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

Floyd Awarded OES Scholarship

Lee Marvin Floyd, son of Janice Floyd and Harrell Floyd of Brackettville, received one of the esteemed ESTARL (Eastern Star Training Award For Religious Leadership) Scholarships at the 111th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, held November 3-5, 1993, at the Texas Convention Center in Dallas.

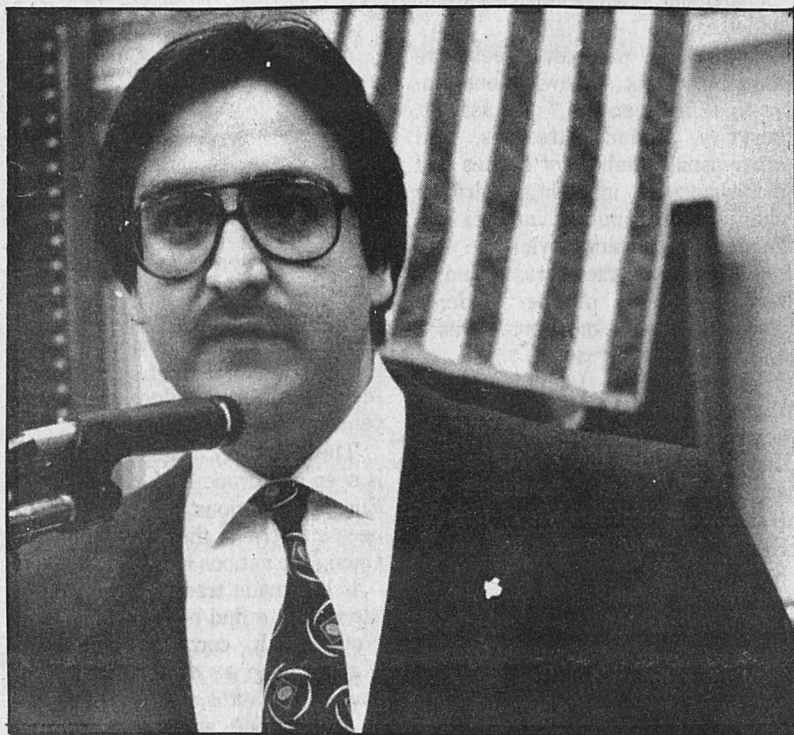
Seven members of the Del Rio chapter were in attendance at the Grand Chapter. Mrs. Marcella Curry of Corpus Christi was elected and installed as Worthy Grand Matron.

Nine members of Del Rio Chapter received Grand Chapter Committee appointments: Mrs. Dorothy Haga, Mrs. Chet Pitts, Mrs. Cubie Kurtz, Mrs. Martha Eaton, Mrs. Betty Warden, Mrs. Elaine Gearhart, Mrs. Jeanne Fletcher, Mrs. Beverly Agee, and Mrs. Eleanor Stark.



**Lee Floyd
Scholarship Recipient**

Floyd is a graduate of Brackett High School and is a student at Corpus Christi University majoring in Youth Education. He was sponsored by the Del Rio Chapter #204, Order of the Eastern Star.



Gallego Honored By "Common Cause"

Common Cause celebrated a great legislative victory - the passage of House Rules Reform - by honoring Representative Pete P. Gallego, House Speaker Pete Laney, and several other members of the Texas House of Representatives who were instrumental in the reformation of the House rules of procedure. They were presented the "Star of Texas" Public Service Award at Common Cause's Fifth Annual "Uncommon Event" Tuesday, November 9, 1993, in Austin.

"Representative Gallego is being honored for his leadership in the enactment of HR22 which opened up the House's legislative process

and provided all members an equal opportunity to pass and influence bills," explained Suzy Woodford, Executive Director, as the award was made.

Among the reforms were: an end to the secretive killing of bills in the Calendars Committee; prohibiting members of the Calendars Committee from using "tags" to kill legislation; restrictions on the power of the Speaker to remove committee chairs or to fire employees of members and committees; and new deadlines for debating bills on the floor to give members an opportunity to read complex legislation before being required to vote.

Filippone Building To Get Tenant

The Kinney County Commissioners Court convened at 9:00 a.m. Monday, November 8, 1993, with Judge Tim Ward presiding. Present were Commissioners Freddie Frerich, Plunker Sheedy, Cordelia Mendeka, and Alvin McClure. Jean Faulkenberry offered the invocation with a special petition for complete recovery for Justice of the Peace Alvin Hall following 5-bypass heart surgery. Judge Ward led the pledge to the flag.

Minutes of the October 12 meeting were approved as read. County Treasurer Carlotta DeLa Rosa brought a report from her office in the form of request for interpretation of various travel policies and also a request for new floor covering.

Road Administrator Clif Fritter reported that the bulk of his department's work had been done in the city the past month, and that after evaluating radios he felt the one that fit his need was available from A&B Electronics. The court authorized Mr. Fritter to purchase the necessary radios and accessories and sign for the frequency. Cost will be slightly under \$1000, well within his budget. He informed the court that he and Judge Ward were scheduled to attend a truck sale in Fort Worth on November 30 and hopefully would be able to locate a suitable water truck at a reasonable cost.

Accounting procedures for handling the bank charges on county checking accounts was deferred to allow time to consult with bank officials.

The court approved cancelling the rental contract on the Merlin phone system in Justice of the Peace Alvin Hall's office and purchasing the equipment. The county will realize a savings on this arrangement.

Approval was given to publish the Indigent Health Guidelines. The court also approved bidding out the Civic Center for a Christmas Dance with the minimum bid of \$500; confirmed the use of the Civic Center on New Year's Eve for the Volunteer Fire Department; and gave approval for the Kinney County Historical Commission to hold a barbecue-dance fund raiser on December 11 in the Civic Center.

Veterans Day

Remembering Those Who Preserved Freedom

By TAYLOR STEPHENSON

Lest we forget on this Veterans Day, freedom is our greatest asset in these United States of America in 1993. We've seen totalitarian governments crumble in this fragile world of ours as countries embarked on those first few, unsteady steps toward giving life to a new found freedom. We don't have lots of heroes today. Seems like those folks that most of us believed in the most lived a long time ago -- like Jefferson, Washington, Adams, and Lincoln. There are some modern day folks that have made sacrifices for our nation that we need to pause and remember on this Veterans Day. Many are names that are not as well known as our patriots of the past. They, nevertheless, gave so that our lives might be better! Today, November 11, 1993, we take a moment to honor all veterans.

In 1921, an American soldier - his name "known but to God" was buried on a Virginia hillside overlooking the Potomac River and the City of Washington. The Arlington National Cemetery burial site of this unknown World War I soldier became the personification of dignity and reverence for America's veterans. In England and France, an "unknown soldier" was buried in each nation's highest place of honor in England's Westminster Abbey and in France's Arc de Triomphe. These memorial gestures all took place on November 11, giving universal recognition to the celebrated ending of World War I hostilities at 11:00 a.m. November 11, 1918 (the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month). The day became known as Armistice Day.

Armistice Day received its name in America in 1926 through a Congressional resolution. It became a national holiday twelve years later by similar Congressional action. Representative Edwin Rees of Kansas proposed to change Armistice Day to Veterans Day, and to make this an occasion to honor those who have served America in the fight for Freedom. President Eisenhower, in 1954, signed the bill proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day as he called for Americans everywhere to rededicate themselves to the cause of peace. In 1958, two more unidentified American war dead were brought to Arlington Cemetery from overseas and interred in the plaza beside their comrade of World War I. One was killed in World War II, the other in the Korean War. A law passed in 1973 provided for the interment of an unknown American who lost his life in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam era. On Memorial Day 1984, the unknown serviceman from that conflict was placed in "Honored Glory" alongside his fellow countrymen.

Today, we have service men and women spread throughout the world serving their country so that we can be free. Folks, we're talking here about those who served for the Red, White and Blue so that we could continue to be the Home of the Free and the Brave.

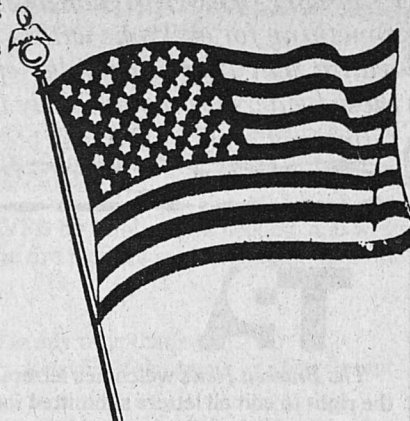
Lives disrupted, going to foreign countries to serve for you and for me should give us all big chill bumps. Today, the part of freedom's cost that must continue to be paid to those who defended and are defending is owed to America's veterans. We join together to salute veterans

of the armed forces of America. We publicly thank you for giving that we might remain free! To those veterans that gave their lives, somehow we know that you will feel the warmth of our prayer of thanks on this Veterans Day, 1993!

Character development in public schools includes teaching students about our country so that the virtue of patriotism might live forever in the USA. I close with a writing entitled "A Student's View Of Patriotism":

It's a feeling that one has about our country. It's a deep respect coming from caring and believing in democracy. It's the goose bumps that run over the body when the National Anthem is played, the tears that well up in the eyes when the American flag soars on high, and the quiver in the lip when the pride one feels about the USA is overwhelming.

Our forefathers have been called on to protect our beliefs and fight for our rights. With proud hearts, they went forth with great sacrifice so that we might have continued choices in our land. We honor those who died for us and we honor those who fought and lived so that we might prosper.



Today, we fly flags in full array for Memorial Day, Veterans Day and the 4th of July and to honor the lives of our great statesmen and veterans. We say the pledge of allegiance as a reminder of who we are and where we live. We rejoice that we are fortunate to live in this great land of freedom -- the USA!

This Veterans Day, I salute all those who served their country so that we might preserve the basic principle of freedom that undergirds all of this nation's past, present, and through the grace of God -- the future. American Veterans, the difference that you made can never be repaid! We thank you for making our lives better through the preservation of freedom in these United States of America! I encourage teachers and parents throughout our area to take a moment to tell their children about freedom and about what our veterans did and continue to do for all of us that live in the USA!

City To Reschedule Council Meeting

Mayor Carmen Berlanga and Councilwomen Jean Seargeant and Mary Flores waited twenty-five minutes before reluctantly agreeing that the regularly scheduled City Council meeting Tuesday evening, November 9, 1993, would not convene since the three did not constitute a quorum. The meeting will be rescheduled.

Housing Authority's New Leadership

Three months ago charming, energetic, compassionate Shirley Holloway was named the Executive Director for the Brackettville Housing Authority. Each day she is on the job she becomes more engrossed in plans to "make a difference" not only in the housing facilities but in the lives of the tenants.

A city project, the Housing Authority is composed of forty-eight housing units ranging in size from 1-bedroom to 4-bedroom units. Some are out near the cemetery, some are on Spring Street, and some are on Brown Street. Some are quite new and in excellent condition but others are rather old and badly in need of repairs and updated equipment. They are all occupied and Mrs. Holloway has a "waiting list" so as soon as a vacancy occurs, someone else is ready to move in.

Some of the tenants are elderly citizens but some are households with young children - and all in between.

The Housing Authority is governed by a board that serves unpaid and its members are Connie Coronado, Harrell Floyd, Madeline Morgan, Wallace Morgan, and Elsa Moseley. They meet once a month, and they, too, have caught some of Mrs. Holloway's enthusiasm for "making a difference."

The organization is a HUD program. Neglect has been a problem in Brackettville but Mrs. Holloway is very optimistic that funds are forthcoming to upgrade the older units and also provide some funds for community/family related activities. Limited funds are also available for educational pursuits. Rebuilding playgrounds has been given a high priority.

At Halloween Mrs. Holloway made sure that each of the older residents were well supplied with "treats" and then she hosted a party

for the children including "trick or treating" to the older friends. Pictures of some of the party goers are pictured in this issue of the paper. She even got employees Manuel Madrid and Albert Coronado into the spirit.

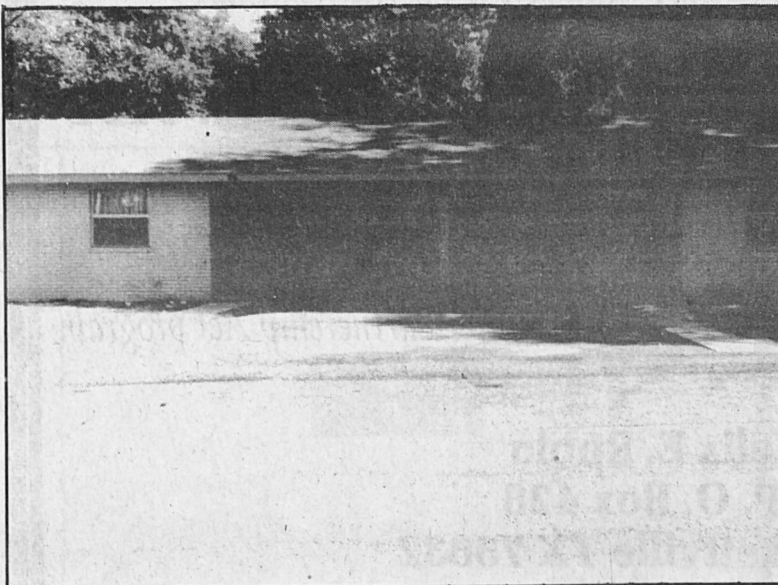
Mrs. Holloway gives credit to Madrid and Coronado with many of the improvements already made during her three months reign and especially applauds them for their outgoing personalities, creative ideas, and willingness to give more than expected to their jobs.

Immediate future plans include a cake walk in November (by the way, if you would like to get involved and help with the cake walk, give her a call at 563-2513) to raise funds for a Christmas project complete with fruit baskets for the elderly renters and a family party at the Service Club on Fort Clark for the other renters.

Another goal is to establish a Tenant Council who would provide leadership in establishing education goals, improving communication and a working together attitude to make the homes and grounds more attractive, provide recreational opportunities, and approve morale in general.

From 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each Monday through Friday, Mrs. Holloway can be reached at the Housing Authority office. She welcomes input from not only her board, the tenants, but from the community at large. If you want a heart-warming visit with a very positive person, contact her.

Mrs. Holloway and her husband, Wayne who is employed at Laughlin Air Force Base, and their two sons - Matthew, a fourth grader and Michael, a second grader - moved to Fort Clark Springs from Pulaski, Tennessee. They have enjoyed being area residents



A few short weeks ago this duplex was a burned-out eyesore on Spring Street. Completely restored, it now is the clean, cozy home for two families. The Housing Authority has launched a campaign to improve and upgrade other units as time and funds permit.

