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City Explores Possible Enterprise Zone Option

by Jennifer Pasanski

City Council met in regular session June 12, at 4:30 p.m. Below are the unofficial minutes of that meeting.

Enterprise Zone

The availability of forming a City Enterprise Zone, allowing avenues for expansion in Brackettville, were made available at the City Council meeting.

Mr. Trost and Mr. Conner, area advisors, addressed City council with the option for the City to join an Enterprise Zone.

Mr. Conner explained, "Having an established enterprise zone is very helpful when applying for grants or trying to entice businesses. It also encourages existing businesses to re-invest and expand creating jobs. He also explained that it was a tool to help receive Federal monies to get beautification projects established."

"It also helps tax wise. Taxes are re-distributed in the area much easier."

Mr. Conner and Mr. Trost would act as City Consultants and assist in applications for grant monies. The cost to the City would be an initial fee of \$400 for a package, to be paid after results are present.

The decision to establish or reject an Enterprise Zone was tabled until next week.

Late Charge on Utility Bills

Beginning August 1, the City of Brackettville will begin to add a 1.8% late charge on all delinquent bills.

Fire Dept. Will No Longer Get Water Discounts

City Council passed that beginning July 1, all firemen will be required to pay full price on water bills.

Mayor La Gioia stated, "This is not anything against the Fire Department. We have found that it is illegal to discount water to any customer."

Councilman Agapito Saenz also specified that this action was not against firemen. Firemen have received a substantial decrease in water bills for a number of years. Due to this ruling, water price reduction will no longer be a benefit to the V.F.D.

Housing Report

Linda Sharp, director of Kinney County Housing Authority, informed the Council of water drainage problems by some of the Housing projects.

Councilman Saenz stated, "It needs something badly like caliche. We need to build it up." La Gioia asked that the Housing Authority fill out work orders so they may proceed in the needed repairs.

Sharp also informed the Council that brush areas needed to be cleaned because some of the residents were complaining about rats.

Mayor La Gioia asked that the Housing Authority submit a letter requesting the needed clean-up. The City then would take a look at it and try to get responsible parties to clean it up.

Sharp also asked that City employees refer all Housing Authority customers to the Housing Authority to reduce the third party in receiving information.

Water Conservation

The City will begin handing out printed water conservation tips at City Hall.

Mayor La Gioia asks that everyone try to cut back on their water usage.

Availability of Public Records

Public records are available at City Hall for anyone to view. Persons may also see other customer's bills, etc.

Mayor La Gioia did say he would contact the individual whose records were in question and let them know that they were being shown.

Dead End Alley

Mr. Sterling Evans petitioned the City to vacate, abandon and permit the enclosure of a part of Gove Street.

Mr. Evans has purchased all of the land around the dead end alley and wishes to fence it off.

City Council granted the petition.

Chief Fritter Completes Courses

Chief Johnny Fritter was pointed out for successfully completing a training course at S.W.T.J.C. The course centered on "Crime Scene Search".

Deputy Sheriff David Luna, as well as Chief Johnny Fritter, also successfully completed a course at S.W.T.J.C. centered on "The Use of Force".

Lightning Strikes!!

Lightning struck the home of H.C. and Estha Barker Tuesday evening. "It looked like a ball of fire was falling out of the sky," said one witness.

The lightning struck the chimney on top of the townhouse in Unit One on Fort Clark Springs. It then traveled to what firemen say was the weakest 220 outlet and caught fire. Firemen were called to the scene when the Barker's neighbor, Janis Floyd, smelt smoke.

Janis stated, "I was taking a shower when the lightning struck. The force of it threw me out of the shower." Janis also reported it melted all the wires in her light bulbs.

The force of the impact shattered the chimney, sending showers of concrete over the area.

Some pieces of the chimney flew about 150 feet across the court into the glass framed door of Eric and Frances McMasters livingroom. Shattered glass was strewn everywhere.



Lightning struck the chimney at the home of H.C. and Estha Barker, causing fire and scattered debris.

"It looked like a ball of fire falling from the sky"

Frances stated, "It was so enormous, that it shook the whole house." She also added, "I have a healthy respect for Mother Nature after all of this." (Referring to the flood and tornado and now lightning.)

H.C. and Estha Barker were in San Antonio for the day, which may have proven fortunate for them. Firemen told them that if someone had been

sleeping in the bed below the area of impact, they could have been killed.

Dixie Brown, a neighbor of the Barkers, commented on the fine and professional job that the firemen did. "It makes you sleep easier at night knowing they are there to take care of you."

Dixie also commented on the way firemen took care in trying to save the Barker's possessions. Firemen

stayed on after the fire was under control, concerned that the fire might re-ignite, until about 2:30 a.m.

Harrel and Janis Floyd and Dixie and Clinton Brown made sandwiches and drinks for the firemen while they waited.

The main damage in the Barker's home was due to smoke. Many neighbors are helping them to clean up.

City Passes Ordinance Approving Rate Increase

An ordinance approving rate schedules to be charged by Central Power and Light Company in the city of Brackettville, Texas, providing for schedules, conditions, severability; and repeal of conflicting ordinances.

WHEREAS, on February 15, 1989, Central Power and Light Company ("CPL" or "Company") filed with the City of Brackettville a request for an increase in electric utility rates to be charged within the City in the amount of \$157,554,732 per annum on a total Company basis, representing the first year of a nine-year phase-in plan, or the equivalent of an approximately \$464 million annual increase on a traditional, one time basis, and;

WHEREAS, the City, having suspended the effective date of such proposed increase from March 22, 1989, and having considered the same at a public hearing, is of the opinion and finds that the rates of CPL should be adjusted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRACKETTVILLE, TEXAS,

PART 1: That the rates, tariffs, and charges of CPL for electric power and energy sold within the City be revised to increase annual revenues by \$81,374,950 on a total Company basis. Further, the amount of \$65,609,798 representing past over-payments of franchise taxes and unprotected excess deferred taxes shall be amortized through a refund, plus interest, to ratepayers over a three year period. Accordingly, the net first year increase to ratepayers shall be \$59,505,017 per annum. Such Schedules of Rates, as are approved in accordance herewith, are those under which said Company shall be authorized to render electric service and to collect charges from its customers for the sale of electric power and energy within the corporate limits of the City until such time as said Rate Schedules may be changed, modified, amended, or withdrawn, with the approval of the City Council.

PART 2: That CPL shall file with

the City a revised Schedule of Rates and Tariffs setting forth those rates, tariffs, and charges based upon such increase in total operating revenues as prescribed herein. The rate design implemented by such schedules and tariffs shall be in accord with the rate design filed by CPL. Such Schedule of Rates and Tariffs may be modified or amended by the City Council within ten (10) days from the date of filing with the City, otherwise the same shall be considered approved as filed. Provided, however, notwithstanding any other provisions herein contained, the rate increase provided for herein shall not be effective prior to the effective date of the rate increase ordered by the Public Utility Commission of Texas in Docket 8646 and no rate of CPL within the City of Brackettville shall, in any case, exceed the corresponding rate of customers of CPL in unincorporated areas whether such rate for unincorporated areas are set prior to or after the adoption of this ordinance and it shall be unlawful for CPL, its agents, servants or employees to collect or attempt to collect any higher rate within the City of Brackettville than is collected by CPL within unincorporated areas.

PART 3: That the action of the City Council of the City of Brackettville enacting this Ordinance constitutes, on the date of its final passage, a final determination of rates for CPL within the City of Brackettville in accordance with Section 43(e) of the Public Utility Regulatory Act.

PART 4: Nothing in this Ordinance contained shall be construed now or hereafter as limiting or modifying, in any manner, the right and power of the City under the law to regulate the rates and charges of CPL.

PART 5: That all Ordinances, Resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

PASSED FINALLY ON THIS 12 Day of June, A.D. 1989.

ATTEST:
Ginger Hooten Vito La Gioia
City Secretary Mayor

Late Bulletin! Public Hearing!

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing pursuant to the development of an Enterprise Zone within the boundaries of the City of Brackettville, Texas will be conducted on the 26th day of June 1989 at the City Hall building in the City of Brackettville beginning at 4:30 p.m. The area proposed for the Enterprise Zone shall consist of the entire incorporated area of the City of Brackettville.

All interested parties, including residents of the proposed zone are encouraged to present their views at the hearing.

Examples of local incentives for Enterprise Zones in Texas; Tax Incentives; Local sales or use tax refunds, deferrals. Local property tax abatement.

