resides in Brackettville and Mark still lives in Irving but the distance between these two villages doesn't keep these two lifelong buddies apart. Mark has been traveling to Kinney County for 12 years, always hoping to return home with a Boone and Crockett buck on his hood. However, fate has not been kind to him and he had never killed a deer. Well, the fickle finger of fate backfired this year and with the world's greatest hunting guide steering him in the right direction, Mark killed his first buck deer on the Pinto farm. Wes wakened early that morning with this terrible pain in his side. He jumped up and grabbed his "guides Tips on Killing the Big Ones" which he keeps on a shelf in his bedroom and began to search the index until he came to "pain in deer hunter's side". It told him the pain meant to climb in the blind closest to the road because you were getting ready to kill a big buck too heavy to carry very far. Old Wes turned around and hoilered, "Ah right"!!! as he grabbed Mark and told him that this is the day. Sure enough, these two mighty "killers of wild game" climbed in the closest blind they came to and it was just a matter of minutes until the deer started moving in. Two bucks were seen coming from a distance and it was hard to tell if they were good ones or not. Patience and perseverance paid off as the buck in the back turned out to be the "mas grande" that Mark had been hunting

for. He took about twenty five deep breaths and then carefully put the crosshairs on the big buck's shoulder. He squeezed the trigger and the speedy little .243 slug whistled through the air and landed dead on target. The buck ran about 70 yards and the rest is history. The buck was a good eight point with a 16 inch spread. His tines were 10 inches long and he field dressed 140 pounds. He was a trophy truly worth waiting on. After the first hunting safari was finished Wes decided to try for a good buck himself. He attained a special permit to hunt on the High Chaparral division of the Robinson Ranch and set out to try to equal his good friends trophy deer. As Darkness fell, Wes was afraid he had missed his chance but just before the sun settled in the west movement caught his attention from the south. He grabbed his binoculars and scanned the fence line. His heart leaped into his throat as he spotted the "buck of bucks" walking very slowly toward him with his head on the ground, trailing a doe. Wes knew he was looking at the best set of horns he had seen in quite some time so the decision to shoot was easy to make. He took careful aim and dropped the big white tail with a single shot to the lungs. When he walked up on his trophy he got the shock of his life. The Buck has a perfect set of horns on one side with a slightly deformed and smaller set on the opposite side. The side of the buck that Wes had seen through his scope would have certainly been a trophy but nature dealt him a cruel blow. No one is sure why the other side of the buck's antlers were small and crooked but many think it could have come from an injury when the horns were developing. The Big rascal field dressed 150 pounds and will keep Wes' deep freeze from being empty for many months to come.