Welcome Hunters

Action was tabled on paying Royce Massingill for temporary duties. Action was also tabled on future gasoline/diesel sources.

Sheriff's Corner

By Sheriff Norman H. Hooten



Departmental Update: In early October I was notified by U.S. Marshall Bill Jonas of San Antonio that a long sought after rate increase in federal prisoner care fees had been approved for the Kinney County Jail. The previous rate of \$30.00 per prisoner man-day was increased to \$35.00 per man-day, representing an approximate 17% increase in daily income to the County per each federal prisoner incarcerated in the County Jail. Based on the projected estimates of federal prisoner care receipts for FY'93-'94 of \$190,000.00, the daily rate increase will mean an estimated added income to the County for this fiscal year of \$32,300.00.

We currently have a total of eight (8) Jailer/Dispatchers and a civilian Dietician employed at the County Jail. They are identified below by name, rank, and length of service:
 1. **Matias "Matt" Sandoval**, Records Officer Sgt. - 8 years;
 2. **Elda Estrada**, Jailer/Dispatcher Sgt. - 6 years;

3. **Jesse Garcia**, Jailer/Dispatcher PFC - 11 years;
 4. **Tom Justice**, Jailer/Dispatcher PFC - 3 years;
 5. **Frank Gutierrez**, Jailer/Dispatcher PFC - 2 years;
 6. **Jose "Joe" Cabello**, Jailer/Dispatcher PVT - 6 months;
 7. **Pedro "Pete" Abrego**, Jailer/Dispatcher PVT - 2 months;
 8. **Cody Shannon**, Jailer/Dispatcher PVT - 2 weeks;
 9. **Marie Medina**, Dietician - 2 years.

Criminal Investigators and Patrol personnel are as follows:
 1. **Norman H. Hooten**, Sheriff - 11 years;
 2. **John S. Fritter, Jr.**, Chief Deputy - 1 1/2 years;
 3. **Scott McDonald**, Patrol Deputy - 6 months.

We also have two (2) Reserve Deputies to assist in baliff duties, traffic and crowd control during public functions or emergency calls, prisoner transport, and other depart-

mental duties deemed necessary by the Sheriff. They are:

1. **Warren Outlaw**, Reserve Deputy - 7 years;
2. **Karl Chiam**, Reserve Deputy - newly appointed.

Reserve deputies are authorized peace officers only when called upon and under the direct supervision of the Sheriff or Chief Deputy and are volunteers that meet the same strict requirements of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards & Education (T.C.L.O.S.E.) and perform their duties when called upon by the Sheriff at no cost to the County or County Taxpayers other than uniforms and reimbursements for actual expenses made in the line of duty. In a small rural county such as ours with a limited number of sworn full-time peace officers within the Department, reserve deputies are an added asset.

During the past few weeks we have been kept somewhat busy investigating reports of assault, burglary, criminal trespass, and other usual numbers of crimes and disturbances including drunks charged with public intoxication. Domestic and family violence still seems to be on the increase and in well over 95% of the incidents alcohol consumption (abuse) was a major contributing factor.

Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter, Patrol Deputy Scott McDonald, and newly appointed Jailer/Dispatcher Cody Shannon attended a seminar on the Texas Penal Code and the Uniform Traffic Code at the Middle Rio Grande Law Enforcement Academy during this week. Annual updates and seminars such as this are necessary each year in order for field officers to keep up with the constant changes in the law brought about by the ultimate wisdom (?) of the state legislature that keeps changing the rules of the game on us.

In concluding this week's column I would like to remind all hunters and others who use firearms for hunting, target practice, and pleasure that "unloaded guns" kill people and bullets discharged from firearms carelessly eventually have to come to rest somewhere. Don't let those careless bullets injure or kill someone or damage property of another. Use safety, caution, and good manners when handling firearms and all will be well. A firearm is only as safe as the one holding it and/or pulling the trigger. **Be careful out there!**
 That's All!

Kinney County Sheriff's Department Sponsors Two For Certification

Eighteen law enforcement officers graduated from the Basic Peace Officer Certification Class of the Middle Rio Grande Law Enforcement Academy at Southwest Texas Junior College in late October.

The Kinney County Sheriff's Department sponsored two of the graduates: Jerry L. Martinez and Cody C. Shannon.

Shannon has been appointed a jailer/dispatcher for the Kinney County Sheriff's Department and will also continue his inservice law enforcement training.

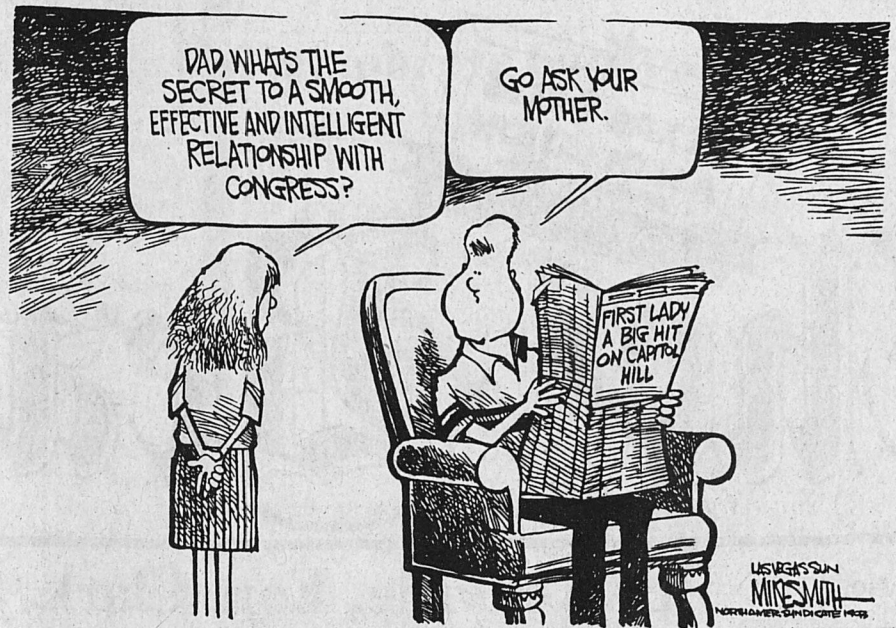
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Between Us

By Joe Townsend.



In a few days the Congress will vote on NAFTA. This pact has been in the works for years. It has been studied and worked on by several administrations.

It is certainly one of the most needed and productive actions since the beginning of the industrial revolution in the middle of the past century.

The feasibility of this type of pact is seen in Europe in the compact of European nations. This pact has been effective in the growth of trade among the nations involved.

It has made trade by the rest of the world to find a market for their products. It certainly will open Mexico to a vast variety of machinery, autos, and other exports, and hence will bring a great surge of employment in the United States.

Those who oppose it put themselves in the position of those who prevented the U.S. from being a part of the League of Nations.

There followed by this same reactionary groups the Hawley-Smoot Tariff which was the greatest single factor in producing the Great Depression of the "30s."

Free and open trade on a sectional basis and even more so on a world wide basis is the greatest insurance

policy against depression and hard economic times.

Ross Perot and his "one liners" demonstrate a bloated ego. He has made many of his millions, thanks, to an open market in Europe. His play development in the Metroplex is profiting in big fashion because of a pact much like the free trade agreement.

It is a big mistake for the government to give him credibility and recognition by having a national T.V. debate.

His great desire is to be on national T.V. Being unable to buy time on national T.V., he cons the government into having him on the air.

People will not remember the facts presented because they will be swayed by his "bantam rooster" actions and smart alec one-liners. Stirring emotions will be more important than looking at facts.

Because a man has become wealthy by being pampered by the Federal government in no way qualifies him as an authority on world trade.

A careful study of the facts would reveal that NAFTA will be a benefit to the labor market in the United States and a boon to manufacturing.

It is irony of the lowest type that a man who is for murder by abortion, who wants approval for homosexuality, whose mouth espouses ridiculous projections and who by his own evaluation of himself is a paragon of intelligence shows such little mentality in his prating disavowal of NAFTA.

It's hoped that members of Congress will for once demonstrate intelligent choice in NAFTA and hence put the United States, Mexico, and Canada on the upward economic road.

Commodities Distribution Community Council Office

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Hunter Safety

- H**andle every gun with the respect due a loaded gun.
- U**nder no circumstances carry a loaded gun into a camp or home.
- N**ever climb or crawl through a fence or jump a ditch with a loaded gun.
- T**he barrel and action of your gun should be kept free of obstruction.
- E**very gun should be carried with the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
- R**ecognize your target before you pull the trigger.
- S**afety should remain on until you are ready to shoot.
- A**lways unload your gun before leaving it unattended.
- F**iring at the surface of water or flat hard objects will cause bullets to ricochet.
- E**very hunter should be familiar with the area he intends to hunt.
- T**o have a loaded gun in or upon a motor vehicle is unsafe and unlawful.
- Y**ou have the responsibility to keep safe.

Big Mama Sez!



A smile is a curve that helps to set things straight.

PLEASE REMEMBER that we attempt to include something for everyone within the pages of our paper. We realize that that some folks enjoy finding fault and for those readers we thoughtfully include a socially acceptable number of errors within our publication.



MEMBER 1993

The Brackett News welcomes letters to the Editor. The Editor reserves the right to edit all letters submitted for length and context.

Letters will be edited to avoid the use of profanity or libelous statements pertaining to the rights of citizens.

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All letters must be signed and include an address and phone number. Thank You!

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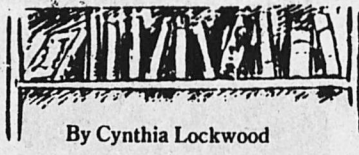
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Library Notes



By Cynthia Lockwood

Library Hours 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday Closed Tuesday

Welcome hunters! While you are in our area, please feel free to drop by the library for some reading materials.

Genealogists and historians, the library now has our very own microfiche microfilm reader/printer.

The new San Antonio circuit videos are in and I'm very pleased to announce that the new packets contain quite a few recently released movies.

As always, we invite you to visit the friendliest little library in Kinney County.

Kinney County Library Staff & Volunteers

Bridge Anyone

By NORMA GOULD



The Fort Clark Springs Bridge Club met Tuesday, November 2, with six full tables playing the Mitchell Movement.

Ben Pingnot and Mona Miller won first place in the N/S direction. Betty Inman and Ann Hibley won second with Lamont and Marie McCandless taking third place.

Mylo Unruh and Joan Lindley won first place in the E/W direction. Rozetta Pingnot and Norma Gould won second with Gloria Boroughs and Betty Schlatterer winning third.

Welcome back, Winter Texans.

Unsung Hero

by Joe Townsend.



A young man in school here was born in this community and has been here all his life. He is quiet and unassuming. He is morally an exceptional young man.

He is mentally adept and well read for one of his age. He is not aggressive in participating in questionable or regressive activities.

He is friendly and well liked by all who know him.

Surely Joey Pena is an "Unsung Hero."

DISCOVER A Bundle Of Money In The Classifieds

Vacancies In BVFD Need To Be Filled

The Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department needs volunteers - men or women - to bring the Volunteer Fire Fighter ranks up to the needed number.

A recruitment meeting will be held at the Brackettville Fire Station on Wednesday, December 1, 1993, 7:00 p.m. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Chapter-Council-Commandery To Meet

A called Convocation of Alpha Chapter No. 243, Royal Arch Masons, will be held Thursday evening, November 11th, at 7:15 p.m. for receipt of and consideration of petition.

A stated Assembly of Alpha Council No. 178, Royal & Select Masters will be held on the same evening at 7:30 for regular business including receipt of and consideration of petition.

A called Conclave of Pecos Commandery No. 108, Knights Templar, will be held immediately following Alpha Council's meeting for receipt of and consideration of petition.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. prior to these three meetings at the Del Rio Masonic Temple located at 704 Bedell Avenue.

First Time Winner

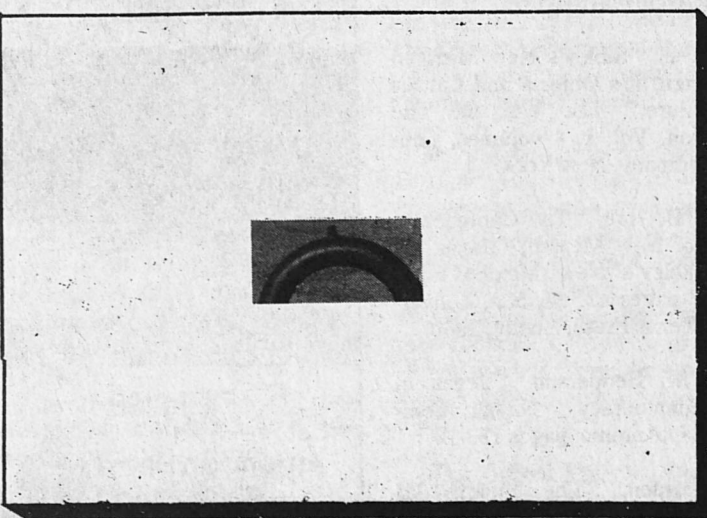
Bill Adams became a first-time Brackett News cap winner when he came in before 8:00 a.m. Friday morning to correctly identify the mystery picture as the bench that sits just outside the west side of St. John's Baptist Church.

We learned two things about Bill from this: first, as a subscriber he reads his paper; second, he looks around his church - he is pastor of St. John's.



Identify The Picture

The first person to come by The Brackett News and correctly identify this picture will be given a Brackett News Cap.



Around the Fort



Ceramic Shop Hours

Sat: Noon to 5:00 p.m. Sun: 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Mon: 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Ladies Exercise

Activity Center. Monday, 10 a.m. Wednesday 9:30 a.m. Friday 10 a.m.

Voices of Fort Clark

Each Sunday afternoon, 4:30 p.m. Town Hall First practice October 24

Square Dance Lessons

Beginning Thursday, November 11, 7:00 p.m. Service Club, Fort Clark First Lesson Free

Arts & Crafts Class

Everyone Welcome "It's A Barrel Of Fun" Every Monday Afternoon 1-4 p.m. Call Adult Center, 563-2024, for information.

Thursday Night Movie

Adult Center 7:00 p.m.

Old Quarry Society

"Blithe Spirit"

The classic farce will be put on November 26 and 27 at Town Hall, Fort Clark. Curtain time is 8:00 p.m.

Ticket prices have been set at \$5.00 for adults; \$3.00 for children under 12.