Financial Incentives: Low interest loans for businesses - Venture capital pools - Targeted grants and State funds - Waiver of development fees -

Leveraged loan pool for zone businesses - Shared Foreign Sales Corporations.

Regulatory Relief:

Zoning changes or variances - Accelerated zoning and permit procedures - Exemptions from unnecessary building code requirements - Deferred compliance with subdivision and development ordinances.

Capital improvements in water and sewer facilities - Road Repair - Creation or improvement of Parks - Neighborhood youth centers.

Job Training and Services:

Retraining programs or customized job training - Job grants for new, permanent jobs - Employee relocation support - Literacy and employment skills programs - Vocational education.

Business/Industrial Services: Use of surplus school buildings or other underutilized publicly owned facilities as business incubators -

Reduced utility rates charged by locally owned utilities - Provision of publicly owned land for development purposes - Special one-stop permitting and problem resolution centers - Promotion and marketing services for zone and zone businesses.

Enhanced Community Services:

Improved fire and police protection - Community crime prevention programs - Day-care provisions - Special public transit routes, reduced fares, or worker shuttles - Drug abuse programs - Energy conservation programs - Senior citizen assistance programs - Health and clinic services - Community clean-up.

Improvements to Housing:

Low interest loans for housing rehabilitation or improvement - Transfer of land or abandoned housing to individuals or community groups - Creation of a homestead program - Weatherization of zone housing.

Commissioners Court Meets

by Jennifer Pasanski

Commissioners Court met in regular session June 12, at 9:00 a.m. at the County Courthouse. Below is a list of actions that transpired.

One Set of Metal Ballot Boxes Ordered

Five sets of metal ballot boxes were requested by County Clerk Dolores Raney. One was authorized by the Court. The extra boxes are required due to the new regulation instructing the storage of ballots for 20 months on any election that includes Federal offices or Federal propositions on the ballot.

Bills Approved

All County bills were approved with the exception of one bill from the County Clerk's office that requires a line adjustment.

County Representatives

County representatives for purchasing Texas surplus items were appointed to: County Judge, County Commissioners, County Sheriff and County Agent.

Storm Warning

Ralph Beard, President of Fort Clark Springs, addressed the Court on the need for a storm warning siren as many persons on the Fort were unable to hear the sirens during this past tornado emergency. This is being looked into.

Line Items Amended

Line items in the amount of \$636.47 were amended.

Advertisement Authorized

Advertisement on personnel and

fuel pickup for the County Road Department was approved.

County Health Officer Appointed
Dr. Luz was appointed as the County Health officer.

Cafeteria Life Insurance

The Cafeteria Life Insurance program was named by the Government. The reason being that it allows 150 varieties of deductions available to groups. (Generally with 50 or more employees.)

Diane Zertuche, an independent representative of the plan, approached the Commissioners Court at the request of County Treasurer Carlotta De La Rosa.

According to Zertuche, the official name of the Cafeteria Plan is Internal Revenue Service Section #125. U.S. Congress, as well as the IRS, passed a law in 1978 that said that employees (at that time it mainly applied to Unions) could deduct 150 different items off of their gross salary, thus allowing employers and employees more take home pay.

Zertuche also said it was basically a pay increase and that all State agencies were under Section #125 and that most municipalities were.

Zertuche is an agent of the Val Verde County municipalities and said she has saved Val Verde County \$17,900 the first year and \$84,000 to the employees in take home pay.

Commissioners requested that the decision to join with the plan be tabled until further investigation.

Building Lease

The lease of the restored building on the corner of Ann and Spring Street

belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Davis was discussed.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis were present at Commissioners Court to discuss the possibility of leasing this building. The County hopes to obtain a building to house medical services offered by the M.R.G.D.E.

Many additions would be needed on the building in question. The Davis' seem willing to make the needed adjustments. A wrench was thrown in the wheel, as the County law requires that leases be granted on a yearly basis.

The Davis' felt skeptical to invest and make the needed additions with only a one year lease to rely on. The discussion was tabled until further investigations.

BC/BS

Mr. Mosley, a representative from Blue Cross Blue Shield, attended the Commissioners Court at the request of Commissioners.

Commissioner Garza questioned Mr. Mosley on the life insurance plan of the deceased County Judge Albert Postell. Garza questioned why BC/BS had accepted premium payments from Postell when they did not offer life insurance after retirement.

Mr. Mosley stated that all he could project was that the bookkeepers must not have caught the error.

Commissioners asked if Mosley would let them know what type of life insurance policies are available. Mosley agreed to prepare some packages and bring them to the next Commissioners Court meeting.

Unit 2 of STP Operates on Full Power

Unit 2 of the South Texas Project Electric Generating Station reached 100 percent power late Saturday evening, June 10. It is currently generating over 1,260 net megawatts of electricity of which Central Power and Light Co. customers are receiving approximately 317 megawatts. CPL owns 25.2 percent of the nuclear power plant.

"A little less than a year ago we welcomed Unit 1's operation at 100 percent power. Unit 2's 100 percent power achievement marks the completion of STP's construction and testing era," said Tom Shockley, CPL president and chief executive officer.

On Sunday afternoon, Houston Lighting & Power Co. officials began the crucial 100-hour nuclear team supply acceptance test. The consecutive 100-hour test must be accomplished for warranty information and before the plant can be considered for commercial operation. A reactor trip, which drops the plant from full power to zero output instantaneously, will also be performed at the 100 percent power level.

Upon successful completion of all 100 percent power tests, STP's managing owner, HL&P, is expected to declare Unit 2 available for commercial operation. The Public Utility Commission also must make a declaration of commercial operation before CPL and HL&P can include the plant in their rates. Commercial operation is expected in mid- to late June.

The Press

"The history of American journalism suggests that any newspaper which isn't most of the time being threatened, harassed and at least verbally assaulted by government simply isn't doing its job."

-Rep. Edward Mezvinsky, Democrat, Iowa

Mayor Requests Water Conservation

The City of Brackettville needs your cooperation in conserving water as much as possible. We are pumping water from the Edwards Aquifer and the water level has been dropping due to usage. We have not had enough rainfall to recharge the Aquifer.

Please check for leaks at your water faucets, toilets, etc. Avoid watering lawns at the hottest part of the day. Try and cut down on everyday use of water. Now is a good time to get into the habit. Please help us, help you.



which time TDC will also designate the day of the transport week that has been allowed the particular county.

Should a department miss its designated call day or call in too late after available slots have been filled, that county must then wait until the next rotation call day. This is sometimes a month or two. The sheriff's department must then hold the sentenced prisoner for at least that amount of time at county expense.

Sound confusing? It is! Adding to the confusion is the alphabetical order system devised by TDC that determines what region a county is in. Counties in the same region may be hundreds of miles apart.

This prevents county sheriffs from joining together in prisoner transport as has been done so successfully in the past to save money, time and manpower. As an example; Kinney, Val Verde and Edwards counties are adjoining counties, yet, all three are in different regions with different call days and transport weeks.

Therefore, we cannot join together in working out a prisoner transport agreement as in the past. This type agreement has been of particular benefit to rural counties such as Edwards and Kinney as we seldom have more than one or two prisoners to transport at a given time. Del Rio has a larger volume, thus more equipment and manpower for this purpose. In the past we have assisted with expenses of the trip thereby saving the county money.

In an attempt to alleviate this situation, several of the southwestern county sheriffs have signed a letter of appeal to TDC officials asking that we be reassigned to the same region thereby giving us the same call day and transport week. If approved by TDC, we will once again be able to work out a prisoner transport agreement in the best interest of all concerned.

The Del Rio Narcotics Trafficking Task Force, of which we are a member, is applying for a new grant from the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's office. The tri-county Drug Enforcement Task Force has been instrumental in several drug related arrests and seizures in the

A serious confrontation between a large black bull and a 1987 Chrysler developed on Ranch Road 1908 late Friday night, June 9. The driver of the car, a Quemado resident, reported that her car struck the bull as he stood in the road just west of Hwy 131 on Ranch Road 1908. The dark night and his black color made it almost impossible for her to see the bull in time to avoid the accident.

The bull, though badly injured from the impact, began charging the car after the accident, inflicting further damage to the vehicle and scaring the driver, who stated that at times it seemed that the bull was determined to get into the car with her. The agent representing the ranch that owned the bull, was contacted and upon his arrival at the scene it was decided to humanely destroy the animal, due to his severe injuries and for the safety of those at the scene.