Mark Junker bags his first trophy deer



Wes Robinson displays an eleven point

## 96 Families Receive Christmas Baskets

A total of 96 families were served with Christmas baskets. These families totaled 351 people including 135 children age 11 or younger who received one or more toys. In addition another 25 needy children received used toys received from various donors. A total of nearly \$3,250 cash donations and cash equivalents were reported. The Brackettville Rotary club led all cash donations with a total of \$775.00. The Rotarians are to be applauded by all. The H.E.B. Stores contributed a \$250.00 gift certificate which was used in their stores to purchase food items. Other cash donations were from: Alamo Village, Trading Post, Brackettville Chamber of Commerce, FCS Community Council, FCS Historical Society, Brackettville Knights of Columbus, Brackettville Lions Club, Fort Clark Springs Association, The FCS Shriners, The FCS Masons, The VFW Post 8360, The VFW Post 8360 Auxiliary, New World Study Club, First United Methodist Church, FCS Art Club, Brackettville Church of Christ, The Seminole Indian Scouts and many individual donations. Organizations donating food in addition to H. E. B. Stores Gift Certificate were The Brackettville Lions Club, The Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, The First Baptist Church, The Brackett Schools Student Council & Senior Class, The First United Methodist Church, Preceptor Theta Sigma Chapter-Beta Sigma Phi, FCS Art Club, The FCS Mens and Womens Golf Clubs, VFW and VFW Auxiliary, The Border Patrol and Border Patrol Ladies, Knights of Columbus and the FCS Square Dance Club. There were individual contributors of food to numerous to list. Also food collection boxes at Super "S", The Library, The FCS Adult Center, The Bank, The Golf Club, The FCS Association Office and Camper's World were all helpful in the collection of food. Special support was provided by Mg. Nancy Hage and her staff at the FCS Restuarant and was very helpful. Organizations and individuals who donated toys were the First United Methodist Womens group, the First Baptist women, The Post 8360 VFW and Auxiliary, Fort Clark Springs Resturant Manager and Staff, The FCS Art Club, Tom and Charollete Powell, Marie Pena, Esther Roller, Jerry O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kauffman, Mr. & Mrs. Chester Lambert, Knights of Columbus, Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, Mr. & Mrs. Don Parks, and others. Fresh vegetables were donated by various growers in the Uvalde area. The effort was organized by Charlie Ward and the donors included Corn Processors; Cargil, Inc, Winter Garden Growers & Shippers; and Frio Foods. Members of the Lions Club, the Knights of Columbus the FCS Ladies Exercise group, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Mitchell and others helped fill the boxes with food and toys. Howard Wakefield of the VFW picked up the needed bakery products from Del Rio Mrs. Baird's at a substantial discount. LaShawn Wardlaw and friends, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Mitchell, and members of the Lions, Knights of Columbus, The Rotary, Shriners, Masons, VFW and VFW Auxiliary and Agipito Saenz assured distribution to the various needy families. In addition support services were provided by Robs Mini Mart, The Kinney County Library, The Community Council, The FCS Resturant, The FCS Community Council. A special thanks is owed to Dr. James S. Moore for the use of the "Wainwright House" as our consolidation and distribution center. We also want to recognize the many hours of volunteer work by the Lions members, Agipito Saenz and all the other commitee.

# Happy New Year Janice

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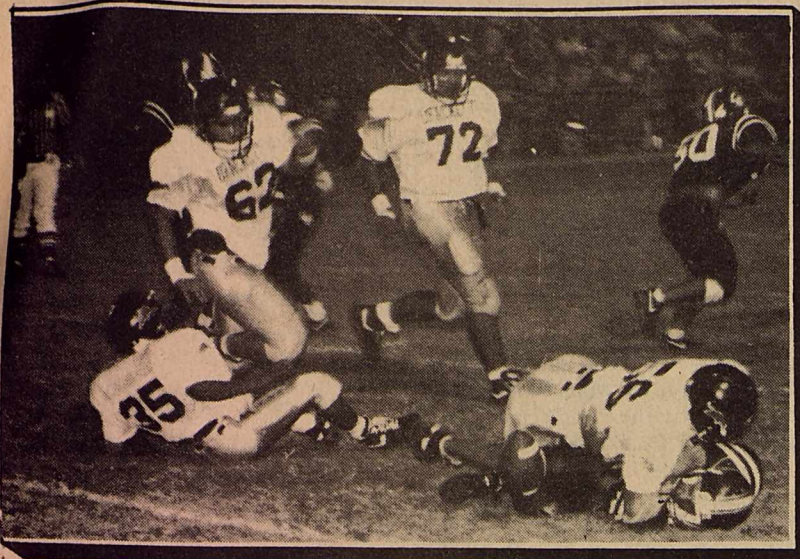
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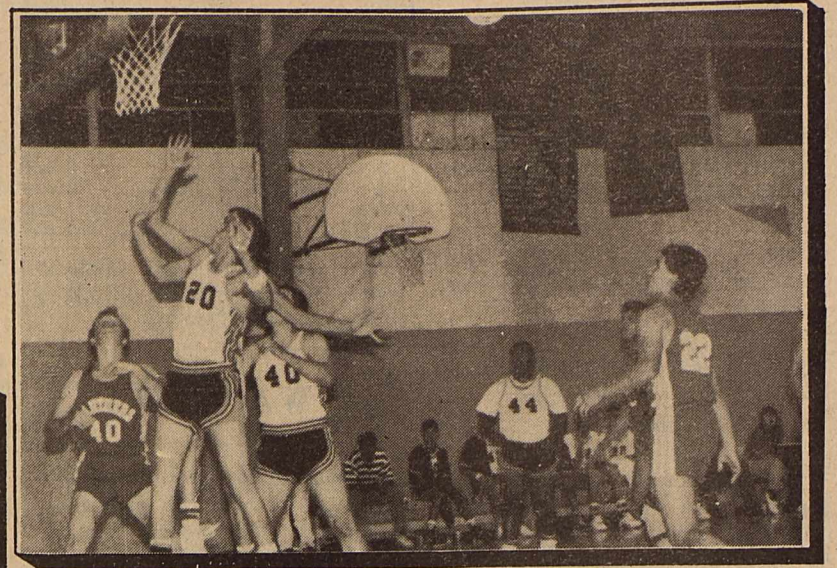
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# Looking Back On The Year

