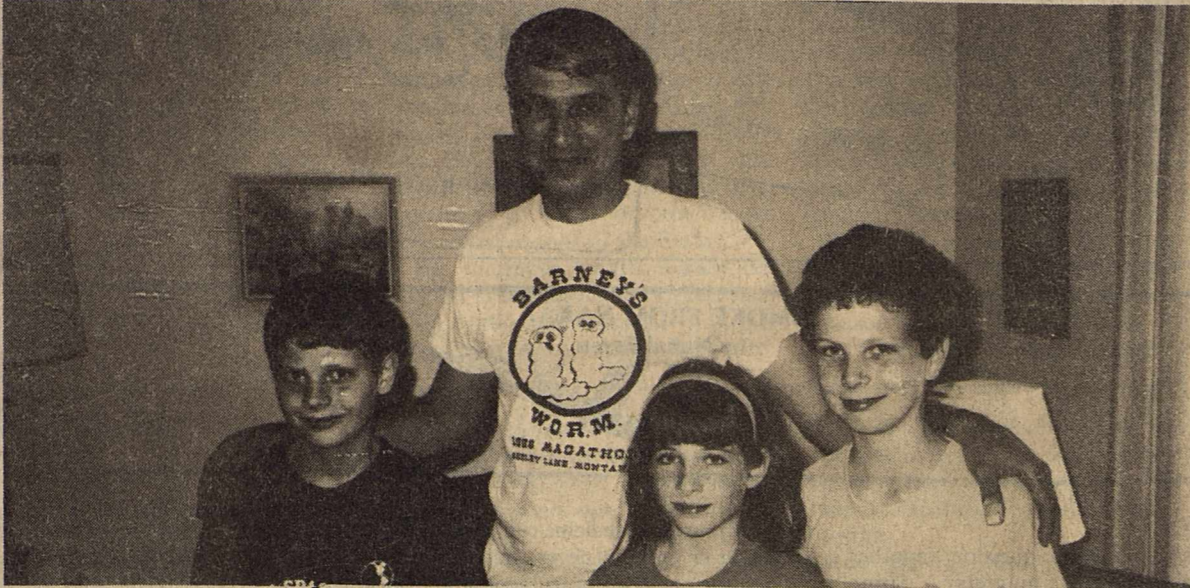


The Brackett News

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

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Major Sidney Gutierrez scheduled Astronaut to pilot the space shuttle in August, poses with visitors from Ireland (L) Michael Toy (R) Heather Toy and his daughter Jennifer Gutierrez, during his visit to Kinney County.

Scheduled Astronaut Visits

by Frances McMaster

Major Sidney Gutierrez, the Astronaut scheduled to pilot the Space Shuttle in August of this coming year visited Brackettville this past weekend. Major Gutierrez and his wife, Marianne, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cremer of Fort Clark. With the Gutierrez were their three children; Jennifer, eight, David, five, and Katy, who is one and a half years old.

Major Gutierrez was on a brief holiday, but he took time to chat with the John Toy family visiting here from Northern Ireland. The Toys had just returned from the Johnson Space Center, where the twentieth anniversary of the moon flight was being celebrated. The opportunity to meet a real astronaut was a stroke of unbelievably good fortune, particularly to Michael and Heather, the Toy children. Mr. Toy, a school principal, and Mrs. Toy, a teacher, had picked up the summaries prepared by NASA, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, to take back home. Meeting Major Gutierrez, Jennifer, and David is a treat which will be related to their students and friends in Northern Ireland.

Sid, as the Major prefers to be called, is a friendly, unpretentious man. It's hard to realize that Major Gutierrez' work isn't done in an office, but consists of such activities as 550 practice landings in an unpowered glider, an aircraft used for shuttle training. A graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, with a Master of Arts in Management from Webster College, Major Gutierrez had 11 years of training as an Air Force pilot flying out of nearby Laughlin and Edwards Air Force Base in California prior to his selection for the Space Program in 1984.

He is a test pilot, as are all the present shuttle pilots, although this is not a prerequisite. Test pilots have an orientation particularly useful in space flight, the Major explained, since they may be called upon to build new procedures during flight

and are used to communicating and working with engineers. Within the flight teams are scientists as well as pilots.

After being selected for the Space Program, a minimum of two years (Continued on page 3.)



Penny Nixon, former Public Relations Director for Fort Clark Springs, displays photograph of the Alamo at the original site in San Antonio.

Local Photographer Sells Photo at the Texas Shrine

A photograph taken by Brackettville photographer Penny Nixon will be sold in the Alamo Gift Shop at the famous Texas shrine in San Antonio. Entitled "Final Assault", the 13 x 15 inch poster is from a shot Nixon took during the 1987 filming of George McAlister's "Alamo...The Price of Freedom" at Happy Shahan's Alamo Village. The colorful photo captures the action and violence of the Mexican Army's final assault on the Alamo Chapel where the last of the Texas defenders died on March 6, 1836.

"It's a miracle I got this photo," Nixon said. "I was standing on the rise at the wall facing the Alamo Chapel. I was too far away, the light was fading, and I was shooting at the wrong speed for the film, yet this picture came out." The picture captured a blast at the door of the Alamo Chapel which injured several

of the re-enactors who had traveled to Shahan's Longhorn Ranch to be in the film.

"I'll never forget that night, or that summer of filming at Alamo Village," Nixon said. "I'll be eternally grateful to Happy Shahan, George McAlister and the Daughters of the Republic of Texas for allowing me to present this glimpse at Texas history for generations to come."

Nixon, a 1982 graduate of the University of Missouri Journalism School, is the former director of Public Relations for Fort Clark Springs and Alamo Village in Brackettville. She is currently marketing the Alamo picture and a map of 1860 Texas cattle trails drawn by Billy Joe Walker of Fort Clark Springs.

"Final Assault" is available at the Alamo Village Trading Post and the Breen Gallery in Brackettville.

Interview With The

Mayor of Spofford

by Jennifer Pasanski

J.B. Herndon, the 72-year old Mayor of Spofford, enjoys the peacefulness of his town. He takes pride in his community and family.

His wife Jessie, "Tootsie", a lively and enthusiastic woman also serves the community as a City Council member.

J.B. has always enjoyed the out-

doors and ranches for a living. His large ranch style home sits on 14 acres.

He enjoys the company of his family living close by as their son J.R., his wife Tina and their grandchildren Kelson and Amanda, also reside in Spofford.

J.B. is an easy-going fellow. He enjoys a good joke and a job well done. But if you have the notion to mess with J.B. or his town, you'd better watch out.

This kind, gentle, rancher can lock horns with the best of them. And if you manage somehow to get past J.B., watch out! His wife, Tootsie, always by his side, can hold her own pretty well also.

J.B. was gracious enough to lend us his time for this exclusive interview with the Mayor of Spofford.

How long have you been Mayor of Spofford?

J.B. - Since 1983.

For the readers that are not familiar with your council members, would you please name them?

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J.B. Herndon
Mayor of Spofford

Texcor Files For Permit

BRACKETTVILLE, TX - After more than a year of site investigation work, Texcor Industries, Inc., has submitted a permit application to the Texas Department of Health's Bureau of Radiation Control (BRC). The company is seeking to permit a storage facility for Naturally Occurring Radioactive Materials (NORM) at a site located south of Spofford, in southern Kinney County.

NORM is a classification of materials containing minute amounts of radiation which occur naturally in groundwater, oil and natural gas deposits, fertilizers and the processing of uranium and rare earth minerals.

The BRC will now begin their review of the application. After a review for completeness and accuracy, a notice will be published for the opportunity to call a public

hearing on the application. "A copy of the permit application is available to the public in Brackettville at the Public Library," explained Charles W. Salsman, President of Texcor Industries, Inc. "In addition, a second copy of the application is available in our Brackettville office. We want anyone with an interest in this project to have full and complete access to the application and all the information it contains. Anyone wanting to review the application, and who can't get by during regular library hours should contact our office at 563-2481 and make arrangements."

According to Salsman, the issue of NORM came up several times during the regular session of the 71st Texas Legislature.

"Two bills were introduced," he explained. "The first didn't pass. However, the second, which was

sponsored by the oil and gas lobby, was passed in the final hours of the session. It would have transferred regulatory authority over oil- and gas-generated NORM to the Railroad Commission of Texas.

"But the Governor vetoed the legislation, citing existing authority to regulate NORM currently existed with the BRC, and the legislation would have created a duplication of effort between state agencies."

A resolution to study the issues involved in NORM was introduced and passed by Sen. Juddith Zaffirini (D-Laredo). The resolution establishes an Interim Study Committee, under the direction of the Senate Natural Resources Committee, to evaluate the subject of NORM, and to submit a summary report to the 72nd Session of the Legislature should any further legislation be needed.

Texcor's Application

Now Proposes Uranium Dumping

by Jennifer Pasanski

According to the news release submitted to *The Brackett News* Monday morning, Texcor Industries, Inc. has applied for a permit with the Texas Department of Health's Bureau of Radiation Control (BRC).

The BRC holds all authority to grant or deny this permit. According to Doug Laquer, director of the BRC division of Health, the permit consists of 4 volumes that will be reviewed by their technical staff, which should take around 4 months to complete.

The application submitted by Texcor requests permission to dispose of Uranium Mill Tails in Kinney County. Previously Texcor had intended to dispose of NORM material in the area. Uranium Mill Tails were not included.

During the 71st State Legislation, a resolution was passed that would allow a study of NORM materials thus putting a hold on any disposal of the product. This study is expected to take about two years and be discussed at the 72nd State Legislation.

After this ruling, Texcor then submitted an application requesting the disposal of Uranium Mill Tails in Kinney County. Regulations for disposing Uranium Mill Tails have already been established.

Uranium and its by product waste are naturally acquired. Laquer stated, "Uranium, as naturally acquired materials, are basically, at this point, about the same in radioactive potency. How they are produced is different. Since studies are not available on NORM materials, an exact comparison on potency is not available. The Law however clearly defines and regulates procedure on disposal of Uranium Mill Tails."