Memorial Tree Planting For Fort Clark

The trees on Fort Clark Springs are in many cases extremely old. Some have developed disease and many were destroyed by the tornado several years ago.

In an effort to have a vigorous replanting program, the Planning Committee of the Fort has proposed to the Board of Directors, and the members, of the association that we have a "Donate A Tree" Program.

The program would purchase Oak or Pecan trees and be planted by the maintenance department. For a \$25.00 donation a tree of approximately 2-inch diameter can be purchased.

A \$25.00 donation may be in memory of a friend or family member...or any person is welcome to make a donation to help with the development and beautification of Fort Clark Springs.

OUR GOAL IS TO PLANT 300 TREES. COST OF EACH TREE IS \$25.00. YOUR SUPPORT OF THE FORT CLARK SPRINGS BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT WILL BE APPRECIATED.

Form for tree donation with fields for Name, Address, In Honor Of, In Memory Of, Acknowledge Donation To, Address, Type Tree (Oak) (Pecan), Amount Donated, and Send donation to Fort Clark Springs, P.O. Box 345 Brackettville TX 78832

Las Moras Masonic Lodge #444 To Honor Past Masters

Las Moras Masonic Lodge #444 will hold a dinner meeting in Slaton Hall at 6:00 p.m. Saturday, November 13, 1993, to honor all Past Masters. The dinner will be prepared and served by Del Rio Chapter 204, Order of the Eastern Star.

Leonard M. Mahefky, Worshipful Master of Las Moras Masonic Lodge, extends an invitation to all Master Masons and their ladies to attend this meeting.

Following the dinner, the Masons will retire to the Masonic Lodge Room where they will confer the Master Mason's Degree upon a candidate.

Bruce Clements, Secretary Las Moras Masonic Lodge 444

Just For The Fun Of It

Where were you born: Carrizo Springs. When is your birthday: December 17. What is your favorite food: Chinese food. What are your hobbies: Volleyball, walking, reading. How do your friends describe you: Outgoing. Describe yourself: Friendly. How long have you lived in Kinney County: Three years. If you could go anywhere, where would you go: Hawaii. If you could change Brackettville, how would you change it: Politics. What would you like to be if you could change your life: I wouldn't change it.



Gracie Mata

Answers to Super Crossword grid with words like HOBBO, SIERRA, FLAUGS, SITAB, AMOR, ARTAN, ETIMAS, ETUNA, FORT, HO, JULY, FIREWORKS, TOT, OAST, ABED, AGILLE, SERE, PRIOR, ALF, NED, AMANDA, SEEDY, ALLATE, SITIR, LANE, TYNE, IS, DISPLAY, CODES, BRILLIANT, BATES, MOPEST, ALLEGRO, ROAR, AGUE, SLED, HELEN, RAREST, LASSOS, DARED, SESTIET, TATTOO, TUNIS, SALICES, ACORN, MANNA, POLICE, TELLA, FIFEANDRUMCORPS, STEP, OAFS, ROAR, AGUE, SLIMY, BRANT, RETORT, PIA, ALT, MEATS, COWS, AMBER, COLT, TOTE, LIKE, SPECIAL, HOLLIDAY, PARADES, SEAT, LOUSE, EGRET, POPS, ELMO, PONES, NOOSE, ELITE

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The Lower Colorado River Authority

provides this notice that on November 3, 1993 it filed a Petition to Reconcile Fuel Revenues and Expenses with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC or Commission). The LCRA's Petition will affect all of the LCRA's wholesale and retail customers throughout the LCRA's service area.

Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon the action sought should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78757, or call the Commission's Public Information Office at (512) 458-0256 or (512) 458-0221 (telecommunications device for the deaf).



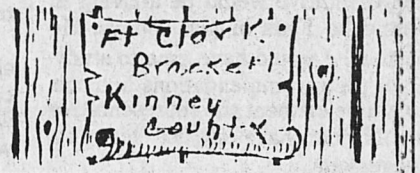
Thank You Bubba

The Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department expresses appreciation to Jack "Bubba" Whitworth for his leadership in organizing the Benefit Golf Tournament and Bar-B-Que on October 3.

The funds turned over to the BVFD by Bubba were needed, and were used wisely to make it safer for the fire fighters so that they can provide better service to the county.

To each person who participated in any way, thank you! Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department

Community Calendar



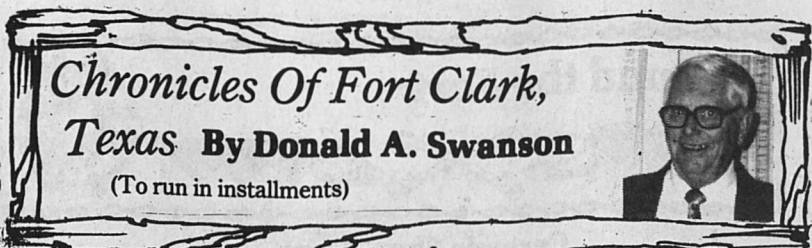
- AA: Mondays, 8 p.m., Slaton Hall, 109 W. James St. Al-Anon: CAN HELP. Call 563-9205 for time & location of meetings. Altar Society: 1st Monday, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall. Band Booster Club: 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m., High School Band Hall. Bass Club: Last Thursday, 7 p.m. BISSD School Board: 2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m., School Board Room. Beta Sigma Phi R of J Beta Epsilon Omicron (Sept-May) 2nd & 4th Monday, 7 p.m. Preceptor Theta Sigma (Sept-May) 1st & 3rd Monday, 7 p.m. Laureate Iota Epsilon (all year) 3rd Monday, 7 p.m. Book Club Thursdays, 9:30, Golf Club Chamber of Commerce: 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Cavalry Room. City Council: 1st Tuesday after 2nd Monday, 7 p.m., City Hall. Commissioners Court: 2nd Monday, 9 a.m., Court House. Del Rio Christian Women's Club: 1st Wednesday, 12 Noon, Laughlin AFB. Reservations required. FCS Pot Luck Supper: 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Service Club. Bring covered dish, plates and utensils. Drivers License: 1st, 3rd, & Last Thursdays, 9 a.m. - 12 Noon; 1-3 p.m., Court House. Duplicate Bridge: Tuesday, 7 p.m., Shafter Hall. FCS Art Club: Work days Monday and Saturday 11 a.m., Meeting 1st Monday, 1 p.m., Art Studio. FCS Community Council: 2nd Saturday, 10 a.m., Shafter Hall. FCS Board of Directors: 3rd Saturday, 9 a.m., Board Room. FCS Historical Society: 4th Saturday, 10 a.m., Shafter Hall. FCS Museum/Sutler's Store: Saturday & Sunday, 1-4 p.m. FCS Ladies Luncheon: 2nd Wednesday, Noon, Las Moras Restaurant. Make reservations at Adult Center. FCS VFW Post #8360 & Auxiliary: 4th Wednesday, 6 p.m. Pot Luck, 7:00 p.m. meetings, Service Club. FCS Bingo: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Shafter Hall. FCS Old Quarry Society: 1st Monday, 7 p.m., Sabre Room. Friends of Library: No regular schedule. Call library for information. KC Historical Preservation Society: 4th Thursday, 7 p.m., Court House. KC Kickers: 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., Service Club. Knights of Columbus: 1st Sunday, 12 Noon, Parish Hall. Lions Club: 1st and 3rd Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Las Moras Restaurant. Masonic Lodge #444: 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Lodge Hall, Ann St. Order of Eastern Star #204: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Hall, 407 Bedell St., Del Rio. Shriners: 4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Las Moras Restaurant. Rotary Club: Every Thursday, 12 Noon, Las Moras Restaurant. Methodist Ladies Luncheon: 3rd Wednesday, Noon, Slaton Hall. Please make reservations. Creative Writing Group: Fridays, 9:30 a.m., Golf Club Snack Bar.



Information Needed!!!!

Well, the good ladies of Querecho Flats were in the process of trying to figure out just how each one was gonna cheat all the others out of the job of spokesperson for The Creamy Company Of The East when Garlan and Karl decided that we needed to add a little fuel to the flames of desire for fame and fortune. Karl asked if I would write another letter to my friend in New York and have him send back the one him and Garlan had just finished. I didn't have a problem with it until I read it. I got to thinking that even as sorry as I am, I had just been out-sorried by a couple of amateurs. The Letter: To Whom It May Concern -- We as a company are wanting to supply the general public with the finest in advertising and of course that means we must demand the finest in products as well as the finest in examples concerning our models. So, if it isn't too much trouble could each of you recommend a model from your area. All that is required is a short recommendation and photograph of the person that you think is the most likely to become Miss or Mrs. Creamy Butter Of The East. We must remind you that our models are not only to have a very photographic appearance, they must be of the highest moral standings and very active in community service. This will not only help us select the correct person for the job, it will help you help someone in your area that is deserving of such a prestigious position. The letter ended in the usual professional manner and advised the ladies that all material would be confidential and that all material would remain in the possession of the Creamy Company Of The East. My imagination went wild. I could just see how this was going to be handled by some of the most vindictive women in the west. I over nighted the letter to New York and just kinda set back and waited. The letter arrived about six days later and the rush that was put on our little old post office was something that could remind you of a stampede of mentally stressed politicians trying to get a raise increase passed for them. Things were getting out of hand pretty quick and I was liking it. My friend in the big city got in on the act and did a little setting up on his own. He timed it about perfect. He knew about what kind of women he was dealing with and allowed for the right amount of time for them to send their information and sent us a letter that arrived just 2 days after they had mailed theirs. He advised them that the representative would be arriving in Querecho Flats in just 9 days. He wished he would have time to study all of the recommendations but due to a time element the representative would just have to use his own judgement. But not to worry, he would send the photos back as soon as he received them. The reason he wouldn't keep them is because the law says if you don't use materials or references, all materials revert back to the owner. What he didn't say was he was going to send all the photos and references in one package to one address (bet you can't guess what that address was gonna be). The package arrived about two days after the letter saying the photos was gonna be sent back. To say there was a little more than normal interest shown at the post office for a couple of days would be some what of an understatement. In fact, most of us were hanging around just to listen to some of the excuses that the good ladies (?) of Querecho Flats were making up about why they were hanging around. Old Rosilee got questioned by Louise about who she nominated for Miss Creamy Butter and that's kinda how the storm of 1993 hit our little old Mostly General Store and Post Office.

Hunters Barbecue Kinney County Chamber Of Commerce Friday, November 12 Starts At 12 Noon Highway 90 At Jug Store Brisket Plates \$5.00 Adults \$2.50 Kids Carry Out Plates Only

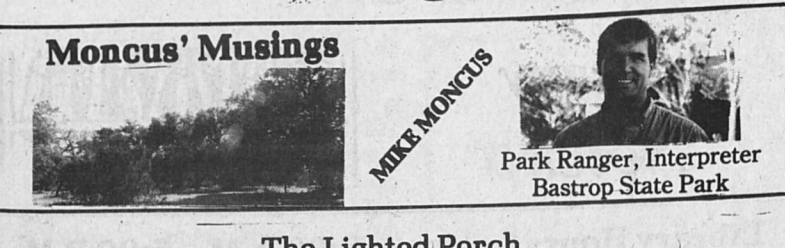


Trevanion T. Teel

Commanding Officer Fort Clark During The Secession Period

Teel was born at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, on August 18, 1824. By 1841, he was licensed to practice medicine in Missouri. At the outbreak of the Mexican War, he joined the Second Indiana Volunteer Regiment and was elected as a first lieutenant. He participated in the battle of Buena Vista and served until the completion of the war. After the war he was mustered out of the volunteer regiment and moved to Lockhart, Texas, where he settled and began the practice of law. In 1856, he moved to San Antonio where he continued his law practice and was recognized as a criminal lawyer. In 1854, the Knights of the Golden Circle was organized in New York and spread to Texas. It was a secret organization with highly fantastic dreams of establishing a strong slave empire within a circle of 2400 miles in diameter around Havana, Cuba, as its center. In the early 1850s, San Antonio was a hot bed on the slavery issues. After the Seminole Chief (Wildcat) Cochochee established in 1850 the Seminole Indian and Seminole Negro Indian military colonies in Coahuila, Mexico, San Antonio took a specific interest in Mexico. Teel was a strong partisan of the Knights of the Golden Circle and belonged to the San Antonio's Charles Beckley Castle. It was under semi-military discipline with various lodges in the state of Texas. The secrecy of its operation prevents full knowledge of Teel's participation much less the organization's full participation in the filibustering against Mexico from 1855 (Capt. Callahan) through 1860. The Knights of Golden Circle were a strong advocate in the Secession movement and its paramilitary discipline furnished the state of Texas with it's provisional army to take the Federal military posts. Teel was a mustering officer for a San Antonio company of the Knights of the Golden Circle. An act of the Texas Secessionist Convention, Committee of Safety, on February 14, 1861, called Teel's Company of the Knights of the Golden Circle into state service. February 15, 1861, Teel's Company joined hundreds of Texas volunteers and the units secretly assembled at Sea Willow Creek, a few miles north of San Antonio. On February 16th, Teel as the mustering officer, mustered his company into the State (Texas) Infantry to serve six months (February - July 1861). After mustering company into state service, he complied with Colonel Ben McCulloch's call to arms. Colonel McCulloch was assembling the newly formed provision army of Texas into a combat unit for the capture of the historic Alamo and the Department of Texas, U.S. Army. The Headquarters of the Department of Texas was surrounded by the participating units of Texas Provisional Army at daylight. With over a 1000 armed Texans and only little over a company of U.S. Army to resist the demand to surrender all Federal government property, General David "Bengal Tiger" Twiggs surrendered to the Commissioners of the Committee of Safety. The United States troops were permitted to retain their clothing, etc., and were marched out that evening to encamp at San Pedro Springs, there to remain until transportation was furnished to convey them to the coast. The Federal Posts in Texas were ordered to evacuate their garrisons, as soon as preparations could be made and march out of Texas by way of the coast. They were to turn over all government property to the authorized Texas state agent with exception of those items authorized to be carried by them. Those items being: arms, clothing, camp and garrison equipage, quartermaster stores, subsistence, medical, hospital stores, and such transportation as necessary for efficient and orderly movement. Capt. Teel's company was at Camp Leon (San Antonio) by February 21st making preparation for state deployment to garrison the surrendered Federal posts. Colonel Ben McCulloch ordered Teel's company to prepare for transit to the Rio Grande. Col. McCulloch's provisional army consisted of some 400 men and Teel's company initially consisted of 109 so he was ordered to garrison Fort Clark, Fort Duncan, Fort Lancaster, Camp Hudson, and Fort Stockton. Teel was relieved of the posts of Fort Inge and Camp Wood