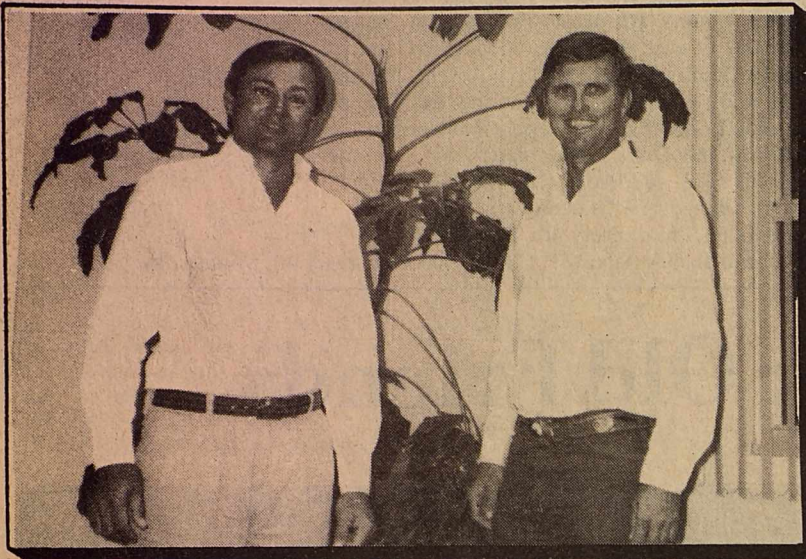
## 1990



Coach Klob and his staff lead the Brackett Tigers to the Bi-District Championship



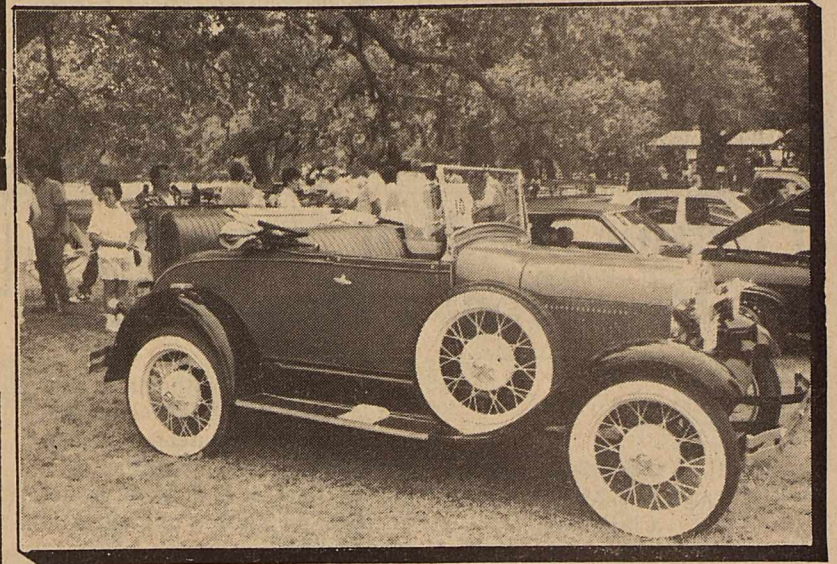
The 1990-91 Brackett Tiger Basketball Team goes for 2.