We have received confirmation from the Texas Department of Corrections in Huntsville that they will accept two prisoners from us that have been sentenced to prison as a result of their convictions for their crimes against society.

The prisoners will be transported to TDC on Monday, June 19. They were sentenced to 17 years and 3 years respectively, the first for Aggravated Possession of Marihuana and the second for Forgery.

Under the new system of receiving prisoners, that was developed by TDC Texas counties, have been divided into regions by alphabetical order. Each region has a designated day by rotation on which to call TDC to make reservations for prisoner transport to TDC the following week.

The confirmation from TDC usually occurs the following day at

three county areas of Edwards, Val Verde and Kinney counties since it first came into being over a year ago.

We have now included within the task force representatives from the DEA, U.S. Border Patrol, Customs and other local law enforcement agencies in our on-going war against drugs. We anticipate many more arrests and seizures in the year to come attributed directly to the combined efforts of the task force.

Three members of the current Kinney County Commissioners Court deserve special mention and my gratitude for their efforts of Wednesday afternoon, June 14, in calling together an Emergency Meeting in order to pass and sign a resolution approving Kinney County's participation in the project.

The signed resolutions from each participating agency had to be in Austin no later than Thursday, June 15, 1989, and we did not receive the paperwork until late Tuesday, June 13.

Commissioners Bill Bizzell, Rose Mary Slubar and Joe Garza made an extra special effort to call together the emergency meeting and pass the resolution. County Judge Tommy Seargeant and Commissioner Ruben Fuentes were out of town and thus unable to participate.

THAT'S ALL!

Enterprise Zone

The City of Brackettville is currently working on an Enterprise Zone Program.

INTRODUCTION
The Enterprise Zone Program would provide meaningful and practical incentives to promote urban and economic development, creates jobs and stimulate capital investments.

The Enterprise Zone Program is derived from the following principles.

1. To encourage business investment and job creation, with an emphasis on the retention and expansion of existing businesses.
2. To improve the general appearance of the City and quality of life by providing incentives that promote economic growth.
3. To enhance, expand and diversify employment opportunities.
4. To develop a management tool that coordinates and facilitates capital investments and removes unnecessary government regulatory barriers in the City.

Vito La Gioia

Rainfall Report

Three inches of rain Friday, 1/2 inch Saturday night and a sprinkle Sunday was reported on the Pinto Farm!

"The Diary of Adam and Eve"

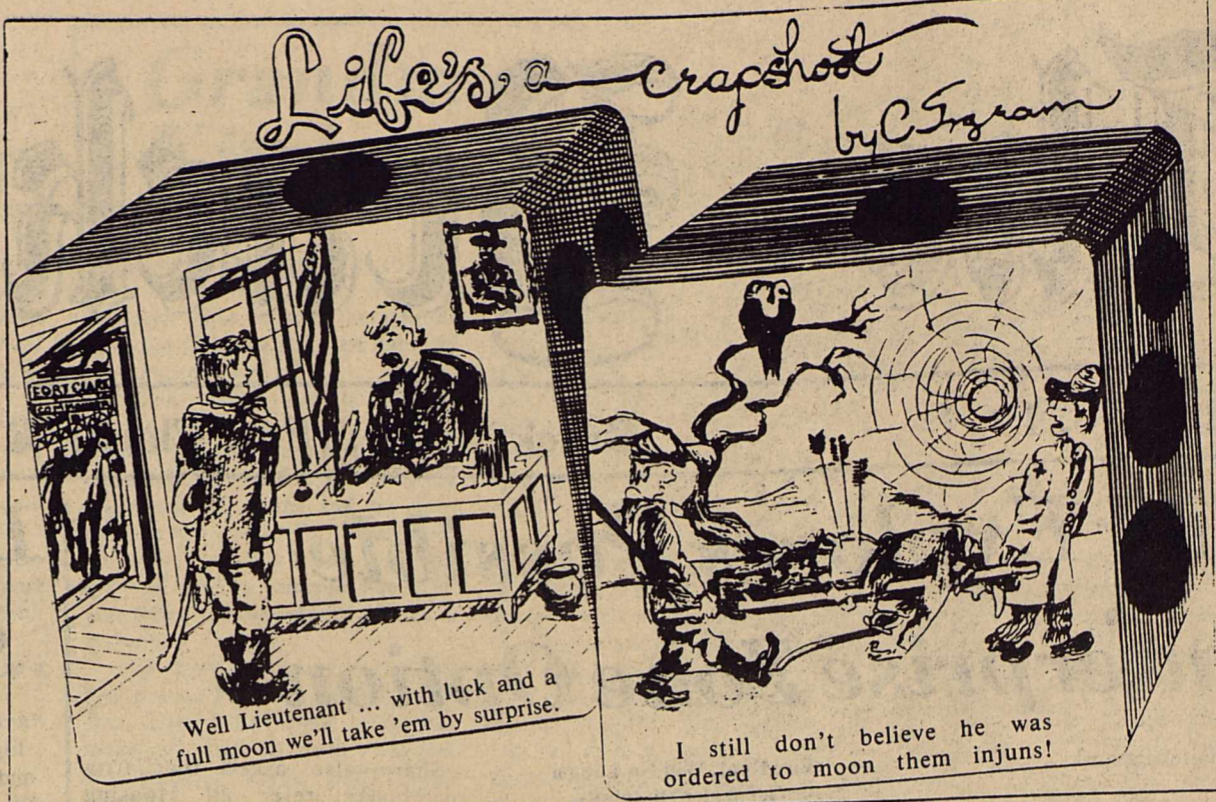
by Penny Nixon
"The Diary of Adam and Eve," an award-winning, one act musical production will be performed in the Old Quarry Amphitheatre at Fort Clark Springs at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 24. The play is based on a fictionalized story of events in the Garden of Eden written by Mark Twain.

Sponsored by the Del Rio Upstagers, this production of "The Diary of Adam and Eve" won the State American Association of Community Theaters championship against groups from every major city in Texas. The production was also chosen as first runner-up in the National Regional competition in Ardmore, Oklahoma.

The award-winning production uses simple props for a focus on delightful dialogue. Directed by Cricket Gwynn, "The Diary of Adam and Eve" features Bruce Black as Adam, Nikki Holtgrewe as Eve, and Russell Lummas as The Snake.

This family-oriented musical production will play for one night only under the stars in the Old Quarry Amphitheatre at Fort Clark Springs. Sponsored by the Old Quarry Society for the Performing Arts, tickets cost \$3.00 for adults, \$1.50 for children under 12 years old. Tickets are available at the Fort Clark Springs Adult Center, or from Old Quarry Society members. For more ticket information, please call Marjorie Love at 563-9543.

Make plans to see this special, one time production of this outstanding version of Mark Twain's work.



Se Oh
Readers, this sunrise I will write an Indian Prayer.
Oh! Great Spirit whose voice I hear in the wind
And whose breath gives life to everyone.
Hear me,
I come to you as one of your children
I am weak, I am small and need your strength
Let me walk in beauty and let me walk in a ceremonial way

Let my eyes see the beauty that lies ahead
May I respect the things you have made
Make my ears sharp to hear only your voice and the voice of your creation
Make me wise so that I may understand others.
Let me be the instrument to teach others the lessons you have taught me
And may the children learn the things that are hidden in every leaf and

under every rock
I ask for patience and strength
Not to be superior to my brothers but to be able to fight my biggest enemy
And that is myself.
Make me ever ready to do your work on Mother Earth
Cleanse my soul and mind
Purify my heart so I can see only the good in others.

With good medicine,
Nakai



One of his truck drivers had reported to him that he had been run off the road by a two-toned green El Camino traveling at a high rate of speed.

I had to laugh. I, indeed, had passed a Southern Pacific truck. As I approached the Sycamore Creek bridge, I came upon this heavy equipment truck. Not wanting to tag along behind this truck, I decided to pass him.

Topping the hill from the east was approaching traffic. I sped up to pass and was clear, back in my lane with plenty of space to spare, where I slowed to my regular speed of 58 to 59 m.p.h.

I'd like for the driver of Southern Pacific to explain how one could run him off the road on a bridge. The fact of the obvious lie and a complaint to his boss and on to the Sheriff gave me pause to wonder. My first thought was maybe he had been drinking.

It was mid-afternoon and this could have been. Then I thought, maybe he is just naturally a cantankerous

person who likes to cause trouble. Then it occurred to me, he may have had a fight with his wife, or maybe he had financial troubles.