as they were assigned to Capt. William (Bill) C. Adams' company from the Uvalde lodge. March 5th, Teel's company took departure from Camp Leon heading west on the Lower Road (San Antonio - El Paso). The company had dwindled in the number of men, 96 or less, by departure but they marched as a company westward as far as Uvalde where Lt. Jordan W. Bennett and 15 privates departed for their post of Fort Duncan. At Fort Clark, Capt. Teel and 18 privates departed the company in order to man their post. The march continued up the lower road to Camp Hudson where Sergeant T.L. Wilson, a corporal and 15 privates, departed to garrison their assigned post. At Fort Lancaster, Lt. John C. Moody, one corporal and 15 privates, departed for their assigned post. Sergeant Coleman Denman, one corporal and 15 privates, were remains of the company on the march to Fort Stockton. When Captain Teel and his detachment arrived at Fort Clark, they proceeded down the Las Moras Creek for about two miles where they erected "Camp Las Moras." At Fort Clark, Companies H, K, & D, of Third Infantry, were garrisoned and Teel's small detachment needed the separation to prevent conflict. The three companies were commanded by Brevet Major W.T.H. Brooks, Captain George Sykes, and Lieutenant William Bill, the three would later become Union generals. Dr. J.H. Lyons, the appointed agent for the Committee of Safety, had previously arrived at Fort Clark and had commenced the arduous task of inventorying public property to be transferred from U.S. Government to State of Texas. Captain Teel joined with Dr. Lyons to assist in acceptance and inventory of the surrendered property while his detachment remained at Camp Las Moras. March 18th, Dr. Lyons, with Capt. Teel's aid, had completed the inventory with their Federal counterpart. With the inventory complete, the post and its command were ready to be transferred to the state of Texas. They arranged with Federal officers for a formal change of command ceremony on March 19th (see Teel's letter reporting the change of command). March 19th until March 29th, Capt. Teel and his small detachment occupied themselves with garrison duties that mostly involved sentry duties. At this time, Captain Teel had to respond to an appeal from the area ranchers on Indian depredations and he, with his detachment, and perhaps area volunteers went on an Indian Scout. He intercepted the Indian trail on the road to Fort Duncan and trailed the Indians to the crossing of the Rio Grande where they crossed near the mouth of Piedra Pinto, a short distance below Villa Nuevo. Teel visited with Mexico authorities and attempted to establish a cooperative relationship on the Indian problems. This he reported to Governor E.D. Clark who had replaced Governor Sam Houston. March 31st, the Federal evacuation of post of El Paso began with Lt. Col. I.V.D. Reeves and 135 men of the Eighth Infantry. As they headed south on the Lower Road at Fort Quitman, they acquired Lt. Z.R. Bliss and company. At Fort Davis, Major James Bomford and company joined thus increasing to six companies. At Fort Stockton, Lt. Edwin W.H. Reed and Company C, joined the march to the evacuation port. This march by the Federals had added costly time to the State of Texas surrender agreement. March 16th Texas became part of the Confederate States of America and by April 11th, the Confederates had sent Colonel Van Dorn to Texas to command Confederate troops of Texas and to capture Federal Troops within the state. Lt. Col. I.V.D. Reeves, with eight companies of Eighth Infantry and six companies of First Infantry were continuing their march to Indianola and by May 6, 1861, they camped near Fort Clark. Captain Teel issued rations to the teamsters accompanying this contingent of Federal troops. What Colonel Reeves did not know, and Captain Teel did know was that Teel had received orders from Colonel Van Dorn to follow the Federal Forces as rear guard to San Antonio with his artillery and there they would be met by Colonel Van Dorn and elements of the Confederate and Texas armies. May 9th, Colonel Van Dorn, with 1300 troops, confronted Lt. Col. Reeves at Adams Hill, San Lucia Springs. At first Col. Reeves was



The Lighted Porch

One night the dog alerted me that something might be on the porch. On particularly cold nights we keep him inside where he has one of those sleeping baskets. He's a rat terrier and naturally always a nervous wreck. Some call that alertness. This dog would do anything to get a dog bone treat. Most of the time he even does nothing to get the treat. This particular night I had left the porch light on so my oldest teenage son could come in later. I wished he would do things for a doggy bone treat. I can dream, can't I? After the dog alerted me with his movement I eased to the door and peeked outside. A very large opossum was sneaking its way down the front steps. It looked fat and winterized with maximum fur for an opossum. The pointy-nosed coward was leaving because there sat a big raccoon up on the table saw where we feed our cats. The raccoon was searching for one piece at a time into the cat's bowl and withdrawing a star-shaped morsel into its mouth. I went into my teenager's room which was darkened and there was able to have my face a foot away from this wild animal and observe his every move. He was eating and waiting for the big opossum and appeared very nervous.

The scene was like a stage where the animal was directly under the light and I was the audience watching from out of the darkness. His long thin fingernails accented delicate little paws. The gray fur was coarse but appeared to be a warm little suit and the tail was extended as if to balance the nervous little critter. He wore a mask like a bandit and I knew my cats believed he was one. I wondered why the black rings circled down his tail but thought on my own they were probably part of his disguise and help for his deception. I knew he probably wasn't afraid of the opossum coming back and fighting him for the goods but he sure seemed bothered. He almost looked guilty. I wondered at that, too, because I knew that guilt was not something appropriate to animals. I also guessed that maybe they learned to mimic it by watching me. So much of nature goes on in the dark and we have come into the wild and built our homes where creatures had their homes long before us. You know, we should take a lot more time and think about a peaceful co-existence with the wild and be forever thankful that we don't have to come to lighted porches in the night.

County Agent News By Allan McWilliams

Leaves For Compost Autumn is here and with it comes the yearly chore of keeping the lawn free of fallen leaves. These leaves should be removed from the lawn, not only for appearance sake, but also to prevent damage to the grass. A heavy blanket of leaves can smother the lawn if allowed to remain. In previous years the leaves were burned or buried. Air pollution controls have made the smell of burning leaves a thing of the past. Actually leaves are much too valuable to burn. A better procedure is to compost them and provide a ready source of composted soil for use in preparing flower and shrub borders, for potted plants, and as a top-dressing for the yard. The simplest method of composting leaves or other vegetable matter is to build up alternate 4 to 6 inch layers of vegetable matter with 2 to 4 inches of good garden soil. Sprinkling a commercial fertilizer on each layer of vegetable matter will hasten decomposition. One-half, or the equivalent, per 10 square feet of vegetable matter layer is sufficient.

Insects Seek Winter Homes Insects are beginning to look for a place to spend the winter. They may not necessarily be looking for permanent residence but they will overwinter in your home. Most of these insects will be a nuisance and most of them do not present a threat to the homeowner. Insects enter attics or garages through cracks in the foundation, open windows, or spaces around doors. Mechanical control is possible by caulking all cracks to prevent insect entry. Caulking also makes the structure more air-tight and should help lower heating cost. Store firewood away from the house to help eliminate hiding places for pests. Homeowners should store firewood as far away from the house as possible and take only the amount needed for immediate use into the house. Firewood stacked beside the house may be handy but as the wood warms spiders, scorpions and other pests may leave the wood and escape to other areas of the house. If you would like more information on insects or composting, you may call or come by the Kinney County Office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service located on the second floor of the County Courthouse.

Chronicles Of Fort Clark Continues tempted to fight but when he discovered that at his rear flank was Capt. Teel with his small artillery force and he was flanked on both sides by Texas Partisan Rangers, surrender was elected instead. The Federals became Prisoners of War. May Day 1861, Captain Teel and approximately 60 men of his company of Knights of the Golden Circle mustered into the Confederate Service as Light Company B, First Regiment of Artillery. Early in June, Capt. H.A. Hamner and Company H of the Texas Second Mounted Rifles relieved Captain Teel and his company of Light Artillery of command and garrison of Fort Clark. Captain Teel's Company B, Light Artillery, went to El Paso and joined Gen. H.H. Sibley's Army of New Mexico. When Sibley was defeated at Golietta, New Mexico, Captain Teel made the retreat to El Paso and assisted in burying their cannons along the way to El Paso. Capt. Teel returned in retreat along the same path that he took from San Antonio. He continued to serve during the Civil War and after the war he became a noted criminal lawyer in El Paso.

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TRAVEL LIGHT. EXERCISE. American Heart Association

(To be continued next week)

Reviews Previews Tiger Turf



Breakfast

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15
French Toast
Fruit Juice

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16
Taquitos
Fruit

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17
Cheese Toast
Fruit

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18
Bean Burrito
Fruit Juice

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19
Danish
Fruit Juice

Salad Bar Each Day
"B" Line Every Day
Milk served with all meals

Lunch

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15
Chicken Fried Steak
White Cream Gravy
Whipped Potatoes
Seasoned Vegetable
Roll

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16
Lasagna
Seasoned Peas
Fruit - Roll

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17
Hamburger - Burger Salad
French Fries
Fruit

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18
Frito Pie w/Chili & Cheese
Spanish Rice - Pinto Beans
Fruit

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19
Oven Baked Chicken
White Cream Gravy
Whipped Potatoes
Choice of Vegetable
Roll

School Boards Association Releases "Most Unwanted Mandates" List

The Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) has released its 1993 Mandate Watch "Most Unwanted Mandates" list of new state laws and agency rules that TASB officials say are sure to increase school district costs and local taxes while doing little to improve Texas schools.

The mandates making the Association's 1993 list are just several of many state and federal requirements imposed on Texas school districts. In a report published in 1992, TASB detailed 210 areas in which the state or federal government has created specific requirements affecting public schools.

TASB's 1993 "Most Unwanted Mandates"

- Asseptic Recycling.** SB 1051, passed by the 73rd Legislature, adds "seal containers, aseptic packaging and polycosted paperboard cartons," to the list of items school districts and other local governments must recycle. *The problem:* Although school districts are mandated to recycle "aseptic material," such as juice box drinks, districts are having a tough time trying to find a recycler who'll take the material.
- Pest Control.** Although lawmakers tried, they failed this session to correct in its entirety a pest control mandate that prohibits schools from assigning an employee (including the custodian) periodic pest control duties such as spraying a can of bug spray, setting mouse traps, or mixing boric acid in with mop water unless the employee has been licensed by the state. *The problem:* To be licensed, the school employee must pass a test. To be eligible to even take the test the employee must first hold a degree in biological sciences, have at least 12 months technical field experience, or complete a state-approved training course.
- Career Ladder.** In what was supposed to have been a "mandate relief" measure, the Texas Legislature this year did away with the controversial teacher career ladder, which was a state-mandated bonus and incentive pay program for Texas teachers. *The problem:* Texas Education Agency (TEA) interpretation of the new law requires school districts to continue to pay the career ladder bonus forever to teachers who used to be on the career ladder and forbids districts from adding to the salaries of teachers who weren't on the career ladder in an effort to equalize pay over time.
- Texas Teacher Appraisal System (TTAS).** TEA is revising rules governing the TTAS, a uniform teacher performance appraisal method used to help determine teacher placement on the now defunct career ladder. *The problem:* TEA has recommended three different scoring procedures for school districts to follow in three different months. At first reading, agency rules required districts not to score the TTAS (since the career ladder was being eliminated and a new appraisal system is being developed) but to somehow come up with a way of "rating" their teachers. At second reading, the rules were changed to require districts to score the TTAS. And at third reading, which takes place in November, changes are expected again but districts don't know yet what those changes will entail. In the meantime, districts are trying to appraise their teachers and figure out how to comply with a moving target of rules that won't even be finalized until almost a third of the school year is over.
- Conflict of Interest Law.** SB 1342, passed by the 73rd Legislature, prohibited a school board from entering into a contract with a board member, a member's spouse, or a business entity in which a board member or his or her spouse had a "significant interest." *The problem:* Because the new law failed to define the term "significant interest" in the statute, thousands of school trustees were put at risk of having to resign from their local school boards to avoid violating the new law. In one instance, a local school trustee who received a pension from Southwestern Bell that includes shares of stock was put at risk of having to resign because the school district contracts with Southwestern Bell for telephone service. (On September 30, a temporary injunction was placed against SB 1342 because the new law failed to give adequate notice to school board members as to exactly what conduct is prohibited under the statute. A ruling on a permanent injunction is expected by January 15.) (Appreciation goes to Brackett School Board President Jimmy Bader for this information).

Board Approves Air Force JROTC IF Funds Are Available

The Brackett Independent School Board met in regular session on Monday evening, November 8, 1993. Present were Board President Jimmy Bader, and members Stan Conoly, Jim McDaniel, Gloria Garcia, and Lingo Sandoval.

Minutes of the October 11 meeting were approved as printed and mailed to board members.

Due to a construction oversight, the girls dressing room in the gym has no ventilation nor air conditioning, and after discussion, the board directed Superintendent Steve Mills to explore options, get figures together, and bring information back to the board.

Mr. Mills was also authorized to submit an application to TEA requesting a waiver to allow grades three and four to continue the second semester with the current teacher/pupil ratio which is three students over the 22-1 in grade three and four students over in grade four.

Superintendent Mills is still working on solving the leaky roof problem in the older gym.

High School Principal Don Sims brought an update from the public hearing on JROTC. After discussion

and comparison between Army JROTC and Air Force JROTC, the board voted to approve adding Air Force JROTC to the high school curriculum in 1994 if funds are available.

The board approved the Cluster V (Special Education) Budget Guidelines for 1993-94 and authorized Business Manager Gloria Benacci to add a line item to accommodate it.

Superintendent Mills was appointed the district's representative to the Region 20 Advisory Committee. Mrs. Benacci presented a detailed financial report.

Mr. Mills reported that the Brackett Advisory Council had met in a very productive meeting with a second one scheduled in two weeks. The bulk of the council's work will be directed toward the 1994-95 school year. An apt description of this council is, "not a grievance committee but should be more than a committee to pick a school calendar."

High School Principal Don Sims reported an enrollment of 136 in high school, 120 in middle school,

Making A Difference

By TAYLOR STEPHENSON, Curriculum Director

Making A Difference Moved To Front Page

The Yearbook Staff Is Back

The Brackett High School Yearbook Staff of 1993-94 is back to work on the '94 Yearbook. The students in the Journalism Class and their assignments are:

Guadalupe Rodriguez, Editor-In-Chief; **Matthew Rocha** and **Samantha Luna**, Sports Editors; **Ida Aguilar** and **Jennifer Terrazas**, Photographers; **Ben Guartuche** and **Anabella Abrego**, Advertising; **Michael Munoz** and **Amber Davis**, Copy and Class Editors; **Bryan Gidge**, Computer Operator; and **Chris Hale**, Business Manager.