When asked if public opposition against such a site in Kinney County might make a difference in this discussion, Laquer informed, "There are no provisions in the law for public opposition."

Doug Richnow, Legislative aid for Senator Judith Zaffirini stated, "We were aware that this was going to happen," he went on to add, "we are looking into several aspects of the

issue and studying the application with a fine tooth comb, (meaning thoroughly).

Richnow is hopeful that the Senate Committee will clarify that the NORM material study should also include Uranium Mill Tails.

Richnow also informed that some of the language in the application submitted to the BRC by Texcor was not legally sound and would probably have to be changed and refilled, due to unfactual statements regarding NORM materials.

C.A.R.E. representative, Madge Belcher-Key addressed this issue stating, "We're distressed to know that in the face of so much opposition Texcor has such little regard for our wishes that they go ahead and apply for a permit." Key went on to add, "We are relying on the Interim Study Committee to formulate rules everyone can live with in regards to regulating disposal of harmful materials. Two years is not too long to wait to insure safety and disposal of a substance that will be around for 100 million years."

Affordable Housing Available to Low Income Families in Kinney County

A special meeting was held at City Hall July 24, at 6:30 p.m. All council members were present. Below are the unofficial minutes of that meeting.

Visitors

Visitors were: Chief John Fritter, Charles Trost, Consultant - Ted Connors, Felix Gonzales, Carmen Barlanga, Maxine Smith, Sandy Herman, Ginger Dodson and Josie Gomez.

Housing Board Appointment

Annabelle Talamantez, not at meeting, will have to be sworn in at a later date.

Evans Zoning

Evans asked to withdraw his motion to rezone building.

Appointed City Health Inspector

Dr. George Luz was appointed to this position.

Enterprise Zone

City Mayor will be contacting school superintendent Bob McCall County Judge and Tax Office to ask for joint cooperation on tax incentives.

Spofford

Mayor La Gioia informed, "We need to let Spofford understand that the problem is not with the PEOPLE of Spofford getting good, healthy, drinking water. The problem will be later on when Brackett runs LOW on water or has NO water left to offer."

Radios

Councilman Broderick presented Council with price for radios. Councilman Broderick said utilities superintendent Gus Ramirez and outside supervisor David Tillery need radios to communicate with City Hall because sometimes office employees have to leave office to find maintenance crews. Also, animal control Joe Bravo needs a radio. Mayor La Gioia stated, "If we are going to spend any money, it should be to add on or fix up City Hall."

This discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Planning Grant

A planning grant will be given for \$30,000 if City comes up with 25%. "Since we have not used the monies saved by not having a paid City Manager, we will be able to come up with the \$7,500 required for the matching funds," stated La Gioia.

Housing

Housing was discussed for people making between \$750 & \$800 monthly. Persons in this income bracket can apply for a \$20,000 home at 6% interest and pay about \$135 a month. This project is attended by Mayor La Gioia and Trost. Hopefully, 25 units or more will be available for Brackettville.

Commissioners Court Appoints

Nutrition Center Substitute

by J.J. Guidry

The Commissioners Court held a special (emergency) meeting last Friday in the County Courthouse.

The subject of the meeting was to designate a substitute director for the Nutrition Center while Director Tencha Pena is out of town.

The last time Mrs. Pena was out of town, eight people requested home delivered meals. The current number of home deliveries is the maximum

that they allow. When one of the person or persons no longer wants home delivered meals, next of the people on the waiting list will be observed and if they qualify, they then will receive home delivered meals.

Ms. Diane Gutierrez has been appointed the substitute director. It was made clear that she has the authorization to observe the applicants and determine if they qualify.

Alamo Villiage

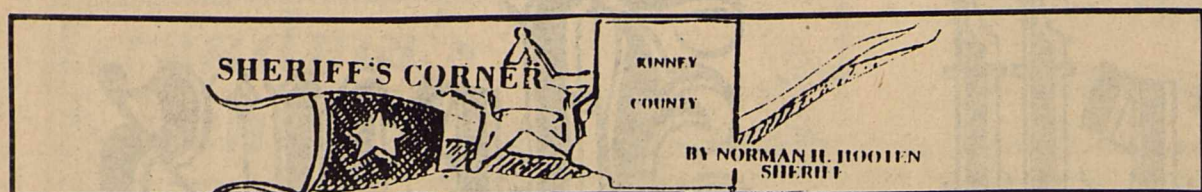
Hosts Civil Air Patrol

by J.J. Guidry

The Civil Air Patrol, from Laughlin Air Force Base, visited Alamo Villiage last weekend. Thirteen people made the trip, nine of which were cadets.

Major Derrick, of Annapolis, Maryland, said approximately 25 students attended the week long

camp at Laughlin, which covered flight training. Since the students were from the northeast and southwest part of the country (New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut), they had never seen longhorns or The Alamo. They stated that the trip was very entertaining and they're looking forward to coming again next year.



A tragic drowning occurred on Live Oak Creek on the Dick Herndon Ranch in Northeast Kinney County late Saturday, July 22. An eyewitness to the accident stated that the victim, Anselmo Ramirez Martinez, 28, of Torreon, Coah., Mexico, drowned after trying to free a goat bogged down in mud along the creek bank.

The witness and fellow ranch worker, Germino Almandariz, of Cd. Acuna, Mexico, stated that he and the victim had just finished their evening meal when they heard a goat bleating in distress down on the creek. They went to investigate and saw the goat stuck in the mud on the opposite side of the creek. They then crossed the creek via a dam across it and went to free the goat. When they arrived at the scene, the goat struggled free of the mud and swam across the creek.

The two men decided to cross back over the creek and attempt to catch the goat. Almandariz decided to go back across by way of the dam and urged his companion to do the same. However, the victim decided to swim across. Almandariz stated that the victim was fully clothed, with his boots on and had a rope looped across his shoulders. About halfway across, Ramirez started struggling, went under and came up a couple of times then disappeared.

We received notification of the accident at approximately 8:30 and Chief Deputy David Luna, Chief of Police Johnny Fritter, and myself went to the scene. Uvalde Sheriff's deputies, game wardens from several counties, and an EMS unit out of Uvalde also responded. Search and rescue operations were conducted in the creek until 2:30 a.m. Sunday in an attempt to locate and recover the body. The search was called off and scheduled to continue at 10:00 a.m. Sunday. At 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning, I received a call from the ranch stating that the body had been located and recovered.

I was unable to obtain the services of a Kinney County judge to act as coroner so contacted Uvalde County Justice of the Peace Tafolla who

came to the scene for the inquest. A Uvalde funeral home picked up the body and has since made arrangements with a Nuevo Laredo, Mexico funeral home to take possession of the body for burial in his home town and country.

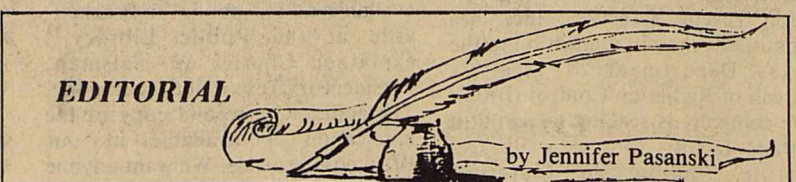
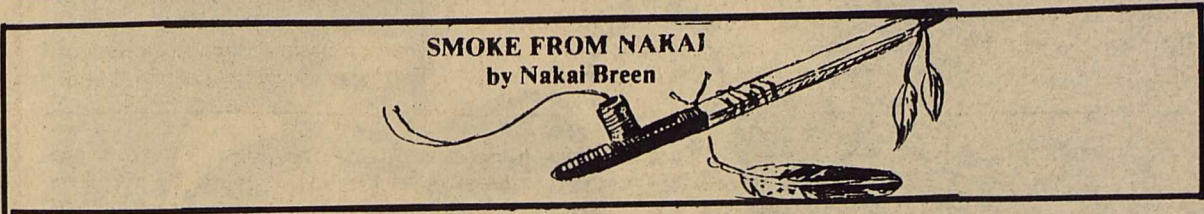
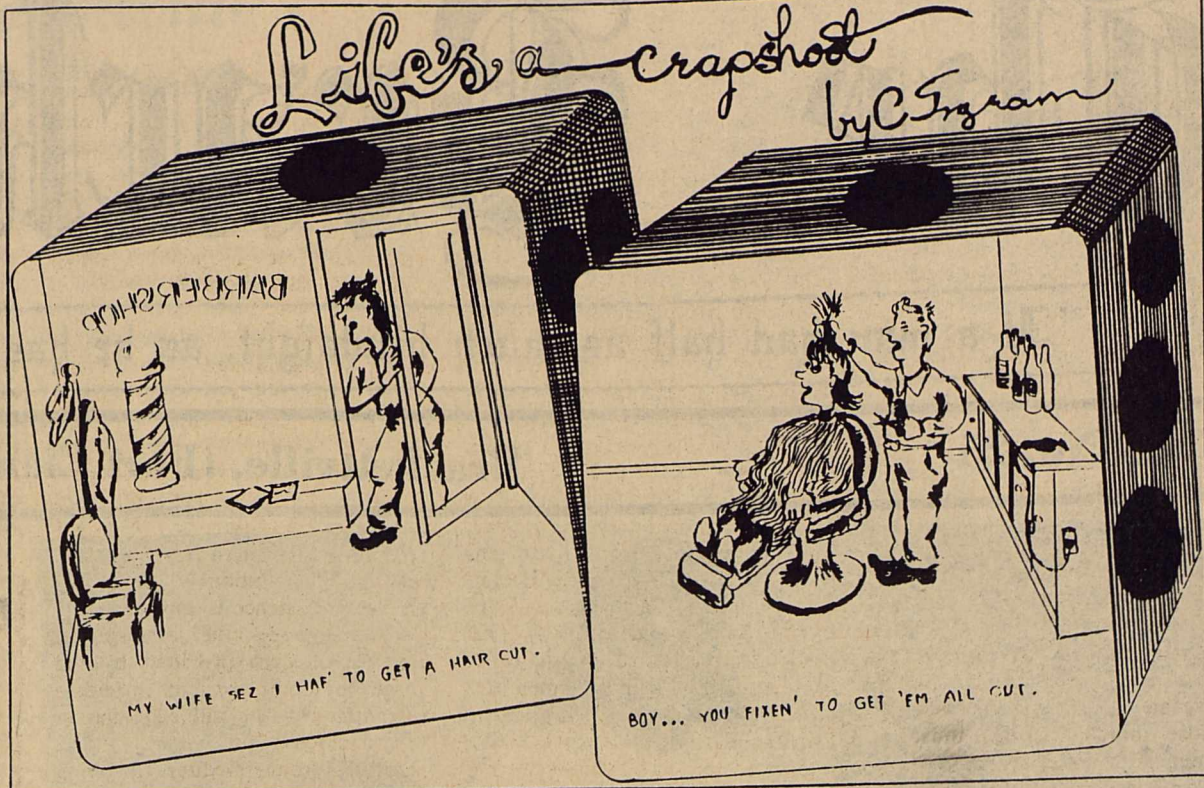
The victim had worked on the Herndon Ranch approximately five years and ranch owner Dick Herndon praised the quality of his work. He stated that Ramirez was a hard luck man though, having lost an eye in a fence building accident on the ranch a year before.