At any rate, he consumed time of the trainmaster and Sheriff Hooten and all in between and made up a lie to do it.

If it helped the man's ego or made him feel bigger, then it's okay by me. He surely must have needed something.

There are always people who cannot handle their own problems but want to interfere in the lives of others. There is, however, no substitute for honesty.

Had I been driving all over the road and had I really driven him off the road, I could understand him reporting a possible DWI. To tell a lie to make himself feel important shows he is to be pitied, rather than censured.

Such incidents add a little spice to life and even give rise to a chuckle or two, but I'm not sure they are helpful to anyone.

Hoover Travels from Maryland to Texas to Work at Alamo Village

by Jennifer Pasanski
Kay Hoover moved from Maryland to Texas, with her daughters Julie and Becky, to work at Alamo Village.

"It's the only historical place in Texas I'd like to work at," stated Kay.

Kay has an avid interest in history and her lifestyle reflects it. She is an Early American History teacher and a member of the Pre-1800's National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association.

The Muzzle Association participates in living historical re-enactments of the pre-1800's. The re-enactments are so life-like and authentic that a majority of the members make their own clothes using elk horn needles and home spun thread. They also make all of their dishes and case their own buttons. They dye their clothes with walnuts and berries. The organization is very detailed.

"As a history teacher, what I learn, I take into the classroom and makes for much better teaching," stated Kay.

Kay and her daughters reside in Del Rio. Kay hopes to teach at the Del Rio school district. Julie, Kay's oldest daughter, has joined the Air Force and will be leaving December 27.

Her younger daughter, Becky, is a high school Senior and is working at the Trading Post at Alamo Village. Becky stated, "It's nice here." Becky had previously worked at the Grotto Caverns in Maryland as a tour guide.

The Hoovers lifestyle also reflects a bit of history. The family previously resided in Gettysburg, Maryland and they lived right in the middle of the Antietam Battle field. Kay's furniture is from the Dutch Omish era.

"I like working in the Indian Shop. I really relate and sympathize with the quest of the American Indian and their struggle to keep their tradition," stated Kay.

Kay's other interests are musical.

She was a church pianist for 12 years and plays the accordion and wood wind instruments. She also was on

the Maryland tourist council for two years.



Kay and Becky Hoover pose at Alamo Village in dresses made for them by "Rusty and Aunt Betty" stated Kay.

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by Mark Brown

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

(Editor's Note: The Brackett News welcomes new columnist Mark Brown. Mark has a syndicated column that he runs in several newspapers.

We agreed to run Mark's very informative and professional column as an added interest to our readers.)

by Mark Brown "Law of the Land" is a new monthly column for ranchers and farmers. It is dedicated to those who draw their living from the land.

Today, most ag operators work hard at taking care of their land. Good stewardship is needed, however, on a legal level as well as a biological level. Estate taxes, for example, can be just as devastating to a family's land holdings as over-grazing can. Liability for a hunting accident can wipe out an operation about as fast as a bad drought can.

Most farmers and ranchers aren't lawyers, and I imagine don't want to be. But they can benefit from having an appreciation for the legal risks and opportunities of land ownership.

While this column is no substitute for a law degree and law license, hopefully it will help educate about potential legal hazards to land so that the landowner will know when a visit to the landowner's attorney might be in order.

In the coming months, this column will discuss:

...ways of protecting your land against liability from hunting accidents

...assuring that roads through your place are not unwittingly dedicated to public use

...taking full advantage of estate and gift tax deductions and

...limiting utility easements and mineral leases to minimize injury to your land and interference with your operation.

This column also will discuss:

...why careful selection of an executor and the powers the executor will have can be crucial to a peaceful settlement of the estate

...what problems can arise from owning land with others in undivided shares

...who is responsible for mortgage payments when land is owned by a life tenant and remaindermen and

...what are the civil or criminal penalties for removing a common fence without giving proper notice to the adjoining landowner.

Each monthly article will begin by cautioning that no one should attempt to use this column to be their own lawyer. This column is no substitute for consulting an attorney who can apply these general legal principles as well as their nuances and any other relevant law to the individual's specific circumstances. This column can provide only a general education regarding the law of the land. If it does that, it will be well worth the effort.

Law of the Land

For family-owned farms and ranches some of the best news in the last 15 years has been the federal enactment and phase-in of (1) the estate tax credit, which now amounts

to a \$600,000 deduction from total estate value, and (2) the estate tax special use valuation, which can amount to a \$750,000 deduction from the value of farm or ranch land. An estate that qualifies fully for both these deductions can have a market value of up to \$1,350,000 and yet pass to one's family without having to pay a single dollar of federal taxes or Texas inheritance tax.

Since the federal marital deduction law enables one spouse to give the other any amount of property without having to pay estate or gift taxes, a husband or wife who owns enough land to have to worry about those kind of taxes (the "landed spouse") can give their spouse (the "receiving spouse") enough of the ranch or farm so that the receiving spouse's \$1,350,000 deduction potential can also be utilized. This doubles, to \$2,700,000, the size of the family estate that can be passed on free of estate and inheritance tax.

Everything works fine if the receiving spouse follows the program and gives the land to the kids. At this point along the estate planning trail, however, the lecheguilla can get pretty thick and some folks will pull up. What if the receiving spouse later gets touched in the head and, say, wills the land to the Save-A-Coyote Foundation as a predator preserve? That risk, that the receiving spouse will someday go sideways and not pass the land on to the children, could discourage the landed spouse to take advantage of the \$1,350,000 deduction potential that the receiving spouse has. Without that deduction the family could end up paying upwards of \$500,000 or more in estate and inheritance tax.

Believe it or not, the U.S. Congress recognized this problem and has provided a tool to handle it. This tool is known as the QTIP, which stands for Qualified Terminable Interest Property. The QTIP, in general terms, allows the landed spouse to give the receiving spouse outright.

The landed spouse gets to designate who will inherit the land when the receiving spouse dies, but the land still gets sheltered from estate and inheritance tax by the receiving spouse's \$1,350,000 deduction potential. The life estate entitles the receiving spouse to only the income from the land during that spouse's lifetime. When the receiving spouse dies, the land passes according to the directions left by the landed spouse, even though the land is considered to be in the receiving spouse's estate for estate tax purposes.

Please realize that special use valuation and QTIPs are complex tax animals. Qualifying for their protection requires very careful and expert estate planning, but can save a family ag operation hundreds of thousands of dollars. Some hard work by you and your attorney could leave both the tax collectors and the coyotes empty-handed.



by Frances Outlaw

Walter and Sheri Smith, along with one-year-old daughter Sabrina from Amelia, LA, are visiting with Sheri's Dad and Mom, Bill and Betty Terry, of Brackettville.

We all wish a speedy recovery to Valerie Finch who was operated on for a broken arm, Monday, June 12, at Val Verde Memorial Hospital in Del Rio. Valerie will probably be released from the hospital Wednesday or Thursday of this week.

Bob and Cindy Christopher, 9-year-old daughter Julia and 2-year-old son Jamie from De Sota, MO visited with Penny Nixon for a few days. Cindy and Penny have been best friends for many years and it was really a great reunion for them.

Dave and Edie Sharp made a pilgrimage to Normandy Beach, France for the 45th anniversary of "D" Day. They visited the grave of Norman Langmaid who was in Dave's wing and squadron in the Air Force.

They also commented on the number of French people who were out and about mourning the G.I's

resting in the cemetery. After 45 years the French still care.

After Normandy, they followed the allied battle lines up to Belgium, Holland into Germany, where they went to the Black Forest, visited with a friend who runs a gasthaus (hotel), another friend who gave them homemade honey and on to see "The Zugspitz" Mountain in Garmisen, the Lower German Alps, the Australian Alps and the French Alps.

They report that the coffee was "super spectacular" the food great and plentiful. The entire Europe visit was cleaner than you can believe. No trash anywhere.

After attending his 50th High School Reunion in Eustis, Florida, Don Swanson and wife, Fran, traveled to Orlando, Florida to spend a week with his brother Henery.

Jerry Adams is enjoying a visit from his mother, Mrs. Rose Adams. Mrs. Adams is a resident of La Porte, Texas.

She's looking forward to going fishing while visiting. Jerry hopes to keep her for a couple of "months".



by Gus Garcia

The 1989 Summer Reading Program just started last Monday, June 12, with the Club's theme being "Creatures Features". The program started with 12 children participating in the 3 - 5 age category, which is headed by the new Head Librarian, Irma Perez, along with volunteer Gus Garcia.