The Homecoming Duke and Duchess for the Journalism Class were Matthew Rocha and Ida Aguilar. The yearbook advisor is Mrs. Sue Sims. Each of the students is excited to begin the project and expect to produce a good yearbook.

Journalism students began the advertising campaign on November 1 and will continue through November 30. Ads will cost the same as last year: 1/16 of a page \$15; 1/8 of a page \$25; 1/4 of a page \$50; 1/2 of a page \$80; and a full page ad is \$150. The students will contact all businesses. Parents are encouraged to buy Tiger Fan ads that name their children. Most of these ads will be placed throughout the book so that all will be seen.

The yearbook needs advertising to help pay the cost of producing the book.

BHS National Honor Society

On Monday, October 11, 1993, the National Honor Society of Brackett High met to select club officers and Homecoming Court representatives. Amanda Davis and Bernie Allemeier are returning members of this group. Both of these students are currently seniors at Brackett High.

Probationary members of the NHS include a large group of juniors: Manuel Ramon, Patrick Melancon, Sean Burks, Wil Shahan, Michael Benacci, Charlie Hall, Zoila Herrera, Kelly Henrich, and Chris Hale.

Amanda Davis was voted NHS President, Bernie Allemeier was voted Vice President, Kelly Henrich received the nod for Secretary/Treasurer, and Manuel Ramon was chosen NHS Reporter.

As for the Homecoming Court Representatives, Patrick Melancon was picked to be Duke and Zoila Herrera was selected to be the Duchess.

This article was written by Manuel Ramon, Reporter.



"Dad, my graphic arts major finally paid off. I got the job!"

JROTC Input Heard At Public Meeting

Wednesday evening, November 3, 1993, twenty-one people gathered at the Brackett High School Library for a public hearing to receive comments on the possibility of adding JROTC to the high school curriculum.

Lloyd Lee Davis was the Brackett School Board representative. School administrators present were Superintendent Steve Mills, Principals Don Sims, Carl Glass, and Stoney Burks. Most of the parents present were also teachers.

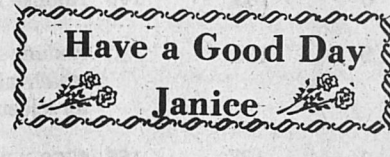
The week prior to the public hearing, students had been given a survey form to take home, discuss with parents, complete the questionnaire and return to the school. This action was a follow-up to the October school board meeting where Lt. Col. William Haenn had presented information on Army JROTC.

At the public hearing, M/Sgt. (Ret.) Richard Ray discussed Air Force JROTC. M/Sgt. Ray had served twenty-three years in the Air Force before retiring in 1977. He then was JROTC instructor at Eagle Pass for sixteen years and retired in July, 1993.

M/Sgt. Ray showed tapes of the Eagle Pass group participating in various activities; stressed that the program was not designed as a recruitment tool but was a leadership training program - 60% leadership and 40% academic, and would be offered only as an elective. He said the enrollment requirement in AirForce JROTC could be a minimum of 10% of the high school enrollment although, hopefully, the number would be much higher.

Cost to the school district would be partial cost of salary which would be negotiated between the instructor and the school district. A class room and equipment space would be required. Uniforms and textbooks would be supplied. Parental cost would be only uniform maintenance, and incidentals if the student chose to participate in competitive activities which would not be required. The class would meet one hour per day. Students would be encouraged, but not required, to participate in competitive drill and leadership activities.

At the close of the meeting, High School Principal Don Sims announced that he would request "JROTC" be placed on a future school board agenda for discussion and/or action.



Brackett Campus

By BRIAN HOOKER
BHS Student Reporter

Tigers End Season

Friday night, November 5, the Brackett Tigers faced the Dilley Wolves to end the regular season. The Tigers season however could have been extended if they had beaten Dilley by 21 points. Unfortunately, the Tigers fell to the Wolves 37-0.

On offense, the Tigers had 297 total yards with 82 passing yards and 215 yards on the ground. Moses Hernandez had 15 carries for 100 yards. Ramon DeLeon had 9 carries for 55 yards. Kelly Henrich was 7-14 passing with the longest one equalling a 33 yard pass to Jesse Terrazas.

On defense, leading the squad were Jesse Terrazas and Patrick Melancon with six tackles each. Moses Hernandez, Ramon DeLeon and Lupe Rodriguez each had five tackles, and Dale Smith had four.

The Tigers had a season record of 4-5, and a district record of 1-3.

Tigerettes End Season

Saturday, November 6, the Fighting Tigerettes ended the season in Bi-District playoffs. Freer, their opponent, had a good team, this would surely be a great match-up.

Unfortunately, the Tigerettes fell to Freer in two straight games - 15-5 and 15-0.

The Tigerettes had an excellent season all in all, and played excellent ball throughout the year.

Head volleyball coach, Tammi Coggins, said she is very proud of the team and is looking forward to next year.

Denice Frerich, the youngest varsity starter (sophomore) said, "We had an excellent season and I'm proud of our team. We played exceptionally well throughout the season and accomplished many of our goals. I am looking forward to next year because we will beat Lytle and bring the district title back to Brackettville. Lytle had an excellent team this year and we unfortunately lost to them, but this year is in the past. I am already looking forward to beating them next year."

Black and Gold

The Tiger Booster Club Encourages You To Support

BRACKETT TIGERS AND TIGERETTES BASKETBALL 1993-94

DATE	OPPONENT	TEAMS	PLACE	TIME
11/16/93	Comstock	JVG/JVB/VG/VB	H	5:00
11/19/93	Rocksprings	JVG/VG/VB	H	5:00
11/30/93	Nueces Canyon	JVG/VG/VB	T	5:00
12/7/93	Eagle Pass	JVG/VG/VB	H	5:00
12/2-4/93	Nueces Canyon Tourney	VG/VB	T	TBA
12/7/93	Rocksprings	JVB/VG/VB	T	5:00
12/9-11/93	SWTC Tourney	VG/VB	T	TBA
12/14/93	Nueces Canyon	JVB/VG/VB	H	5:00
12/16-17/93	Tiger Tourney	JVG/VG/VB	H	TBA
12/28/93	Crystal City	JVG/VG/VB	H	1:00
12/31/93	Asherton	JVB/VG/VB	H	1:00
1/4/94	Asherton	JVG/VG/VB	T	5:00
1/7/94	Comstock	JVG/VG/VB	T	5:00
1/10/94	Sunnybrook S.A.	VB	T	6:00
1/11/94	*Dilley	JVG/VG	T	5:00
1/14/94	Crystal City	JVB/VB	T	5:00
1/14/94	*Natalia	JVG/VG	H	5:00
1/18/94	*Lackland	JVB/VG/VB	T	5:00
1/21/94	*LaPryor	JVG/VG/VB	H	5:00
1/22/94	Brackett JV Tourney	JVG/VG	H	TBA
1/25/94	*Lytle	JVG/VG/VB	T	5:00
1/28/94	*Dilley	JVB/VG/VB	H	5:00
1/29/94	Rocksprings JV Tourney	JVG/JVB	T	TBA
2/1/94	*Natalia	JVB/VG/VB	T	5:00
2/4/94	*Lackland	JVB/VG/VB	H	5:00
2/8/94	*LaPryor	JVB/VG/VB	T	5:00
2/11/94	*Lytle	JVB/VG/VB	H	5:00
2/15/94	*Dilley	JVB/VB	T	5:00
2/18/94	*Natalia	JVB/VB	H	5:00

*DENOTES DISTRICT GAMES

GIRLS COACH: GREGG NOWLIN
BOYS COACH: GARY GRUBBS

JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 1993-94

DATE	OPPONENT	TEAMS	PLACE	TIME
11/14/93	Nueces Canyon	JHG/JHB	H	5:00
11/22/93	Comstock	JHG/JHB	T	5:00
11/29/93	Asherton	JHG/JHB	H	5:00
12/6/93	Rocksprings	JHG/JHB	T	5:00
12/13/93	Comstock	JHG/JHB	H	5:00
1/8/94	Nueces Canyon Tourney	JHG/JHB	T	TBA
1/10/94	Nueces Canyon	JHG/JHB	T	5:00
1/17/94	Rocksprings	JHG/JHB	H	5:00
1/24/94	Asherton	JHG/JHB	T	5:00
1/29/94	Rocksprings Tourney	JHG/JHB	T	TBA
1/31/94	Sacred Heart - Del Rio	JHG/JHB	H	5:00
2/7/94	Sacred Heart - Del Rio	JHG/JHB	T	5:00



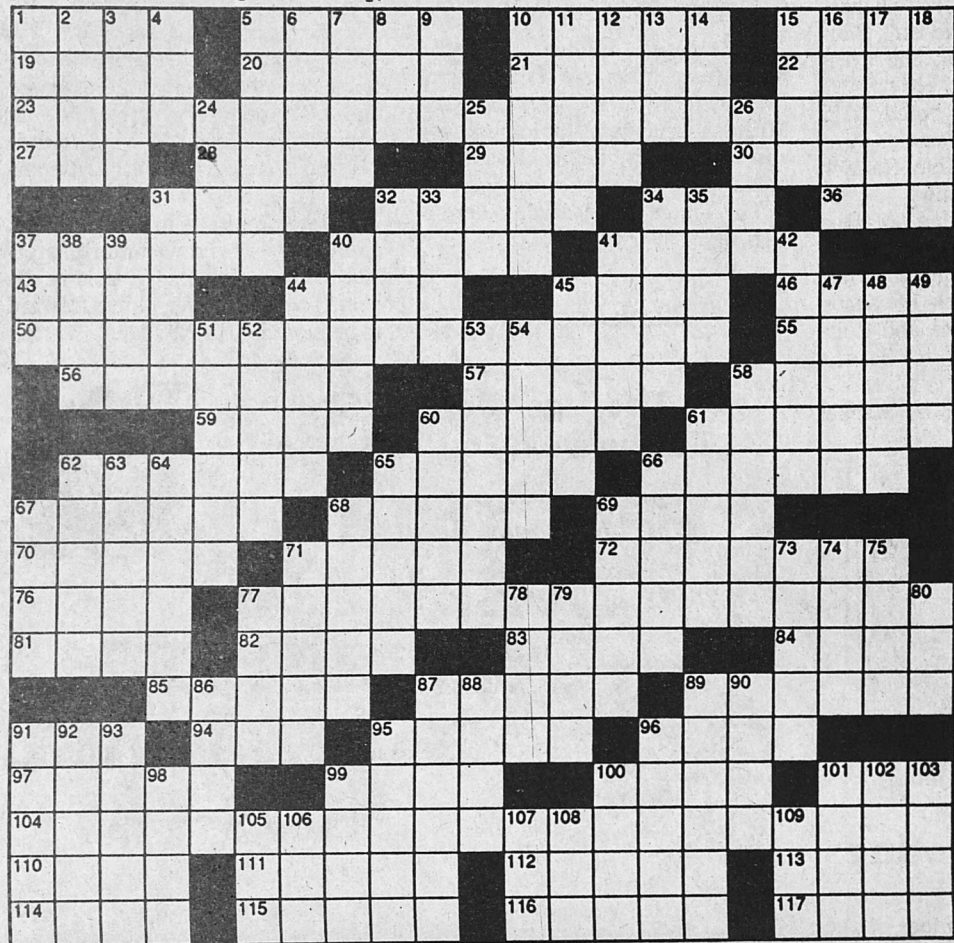
Fighting Tiger Band

The Fighting Tiger Band, under the direction of Lynnette Crane, has performed during half time at each of the ten football games the Varsity Tigers played this year.

This picture was taken at the Brackett - Dilley game. Matthew Foster is the featured soloist.

Super Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Roads scholar?
- 5 Spanish missionary
- 10 Patriotic symbols
- 15 Attempt
- 19 Cupid's forte
- 20 Ending for barb or unit
- 21 City and bean
- 22 Goddess of the moon
- 23 Treat for today
- 27 Nursery school attendee
- 28 Hop kiln
- 29 Retired for the night
- 30 Deft and active
- 31 Withered
- 32 English poet
- 34 TV alien
- 36 One of the Beattys
- 37 Blake, of "Gunsmoke"
- 40 Run-down
- 41 Winged
- 43 Rural road
- 44 Actress Daly
- 45 Fald
- 46 Recipe direction
- 50 23 Across, usually
- 55 Body of laws
- 56 Fast, in music
- 57 Actor Alan, of "Georgy Girl"
- 58 Becomes dispirited
- 59 Coaster
- 60 Hayes or Keller
- 61 Most underdone
- 62 Cowboys' props
- 65 Ventured bravely
- 66 Poem of six lines
- 104 Feature of the day
- 67 Sailor's indulgence?
- 68 Seaport near the site of ancient Carthage
- 69 Sing like Satchmo
- 70 Food from heaven
- 71 Food from heaven
- 72 Keeps clean and orderly
- 76 Anagram for late
- 77 Marchers in 104 Across
- 81 Degree
- 82 Bumpkins
- 83 Emulate Leo
- 84 Chills and fever
- 85 Like a worm
- 87 Small, dark wild goose
- 89 Lab vessel
- 91 Newsoman Lindstrom
- 94 "The Greatest"
- 95 Lamb, pork and beef
- 96 Intimidates
- 97 "Forever"
- 99 U.S. inventor of the revolver
- 100 Large, open handbag
- 101 White House nickname
- 104 Feature of the day
- 110 Place on the Stock Exchange
- 111 Contemptible person: slang
- 112 Heron
- 113 Band in Boston
- 114 Sailor's saint
- 115 Apples and pears
- 116 Ensnare
- 117 Nobelist
- Wiesel
- DOWN
- 1 Handle or hilt
- 2 Melville novel
- 3 Fling contest
- 4 Hockey's Bobby
- 5 Vast desert region
- 6 Appearing eaten
- 7 Open break
- 8 Rule, in India
- 9 Babylonian god
- 10 Air Force pilot
- 11 Long-term prisoner
- 12 Surrounded by
- 13 Pike-like fish
- 14 Opposed to NNW
- 15 Make one's way with difficulty
- 16 City on the Po
- 17 The tarsus
- 18 Formed a foundation
- 24 — the line (obeyed)
- 25 — back (relaxed)
- 26 Propel lightly through the air
- 31 Fishing line
- 32 Confined
- 33 Marsh grass
- 34 Assumed name
- 35 Baronet's wife
- 37 Linen vestment
- 38 Naomi's chosen name
- 39 Dye indigo
- 40 Church council
- 41 Leader of the Green
- Mountain Boys
- 42 Accompany
- 43 Biblical weeds
- 45 Made a choice
- 47 Plith hat, in India
- 48 That is, to Caesar
- 49 Take a break
- 51 Student exercise
- 52 Northern ice house
- 53 European peninsula
- 54 Funny Soupy
- 58 Quick-drying cement
- 60 U.S. financier/politician
- 61 Kingdom
- 62 Shoestring
- 63 Gruel of maize meal
- 64 Leather bindings
- 65 Features of 5 Down
- 66 Cleanse thoroughly
- 67 Makes knotted lace
- 68 Chewy candy
- 69 Small herring
- 71 Home of the Dolphins
- 73 Thin layers
- 74 Therefore
- 75 Good
- 77 Thin fencing
- sword
- 78 Milk oath
- 79 Mattingly and Newcombe
- 80 Defeat at bridge
- 86 Gull genus
- 87 Pretty, popular girls
- 88 Weight of India
- 89 Turn on an axis
- 90 Large pitcher
- 91 Outmoded
- 92 Drive forward
- 93 At right angles to ship's keel
- 95 Largest member of the deer family
- 96 Deals with problems
- 98 Blast or plasm starter
- 99 Close friend
- 100 Novice
- 101 Pedestal occupant
- 102 Visored military cap
- 103 Being
- 105 Heidi's peak
- 106 Card game
- 107 Dad's retreat
- 108 Past
- 109 King Kong, for one



(Answer On Page 3)

Vision Teaser



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Hat is lower; 2. Lamp is moved; 3. Brackets are missing; 4. Arm is lower; 5. Ketchup is reversed; 6. Sign is moved.