A 38-year old Hondo man was arrested and charged with various drug and weapons charges Monday night, July 24. The suspect was eastbound on HWY 90 when he stopped at the Border Patrol checkpoint in east Kinney County. The agents became suspicious of his

actions and had him and his vehicle checked out by a drug-sniffing dog. The dog immediately "hit" on the suspect's vehicle and the resulting search turned up various types of illegal narcotics and two loaded pistols. I was contacted by the Border Patrol and went to the scene accompanied by Chief of Police Johnny Fritter. Drug agents of the Tri-County Drug Enforcement Task Force were contacted and came to the scene.

After a preliminary on-site investigation was completed, the suspect was transported to the Kinney County Jail and booked on the various charges. He remains in the county jail at the time of this writing in lieu of bonds totalling \$35,400. His case will be presented to the Grand Jury at a later date.

THAT'S ALL!



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What if the 1.58 million aborted fetuses were never aborted?

That's 1.58 million unwanted children!

When you think of the poor, hungry, abused, neglected and unloved children we already have in America, add 1.58 million to that.

Foster homes are overpopulated. Children live on the streets, unattended. Many turn to drugs and crime as a way to survive.

If all the anti-abortionists would take the time and money they put into protesting abortions and use these energies for caring, nurturing, loving and financially providing for the unwanted children we already have, our country would be a much better place to live.

So far, all I can see is anti-abortionists wanting to be righteous rather than responsible. And yes,

responsible for other's children. They are all our brothers and sisters in God's eyes.

God is the only one that can judge the individual fairly, and he will. We, however, can never fully understand others motives or reasoning, all of us do not have the same thoughts or talents or understanding, therefore only someone that knew the individual as God does could fairly judge them.

I also wonder how many anti-abortionists would want to be raised by a woman not wanting them so badly she would risk her own life to get rid of you?

Seems to me the cart is way in front of the horse on this issue.

Se Oh

Indians never question another Indian about medicine. Some medicines are born, others are passed down, yet others come through visions or dreams, so who can question the Great Mystery about his gifts? There are many talents but there are very few gifted. Women that have medicine, they too must time and go on vision quests and they too have to prepare themselves with sweat baths before they enter the

rainbow journey. Medicine can never be taught or one can never charge a fee because one is an instrument and the Great Mystery is the healer. But people always can give whatever their heart desires to give the medicine person in appreciation. The reason I say medicine cannot be taught is because if you give your medicine then your powers are weak. The only time an Indian questions medicine is when he or she sees that medicine is not done in a traditional way or one

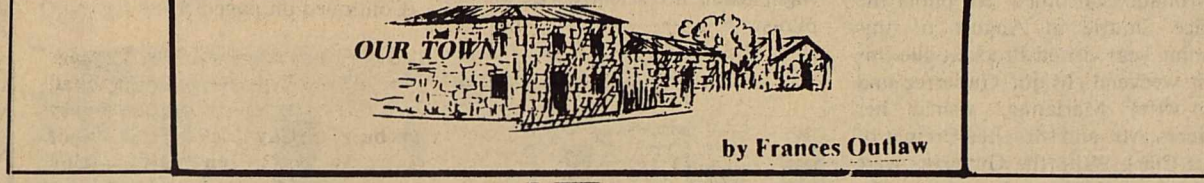
is using prayers out of the traditional way or some sacred objects are being misused. The Great Mystery gave us a name and a dialect so we can communicate with Him. So when we talk to the Great Mystery we identify ourselves to Him so He can recognize us. Then we ask for Him to bless our hands, cleanse our spirits so His will will be done on the face of mother Earth.

With good medicine,
Nakai

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

Dear Mrs. Robinson:
I have heard great reviews about your newspaper from both Danny Jimenez and Leslie Stevens, so I thought I might sign up for a subscription to find out what is going on in Brackettville and the surrounding area. Enclosed is a check for a year subscription.

Thank you
Tom Hughes

Letter to the Editor

To the Citizens of Brackettville
You don't know how lucky you are to have a Sheriff like Norman Hooten. We had a problem arise and the problem was turned over to Norman Hooten.

Within four hours Norman had the problem under control. We would like to thank Norman from the bottom of our hearts.

The La Gioia Family

Lingo Sandoval Receives Certificate

by Gus Garcia
On July 15, Lingo Sandoval received an appreciation certificate from the District 21 Little League. Lingo received his award in recognition for outstanding and dedicated interest and support to Little League Baseball and in gratitude from all of the children and adults who have benefited by this generous support.

Lingo has been umpiring for over 10 years and plans to keep on for as long as possible.

These 12 rules for a way of life, written long ago in a family Bible, still fit today's problems.

1 Begin each day with a prayer	2 Read from the Bible	3 Love your family	4 Make light of your troubles
5 Follow the Golden Rule	6 Work hard	7 Show kindness	8 Read worthwhile books
9 Be clean and pure	10 Have charity in your heart	11 Be obedient and respectful	12 End the day in prayer

Charlotte and Bee Sweet enjoyed visits from their children last weekend. Kenneth Morelli, wife Brenda, daughter Ashley and son Chase of Midland, Texas, along with Bernie Morelli, wife Ricie and son Matthew from San Antonio. Kenneth will receive his Bachelor's Degree next month and stopped by on his way to San Antonio where he had an interview with Frost National Bank and wife Brenda was making arrangements for a transfer to NCBC Bank. Good luck Kenneth!

Susie Immel and son Zachary from Houston, Texas were in town last weekend visiting with her dad, Dan Foreman. Susie had a great time Saturday night dancing to the music of Dan Peterson and Johnny Miller at Longhorn Acres.

After an absence of two years, Melissa and Rachel Hernandez, from Whitewater, Wisconsin, are visiting with their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Francisco Arellano.

It's a Happy 14th Birthday to Danny Martinez from Mr. and Mrs. John Starzel.

David and Kelvin Moore from Bowie, Texas are spending a four week vacation with their dad Larry Moore. The boys are doing a lot of swimming and enjoying the activity center.

Ron Bacon of Galveston spent a two week vacation with his mom and dad Kee and Al Bacon. When mom Kee didn't have him doing chores around the house, Ron really enjoyed the Fort Clark swimming pool.

Enedina P. Ortiz, from Jefferson, Wisconsin, is here visiting with her mom, Victoria Pena, and friends and relatives.

It's good to see Jo Spohnholtz up and around after her illness. She will be back at the Fort Clark art studio next Monday.

Vito and Mary Helen La Gioia are enjoying a visit from Mary Helen's mother, Mary Jane Talamantez. She arrived Sunday, July 23, and will depart August 1. Mary Jane's sister Emma Swaim was recently released from the hospital in Del Rio and

We've become accustomed to stupid actions by politicians. It seems now that too often this becomes the norm. This is true if these politicians are bureaucrats and appointees.

Now from this macho offensive slogan they've shown, a new level of stupidity, as if admitting to a boo boo of major proportions, they now propose to waste taxpayer dollars by stamping auto license tags with "The Friendship State". They must have gotten the idea from some class of pre-schoolers.

Surely, adult nature, thinking men and/or women could have come up with a better idea. Surely Texas is friendly country. The idea "Drive Friendly" was almost a mark of genius. Many drivers on the highways wave a friendly "Hello" to approaching drivers.

I have yet to meet an out of state visitor who did not recognize that Texas is a friendly place. We don't

Mary Jane came down to see how she was doing.

Mary Jane and Mary Helen did find time to take in the sites at Alamo Village during her stay. Ms. Talamantez is from Chicago.

Texans continually display their friendship. When I see tags stamped with "The Land of Opportunity", "The Land of 10,000 Lakes", "The Show Me" State, "The Land of Lincoln" and such nomenclature, I wonder at the creative thinking of "The Friendship State".

I'm sure, nationwide, this would go over like a lead balloon. The generally accepted feeling that Texas is "macho" is a cause for laughter and amusement wherever "Texas" is mentioned. Now some bureaucrats want to create a whimpy image.

It seems the first and foremost slogan would have been and truly is "The Lone Star State". It speaks of the history of the only state that once was a nation. It speaks to our State Flag. It is already nationally recognized and accepted.

Surely there will be such an outpouring of indignation, the decisionmakers will be forced to change and show some forceful insight to make the slogan one that truly promotes Texas. It's never wrong to go with where the strength is.

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Rob's Mini Shop
The Conoco Station
Las Moras Golf Club
Las Moras Inn
Super S
Short Stop (Gibbs St.-Del Rio)
The Brackett News office

We appreciate your business

The Brackett News
563-2852
507 Ann St.
Located between First State Bank and the tax office.

(ASTRONAUT... continued from page 1.)

know how it got there. Major Gutierrez explained that the site of the Space Center was selected because of its proximity to the ocean. Various stages of the rocket were built separately and shipped to the Center. The first two stages were too large to ship by air and were transported by barge.