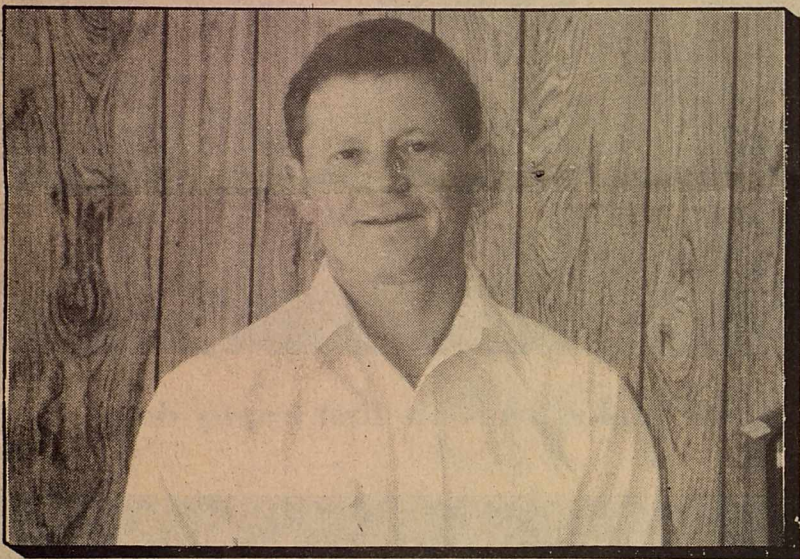
Jimmy Bader and Jimmy McDaniel elected to serve on BISD Board



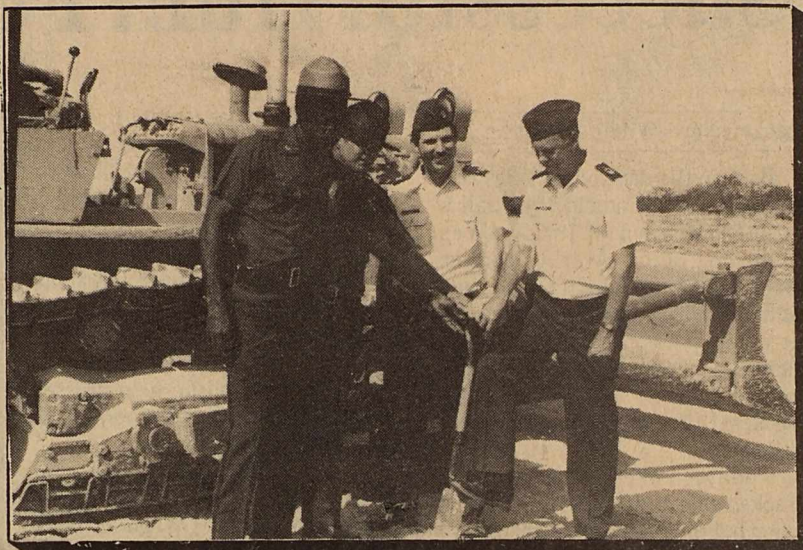
The Brackett News wins Texas Press Association Award



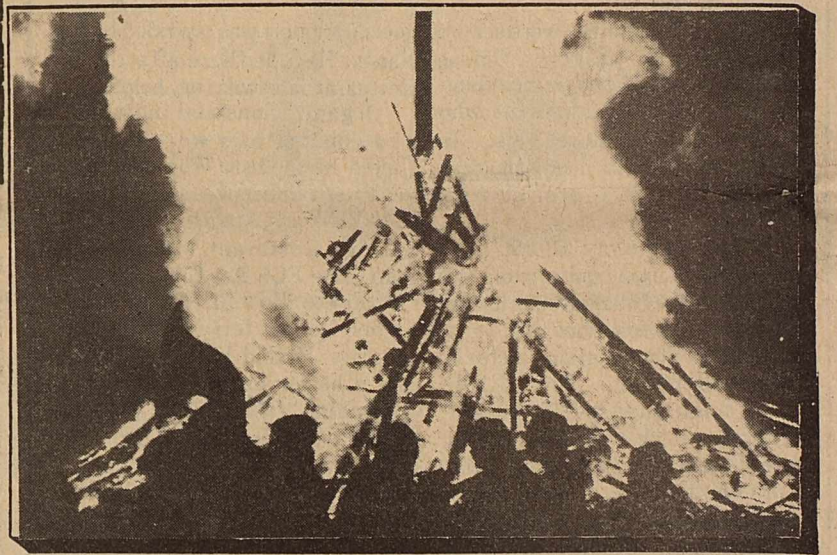
Antique Car Show is hosted by Fort Clark Springs