MagicMaze

JIM THORPE

T S Q O N L L J H E C A L G X
 V G T R O O P L N L J L N X H
 F O K D K B L Y A X A I O E E
 H L V W L T R H N B L F L P S
 A D T R A C K A T T E S H O S
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 A A R Y A W Q A A O N L E J A
 C L L B I G C S F L D C D P L
 K O A Y X W V L L A B T O O F

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

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Black Hawk
- Carlisle
- Decathlon
- Football
- Fox
- Halfback
- Lacrosse
- Oklahoma
- Olympian
- Pentathlon
- Sac
- Track
- Wrestling

Natasha's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Some business appointments may be changed this week. However, the time is favorable for new starts in business and important decision-making. Talks with higher-ups are productive. Intense feelings may undermine romantic harmony. Get-togethers with friends are not favored this weekend.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A relative seems uncertain about his or her plans this week. Business delays may get you down for a while, but things pick up nicely for you later in the week. There is a special accent this week on romance and children's interests. Pleasure plans this weekend involve travel.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Don't be upset if someone does not give you the feedback you want for your ideas. A financial agreement may be hard to finalize. A co-worker may be jealous of your accomplishments. You get the green light now to proceed with home repairs. Family celebrations are highlighted this weekend.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Some money that is owed to you may be late in coming. A partner changes his or her mind about a shopping matter. You may have to say no to a gift with strings attached. Communicative skills are tops. Make important phone calls.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A partner may be reluctant to go along with one of your plans early in the week. Some things seem unsettled at work. You are charismatic and impress others favorably. Surprise developments later in the week are to your liking. Judgment is good where money is concerned.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Things seem to go at a snail's pace as the week begins. You will be enjoying a career or financial success. Shopping leads to a special purchase. The best qualities of your sign shine forth this week. Your self-assurance impresses others favorably.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Some friends are hard to pin down now, and a child may test your patience. A friend's attitude toward money may turn you off this week. Home-based activities are favored over socializing now. Time by yourself proves very rewarding.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You will have to give an older relative time to make up his or her mind. Despite some mixed messages in business, your work week will end on a bright note. This

is a happy week where social interests are concerned. You are not ready to take someone into your confidence now.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Some people are slow in getting back to you now. You may incur some extra expenses this week. Innovative ideas bring you success now. New chances for financial gain arise this week. Present your views to higher-ups. An ethical matter may be a cause of concern.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Financial matters seem involved this week, but an important breakthrough comes in business now. Some of you will meet with a romantic introduction through work. Meetings with advisers are favored. You may get a sudden urge to take a trip or to explore new intellectual horizons.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Family and financial interests are highlighted this week. Someone in business rubs you the wrong way. Attend to record-keeping, and investigate investment options. You must be careful now not to throw cold water on someone's good ideas. Be supportive.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Don't let inner doubts hold you back. Once you put a plan in motion, you will find that things will indeed go better than you had expected. Have confidence! The signing of contracts is favored later in the week. Partners are in accord.

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Trivia Test
by Linda Luckhurst

1. **World History:** What was the name of the governing body which ruled Germany from the end of World War I until Hitler's Nazi takeover?
2. **Television:** What was the name of the character John Travolta portrayed on "Welcome Back, Kotter"?
3. **Geography:** What is the capital of New Zealand?
4. **Myths & Legends:** What was the name of William Tell's son, the boy who let his father shoot an apple off his head?
5. **Witches & Warlocks:** How many women were found guilty of being witches in Salem, Mass., in 1692?
6. **Animals:** What animal produces pink milk?
7. **Religion:** When is Yom Kippur observed?
8. **Music:** Who recorded the November, 1973 number one hit single, "Photograph"?

This Is How Kinney County Voted

On Monday, November 8, votes cast for the November 2, 1993, election on Constitutional Amendments were canvassed and this is how Kinney County voted: Early ballots cast 75; Election Day ballots cast 236 for a total of 311.

#	FOR	AGAINST	SUMMARY
1	74	225	\$50 million in bonds to finance start-up of businesses of socially disadvantaged
2	147	148	Exempt certain real and personal property acquired after Jan. 1, 1994 on goods to reduce pollution
3	189	96	Clear land titles in Fort Bend and Austin Counties and state would relinquish mineral and surface rights
4	220	86	Voter approval for income tax
5	178	107	Prescribe qualifications for sheriff
6	213	60	Abolish Jackson County surveyor
7	107	152	Repeal restrictions for corporations to raise capital
8	185	106	Abolish McLennan County surveyor
9	126	130	Reduce 2 years to six months the time in which all real property seized through tax foreclosure could be eligible for redemption
10	137	158	\$750 million to Veterans Land Board to purchase land for resale and home mortgage loans to veterans
11	196	77	Require trustees of local public retirement systems to establish operational procedures
12	255	46	Create fourth instance a judge could deny bail
13	160	121	Add Texas State Technical College to receive funds
14	170	129	\$1 billion for construction and renovation of prisons
15	241	45	Permit voters of a county to abolish surveyor positions
16	124	160	Texas Agriculture Fund increase from \$25 million to \$100 million

Statewide Texans approved 14 of the 16 proposed amendments. Only Proposition 1 and Proposition 16 were defeated.

TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION MEMBER 1993

Apply Now For Correctional Officer Training

Middle Rio Grande JTPA in association with Southwest Texas Junior College and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, is recruiting individuals for consideration as applicants for Correctional Officer Training classes. The three and one-half week course will be held at SWTJC/Regional Law Enforcement Academy, in Uvalde. The cost of tuition for the course is \$398.00. JTPA eligible individuals which qualify as Correctional Officer candidates are eligible for paid tuition and other possible related training expenses. Persons who meet the basic requirements of the training program and are JTPA eligible must also complete the program requirements of JTPA. The deadline to submit an application for admission to the JTPA program is December 17, 1993. Due to limited space and staff capacity, only 200 qualified individuals will be accepted to the program. The application process of this program is time-consuming, therefore individuals who are interested in this program are encouraged to immediately apply.

Following is a timetable for the mid-winter training program.

- Applications Available: Now
- Application Deadline: January 10, 1994
- TDCJ Testing: January 25, 1994
- TDCJ Interviews: January 27-28, 1994
- SWTJC Notification to Eligible Students Feb. 8, 1994
- Classes Begin: February 28, 1994
- Classes End: March 23, 1994
- Total instruction hours: 149.5 hours
- Classes are held 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

REQUIREMENTS:

- * Must be at least 18 years of age (no maximum age cap)
 - * Must be eligible for employment in the U.S.
 - * Must have a High School Diploma or G.E.D.
 - * Must pass the height/weight ratio requirement of TDCJ
 - * Must not be active duty in the U.S. Military.
 - * Must have no outstanding warrants for arrest
 - * Must have no criminal charges or be serving probation
 - * Must not have: Class A Misdemeanor convictions within the past 12 months; Class B misdemeanor convictions within the past 6 months; DWI or DUI convictions within the past 2 years; and must not have a sentence for a felony conviction within the past 15 years.
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TEXAS LAW ASK THE OFFICER

Ask The Officer is sponsored by the Texas Highway Patrol Association and seeks to answer questions on law enforcement, public safety and other concerns involving the welfare of Texas citizens. You can write Ask The Officer care of the Texas Highway Patrol Association, 610 Brazos, Fourth Floor, Austin, Texas, 78701.

THE TEXAS PASS
 Q: I've only seen this in Texas. When I want to pass someone, often the car I'm passing will pull off on the right shoulder to let me by. This happens all the time. Is there a law about this?
 M.N., West

A: This is something we refer to as the "Texas Pass," since it is peculiar to our state. Visitors frequently ask me why drivers do this, and although I have some legal explanations for the practice, I'm somewhat at a loss to explain how the custom started. You are not allowed to drive below the speed limit on a two-lane highway, since your speed would impede other drivers. So Texas law allows you to pull over and drive on the shoulder to let someone pass. It's a rare instance where it's actually legal to drive on the shoulder.
PARKING BLUES
 Q: I have several outstanding parking tickets from where I live. I know I need to pay them, but can't at present, so I'm worried about going to jail if I ever get stopped by the police. Do police really put people in jail for parking tickets? And does the Highway Patrol have the authority to do this, even though they don't enforce municipal parking laws?
 T.G., Lufkin

A: Troopers generally only check DPS computer systems for warrants, so municipal parking warrants will only show up for police who check the computer systems where the warrants were recorded. But before you get too excited, remember that a trooper might decide to check with a local police department if you are stopped in the area where you live. The parking warrants probably will show up on the local computers, and the trooper will arrest you or have you held on bond until the fines are paid. Also keep in mind that most Texas cities keep their warrant records at the local drivers license bureau, so the records are checked when you go to renew or acquire a license.

HUNTING GUNS
 Q: I just bought a jeep, and I don't know where I should store my rifle and pistol when I go on hunting trips. The logical place is in the back, but I often ride with the top off.
 C. D., Beeville

A: Keep them in the back. It's not wise to put them near you, since it could create a touchy situation if you were ever pulled over and an officer spotted the weapons by your side. I realize you may have a problem when you leave the vehicle, even for short periods of time, without the top on. You need to figure out a way to secure the guns in those instances. I would leave the pistol at home, unless you truly use the weapon for hunting. Carrying a rifle in Texas is legal, but you are not allowed to carry handguns without a special license. If you are arrested for carrying the pistol, you will have to prove in court that the weapon was intended for your hunting trip. And remember, only transport the weapons on actual hunting trips. Don't take them on unnecessary trips around town.

Trivia Test Answers

1. The Weimar Republic; 2. Vinny Barbarino; 3. Wellington; 4. Walter Tell; 5. 20; 6. the yak; 7. 10 days after the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah; 8. Ringo Starr



TRICK
OR
TREAT

Housing Authority Hosts Halloween Party



The "Good Witch" and her "Shrouded" helpers hosted a Trick or Treat Halloween Party for kids residing in Housing Authority units. Halloween was celebrated in a positive way with fun, games, and a Trick or Treat excursion. Top photo left are Albert Coronado, Shirley Holloway, and Manuel Madrid. The trio hosted the party and led the Trick or Treaters to homes of the elderly residents after Mrs. Holloway had supplied each home with an adequate supply of candy. Mrs. Holloway is Executive Director. Coronado and Madrid are assistants.

Great American Chili Contest

Sponsored by Williams Foods

- Contest began October 1, 1993; contest deadline February 18, 1994. All recipes must be postmarked by February 18 and received by February 24, 1994.
- Send original recipes, using Williams Chili Seasoning. Recipes must use at least one package (1 ounce) of Williams Chili Seasoning (any flavor, including Tex-Mex, Cajun, etc).
- Categories: **Chili** - Any seasoned meat, with or without beans, that is to be served as a main dish entree; **Creative dish for summer enjoyment using chili seasoning** - such as a snack, appetizer, sandwich, salad, or side dish. Main dishes, other than chili as described above, are also eligible.
- To enter: Send recipe to Great American Chili, Williams Foods, Inc., P.O. Box 14067, Lenexa KS 66285-4067. Enter as often as you wish, but only one entry per envelope. Enter one or both categories. Only one recipe per household could be selected as a winner. No telephone questions or entries will be accepted.
- To be eligible: Type or neatly print recipe on plain, white, 8 1/2 x 11-inch paper. Include your name, complete mailing address and phone number. Specify if recipe is to be entered in Chili Category or Creative Dishes For Summer Enjoyment Category.
- Each recipe must include name of recipe, a complete list of standard U.S. level measurements, complete instructions, cooking times, temperature (if applicable) number of servings, and any other relevant information.
- Contest is open to all residents in Missouri, Kansas, Texas, Arkansas, Colorado, Oklahoma, and Nebraska. Employees of Williams Foods, Inc., its agencies, brokers, or representatives and their immediate families, and anyone involved in preparation, research or promotion of food or the development of recipes for pay, such as chefs, home economists, food writers, etc. are not eligible. Those entering must be 18 years old by February 18, 1994.
- Contest void where prohibited or restricted by law. All federal, state, and local laws apply.
- Recipes will be judged by an independent panel of home economists and/or food writers or editors and will be judged on the following criteria: **Taste 50%; Ease of Preparation 20%; Originality/Creativity 20%; Appearance 10%.**
- If duplicate recipes are received, the one with earliest postmark will be judged.
- All recipes must be the entrant's original work, have not been published and must not have won other prizes. All semi-finalist will be required to sign an affidavit indicating originality of recipe and eligibility of entering.
- All recipes become the property of Williams Foods, Inc. The decision of the judges will be final.
- Prizes: one each awarded in each category in each state - 1st place, \$500.00 U.S. Savings Bond; 2nd place - Deluxe gift basket and samples of Williams Foods, with an approximate retail value of \$50.00.
- Five (5) each awarded in each category in each state: 3rd place, basket and samples of Williams Foods, Inc. with approximate retail value of \$20.00.
- One overall grand prize winner will be selected for each category from among the state first place winners. Each grand prize winner will be awarded a \$1000.00 U.S. Savings Bond.
- Any taxes applicable to the winnings are the sole responsibility of the winners.
- All winners will be notified within 120 days of contest deadline. Prior to receiving their prize, the winner will be required to sign a release.
- For a list of winners, send a stamped, self-addressed, business-sized envelope to Chili Winners, Williams Foods, Inc., P.O. Box 14067, Lenexa KS 66285-4067.