The Saturn Rocket was in Houston to be tested and would have flown if funding for the Space program had not been curtailed. It is no longer in flight condition, however.

Landing sites for space vehicles are chosen because of the likelihood of good weather. To land, speed is reduced so that the vehicle will drop out of orbit. Weather must be predictable an hour in advance because thunder storms must be avoided. Although there is a complex back-up system, a hit by lightning could affect the computer system, and the vehicle might go out of control.

Gutierrez pointed out that other forests around the world have been destroyed in the past, but we are now recognizing the consequences of losing a link in the vital process that creates the atmosphere surrounding our planet.

Countries in the Western Hemisphere are now joining together to study the problem. Major Gutierrez is to attend a meeting in Costa Rica on the ways the Western Hemisphere can cooperate to help save our environment.

Responding to questions, Major Gutierrez noted that space crafts are launched from Florida because it is safer over the ocean than over heavily populated areas. Launching East takes advantage of the Earth's movement. The Earth moves at 800 feet per second and 25,000 feet per second is required to go into orbit. An Equatorial orbit is more cost efficient than a polar orbit and also provides a view of the more populated regions of the Earth.

The enormous Saturn Rocket on display at Johnson Space Center had been particularly impressive to the Toy children, and they wanted to

training is required to become eligible for a space flight. In reality, the time is longer, however. They perform support jobs for other astronauts during this period. One focus of their training is the glider landings which are practiced at Edwards Air Force Base and in Florida. Training requiring simulators is done in Houston.

Landing on the moon was a straining achievement, but many important benefits have also been derived from space flight. Perhaps the most important is that we can now view earth from the perspective of outer space. We have observed and recorded alarming changes taking place in our environment. The amount of pollution is staggering. Our very existence is threatened by the damage to the atmosphere. Because of data provided by the space industry, we can calculate where this problem will lead unless it is counteracted.

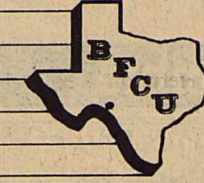
Pictures from satellites surveying South America, for instance, show the devastation taking place in the Amazon Basin as the rain forests of Brazil are being plundered. Major

Major Gutierrez will pilot Flight STS 40, Space and Life Sciences I. It will fly slightly higher than its predecessors. The crew will include four scientists. A number of rats will also be along for the ride as objects of study. They'll be eating rat bars instead of pellets, which will float in zero gravity.

Mrs. Lee Cremer, Major Gutierrez' proud mother-in-law, let us in on another item of interest. Sid has been approved for promotion to Lieutenant Colonel. Congratulations from us Earth-bound creatures! And remember when you're in orbit - a lot of youngsters in Northern Ireland will be cheering you on.

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(MAYOR... continued from page 1.)

J.B. - Charlie Resendez, Ester Cruz, Sabrina Cruz, Jessie Herndon (my wife) and City Secretary, Manuel Pena.

How close is the City of Spofford to obtaining new water lines in the City of Spofford?

J.B. - We just got the permit yesterday, to pipe under the railroad tracks. Now we can complete running the PVC pipes.

How many households will be connected upon completion?

J.B. - We'll be installing 36 meters.

Presently, how is the plumbing situation in Spofford?

J.B. - The old pipes are all rusted and water is bad because we have shallow wells about 36 ft. deep. The rusty pipes in town make it impossible to purify the water. Our tap water has been condemned by the Health Department.

How are citizens in Spofford coping with the present water conditions?

J.B. - I've asked that they drink out of the hot water heater or boil the water. That's about all we can do about it right now.

When do you expect to run the water lines from Spofford to Brackettville?

J.B. - We're presently working on a grant to run those lines.

The Brackettville Mayor Vito La Gioia has stated that he feels the 50 year contract to sell water to Spofford should be re-written. How do you feel about that?

J.B. - I don't see a problem. Our rates would increase with Brackettville's rates. If we don't pay our bills we'll get cut off like everybody else, but we'll pay our bills.

La Gioia also thinks we're gonna be giving the water to livestock. Our ordinance prohibits that. Water will only be used by residents in Spofford and animals in Spofford City limits

and that's Resendez' two horses, Alex' three horses, J.L.'s one horse and one cow, Cruz' twelve head of goats, Salmon's one horse and my three sheep.

I think Vito's afraid they're gonna drink all the water.

How do you feel about Texcor filing for a permit to begin construction for a dump site in Spofford?

J.B. - We don't want them here, they'll dump anything. If you don't have someone to test what they dump, they'll dump whatever they want. We'll fight them. I'm not gonna live here. It would ruin the value of the land. I'd take my house away piece by piece if I had to.

Do you think this past ordinance on water usage will stop Texcor from receiving water should they get their permit?

J.B. - They aren't gonna get any water. They'd have to get an easement through town or water through our line. The town's talked about it and we're not going to give it to them.

Do you think the ordinance will hold up legally if it comes to that?

J.B. - Yes, it will hold up. We hired a good lawyer to write it up for us. It took him a month to do it.

Doug Richnow, from Senator Zaffirini's office, called and said it was legal. They can't get the water. We got them sewed up pretty tight.

What was the reason for passing the trash dumping ordinance?

J.B. - People from Brackettville brought in poisonous barrels and dumped them on us. Since they can't dump tires and old ice chests in Brackettville anymore cuz Brackettville charges them for that, they bring them out here and dump them. The Health Department wanted to shut our dump down!

How do you feel about the Air Force landing strip being built in Spofford?

J.B. - It's not gonna bother no one cuz they're not gonna fly over here anyway. They come in from the NW then fly SE of us. They won't bother anyone.

How did Spofford react to the recent rate increase asked by CPL?

J.B. - We voted against it. I signed the papers including 9 other cities against the rate increase.

How does the train always stopping on the highway affect citizens of Spofford?

J.B. - We don't mind. We just go down there and go under the bridge then go about our business.

How do you run a City government without a City Hall?

J.B. - We hold all of the meetings here at my house. We're trying to sell some scrap metal and use the money to build a City Hall. It's kind of hard. We gather up stuff running here and yonder. We're trying to get it all together so we can stir it up good.

What changes have you seen since you began holding office as Mayor?

J.B. - When I took over the job, they brought in a whole box of stuff. The Treasury had \$6 in it. We now have \$4,700. Once we get the water, it will help a lot.

Do you see Spofford using much water when tapped into Brackettville water?

J.B. - No, we don't waste much here. People here appreciate good water. We're conservative. We've always had to be. We just keep some trees alive around here, not much watering.

What future plans do you have for Spofford?

J.B. - In 3 years we'll be able to apply for a grant to get the roads paved. I'd like to see that.

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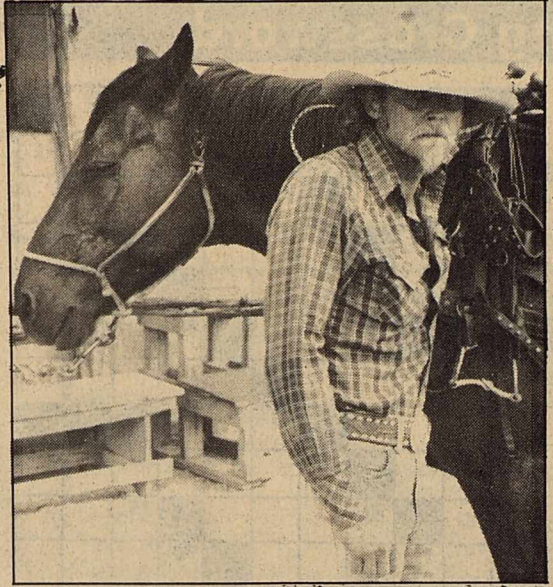
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Lost Maples Closed For Repairs

VANDERPOOL - Lost Maples State Natural Area has closed 30 regular campsites while construction is in progress to add electricity and shade shelters, according to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials.

"Primitive camping areas are still available while we are adding electrical hookups and putting shade shelters over the picnic tables in the improved camping area," said Robert C. Hauser, chief of park operations.

The construction should be finished by late August and the campground partially reopened while the shelters are completed, he said.

The state natural area is a combina-

tion of steep, rugged limestone canyons, springs, plateau grasslands, wooded slopes and clear streams. It is known best for its unusual stand of bigtooth or canyon maple trees. This species is believed to have survived in protected canyons after the Pleistocene Ice Age as the Texas climate became hotter and drier in recent geologic times.

Because the park is devoted to resource preservation, development has been kept to a minimum. But in some areas the natural environment had already been disturbed by historical settlement and use. All buildings, roads and improved campsites, including the construction area, are located on the site of old roads or

in fields that had been cleared and cultivated before the park was established in 1973.

Backpackers can hike more than 10 miles of rustic canyon trails, camping overnight at any of eight designated primitive camping areas. Water must be packed in, and ground fires are not allowed, so backpacker's stoves are recommended. Ecologically sound composting toilets are located along the trails.

Lost maples is located northwest of San Antonio in Bandera County north of the intersection of FM 337 and FM 187. Take FM 187 to the park entrance. Call (512) 966-3413 for camping information and reservations.

Proposed Recapitalization of NBC

National Bancshares Corporation of Texas ("NBC"), Equimark Corporation, EquiManagement, Inc. and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation today announced a proposed recapitalization of NBC and its subsidiary banks in an open bank transaction involving assistance from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. As part of the proposal, all NBC Banks will remain open and will continue to provide banking services to their customers and depositors without interruption.

National Bancshares Corporation of Texas is a multi-bank holding company based in San Antonio, Texas with member banks located in San Antonio, Houston, Corpus Christi, Austin, the Rio Grande Valley, Uvalde, Eagle Pass and several other communities in Central and South Texas.

Regarding today's announcement, Tommy McCullough, President of NBC Bank-Uvalde had the following comments: "We are obviously very

pleased with today's announcement. This announcement will allow us to focus our attention back to our customers and prospective customers, rather than worrying about regulators and recapitalization."