Mrs. Perez and Gus will head all age groups. The 3 - 5 age group will meet on every Monday in June and 3 Mondays in July from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Ages 6 - 8 will meet every Wednesday in June and also 3 Wednesdays in July from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

The 9 - 12 age group will meet every Thursday in June and also 3 Thursdays in July from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. NO more children will be accepted, since the club is full to its maximum capacity, but more volunteers are needed.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete and Rachel Van Maren are the proud new parents of their brand new baby daughter, Leah Pierce Van Maren, born Sunday, June 4. Leah is welcomed by her 3-year-old sister, Kara.

On their way to the hospital in Uvalde, they were delayed by a train. If the train had been there much longer, Leah would have been born in the industrious city of Kline.

Dorothy Roberts is now celebrating the arrival of her new baby granddaughter, Danielle Marie Jennings. Dorothy's daughter, Joy Jennings gave birth to her second child on Monday, June 5, at Uvalde. Danielle is welcomed by her 2-year-old sister, Brittany Nicole Jennings.

Time for the GRAPEVINE'S birthday list!!!! HAPPY BIRTHDAYS go to: "Big Mama" Essie Coker on the 15th.

Dan Foreman on the 16th. James K. Rushing on the 17th. Travis Barrett on the 19th. Rogelio Herrera also on the 19th. Happy Birthday to Molly Ardrey, also on the 19th, wow!

And a special birthday wish to my Momma, Sylvia Garcia, on the 20th. Happy Birthday to Jessica Williams who will turn 12, also on the 20th.

A belated birthday goes out to Rebecca Resendez whose birthday was on the 6th.

Happy Father's Day to all the fathers of Kinney County, especially to my father Eloy and my other "Dad" Mr. P. Melancon.

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Highlighting ★ Seminole Indian Scout Cemetary Assoc.

Games Bar-B-Q Music

12:00 noon - Donations will be accepted

Parade 9:30 a.m. - Gathering at Southwestern Communications office on Ann St. Parade starts at 10:00 a.m. and ends at the Carver School parking lot. 11:00 a.m. - Parade awards by Mrs. Roger Blanks of Del Rio.

Booths Anyone wishing to be in the parade or place a booth on Carver School grounds, please contact Beverly A. Wright at 563-2904 after 5:00 p.m. (You may even have a yard sale) All we ask is for a donation to the Seminole Indian Scout Cemetary Association.

Disco Dance Place: Ft. Clark Town Hall Price: \$2.50 per person - contact Rudy Goodloe at 563-9468 for tickets.

Sale T-shirts (in all sizes) \$10.00 each Caps (Hats) \$ 7.00 each

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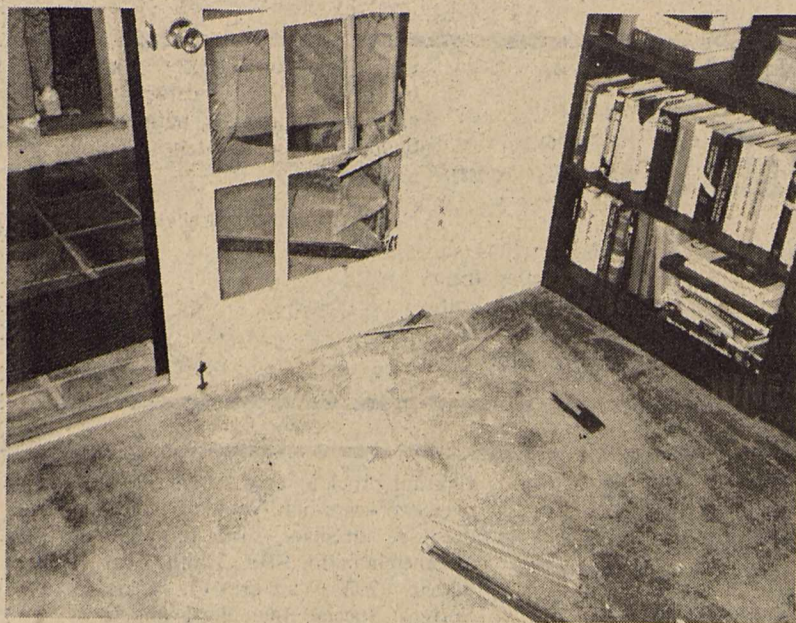
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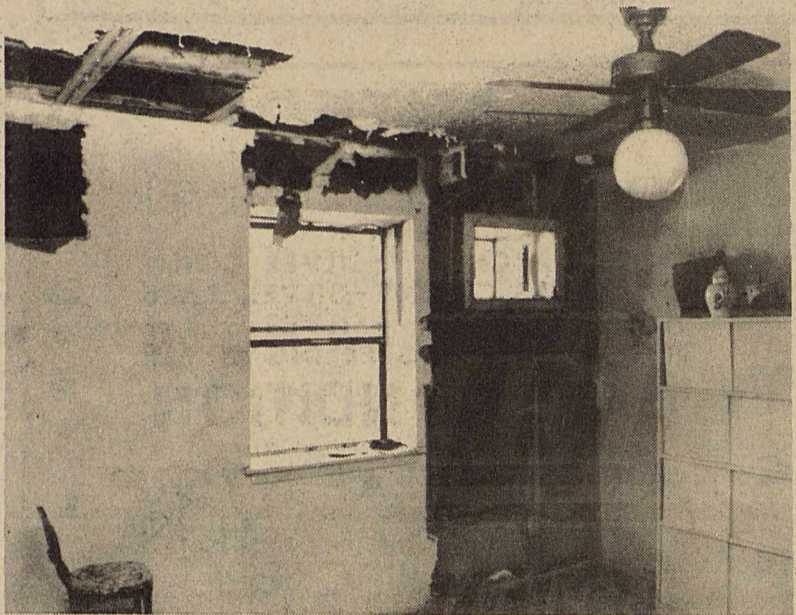
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Charred damage in the upstairs portion of the Barker's home caused by lightning Tuesday night, June 14.

What is VolksMarch?

This is Volksmarch!

by Penny Nixon
BRACKETTVILLE - The Volksmarch on July 8 and 9, at Fort Clark Springs is for anyone who likes to walk, swim, or ride a bike. The Selma Pathfinders, a member club of the American Volkspart Association, is sponsoring six non-competitive events designed to involve the whole family in outdoor recreation.

The events, 10 kilometer walks, a 25 kilometer bike ride and 200 meter lap swims, will start anytime participants choose between 7 a.m. and noon on Saturday, July 8, and Sunday, July 9. A Saturday evening "Nite Walk" will allow hikers to start between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to finish before 8 p.m.

Volksparts are organized events for people who like to get outside, regardless of their age. These aren't contests of speed or endurance, but opportunities to enjoy nature and earn a sense of pride in accomplishing an event.

Participants go at their own pace, but must complete the event before the set finish time. Swimmers, for example, can pause and rest between laps, but must remain in the pool to successfully complete the event.

Anyone who pays the registration fee and completes the required distance is declared a winner and will receive a medal embossed with the

Fort Clark Springs logo. Those who complete more than one event will receive bars that attach to the medal.

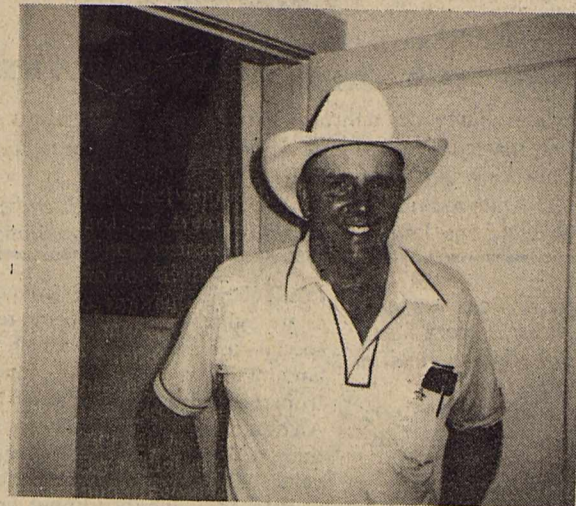
Registration for the initial event medal and bar is \$5.00. Additional event bars are \$2.50 the day of the event. Participation without an award or credit is free. Dogs, on leashes, are allowed on Volksmarch trails.