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Golf News

Ladies Golf
Tuesday, November 9, 1993
Forty Ladybug golfers played "Low Gross - Low Net" and "Turkey Hole." Helen Miller was the winner of a Thanksgiving turkey by being closest to the pin on #15.
Gwen Ladd won low gross with a score of 80. Chick Cruse and Luella Gilliland tied for second low gross with 83s. Betty Mathison and Mary Stephenson tied for third low gross with 84s.
Low net was a three way tie by Lorna Frost, Norma Reivett and Teresa Stephens. Ann Bramble had second low net.
Others playing were Clara McCord, Kelly Dennis, Betty Inman, Doris Eckenroth, Jackie Marrs, Vicki Nichols, Marge Adams, Margo Kendrick, Jane Young, LaVon McLane, Barbara Miller, Jean Petaja, Carol Benefield, Shirley Stephenson, Marty Isenberg, Odette Mills, Jan Chism, Elizabeth Dillahunt, Avis Anderson, Patty Barnett, Leslie Houk, Melba Turner, Eleanor Herron, Mary Stephenson, Flo Stafford, Darlene Horning, Pat Nelson, Betty Tarbell, and Pat McKelvy.
Teresa Stephens, Mary Stephenson and Shirley Stephenson won "chip-ins."

Gwen Ladd and Margie Jones had 2 points each on "skins" while Mary Stephenson and Vicki Nichols each had one point.

Ladybug Eagle
Jan Chism recently had an eagle on #17.

Mens Golf
Wednesday, November 3, 1993
1st: Gordon Lundquist, Roger Kurz, Hugh Tarbell, Dave Yates.
2nd: Julian Garza, Phil Land, Gordon Mathison, Allen McCord.
3rd: Karl Chism, Bill Koons, Ken Frost, Herb Voracek.

Hole-In-One
Winter Texan Roger Stephens scored a hole-in-one Thursday (November 4, 1993) while playing in the Couples League with his wife, Teresa, and Lou and Carl Green. He accomplished this feat on hole #2, 169 yards, par 3.

Anybody Can Have Heart Disease

For years medical students were taught that being a man was a primary risk factor for heart disease. Now they know better: no matter who wears the pants in the family, heart disease strikes men and women equally.

What isn't equal are studies that assess risk factors that, to date, have been conducted mostly on men. Women have their own risks, and while many are the same as men's, some are more threatening than others.

"Risk factor interventions have not been carried out and given a full evaluation in women," said Dr. Antonio Gotto, chief of the Internal Medicine Service at Methodist Hospital in Houston. But, he says, the National Institutes of Health are redoing key trials to determine women's risk factors -- looking at, for example, the role of cholesterol, diet and other therapies in halting or slowing the progression of heart disease.

Overall, physicians are becoming vigilant in addressing risk factors with their female patients, especially when it comes to medical history. According to Methodist cardiologist Dr. William Winters, a complete medical history can help physicians diagnose any problems, regardless of gender.

"It's a lot like reading a mystery novel," Winters said. "Something happens, but you don't have the answer in the first chapter. But the time you get three quarters through, you know where it's going." Here's what is known about women's risks:

Age/Menopause: Heart disease usually strikes women after menopause, when they lose the protective effects of estrogen. Estrogen doesn't prevent heart disease, it simply delays it. Statistics from the American Hospital Association validate that fact - 73% of women who have heart attacks are 65 and older.

Heredity: Family history, as always, is a key indicator of risk, accounting for approximately 35% of a person's overall risk of heart disease. If family members have had heart disease, you're more prone to it yourself.

Diabetes: Diabetes cancels any positive effects of estrogen and puts both women and men at greater risk for heart disease. A female diabetic has three times as great a risk of heart disease as a nondiabetic woman.

Smoking: Smoking is now the most significant risk factor for heart attack in women.
Female smokers raise their risks two to six times more than non-smokers and, smokers who take birth control pills raise their risk 40 times. However, a year after quitting a pack-a-day habit, death risk from heart attack will be the same as if you never smoked.

Cholesterol: People think cholesterol is synonymous with heart disease. But a high cholesterol count may be misleading - simply a surplus of HDL, the "good" cholesterol. It's the ratio of good to bad cholesterol (LDL) that really matters. Cholesterol tests should be done in a hospital lab equipped to measure all blood fat components.

Obesity: The nationally known Framingham study found that for every pound above ideal body weight, coronary death rates rise 2%.

Hypertension: High blood pressure raises your risk of heart attack three to five times. If your systolic (bottom) number is more than 90, you have high blood pressure.

Stress: Women classified as "type A" - hypercritical, hostile, time-pressured - are twice as likely to suffer heart attack as women with "type B" or relaxed personalities.

As information on heart disease mounts with overwhelming speed, women need to be aware of unnatural symptoms. If you think you may be at risk, see your doctor and report your symptoms before it's too late.

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Fishing Report



BRAUNIG: Water murky, 65 degrees; all fishing slow except for catfish which are good to 3 pounds on shrimp and liver; lake will close at 6 pm nightly November 29-February 1.

CALAVERAS: Water murky, 67 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to 6 1/2 pounds on worms in shallow water; crappie are slow; catfish are good to 4 pounds on chicken liver and cut bait; redfish are good to 20 pounds on live perch in 20 feet of water; corvina are slow.

CHOKO: Water clear, 70 degrees, 2 1/2 feet low; black bass fair in shallow water on spinner baits and top waters early in the backs of creeks and outer edges of grass; white bass are fair in deep water on chrome minnows; crappie are fair with some limits in 10-20 feet of water over river and creek channels

with the larger fish moving shallower on live minnows; catfish are fair in the backs of creeks in 5-15 feet of water on cheese baits.

COLETO CREEK: Water clear, 78 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass are fair to 4 pounds on Rat-L traps in shallow water; crappie are fair on minnows; catfish are fair on shad and shrimp.

CORPUS CHRISTI: Water slightly off color, 5 feet low; black bass are good to 5 pounds on spinners near the grass; striped are good to 8 pounds on shrimp; crappie are good on minnows in 18-30 feet of water; catfish are good on deep water trotlines baited with perch.

FALCON: Water off color, 78 degrees, 13 feet low; black bass are good to 9 pounds on worms and cranks in 3-15 feet of water near the rocky ledges; striped are fair on Knocker Spoons; white bass are good in the schools on Road Runners; crappie are poor; catfish are excellent to 6 pounds in 3 feet of water on shrimp and stink bait.

MEDINA: Water clear, 70 degrees, 10 feet low; all fishing slow due to weather and lack of fishermen.

TEXANA: Water muddy; all fishing slow due to lack of fishermen.



LETTER TO EDITOR

Introduction: This letter was addressed to U.S. Ecology, a Houston based company. We have been involved in a four year war with Texcor to keep radioactive waste dumps from being sited along the border in violation of the 1983 LaPaz Agreement with Mexico. With the NAFTA issue up in the air, this potential environmental problem could act as a catalysis with a little creative thinking for or against the treaty.

Dear Mr. Phillips:
This is a letter of protest against your ill advised attempt to pick up where Texcor left off.

Let me paint you a picture of the strong feelings and mood of the people in Kinney County and all our supporters in surrounding counties and in Mexico.

We have a judge from Maverick County that attended a hearing in Brackettville, Texas, about two years ago, concerning Texcor, that echoed for all of us concerned citizens' true feelings. She said, "If Texcor gets a permit, there will be bodies laying in the streets."

If I were you, I would not write

this off as an idle threat due to the strong sentiment against any waste facilities in our area.

Last but not least, you may become the fall guy with the powers that be in Washington for wrecking the NAFTA. We can see the creative possibilities with highlighting our 1983 LaPaz agreement with Mexico, along with the recent hypocritical mouthings of your politicians stressing environmental issues and NAFTA in the same breath.

You may not recall or be aware that the 1983 LaPaz agreement with Mexico stipulated that neither country site waste dumps of your proposed kind within 50 miles of the Rio Grande River. To attempt a violation of the agreement would dishonor our country.

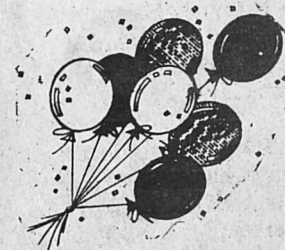
Quite frankly, Sir, I don't think you have done your homework, or perhaps you have money to burn.

Sincerely yours,
George E. Foster, Jr.

CC: Lloyd Bentsen, Sec. of Treasury; Henry Bonilla, Member of Congress; Phil Gramm, Senator; President of the U.S.; News Director, Channel 5, San Antonio

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There will be a prebid meeting for this project at 10:30 AM, Wednesday, November 17, 1993, in the Val Verde County Area Office, 319 E. Gibbs, Del Rio, Texas.

Specifications and proposals for the above mentioned contract are available at the office of Mr. Dennis W. Wilde, P.E., Director of Operations, 915/944-1501, Loop 306 & Knickerbocker Road, San Angelo, Texas. Mailing address is 4502 Knickerbocker Rd., San Angelo, Texas 76904.
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COMBINED NOTICE NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date: November 11, 1993
City of Spofford
P.O. Box 1541
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210/563-2046
To All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Persons
This notice is intended to meet two separate procedural requirements which include a notice of Finding Of No Significant Impact on the Environment and a notice for Request For Release Of Funds. On or about November 29, 1993, the above-named City of Spofford will request the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, for the following project.
Project Title: Water Storage Improvements.
Contract Number: TDHCA Contract #700351
Purpose of Project: Construction of a 22,000 gallon ground storage tank, install a pressure level indicator on the existing pressure tank, install a new service pump, related yard piping and fencing to increase the quality and reliability of the City's present water storage facilities.
Location of Project: The proposed improvements will be constructed on one and one half lots adjacent to the City's existing water treatment site in the City of Spofford.
Enumeration Districts: 9501
Estimated Cost Of Project: \$85,783.00
Finding Of No Significant Impact
It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the above-named City of Spofford has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.
The reasons for such decision not to prepare such Statement are as follows:
There will be no permanent negative impacts on the environment as a result of this project. There is no historical or archaeological significance in the area. No effect is expected on protected or endangered wildlife or vegetation. The project is not located in a floodplain or flood hazard area. The consensus of our study is that the project will improve the quality and reliability of the water storage facilities for the City of Spofford.
An Environmental Review Record respecting the within project has been made by the above-named City of Spofford which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such Statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying, upon request, at the City of Spofford, J.B. Herndon Residence, Spofford, Texas, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
Public Comments On Finding
All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City of Spofford to J.B. Herndon, Mayor. Such written comments should be received at Mayor Herndon's Residence in Spofford or City of Spofford, P.O. Box 1541, Brackettville, Texas, 78832, on or before November 29, 1993. Please indicate which notice your comments address. All such comments so received will be considered and City of Spofford will not request the release of Federal funds or take any administrative action on the within project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.
Release Of Funds
City of Spofford will undertake the project described above with Texas Community Development Program funds from Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. The City of Spofford is certifying to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs that the City of Spofford and Mayor J.B. Herndon, in his capacity as Mayor, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if any action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental assessments, decision-making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, City of Spofford may use the Texas Community Development Program funds, and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and 24 CFR Part 58.
Objections To State Release Of Funds
The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the chief executive officer or other certifying officer of the Contractor approved by TDHCA; or (b) that the Contractor's environmental review file for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR 58) and may be addressed to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Texas Community Development Division, P.O. Box 13941, Austin, Texas, 78711-3941.
Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. No objection received after December 17, 1993, will be considered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.
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No bids will be accepted if received later than 10:00 on Monday, November 29, 1993, at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud in the Kinney County Courthouse, Brackettville, Texas.
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Middle Rio Grande Development Council, Area Agency on Aging, hereby solicits proposals to provide the following services: Nutritional and Supportive Services (Transportation and Community Services), Homemaker I Services, and Legal Assistance Service under the Older Americans Act of 1965, Title III, as amended, to Senior Citizens of the Middle Rio Grande region.
Services are to be provided in Uvalde, Zavala, Real, Kinney, Val Verde, Dimmit, LaSalle, Maverick, and Edwards County. Proposal period will be from January 1, 1994, through September 30, 1994. A nine (9) month contract with renewal available option for the next 2 years thereafter, based upon satisfactory performance will be awarded.
To obtain a complete copy of the request for proposal packet, please contact: Ramon S. Johnston, Deputy Director, Middle Rio Grande Development Council, P.O. Box 1199, Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834, 210/876-3533. Proposal Packets will be available on or after November 8, 1993.
A bidders conference will be held November 15, 1993, at 10:30 a.m. at the First State Bank of Uvalde, McNelly Room, Uvalde, Texas. All proposals must be clearly marked "Sealed Bid - Do Not Open," Attention: Ramon S. Johnston. The last day to receive Proposals is December 3, 1993, 5:00 P.M. at the Middle Rio Grande Development (Central Office) P.O. Box 1199, 1904 N. First St., Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834.
Proposals may not be submitted through the use of facsimile machines.
Middle Rio Grande Development Council reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. Changes in state or federal legislation may result in a requirement to renegotiate contracts at any time (before or during the contracted period).

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice Of Civic Center Rental For December 25, 1993
Kinney County will be accepting bids for the rental of the Civic Center for December 25, 1993. Bids will start at a minimum of \$500.00. The bids will be opened at the November 19, 1993 meeting at 10:00 a.m.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Call For Applications For The Section 16 Grant Program

Elderly And/Or Disabled Grants To Assist With Public Transportation

Pursuant to Title 49, United States Code, Section 1612 of the Federal Transit Act, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) issues this notice for solicitation of proposals and/or applications from private and public nonprofit organizations serving elderly and/or disabled persons to utilize funds available under the Section 16 grant program, administered by TxDOT.

Notice of Invitation: The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is issuing this request for applications for the Section 16 grant program. The Section 16 grant program provides capital assistance to nonprofit organizations which provide transportation services to elderly and/or disabled persons in Texas.