"It is important to understand that the FDIC has approved this transaction as an "open bank" recapitalization of all of the NBC banks. It is unusual for the FDIC to approve an open bank assisted transaction and we consider it a compliment to our company that the FDIC has approved this recapitalization. I do not anticipate any changes in Uvalde at this time. We expect to learn more about our new owners during the next few weeks and encourage our customers and friends to stop by the bank and let us share that information with them."

"We really appreciate the patience, confidence and support of our customers during the past eighteen months and look forward to

providing residents of Uvalde with the high quality of financial services they deserve."

Gulf Shrimp Season Opens

AUSTIN - The shrimping season for Gulf of Mexico waters will reopen on schedule at 12:01 a.m. July 16, according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The state closure affected waters extending nine nautical miles offshore. Federal waters, from nine nautical miles out to 200 miles from shore, also have been closed and will reopen at the same time, officials said.

The annual cooperative closure is done to protect immature brown shrimp during their migration from the bays to the Gulf.

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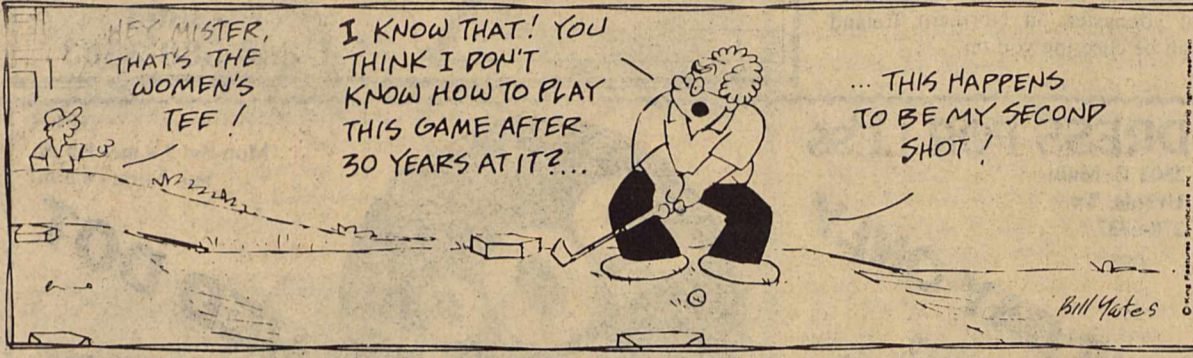
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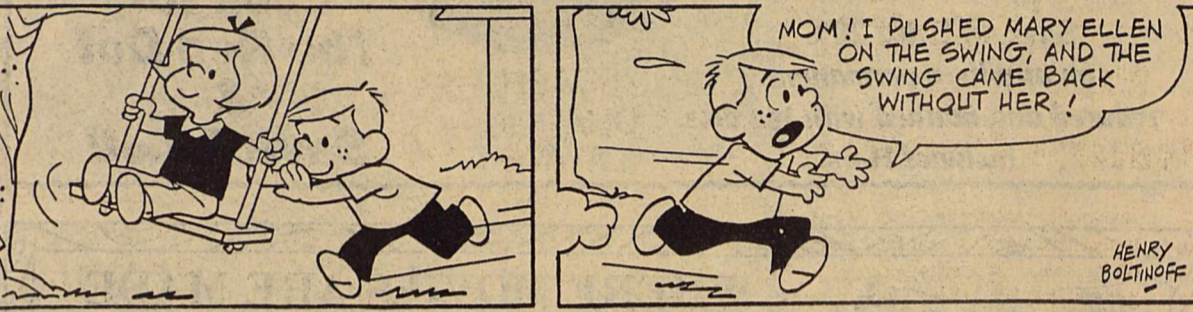
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King Crossword

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Top Video Rentals

- 1. "Coming To America" starring Eddie Murphy (Paramount) Last Week: No. 1
2. "Twins" Arnold Schwarzenegger (MCA) New Entry
3. "The Accused" Jodie Foster (Paramount) No. 2
4. "Cocktail" Tom Cruise (Touchstone) No. 3



- 5. "Big" Tom Hanks (CBS-Fox) No. 4
6. "My Stepmother Is An Alien" Kim Basinger (RCA/Columbia) No. 7
7. "A Cry In The Dark" Meryl Streep (Warner Bros.) No. 10
8. "Alien Nation" James Caan (CBS-Fox) New Entry
9. "Child's Play" Catherine Hicks (MCA) No. 9
10. "Everybody's All-American" Dennis Quaid (Warner Bros.) No. 5
11. "Deepstar Six" Greg Evigan (IVE) No. 15
12. "Gorillas In The Mist" Sigourney Weaver (MCA) No. 6
13. "A Fish Called Wanda" John Cleese (CBS-Fox) No. 11
14. "High Spirits" Daryl Hannah (Media Home Ent.) No. 14
15. "Crocodile Dundee II" Paul Hogan (Paramount) No. 12
16. "Mystic Pizza" Annabeth Gish (Virgin Vision) No. 13
17. "Eight Men Out" Charlie Sheen (Orion) No. 16
18. "White Forbidden Subjects" (annon) New

Flick Picks by Debbie Fletcher

GREAT BALLS OF FIRE Personally, I don't like the idea of doing a biopic on someone who's still alive. Doing so only guarantees that the version we see on the screen will fall far short of the real foibles of the person. And yes, despite all the hype and advance publicity, that's exactly what happens in "Great Balls of Fire."

Over the years, we have come to regard Jerry Lee Lewis with some degree of horror and disbelief. Here is a man driven by his own demons, haunted by the highly suspicious deaths of two wives, and embittered by the tragic deaths of two of his children. This is not the Jerry Lee Lewis we encounter in this film.

First of all, the film ends in 1959, automatically precluding the darker, more fiery events in Lewis' life. What we get is Lewis' rise to fame in rock and roll — and a sanitized version at best. To make things worse, it seems that everything that happens to Jerry Lee does so with dizzying speed. Disjointed scenes leap at you from the screen until Jerry Lee finally emerges a star. All these scenes are supposed to tell you what occurred to get him to stardom. Frankly, I was confused.

I must say, though, Dennis Quaid does his best in personifying Jerry Lee. He is exuberant, manic, egocentric, frighteningly selfish and inconsiderate, as well as charged full of energy. Winona Ryder portrays his child-ride, Myra, with a haunting innocence and fragility, as well as an emerging sense of womanhood. She is a delight, and I would venture to say, she's destined for superstardom.

If you're a rock and roll fan, you'll be disappointed by the music. It falls short of what you'd expect of such a film.

Rated: PG-13, Star Rating: 1/2

Top 10 Movies

- 1. Batman starring Michael Keaton
2. The Karate Kid III Ralph Macchio
3. Honey, I Shrank The Kids Rick Moranis
4. Ghostbusters II Bill Murray
5. Weekend At Bernie's Andrew McCarthy
6. Great Balls Of Fire Dennis Quaid
7. Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade Harrison Ford
8. Dead Poets Society Robin Williams
9. Field Of Dreams Kevin Costner
10. Star Trek V William Shatner

Trivia Test by Linda Luckhurst

- 1. Nations: Name two countries that border Bangladesh.
2. States: What state has the nickname, Sagebrush State?
3. Capitals: What is the capital of New Hampshire?
4. Capitals: What is the capital of Norway?
5. Presidents: Who was the losing candidate in Abraham Lincoln's second bid for the White House?
6. Movies: Name the three major actresses who starred in the 1986 movie, "Agnes Of God?"
7. Awards: Who won the Oscar for Best Director in the 1981 flick "Reds?"
8. Music: Who recorded the April 1977 number one hit single, "Don't Leave Me This Way?"
9. Initials: What do the initials SALT stand for?



10. Television: What was the name of the cab company Archie Bunker moonlighted for?

Answers to King Crossword

Answers to King Crossword grid with words filled in: SEW, NOB, TIT, TIA, RIA, GEL, HAR, CLE, KAV, ROD, FES, FOR, ALA, TIK, FAN, SHI, CHE

Sports Quiz Answers

- (Quiz on page 6.)
1. Believe it or not, but it was Atlanta Brave pitcher Tony Cloninger in 1966 vs. San Francisco; 2. Tom Seaver in 1971; 3. "Pudge;" 4. Texas and Milwaukee; 5. Burt Hooton; 6. "The Major;" 7. Catcher Benito Santiago in 1987; 8. Pitcher Bob Sebra and infielder Jim Anderson

YOUR HOROSCOPE

by Charles King Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) While you will make major strides at work this week, you may find a co-worker to be a bit too demanding. Let this person know that you take orders only from those with authority. Romance and renewed harmony loom on the homefront this weekend. Be happy.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Romance is in the stars this week for you lucky bulls. Take advantage of this and plan something special for you and your loved one. However, don't daydream too much on the job this week because big-wigs are paying close attention to your job productivity.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Certain relatives will be in rather cantankerous moods this week, so it's best to keep your feelings to yourself until moods lighten up. An exciting, new career opportunity may be just the thing to take your mind off this. Dress your best now.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The watchword this week is caution in all things. Make sure that everything is out in the open at work, and that you understand everything that is being asked of you. On the homefront, be wary of a nosy neighbor who is keeping closely monitoring your comings-and-goings.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your busy social life could lead to an important business introduction this week. Luck is with you now regarding your career interests. A child will be seeking your attention in some way this weekend, so please be attentive. A major purchase looms in your immediate future.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Be wary of a moody relative this week. Strain could exist with a partner over a financial matter. Shopping is favored now, but do spend wisely. Take time this weekend for an outing with that special someone in your life. The element of surprise looms later this week.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Some of this week's career

developments are confusing and you should really take some extra time out to evaluate them. Though you needn't be paranoid, keep some things to yourself — especially around co-workers. Travel is imminent. A friend will aggravate you this week.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Despite some unexpected financial luck this week, you may be at odds with a jealous partner. Those looking for a new home this week have tremendous luck. Good news will reign this weekend via a telephone call or a letter. Benefits reap from a family member.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) The lure and enchantment of distant places appeals to you now. A spontaneous outing is fun. Impatience could mar work efforts this week. Slow down and be extremely thorough on the job as honchos are watching. Don't let temperament undermine efficiency.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A boss is not quite ready to give you an affirmative answer this week. However, you're quite effective at stating your views now. An argument could occur with a family member this weekend over ignored chores on the homefront. Don't bring up controversial subjects at present.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A partner's attitude has you befuddled for the moment, but overall your instincts are good now and should be trusted. Though discussions with those in high places are favored, you may have trouble concentrating on the daily routine. Be careful if you travel this week.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) This is not the week for heavy socializing. It would be best this week to stick close to home. At work, pay close attention to details, as you may have a tendency to overlook things. Big-wigs will not be pleased.