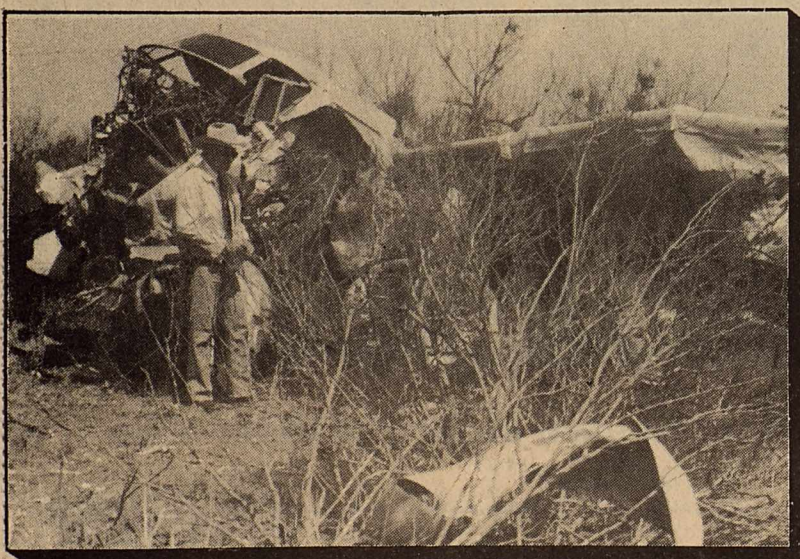
Larry Moore elected to serve as Brackettville's Mayor



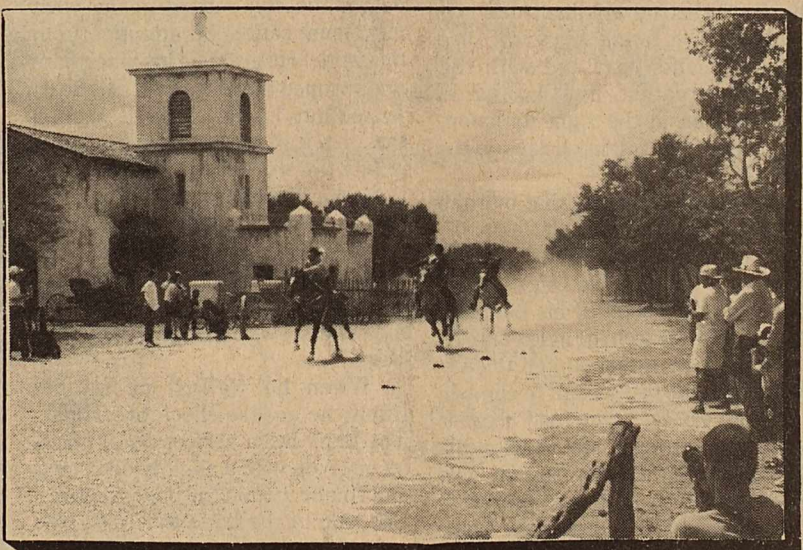
New Facility is built to house the US Border Patrol