Funding for the Section 16 grant program is appropriated by the Federal government under the Federal Transit Act as described in FTA Circular 9070.1C, December 23, 1992. Fiscal year 1994 appropriations for Section 16 grant program are expected to be announced in October.

Eligible capital expenses under the Section 16 grant program include: (1) the replacement of vehicles such as buses, vans, trolleys, etc., currently used to transport elderly and/or disabled persons; and such auxiliary equipment as is normally acquired with vehicles of this type; (2) the purchase of vehicles for service expansions and new services to elderly and/or disabled persons; and such auxiliary equipment as is normally acquired with vehicles of this type; and (3) the purchase of radio equipment only, i.e. equipment that is not part of a vehicle allowed categories 1 and 2 of this paragraph. Section 16 funds must be used for transportation projects serving elderly and/or disabled persons.

Each project will be evaluated in the appropriate category in accordance with the stated selection criteria. However, TxDOT reserves the right to establish minimum required scores.

Projects must meet Federal funding criteria included in Circular 9070.1C and must also comply with property management standards set out in Title 43, Chapter 31.57 of the Texas Administrative Code, relative to the replacement of vehicles. To be eligible for consideration, each 16 proposal must include the following documents and information:

- (1) Successful completion of the pre-application interview and on-site visit with the District public transportation coordinator.
(2) A complete Section 16 grant application, copies of which are available at TxDOT District offices. Applicants requesting funds for multiple projects should group them within the application by funding category (replacement vehicles, expansion vehicles, new starts, and radios). The narrative should demonstrate the need for the equipment, the capability to maintain and operate the equipment, and the involvement of the applicant and the community in requesting funding for the equipment.

- (3) A budget for each category of equipment which shows the unit cost of each item and total equipment costs. The federal dollars and local match dollars provided by the applicant should be noted.
(4) Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act to provide transportation services that are accessible to disabled persons.
(5) Provide proof of demonstrated coordination efforts with other transit systems within the applicant's immediate service area in the application.
(6) Proof of local match ability to pay a minimum of 20 percent for said equipment. No federal dollars may be used as local match unless authorized by the federal agency that awards those monies.
(7) The latest annual one-way passenger trip figures for the applicant agency, with the source of the information shown (such as TxDOT reports, etc.).
(8) The latest annual administrative/operating budget for the transportation services provided by the applicant agency. Equipment costs should not be included.
(9) The latest population estimates for the applicant's authorized service area and agency clientele served, with source of the information shown.
Agencies requesting Section 16 funds for the purchase of vehicles (replacement or expansion) must also submit the following information:
(a) A complete inventory of the current vehicle fleet, with the following information provided for each vehicle:
* type (bus, van, etc.)
* license or serial number
* size (length)
* passenger capacity
* special equipment on board (radio, lift, ramps, etc.)
* model year
* odometer reading, date of odometer reading, and whether vehicle is a spare or is used regularly to provide service.
Agency contact: Questions concerning the request for proposals should be referred to the Public Transportation Coordinator with the local TxDOT District Office.
Response date: Written proposals must be received by the Public Transportation Coordinator, Mr. Tommy Robinson, Texas Department of Transportation, at 4502 Knickerbocker Road in San Angelo, on or before January 18, 1994.
Selection criteria: TxDOT will select projects for Section 16 funding on quantitative measures such as demonstrated coordination efforts, ability to operate present equipment on an annual basis where applicable, local match ability, ability to meet service needs of elderly and/or disabled persons based on passenger trips per vehicle per month in urban or rural areas, hours of service, ability to maintain equipment, average fleet mileage where applicable, and average fleet age where applicable. Only those measures appropriate to a specific funding category will be used in evaluating projects within this category.

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Image of a litter bin with a smiling face and the words 'USE ME' and 'LITTER'.

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Image of a tiger paw print.

News from ... The Pastor's Pen GIL ASH

First Baptist Church

One day while visiting with a friend he shared some of the difficulties, problems and troubles he was going through. "I am just about ready to give up," he said. Tragedy had struck. One member of the family was in the hospital, their only vehicle was broken down, and there was no work. I could understand the emotional trauma he was going through because I had walked in his shoes before.

It had been some years but our son was in the hospital racked with pain throughout his body with life-threatening problems in several organs of the body. Medical expenses were mounting. We didn't know how they could be paid. Vehicles were not dependable to make the 800 mile round trip on weekends to the hospital. Why was all of this

happening? At the time we could not see or understand why.

Charles Spurgeon said, "Our troubles have always brought us blessings." At the time it was hard to see that God was blessing us but a few years later we were able to look back and see that God had used that time in our lives to draw us closer to Him. We found that God always provided just exactly what we needed at the time we needed it.

Sometimes there is a reason for waiting. Maybe today you are questioning why you are having so many problems to deal with. Give it a little time. Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Give a little time for those troubles to be turned into blessings by a God who knows just exactly what you need.

St. John's Baptist Church

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Praise The Lord!

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High;
To show forth thy loving kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night. Psalms 92:1-2

Testimony Time! Glory!

Come PRAISE the Lord with us at 6:00 p.m.
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Praise God! Praise God! Praise God!

Honoring Those Who Defended Freedom

CONGRESSMAN HENRY BONILLA
23rd District, Texas

These days, we hear a lot of people in Washington talk about sacrificing for the good of our country, but few Americans have sacrificed more than those who have served in our armed forces.

As we honor the veterans who have bravely served our nation during its 217-year history, we should take a few minutes to recognize and appreciate some of the blessings we have here in America: peace, freedom and democracy. Without the dedication and pride of generations of soldiers, sailors and airmen, the United States would not be the leader of the free world today.

Veterans Day is celebrated every year on November 11 to honor all U.S. veterans, living and deceased. The date commemorates the November 11, 1918 armistice which ended World War I. Originally called Armistice Day, President Eisenhower changed the name to Veterans Day to honor not only those who served during World War I, but veterans of all the conflicts the United States has fought.

Over the years, millions of men and women have left their families and friends and the comfort of their homes to fight on foreign soil for our freedom and our flag. Hundreds of thousands have died and millions have returned home, scarred in some way by the brutality of war. These are the

people who have made the ultimate sacrifice to protect the American way of life and the ideals that our nation is built upon. We should never take them or their deeds for granted.

On this Veterans Day, take a few moments out of your everyday activities to remember and thank those brave Americans who have given so much to protect our liberty.

As the young wife of a Desert Storm veteran wrote in a letter to Time magazine, "We would not be the land of the free if we were not also the land of the brave." That says it all.

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church

Knights Of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus will have a Tootsie Roll fundraiser on Saturday, November 13, 1993.

Workers will be passing out Tootsie Rolls in different locations in the community.

Proceeds are to be used to assist the State Deaf program. Any donations will be welcomed.

Heart-Hitting Fact

According to the American Heart Association, one in three American adults has high blood pressure.

Frontier Baptist Church

By Joe Townsend

Sunday morning Frontier Baptist church had as guests the Gideons.

Frank Eckenroth, representing the local area camp, told of the worldwide scope of the organization. The report was amazing.

Thirteen million Bibles have been distributed in Russia since the Berlin Wall came down. This is only one area of the world. In all but about a dozen or so countries have active Gideon camps.

In at least 70 languages, the Bible is being distributed. Every day thousands of Bibles find their way into hands of people, many of whom have never heard in an effective way about Christ.

Thousands of people come to know Christ every day because of the effective work of Gideons in their own countries.

Following the morning service, the Lord's Supper was served.

There followed the regular monthly Fellowship Dinner. An over abundance of delicious foods was enjoyed by everyone present.

Next Sunday the feature of the morning service will be a sermon based on the Word of God by the pastor, Joe R. Townsend. Each person who attends will be richly blessed by the fellowship of other fine Christians as all worship together.

Come and see.

Great American Smoke-Out

If You Are Thinking Of Quitting Smoking Or You Know Someone Who Plans To Quit Mark November 18 On Your Calendar

The Surgeon General and the National Academy of Sciences recently examined the evidence surrounding involuntary smoking. Both studies agreed that exposure to other people's smoke increases the risk of developing lung cancer. Nonsmokers exposed to 20 or more cigarettes a day at home have twice the risk of developing lung cancer. In the workplace, tobacco smoke spreads quickly, and each workday is more than enough time to expose most people within many working environments. Even if you don't sit next to smokers, the smoky air within a building may be harmful.

Lung cancer is not the only hazard that faces involuntary smokers. For instance, children of smokers have a greater chance of developing certain illnesses such as colds, bronchitis and pneumonia (especially during the first two years of life), chronic coughs as they get older, ear infections and reduced lung function.

As more is learned about the harmful effects of involuntary smoking, public interest in non-smoking rules grow. As of 1990, forty-five states, the District of Columbia, and 480 municipalities limit or restrict smoking in public places. Thirty-five states have enacted laws

that address smoking in public workplaces, 15 have enacted laws that address it in private workplaces.

Smoking restrictions have been put into effect in all US Government buildings and the US Army adopted a new policy banning smoking in Army facilities, except in established smoking areas. Hotels, motels, and car rental agencies continue to set aside more rooms and vehicles for nonsmokers. Smoking has been banned on all domestic flights in the continental US.

Knowing that smoke is harmful, what can you do to help fight the problem:

- ***If you smoke, stop.
- ***If others in your household smoke, help them to stop.
- ***Ask to be seated in the non-smoking sections of restaurants and public transportation.
- ***Make certain that your children's schools and their childcare situations are smoke-free.
- ***Ask visitors not to smoke in your home, car, or office.
- ***Encourage hospitals and clinics to become smoke-free.
- ***Let your legislators know where you stand.

For information on the Great American Smokeout call 800-ACS-2345.

Historic Wagon Train Prepares To Roll

The long anticipated clarion call of "Wagons Ho" will again reverberate through the festive throngs gathered at the Fort Worth Stockyards area on Labor Day, 1995, to witness the departure of the "Texas U.S.A. - Statehood Wagon Train" on a four and one-half month journey celebrating the entry of the Republic of Texas as the 28th state in the United States of America. The Texas Legislature has recognized the officially designated event to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Texas statehood and serve as a focal point for community, city and statewide celebration during it's tour.

Texas Independence and Texas Statehood are the two major historic observances of this century for Texas and Texans. The Sesquicentennial celebration of Texas Independence in 1986 was centerpiece by the passage of the "Texas Sesquicentennial Wagon Train" around the state. This hugely successful event involved the participation of thousands of Texans,

was viewed personally by millions on its route and seen or read about world wide via newspaper, radio and television media of the United States and many other countries.

Many exciting experiences will greet those on the Wagon Train. Special preparations for Waxahachie, Waco, Washington-on-the-Brazos, Old Fort Parker, Fort Belknap, Doan's Store, The Narrows, Fort Concho, Thanksgiving on the Wagon Train, Fort McKavett, Langtry, Brackettville, Bandera, Christmas on the Wagon Train at San Marcos, Austin on Statehood Day, New Years Day in Llano and the special 10th Reunion Celebration of the 1986 Wagon Train, Glen Rose, and the Westfork Ranch at Fort Worth make these places you won't want to miss - to name just a few.

Those interested in participating in the Wagon Train or receiving information may write Texas U.S.A. - Statehood Wagon Train, Stockyards P.O. Box 4450, Fort Worth TX 76164-0450.

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Church Directory



St. Andrews Episcopal Church: Henderson & Fort, Sunday Church Service 10:30 A.M. Vicar: Rev. Bill Koons, 563-2071.

Frontier Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church): Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 A.M., Sunday Evening Service 6:00 P.M., Joe Townsend, Pastor, 563-2158.

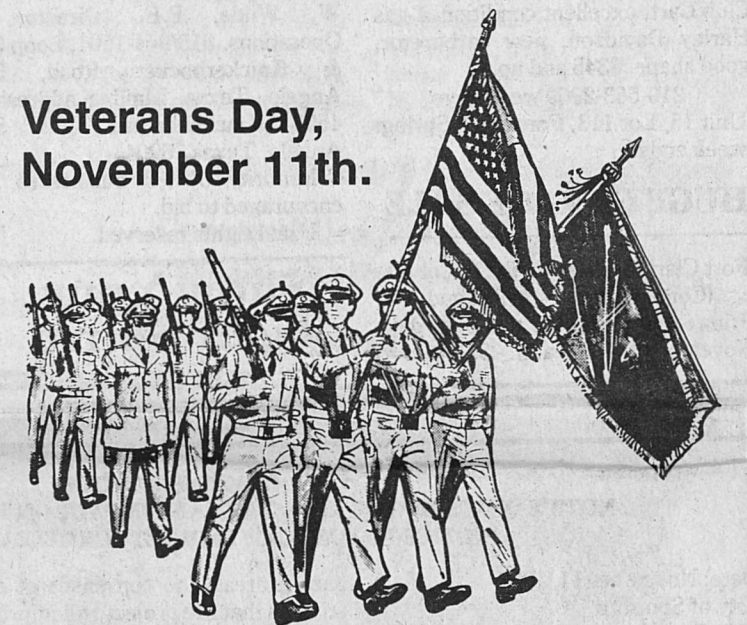
First Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church): 307 N. Ann Street, Sunday School 9:45 A.M., Sunday Worship 11:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M., Wednesday Worship 7:00 P.M. Gil Ash, Pastor, 563-2245.

Church of Christ: N. Ann St., Sunday School 9:30 A.M., Worship Service 10:30 A.M., Bible Study Sunday 6:30 P.M., Wednesday 7:00 P.M.

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church: Masses Monday and Friday 7:00 A.M., Wednesday and Saturday 6:30 P.M., Sunday (Spanish) 8:00 A.M., Regular 10:30 A.M. Confession Wednesday and Saturday 6:00 P.M. Religion Classes Wednesday 6:00 P.M. Sunday 9:00 A.M. Prayer Meeting (Spanish) Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Fr. David G. Zumaya, Pastor.
First United Methodist Church: "Celebrate and Witness" Morning Fellowship 9:30 A.M., Church School Classes 9:45 A.M., Service of Worship 11:00 A.M., Choir Rehearsal Wednesday 5:00 P.M., Gordon Miller, Pastor.

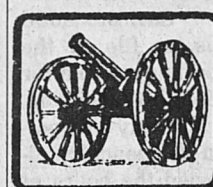
St. John's Baptist Church: Crockett Street at Keene Street. Sunday services, Sunday School 10:00 A.M., Worship 11:00 A.M.; Wednesday, Bible Study, 7:00 P.M. William P. Adams, Sr. Pastor, 563-9175.

Veterans Day, November 11th.



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