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Wishing Well

Wishing Well puzzle grid with letters: F D A E F A T I R A R U O, A O N M N R N V E A M E L, F U S Y I E S A B E T L N, I D C T O I R T C L I E F, I C T E D R D O A W B D T, L O A H E L E O N A R A D, E A T N K S U S E T S Y S

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Magic Maze

Magic Maze grid: E E E D S I M P E N U A C S A, X X U X N P D D E P P D D D D, T T E P E E E N I P N N N N D, E E X X E D T N E S E E E D D, E (I M P E N D) N D N T M D N N, T E D P D N D N O N A E E E E, X X E N E N E D I C E T N P G, E N F T E P U P E N E F S D E, D F T T S C O N T R E F F O L, O A X U S U S A P P E N T O O, C E S P E N T A P P E T N O C

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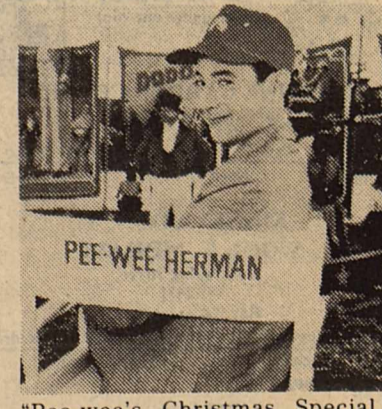
Trivia Test Answers

- 1. India (which nearly surrounds the entire country) and Burma on SE; 2. Nevada; 3. Concord; 4. Oslo; 5. Warren Beatty; 6. Thea Hara; 7. George McClellan; 8. Arma Limitation Talks; 9. Stratford; 10. Munro's

Videolettes by Rhonda Hill

NOTE — "Red ...", "Why Fish Don't" (Cabin ...), "The ..."

VIDEO NEWS — Media ... "Pee-wee's Christmas Special," (\$9.95) and "Charlie Brown's Christmas" (\$9.95). Also, the company is re-releasing "Santa Claus — The Movie," (\$19.95).



Random House Video has just released three exciting new "Berenstain Bears" home vids titled: "Get Stage Fright," "No Girls Allowed," and "Forget Their Manners," all at a list of \$14.95. Other exciting releases from Random House next September include: "Dr. Seuss Beginner Book Home Video," "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish," and "The Cat In The Hat Comes Back," all listing at \$9.95. © 1989 by King Features Synd.

At the 'End'

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Vision Teaser

Two panels of a cartoon showing a man in a hammock. The man in the hammock is holding a book. The man standing is looking at him. The cartoon is by King Features Syndicate, Inc.

Find at least six differences in details between panels. Differences: 1. Sticks are different. 2. Sleeve is longer. 3. Arm is changed to a shovel. 4. Part of leg is concealed. 5. Blinds are lowered. 6. Flake is changed to a shovel.

3 Billion People Lack Sufficient Water

(This story is a reprint from GRIT - July 16 - July 22, 1989.)

Three billion people in the world lack sufficient water for sanitation, drinking or other needs. Twenty-four thousand of them die every day as a result.

Unless nations find more effective ways to protect and conserve the water supply, experts say, more will die in decades to come in a worsening crisis characterized by widespread crop failures, food shortages and even war.

Although opinions vary on the severity and the extent of the problem, environmental observers agree that it's serious enough to warrant immediate attention.

For too long, the experts say, the world has taken its water for granted, polluting, consuming and wasting it without regard for the consequences.

"And now we're on the brink of serious problems," says Roberta Savage, executive director of the Association of State and Interstate Water Pollution Control Administrators, a U.S. group based in Washington. "What people don't seem to realize is that fresh water is a finite resource. It's supply is limited."

Although water is one of the most abundant resources on earth, 97 percent of it is sea water. Its salt content makes it unfit for farming or human consumption. Of the remaining three percent of the total, all fresh water, nearly two percent is stored in glaciers and icecaps. That leaves roughly one percent to sustain land-based life.

Is it enough?

Yes, more than enough - if the world takes steps to protect, conserve and distribute the supply according to need. But this isn't happening now, at least not on the kind of scale experts say is necessary. Instead, pollution and wastefulness continue, and an ever-growing world population is beginning to vie for available water like thirsty lions at an oasis.

Here, in brief, are the causes of the dilemma:

Pollution. Industrial waste, urban sewage and agricultural runoff that includes pesticides, nitrogen and phosphorus are fouling rivers, lakes and streams on a massive scale. In the U.S. alone, 9.7 billion pounds of toxic substances were released into surface waters in 1987 and 2.7 billion pounds into underground wells. Acid rain, the spawn of airborne pollutants from factories, daily bombs streams, rivers and lakes in the Northeast U.S. and elsewhere.

Other parts of the world are experiencing similar problems. For example, in Poland, East Germany and Czechoslovakia, acid rain from unregulated industries has destroyed vast stretches of watersheds. In China, daily discharges of billions of gallons of untreated water from domestic and industrial sources has polluted streams and rivers throughout the country.

Poor Distribution. Although a country or a region may have enough water overall, certain areas may not have equal access to the supply. In the volatile Middle East, for example, 13 hydroelectric and irrigation projects on the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers will boost Turkey's supply but reduce the supply to Syria and Iraq. Similarly, a joint Syrian-Jordanian project on the Yarmuk River will cut back Israel's supply. Some say a struggle for control will develop, resulting in war within a decade.

Here in the U.S., farmers in Western states - still reeling from last summer's drought - are competing with municipalities for available supplies in arid areas. Meanwhile, massive pumping of groundwater from one location to another has depleted supplies and caused subsidence.

"Currently, something like 10 million acres of cropland in the West are being irrigated by drawing down the water tables," says Sandra Postel, vice president of research for Worldwatch Institute in Washington, which tracks global environmental developments. "What it means is that we're watering crops today with future supplies. It's not a sustainable situation in the long term."

The Greenhouse Effect. Pollutants in the air are forming a roof over the earth that traps heat and alters weather patterns. Many scientists say the 1988 drought may have been a result of the Greenhouse Effect. Among the pollutants responsible for this phenomenon are auto-exhaust, gases from chemical fertilizers and animal waste, and chemicals such as freon (used for refrigeration and air-conditioning).

If the Greenhouse Effect causes a gradual rise in the world temperature over the next half-century, polar icecaps could melt, causing a 20-foot rise in sea levels that would flood coastlines and damage croplands. Lack of rainfall would precipitate more droughts.

Destruction of Rainforests. In the past 100 years, about half of the world's 7.7 million square miles of

tropical rainforest have fallen victim to civilization.

Trees and plants are vital to the preservation of an adequate water supply. First, they act as giant sponges, soaking up rainfall and gradually releasing it into streams or rivers to help maintain a steady supply. Second, they recycle water back to the atmosphere, through evaporation, assuring regular rainfall patterns. Third, they absorb one of the most common of earth's pollutants, carbon dioxide, and convert it into life-giving oxygen, a process which helps forestall the Greenhouse Effect and consequent disruption of rainfall.

However, destruction of forests for roads, logging, colonization, industrial development, agriculture and pastureland is gradually diminishing the benefits of tree and plant life. After a forest is cleared, here's what happens:

1. Unabsorbed rainfall runs into streams and rivers before it can be captured and stored. In the process, the runoff erodes soil and deposits it downstream, killing fish and smothering crops and plants. So

much silt has been deposited in the Panama Canal in recent years that some scientists predict it will be useless by the year 2000.

2. Less water is recycled back into the atmosphere. In turn, rainfall declines.

3. More carbon dioxide is released into the atmosphere, increasing the Greenhouse Effect and the likelihood of dry spells, record heat and drought.

Increasing Population. An ever-growing world population is placing greater and greater demands on the water supply for agriculture, domestic use and industry. Although many nations rely on the U.S. and other food-producing countries for staples such as wheat, soybeans and corn, the major food producers themselves are beginning to experience problems. For example, as a result of last year's drought, America suffered \$15 billion in crop losses and, like Third World countries, was forced to import more food than it exported.

Politics. Local, national and international political problems and rivalries often stand in the way of implementing solutions.

Teen Years: Life In A Pressure Cooker

(Editors Note: Reprint from Southwestern Bell Tele Help.)

The Teen Years: Life In A Pressure Cooker

The statistics are staggering. More than 5,000 youths commit suicide each year.

In 1985, the latest year for which statistics are available, almost 500,000 teenage girls, and boys, became parents. The majority of these parents are too young to drive legally or hold a job.

And daily, newspapers across the country report violent, drug-related

crimes that involve teens.

Suicide. Pregnancy. Drugs. These are just three of the numerous issues facing today's youth.

Recognizing the magnitude of these issues and the devastating effect they can have on youth, Southwestern Bell Telephone is sponsoring a program aimed at helping teens and parents understand and cope with today's issues.

The program is called "Choices and Crises: The Teenage Pressure Cooker." Through this program, junior and senior high school students are encouraged to identify,

research, examine and confront issues that are very real facets of their daily lives. Students present their perceptions of these problems to their peers, parents and other adults via a school play. The play's script is written by the teens.

Choices and Crises programs are available by contacting your local Southwestern Bell Telephone External Relations Manager or by writing Choices and Crises, Southwestern Bell Telephone, One Bell Plaza, 30th Floor, Dallas, Texas 75202.