Homecoming bonfire illuminates band members and students



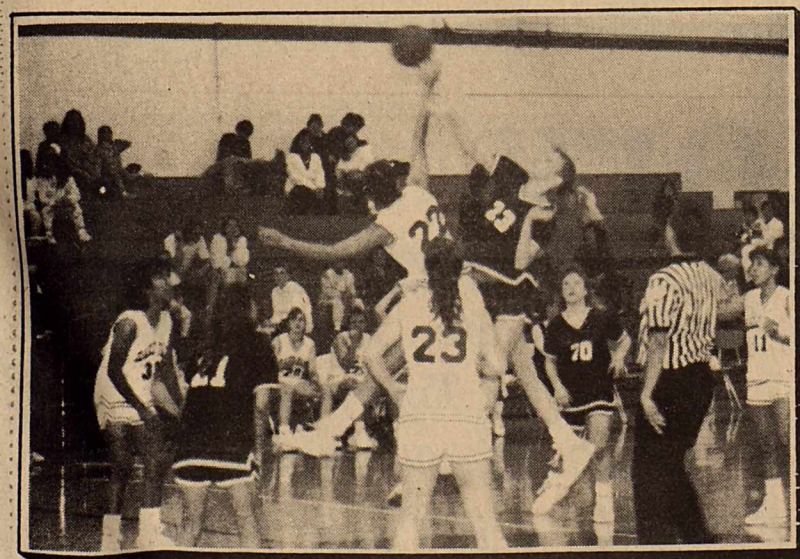
Fortunately the pilot and his passenger walk away from plane crash



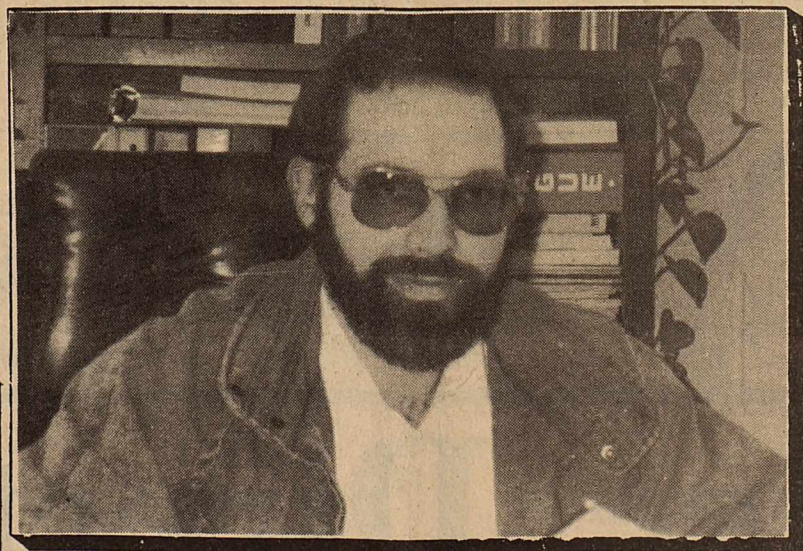
Labor Day Horse Races at Happy Shahan's Alamo Village



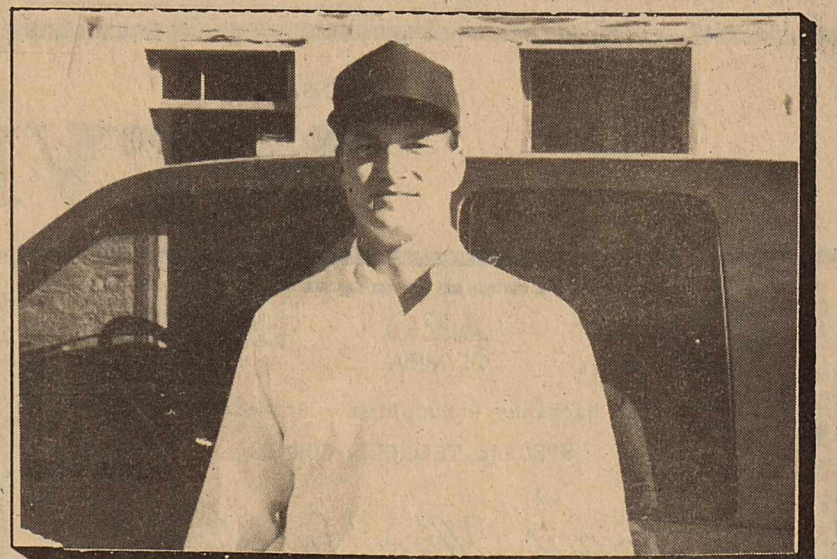
Brackett High School Graduating Class of 1990



Tigerettes going for the basketball.



Vito LaGioia ends term as Mayor and enters law enforcement



Seth Kaplan prepares for the Triathlon

## Goodbye 1990