Friendly Selma Pathfinder club members will operate control points and offer free candy and drinks to participants. The 10 kilometer walks will be along the wooded paths and back roads of Fort Clark Springs. The 25 kilometer bike ride on Saturday will include a stretch of Highway 131 between the Fort and Spofford. Swimming events will be in the giant, 1.5 million gallon swimming pool just past the Las Moras Inn Restaurant.

The registration/start point will be the Nat Mendelsohn Activity Center on Scales Road. Food and drinks will be available all day under the shade trees directly across the road from the Activity Center.

For Volksmarch information, please contact Gus Spradling, 13635 Oak Meadows, Universal City, TX 78148, (512) 658-8576, or Penny Nixon, Fort Clark Springs, (512) 563-2493.

Just For The Fun Of It!



Dan Foreman

Place born - New Iberia, South Louisiana.

Occupation - Retired.

Favorite food - Fajitas.

What's the best movie you've ever seen? "Gone With The Wind".

Best book you've read lately - "The Raven - Biography of Sam Houston."

Hobbies you enjoy - Hunting & fishing.

Your friends say you're - Obnoxious.

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

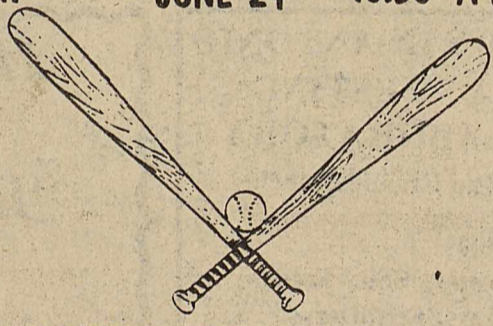
Secretly you've always wanted to be - A lawyer.

If you could change anything about Brackettville, what would it be? The availability of goods - more stores.

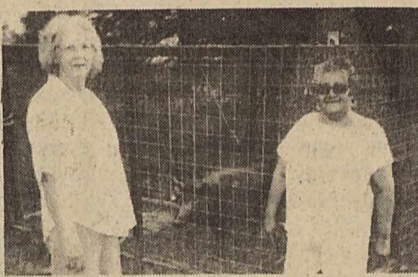
In one word describe yourself - Lazy.

Little League & T-Ball

HOME	VISITORS	DAY	DATE	TIME
COWBOYS	VS CUBS	TUESDAY	JUNE 20	5:30 P.M.
RAMS	VS ASTROS	TUESDAY	JUNE 20	7:30 P.M.
LIONS	VS COWBOYS	FRIDAY	JUNE 23	5:30 P.M.
CUBS	VS RAMS	FRIDAY	JUNE 23	7:30 P.M.
TOP GUNS	VS FIREBALLS	SATURDAY	JUNE 24	9:00 A.M.
BOMBERS	VS CARDINALS	SATURDAY	JUNE 24	10:30 A.M.



HOMERUN!!!



Mary San Miguel and Josie Estrada stand beside a javelina that was captured at 11:30 p.m. Tuesday night (after story was written).

They are short, stocky, have long dark dense bristles and have no compassion for others when family is involved. They have sharp fangs and are about two and a half feet tall. "They" are the infamous javelinas of Kinney County. How would you like to have these little creatures run around your house at all hours of the night?

Mrs. Mary "Chita" San Miguel has been dealing with this problem since

Javelinas Invade Yard

last Sunday. Her little visitors have entered her yard as well as her neighbor's lot. The "visitors" made themselves at home, by digging up the garden and tipping over water buckets. Their nightly visits have continued since Sunday.

The pack, consisting of two adult javelinas and six to eight baby javelinas, have not yet been captured by a trap set by Chief of Police, Johnny Fritter and other authorities. The funny thing is, the trap is about

100 feet from the place of entry and is facing a different direction. Corn has been placed in the trap as bait and a container of water OUTSIDE the trap.

From this reporter's view, it seemed the midnight intruders were pretty heavy. Deep hoof prints were found in the place of entry along with snout prints. When asked how she reacted to the intruders, Mrs. San Miguel responded by saying: "I was frightened, but more mad ... We went out there with no sticks or anything, trying to drive them out, which we did!"

The javelinas arrive at different hours of the night. Once they visited about 4:00 a.m. and at a different day they visited about 11:00 p.m. No one is sure where they come from, but Mrs. San Miguel sure knows where she would like them, in a good hot tamale. If you know anything about this predicament, please notify the authorities. If you see them, keep away. They might be deadly.

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Little League Update

by Martha Smallwood

LIONS 21, CUBS 2
 Friday, June 9 - 5:30 p.m.

LIONS pitcher Jerry Cedillo and relief pitcher Ramon De Leon limited the CUBS to two hits. Cedillo and De Leon scored four and two runs respectively to help carry the LIONS to a triumph over the CUBS 21-2.

Also making the runs for the LIONS were Beau Smallwood - 3, Courtney Harrison - 1, John Smith - 1, J. Wayne Ballew - 1, Ruben Terrazas - 1, Chris Mulligan - 3, Michael Aguirre - 1, Nacho Aguirre - 3 and Jose Aguirre - 1.

Scorers for the CUBS were pitcher Domingo Villarreal - 1 and 3rd baseman Pat Conlin - 1. Domingo Villarreal and Frank Valenzuela shared the pitching duties for the CUBS.

COWBOYS 15, ASTROS 3
 Friday, June 9 - 7:30 p.m.

The second game of a doubleheader was between the COWBOYS and the ASTROS. The COWBOYS defeated

the ASTROS 15 - 3.

Leading the COWBOYS with four runs was Anthony Rubino, who also hit an infield homerun. Also scoring were Wil Shahan - 3, Joey Pena - 2, Jared Shahan - 2, Kelly Henrich - 1, Pat Melancon - 1, Juan Falcon - 1 and Moses Hernandez - 1.

Scoring for the ASTROS were Luis Guajardo - 1, Rocky Aguirre - 1, and Sean Burks - 1.

Joey Pena was the lone pitcher for the winning COWBOYS, while Jorge Rodriguez and Sean Burks pitched for the ASTROS.

Tuesday, June 13

A doubleheader scheduled to play on this day were rained out. Games have been rescheduled to play on Wednesday, June 14. First game will be between CUBS vs RAMS at 5:30 p.m. Followed by a game between the LIONS vs ASTROS.

LOOKING AHEAD
 RAMS vs. LIONS Friday, June 16 - 5:30 p.m.

COWBOYS vs. CUBS Friday, June 16 - 7:30 p.m.

Church Directory

CHURCH OF CHRIST

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.
 WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 A.M.
 BIBLE STUDY (SUN) 6:30 P.M.
 BIBLE STUDY (WED) 7:00 P.M.

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 CONFESIONS WED. & SAT. 6:00 P.M.
 RELIGION CLASSES WED. 7:00 P.M.
 RELIGION CLASSES SUN. 9:15 A.M.
 PRAYER MEETING (SPANISH) WED 7:00 P.M.

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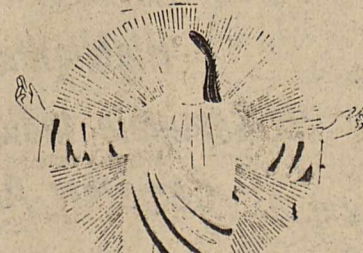
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 A.M.
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 WORSHIP SERVICE (SUN) 7:00 P.M.
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 SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE (T.B.A.)
 (to be announced)
 WED. PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY 7:00 P.M.

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June 19 - 23

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WANTED!!

Information For Community Calendar.

REWARD: Higher attendance at meetings and events!

Please leave event schedules at *The Brackett News* office (507 S. Ann St.) so we can publish a calendar.

Jones Elementary Honor Roll

The Jones Elementary students that made the honor roll for the 6th six weeks are as follows:

2nd Grade - James Burks, Moses Villarreal, Tiffany Reschman, Jose Luis Perez, Anna Gomez, David Foster, Jessica York, Jerritt Meeks, Sonya Correa, Graciela Terrazas.

3rd Grade - Jon Banta, Crystal Juarez, Michael Meyer, Alfred Rodriguez, Cecilia Terrazas, Cherrise Ward, J. Wayne Ballew, Jose Juan Garcia, Luis Guajardo, Katy Hagler, Jo Lee Jones, Patrick Munoz, Jan Salmon, Jana Gabriel, Lupe Lumbreras, Samantha Perez, Ryan Spring, Laura Tobola, Eric Martinez, Caleb Crumley, Windy Goodloe, Ryan Guidry, Susana Hernandez, Brenda Martinez, Jorge Rodriguez, Demitres Williams.