Waste. Though water is a precious resource, the average person in developed countries wastes tens of gallons of it every day. And industry and agriculture waste hundreds of billions of gallons.

Pesticide Training Meeting Scheduled

Two recertification training meetings for commercial and non-commercial pesticide applicators in Southwest Texas have been scheduled for August.

Applicators are now required by the Texas Department of Agriculture to acquire five hours of continuing education units (CEUs) in 1989. Twenty CEUs are needed by the end of 1992.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas Department of Agriculture are co-sponsoring two trainings which will provide five credits.

The first is from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Aug. 16 at Aggie Park, 6205 West Avenue, in San Antonio.

The second, also from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., is Aug. 17 at the Civic Center Reading Room, 300 E. Main, in Uvalde.

There will be a small fee charged at the San Antonio meeting to cover the cost of the meeting room. There will be no fee charged in Uvalde.

The same material will be presented at both meetings. Applicators need only to attend one of the meetings, not both.

Further information may be

received by contacting Terry Mitchell, TDA, 122 Heiman St., 1st Floor, San Antonio, Texas 78205, telephone 512/225-3464. Those interested in attending one of the meetings must contact Mitchell by Aug. 14.

Contact: Dr. Noble Kearney Extension Agronomist Telephone: 512/ 278-9151

Editor: Edith A. Chenault Communications Specialist 512/278-9151

Yasmin Soraida Pena

Yasmin turned one-year old on Tuesday, July 25, 1989. A party was given in her honor on Saturday, July 22, 1989.

She celebrated by having a pinata and inviting all her little friends and relatives. They all ate ice cream and cake, but most of it wound up on their faces and their clothes.

She received clothes and toys and her first brand new tricycle. Those who attended were from Brackettville and Del Rio.

Yasmin is the daughter of Eduardo and Rosa Isela Pena. She is the granddaughter of Esteban and Emilia Pena of Brackettville. Her maternal grandparents are Rosalva Herrera of Brackettville and Guadalupe Herrera of Del Rio. She has six uncles and three aunts.



A speedy recovery to Bill Terry, who is recovering from surgery in Methodist Hospital in San Antonio
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- Best book you've read lately - *Savage.*
- Hobbies you enjoy - *Sewing and reading.*
- Your friends say you're - *A perfectionist.*
- If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go? *Australia.*
- Secretly you've always wanted to be - *A lawyer.*
- If you could change anything about Brackettville, what would it be? *Air conditioned school.*
- In one word describe yourself - *Friendly.*



Sally Justice



The dazzling Mary Helen La Gioia pictured above in white leather Indian style dress she plans to wear to the 7th Annual Golden Boot Awards.

Mary Helen Attends Golden Boot Awards

by Mary Helen La Gioia
I will be attending the Seventh Annual Golden Boot Award, which is described as the biggest, wildest, cowboy and cowgirl event of the year.

Jimmy Stewart will be there to present Robert Duval with his Golden Boot Award. The list of celebrities is very long. Some of them being Angie Dickinson, Robert Mitchum, Casey Tibbs, Roy Rogers, Iron Eyes Cody and too many to list all of them.

I was very honored when Dale Berry, a very good friend of mine, invited me to attend. I will be seeing Burt Kennedy (director) who I have worked with before and is also a friend of mine. Neither Burt Kennedy, nor Dale Berry, have asked me to audition for any movies. I am going to L.A. to see all my friends, that I have worked with before, and to make new friends. I will leave on August 1. The Golden Boot Award will be held on August 5.

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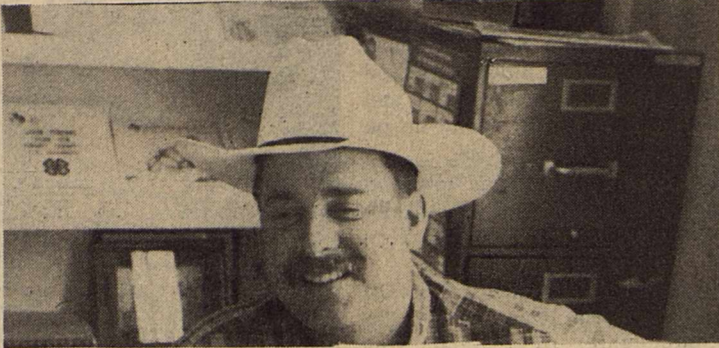
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Community View

How do you feel about the recent amendment legalizing the burning of the American flag?



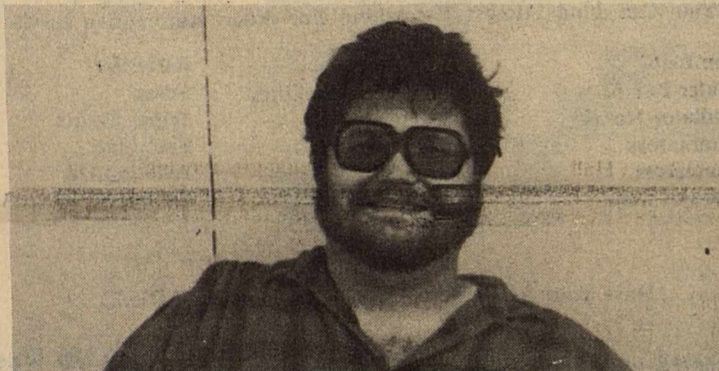
Alan McWilliams
 "I am not in favor of it. The National Symbol should be protected. If people do not like the flag, they don't have to burn it."



Patty Foster
 "People have the right to protest, but this is a form of disrespect to fellow citizens who fought for the flag."



Valerie Montoya
 "I'm all for it."



Rory Woodson
 "I think it's dumb. The flag has been around as long as the country has. If people want to protest, I'm sure they can find other ways."

A Little TLC for Junior High Twirlers

by Gus Garcia

The Brackett Jr. High twirlers, Hannah Reschman, Jennifer Mears and Cecelia Aguirre attended a twirling camp in Seguin at the Texas Lutheran College.

There they made their own routines and learned new ones. They were also awarded ribbons. Hannah received

three ribbons, while Jennifer and Cecelia received five each.

They had the comforts of home and had pizza parties during the week-nights. When asked how the camp was Jennifer stated, "I was nervous at first, but I had a great time." Hannah and Cecelia were not available for the interview.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission

Reduces White-Tailed Deer Bag Limit

AUSTIN - The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission, in a public meeting in Austin last week, reduced the white-tailed deer bag limit in some counties for the 1989-90 hunting seasons and authorized a longer spring turkey hunting season for 1990.

All the proposed changes were discussed in public hearings across the state during May, and the new regulations will go into effect Sept. 1.

The general white-tailed deer season was set for Nov. 4, 1989, through Jan. 7, 1990 in most of Texas. In all or portions of 28 South Texas counties, the whitetail season is Nov. 11, 1989, through Jan. 14, 1990. The special late antlerless-only season for Angelina, Houston, Nacogdoches (south of State Highway 7), Polk, Trinity and Walker Counties was shortened and set for Oct. 21-29.

The spring turkey gobble season was lengthened by approximately one week. The dates are April 7 - May 6, 1990. In the portions of East Texas where a spring season is authorized for turkeys, the season also will open on April 7, but closes April 22. A spring season was also authorized for Jackson and Matagorda Counties.

The commission voted to reduce the deer bag limit in 26 counties to three deer (one buck and no more than two

antlerless). These counties are: Anderson, Brazoria, Brazos, Callahan, Chambers, Eastland, Erath, Fort Bend, Freestone, Grayson (only on the Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge), Grimes, Harris, Hood, Houston (except on the Davy Crockett National Forest, Jefferson, Leon, Limestone, Madison, Morris, Orange, Palo Pinto, Robertson, Shackelford, Somervell, Stephens and Throckmorton. These counties will remain under the either-sex system or bag limits, with no landowner-issued antlerless permits required.

Whitetail hunting regulations will remain basically unchanged in the Edwards Plateau, South Texas, Trans-Pecos, Pineywoods and the Coastal Prairie. However, Aransas and Refugio Counties were added to those South Texas counties having the Nov. 11 - Jan. 14 regular season and the Jan. 20 - Feb. 4 antlerless-only season.

The commission also altered the line dividing the South Texas zone for deer hunting from the remainder of the state. The dividing line in Kinney, Uvalde and Medina Counties will be U.S. Highway 90 instead of the counties' northern boundaries. This will in effect give hunters in the northern halves of those counties the earlier opening date, and would not

Golf News By Les Roper

Many of our faithful members have been observed standing around and staring up into the sky as of late and we can assure you they are not looking for Superman. They are just keeping a watchful eye for a big white bird called "The Stork". This big white "sucker" was due to visit Larry and Susie Montgomery two weeks ago, but failed to make an appearance as of yet. Larry and Susie's many friends are anxiously awaiting the arrival of this blessed event. However, we visited with both of these kids yesterday and they have promised us a new bambino no later than Thursday. Larry, you are still welcome to use my four wheeler and take Susie for a ride through the wilderness area. It used to work in the good old days.

It appears our club pro, Carl Chism, is doing something different around his house as of lately. He has been observed on the golf course getting his game into shape on several different occasions. We know he didn't just talk Jan into watching the shop without some sort of penalty being assessed. Speculation is that he has been washing and drying a lot of dishes lately. Oh well, Carl, if you are going to get your game back to scratch play you've got to pay somehow. Keep washing, Carl, 'cause we need all the A players we can round up.

The weekly couples tournament was held Friday at the golf course with Robbie and Ruth Robinson hosting

this week's get together and they handled the job in a very thorough and professional manner. The team of Charlie Smith, Luella Johnson, Andy and Avis Anderson finished first with a net score of 41.25. Second place went to Robbie and Ruth Robinson, Jim Stafford and Rosemary Lovell, while third place was claimed by Reuben Warren, Vickie Nichols, Ray Kurtz and Mary Britton.

Saturday morning, starting at 9:00 a.m., the Golf Committee sponsored the first annual putting tournament at the Club. From our list of entries one lady and one man will be awarded a beautiful plaque proclaiming them the 1989 putting champion. The tournament has a double elimination format and some of the players who are advancing to the quarter finals have one loss while others have suffered no loss.