4th Grade - Michael Aguirre, Amy

Bader, Josh Crumley, Lindy La Mascus, Jessica Payne, Melissa Terrazas, Lily Burgess, Beau Smallwood, Tim Hale, Jason Antillon, Mandy Cortes, Michelle Cruz, Daniel Lincon, Christina Reschman, Matthew Tobola, Brandy Meeks, Courtney Harrison, David Melancon.

5th Grade - Katie Hall, Isabel Aguirre, Valerie Jimenez, Maximo Mendoza, Rocio Molinar, Reagan Spring.

6th Grade - Sarah Kelley, Kelly Henrich, Patrick Melancon, Jennifer Miears, Damien Martinez, Kim Ahrens, Michael Benacci, Michael Munoz, Manuel Ramon, Christopher Hale, Jeffrey Hood, Vicky Abrigo, Christopher Mulligan, Sean Burks, Matthew Benacci, Gerardo Cedillo, Teresa Perez, Jessica Williams.

B.I.S.D Students May Test For Grade Advancement

Advanced placement testing will be conducted at the Education Service Center, Region 20, on July 29, 1989. TEA Code 21.724 states that a student in a primary grade level shall be given credit for a grade level and advanced one grade level on the basis of a board-approved advanced placement examination if the following conditions are satisfied:

- 1) The student scores in the 90th percentile or above on each section of the examination;
- 2) A school district representative recommends that the student be advanced; and
- 3) The student's parent or guardian gives written approval of the advancement.

Junior and Senior school students shall be given credit for a subject on

the basis of a board-approved advanced placement examination in a subject if the student scores in the 90th percentile or above on the examination. A student given credit in a subject on the basis of an AP examination will have the examination score entered on his/her transcript.

To be eligible for advanced placement testing, a BISD student must have demonstrated a ranking of at least the 90th percentile on the 1988 - 1989 California Achievement Test. Identification will be required of all students at the test site to register for advanced placement testing. Please contact Steve Mills, Jones Elementary Principal at 563-2492, no later than June 21, 1989.



Thursday, June 15 - 6:30 p.m.
Lions Club - Las Moras Inn

Thursday, June 15 - 7:00 p.m.
Theater Workshop - all ages
Ft. Clark Town hall

Thursday, June 15 - 7:00 p.m.
Civil Air Patrol - Cadets (13-21 yrs.)
Tower building east side of Uvalde airport
Call George Fear at 278-8192 for info

Friday, June 16 - 9a.m. - 4p.m.
Driver's license renewal
Kinney County Courthouse - upstairs

Saturday, June 17 - 9:00 a.m.
Juneteenth Celebration
Carver School Grounds
(See ad page 3.)

Saturday, June 17 - 12:00 noon
Juneteenth Bar-B-Que
Carver School Grounds

Saturday, June 17 - 10:00 a.m.
Juneteenth Parade
Southwestern Communications office to Carver School parking lot
(See ad page 3.)

Saturday, June 17 - 9:00 p.m.
Juneteenth Disco Dance
Ft. Clark Town Hall

Sunday, June 18 - 11:00 a.m.
Children's Church
First Baptist Church

Sunday, June 18 - 1:30 p.m.
Duplicate Bridge
Ft. Clark NCO Club

Monday, June 19 - 8:30 a.m.
Vacation Bible School starts
First Baptist Church
(See ad page 4.)

Monday, June 19 - 8:00 p.m.
A-A
Slator Hall, James St.

Monday, June 19 - 8:00 p.m.
Al-Anon
St. Andrews Episcopal Parish Hall

Tuesday, June 20 - 7:00 p.m.
Duplicate Bridge
Ft. Clark NCO Club

Thursday, June 22 - 12:00 noon
Rotary Club - Las Moras Inn

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

Thursday, June 22 - 7:00 p.m.
Civil Air Patrol - Cadets (13-21 yrs.)
Tower building east side of Uvalde airport
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Thursday, June 22 - 7:30 p.m.
Kinney County Kickers - square dancing
Ft. Clark NCO Club

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

Tuesday, June 27 - 6:30 p.m.
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Monday, July 10 - 9:00 a.m.
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Monday, July 10 - 4:30 p.m.
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Tuesday, July 11 - 7:00 p.m.
Masonic Lodge - Lodge Building

Thank You

I would like to say thanks, many thanks, to Calvin at Plaza Car Wash, Mrs. Cliff Belcher, Pat & Jack Lloyd and the mechanics from Auto Rebuilders, Armando, Pete and George from Brown Automotive and the girl at the airport who rented me a car. Most of these people I had never seen before, and yet, they went out of their way to help me when I had car trouble. Thanks again to all of you for helping me and for restoring my faith in my fellow man.
Jewel Robinson

Commodities Distribution Scheduled

The Community Council of Southwest Texas, Inc., will be distributing commodities on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 20 and 21, 1989, at the Community Council Office at 310-A East North Street. (Sunshine Food Co-op., Bldg.) down the street from Ray's Grocery Store in Brackettville. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BAG!

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Tax Cut in New State Budget

by Governor Bill Clements

More than a year ago, Texans across our state became increasingly alarmed and dismayed when certain state officials suggested that state government impose a burdensome state income tax on Texas taxpayers.

Such a tax, these state officials reasoned, was the best way to overcome a projected billion-dollar-plus discrepancy between proposed state spending needs and the anticipated amount of revenue available for the two-year budget period starting September 1.

Texans, however, are unalterably opposed, as I am, to a state income tax. There are better ways - more responsible ways - to balance the state budget.

As Ecclesiastes tells us, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose..."

Indeed, for state budget writers, this has been a season of challenge. But with the leadership of Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby and House Speaker Gib Lewis, and guidance from Comptroller Bob Bullock, state lawmakers confronted the fiscal challenge head-on.

They deserve praise for making tough and courageous decisions in a time of profound economic change in Texas.

The new \$47.4 billion dollar spending plan for the 1990-91 fiscal years has crossed my desk for review.

During the first half of June, as allowed by the Texas Constitution, I will receive the budget, line-by-line, in a diligent attempt to uncover unwise spending practices and ferret out waste.

Still, one fact is clear: For the Texas taxpayer, this is a good-news budget because the bottom line is no new taxes. In fact, the Texas budget includes a \$560 million tax cut.

Here's why: Our economy is expanding, creating new jobs and new opportunity with each passing day. As a result, state revenues have increased significantly.

The 1990-1991 budget includes \$3.2 billion in new revenue, partly because

of economic expansion and partly because we settled more than \$1.2 billion in contested tax lawsuits that have languished in state courts for years.

State Sen. Kent Caperton of Bryan and Representative James Hury of Galveston, working hand-in-hand with my office, deserve praise for their diligence in bringing these lawsuits to a close.

New taxes invariably stifle economic development and choke economic recovery. Consequently, lower taxes enhance growth and spur the creation of new jobs.

That's why, in my State of the State address last January, I urged the Texas Legislature not to renew a variety of temporary state taxes imposed two years ago in an effort to help weather the recession in Texas.

Sound fiscal policy and prudent public policy demands that the temporary taxes - higher franchise taxes, added fees on professionals and a new surcharge on insurance premiums - be allowed to expire.

For Texas taxpayers, it's a welcome change.

Consider this: *Not since the 1977 legislative session have state lawmakers approved any break in taxes. That year, the reduction amounted to half the current tax decrease when the Texas Legislature cut the state's inheritance tax and approved a residential tax exemption.

*The \$560 million tax cut included in the 1990-1991 state budget is the largest single decrease in state taxes since World War II.

But make no mistake, while taxes are down, state spending is being increased significantly as we strive to improve public education, fortify our crime-fighting efforts and enhance health and human services.

Indeed, excluding federal funds, state spending will increase 14.7 percent over current levels.

Spending on public education will increase nearly 10 percent.

Money allocated for public safety and law enforcement will increase more than 20 percent, as will health and human services spending.

And, state employees will receive a 5-percent pay increase and a significant boost in state-paid health insurance benefits - their first meaningful pay raise since 1985.

Clearly, Texas has endured. The Texas Legislature has weathered the "season of challenge."

This much is certain: State revenues can be increased significantly through economic expansion and job growth and by operating state government in a business-like fashion.

We need look no further than the 1990-1991 budget for proof.

Together, we achieved a new era of budgetary reform and fiscal accountability that should be applauded by all Texans.

Cardenas Reunion Held in Del Rio

The descendents of the late Serapio Cardenas and Petra Trevino Cardenas, of Del Rio, held their first family reunion on Saturday and Sunday, May 27 and 28, 1989.

A ranch-style breakfast at the old Cardenas' homestead, kicked off the reunion on Saturday morning. That evening, a dance was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, where all the families were introduced.

Sunday at noon, they met at Moore Park for a picnic, where they enjoyed a lunch of barbecue brisket with all

the trimmings. Games and a pinata were enjoyed by the grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Each family was distinguished one from the other by wearing a different colored T-shirt.

The shirts had a tree printed on the front, with each limb representing the daughters and sons which included: Irene C. Cardwell, Aurora C. Medrano, Ernesto, Serapio Jr., Oscar, Tomas (deceased), Carlos and Jesus T. Cardenas.

Approximately 140 family members attended the reunion, coming from Houston, Spring, Bay City, Dickinson, Austin, McAllen, San Antonio, Amarillo, Pecos and Brackettville, Texas.

The Pena family attending the reunion included: Reggie, Cecilia and Regina Pena of Bay City; Richard, Rosie and Renae Pena of Spring; Rebecca, Ricky and Marlena Moore of Del Rio; Martha, Beau and Matthew Smallwood, also, Pedro and Maria Elena Pena of Brackettville.

Prayer to St. Jude

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever.

Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for us. St. Jude worker of miracles pray for us. St. Jude help the helpless situations pray for us.

Say this prayer 9 times a day for 8 days and then publish. Your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised.

Thank you St. Jude A.V.

Grandma's Kitchen



Good morning!

Yea, that delicious smell is coming from my kitchen. I'm roasting almonds. Have to keep the jar full now that Grandpa is in the habit of snacking on them.

I was all set to tell you about Edgar Caeyce, but the more I mention his name, I find out that everybody has already heard of him. I was raised pretty near his home and my only regret is that I never got to meet him before he died. It's funny. You can grow up next to someone like that, and then hear about his talent 50 years later.

We've tried out lots of his healing tips and we have lots of books. In fact, some of his healing advice will make you laugh so hard, everytime you think of them, you'll laugh again.

I got a recipe the other day from one of my favorite people in the whole world. She cooks like Grandma, a pinch of this and a handful of that. She took the time to measure everything, just so she could have me try her delicious morning treat. Here goes an original:

C.J.'s Bran Muffins
 1 stick margarine 2 cups milk
 1 cup brown sugar 2 tsp cinnamon
 2 eggs 2 1/2 cups bisquick
 1 1/2 cups uncooked oats 1 cup raisins
 1 1/2 cups unprocessed bran
 1/2 cup finely chopped almonds
 Cream together margarine, brown sugar and eggs until soft and fluffy. Add bran, oats and milk and blend well. Add the rest of the ingredients and bake in muffin pan at 350° about 20 - 30 minutes. This depends on the size of your muffins. This

makes 12 jumbo muffins.

The next ingredients are optional and are delicious just in case you have it handy. One ripe mashed banana, one finely chopped apple, or about 1/2 cup chopped dates.

My, my, the more I write, the better this sounds. So I'm going to have to give this a try this morning, since it's cool enough to heat the oven. I'll let you know how good it is.

I tried that new health food I saw advertised several weeks back. It's called DELTA and it's so good I'm going to keep a supply on hand. You do have to experiment on what to mix with it just like all the others. This one's pretty good, so maybe I can lose that last 20 lbs with it.

As we took off on our trip, we decided to head for Marfa. I wanted to see those ghost lights I'd heard and read so much about and we were finally going to see them. Very strange and well worth the visit, so my advice is, stop and see them for yourself.

Here are a few tips for you to remember: If you freeze nuts before cracking, they'll shell a lot easier. Save the shells and put them in the bottom of your flower pots and planters. Makes good drainage. Storing garlic. If you grow your own garlic, but have trouble keeping it, just peel each clove and store them in tight-fitting lidded jars in the freezer until ready to use.

On refrigerating bananas. If bananas are placed in a plastic bag and then in the refrigerator, the peel will not turn brown, but remains a healthy yellow color. The inside stays delicious and does NOT get overripe.

Well, Grandma has about a million things running through her mind that keep saying, "I'm going to be top priority" so I'm going to give my pen a rest for this week, but before I do, I want to give you my recipe for a delicious applesauce cake "without" sugar.

Grandma's Applesauce Cake
 2 tsp cinnamon 3 large eggs
 1/2 cup raisins 1/2 cup apple juice
 1 tsp baking soda 2 tsp baking powder
 2 cups unbleached flour
 1/4 cup butter softened
 1 fresh apple, washed, peeled, cored and thinly sliced
 1/2 cup unsweetened applesauce
 TOPPING unsweetened applesauce, warmed.

In a medium-sized bowl beat together until creamy, butter, eggs, apple juice and applesauce. Add flour, baking powder, baking soda and cinnamon. Beat well, stir in raisins. Oil and flour 8" square baking pan. In the bottom of the pan, one layer deep, with thinly sliced apples, spoon batter over apples and smooth top. Bake at 350° for 25 to 30 minutes or until well browned. Invert onto a wire rack to cool - apple side up. To serve, spoon warm applesauce over each portion - mm - good.

I've gotta get my thoughts for the week in before I run out of paper.

Spring is wonderful. It makes you feel young enough to do all the things you're old enough to know you can't.

See you next week
 Big Hugs & Special Love
 Grandma

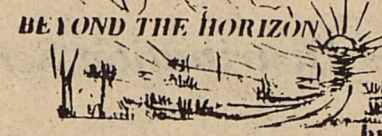
Unsung Hero

There is a fine lady in our town who has fought and won a lot of battles in life. In a single parent family she raised a fine son, all the while caring for her mother.

She has never had an easy road to travel. For a number of years she worked in a local cleaners. For a number of years she has worked in a local grocery store.

Though sometimes discouraged when things were rough, she always kept her chin up and came out with flying colors.

She is warm-hearted and friendly, capable and dependable. Surely, Marion Barry is one of our "Unsung Heroes".



By Dorothy Payne

I attended the eighth grade graduation Thursday and felt proud to see their eager faces. They will have a hard row to hoe, but they all seemed ready to start at building a new beginning.

One of the earliest beginnings of building, started in the early Egyptian times and came up through Arabic and Spanish to its present form.

Adobe is a sun-dried brick now used all over the country. These bricks can be commercially sold and are also used by individual home owners for their own building projects.

Prehistorics made the use of mud as building material. To this day, 50% of the world's population use soil as their main building material.

Adobe probably originated in the near and Middle East as far back as 7000 B.C. In the New World it can be traced back to Peru in 3000 B.C. Adobe can be seen in the Chaco Canyon ruins and in later times, it was used in the Taos Pueblo.

When the Spanish colonists came in 1598, new ideas came with them.

They brought stone masonry and other improvements. One new idea was the introduction of a standard mold in which to make adobe bricks.

When the Santa Fe Trail opened in 1821, other influences from the U.S.A. began to make an appearance. When the annexation of Mexico came in 1846, other new ideas and materials came with it, but adobe was still the major material. Then window glass, corrugated iron and lumber was added.

In the 1880's, the railroad came, but still adobe wasn't left behind and it became popular once again. Traditional adobe bricks are made of clay, sand, silt and sometimes straw is added, which keeps the bricks from cracking. Other adobes have a stabilizer added for better protection in bad weather, others are completely waterproof.

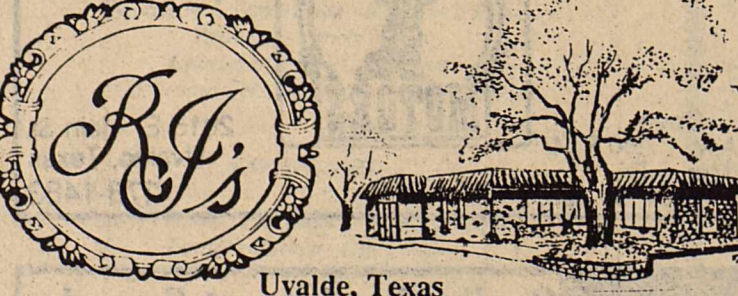
Most people today buy ready-made adobe bricks instead of making their own. In the Southwest, buildings are popular that are made with adobe because they are so compatible with climate and surroundings.

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