In the ladies division, Marti Isenberg, Pat McKelvy and Lois Williamson advance to the finals without a loss while Evelyn Whitely, Jane Young, Luella Johnson, Lois Hutton, Jan Chism and Odette Mills move up with one loss. All of these women are still in the running and quite capable of claiming the winner's crown.

In the men's division, Carl Spray, Bill Koons and Bob Young will be advancing with no loss while Clem McKelvy, Bob Derrickson, Les Roper, P.M. Moore, Bob Swindell, Herb Voracek, Gene Britton and

Ralph Viestenz continue to roll with one loss each. It should be quite a shoot out. The finals will be held on Friday night starting at 6:00 p.m.

The PBGA met Saturday evening at the Club and enjoyed a hot dog supper and lots of fellowship while celebrating the success of their first venture into league play. Everyone who played in this summer league expressed a desire to continue this type of friendly competition with a few modifications.

Gordon Lundquist presented a new group of team captains and teams, based on the players current handicap, and with just a few small changes, it was accepted as is. Team play will start this Wednesday, July 26, at 8:00 a.m. and will go on for twelve weeks where new champions will be crowned. The league play will be in compliance with USGA and PBGA rules.

The winning teams from the early summer league play were introduced and trophies and golf balls were presented to the teams according to their order of finish. Gordon handled the heaviest part of the load in the organization of this league and who could do it better than the first member of the Fort Clark Golf Club. He carries the distinction of having number one (1) on the membership list.

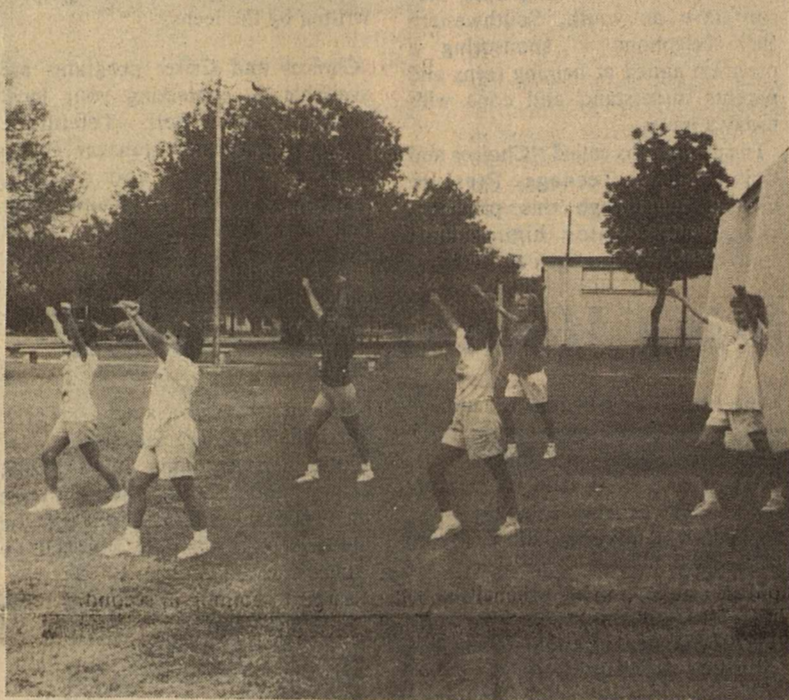
There will be four teams with six men on each team competing against one another and they are team number one, captained by Ralph Viestenz, Jim Bussey, Jerry Adams, Danny Isenberg, E.W. Williamson and W.C. Barker; team number two, captained by Reuben Warren, Doc Cruse, George Miller, Jay Hutton, Ward Pomeroy and Harold "Killer" Kaufman; team number three, captained by Gordon Lundquist,

P.M. Moore, Les Roper, Bill Koons, Ray Kurtz and Fred Englund; team number four, captained by Bobby Derrickson, Clem McKelvy, Tom Faulkenberry, Carl Spray, Herby Voracek and Andy Anderson.

On Tuesday the Ladies League had 17 members show up and they played a scramble with three ladies on each team. The winning team was made up of Chick Cruse and Mae Roper with a low net score of 74. Charging into second place was the team of Betty Inman, Jan Chism and Lorraine Lundquist but instead of an outright win, they found themselves tied with Jane Young, Elby Beard and Eileen Voracek with a net score of 75. If having a good time adds longevity to your life, then we just might be looking at a bunch of 100 plus golfers in the future. Our gals never go out on the course without having a "blast".

Our golf association is so fortunate in having so many nice people who belong to our club and play our golf course. This week we look at a couple who stand tall among our players by being polite, courteous and very gracious. Our members look forward to having them come in on holidays, weekends and summers because they add so much to our activity. From the very first day they joined our golfing "family" they just seem to belong. They have bought a home on the Fort and now we feel as though we will be having them on a permanent basis. Midland, Texas' loss is our gain and we say, welcome to Fort Clark, Bob and Jane Young, our most Courteous Golfers for the week.

Words of Wisdom: Bad manners are like bad teeth. Nobody knows you have them if you keep your mouth shut.



Varsity Cheerleaders warm up for big season. Left to Right: Teresa Terrazas, Valerie Talamantez, Yvonne Luna, Lorina Avila, Stephanie Ahrens, and Wendy McDaniel.

Sea World Adds to "Summer Nights '89"

SAN ANTONIO - Sea World of Texas has added new versions of two animal shows to its exciting evening entertainment program, "Summer Nights '89."

In addition to bright lights, lasers and music, special Summer Nights presentations of the sea lion, walrus, and otter show, sponsored by Pepsi, and the dolphin and whale show, sponsored by Southwest Airlines, are offered Sunday through Friday at 9

o'clock and Saturday at 10:15 through Labor Day.

At the Sea Lion, Walrus and Otter Stadium, sea lions Sir Clyde and Sir Seamore star as medieval knights competing for the hand of the king's daughter in "A Flipped Fairy Tale."

Sports Quiz

by Allan Ornstein

- Name the only major league baseball player to hit two grand slams in one game.
- Outside of Ron Darling, name the only other New York Met pitcher to hit a home run in two consecutive games.
- What is White Sox catcher Carlton Fisk's nickname?
- Name two teams 1971 bonus baby pitcher Pete Broberg played for during his career.
- Name the 1971 rookie Chicago Cub pitcher who never pitched in the minors before making his pro debut.
- What was former baseball manager Ralph Houk's nickname?
- Name the last San Diego Padre to be named "Rookie of the Year."
- Name the two players the Expos received in return for their 1985 trade of Pete Incaviglia to the Texas Rangers.

(Answers on page 4.)

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C.R.

Local 4-H Students Compete in Sonora

by Jennifer Pasanski

Two area 4-H students will compete at the District 13 4-H clothing competition in Sonora, Saturday, July 29.

Students competing are Samantha Luna, age 11, daughter of Leonard and Elena Luna; and Jo Lee Jones, age 9, daughter of John and Melanie Jones.

The girls will be judged on their ability to consumer compare home-made garments to store bought garments.

Pattern selection, as well as color coordinates suited to the individual, will be judged. Layout and cutting procedure are essential as well as safety and maintenance of sewing machine.

The girls have worked hard for this event and are wished well in competition.

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.

It's a Boy !!!

Andres Lorenzo Pena was born July 4, 1989, in Matagorda Memorial Hospital, to Cecilia Ann and Reggie C. Pena of Bay City. He weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches in length.

Welcoming him home is his big sister Regina Ann Pena.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Angel C. Rodriguez of San Antonio, and maternal great-grandmother is Mrs. Lee West of Pearsall.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Richard Pena of Brackettville, and paternal great-grandparents are Mrs. Atanacio Pena of Brackettville, and Mr. and Mrs. Serapio T. Cardenas of Del Rio.

Unsung Hero

by Joe Townsend

Very early in the beginning of Fort Clark Springs Association, a very outstanding man moved to Ft. Clark Springs with his lovely wife. Not hampered by many years and much mileage, he busied himself making his homesite a very attractive place.

Near his home is a "green area" which he assumed the responsibility for and has made it attractive and cares for it. He always has time to help his neighbors and friends. He enjoys golf and is a gracious and friendly golfer.

For a number of years he was a faithful member of Rotary. I've never known him to say an unkind

Bridge, Anyone?

by Dot Burrow

Duplicate bridge was played at three tables at the NCO Club on Sunday. Playing Howell, Gene and Mary Britton came out on top. In second place were Anita Korbel of Del Rio and her partner Tina Bauguess.

Tuesday night there were five tables of duplicate bridge, playing Mitchell.

North-South was won by the Brittons. In second place was a tie between Tina Bauguess and Rozetta Pinget with the team of Norma Gould and Trudy Harber. East-West honors went to Flo Stafford and Helen Lynch with Dot Burrow and Alice Seargeant coming in second.



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Thursday, July 27 - 7:00 p.m.
Theater Workshop - all ages
Ft. Clark Town hall

Thursday, July 27 - 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

Thursday, July 27 - 7:30 p.m.
Bass Club Meeting - contact Pete Bland 563-2335 for information
VFW building, Del Rio

Thursday, July 27 - 7:30 p.m.
Kinney County Kickers - square dancing
Ft. Clark NCO Club

Friday, July 28 - 8:30 p.m.
"Ransom of Red Chief"
Fort Clark Amphitheatre

Saturday, July 29 - 8:30 p.m.
"Ransom of Red Chief"
Fort Clark Amphitheatre

Sunday, July 30 - 11:00 a.m.
Children's Church
First Baptist Church

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

Monday, July 31 - 8:00 p.m.
A-A
Slaton Hall, James St.

Monday, July 31 - 8:00 p.m.
Al-Anon
St. Andrews Episcopal Parish Hall

Tuesday, August 1 - 7:00 p.m.
Duplicate Bridge
Ft. Clark NCO Club

Thursday, August 3 - 12:00 noon
Rotary Club - Las Moras Inn

Thursday, August 3 - 6:30 p.m.
Lions Club - Las Moras Inn

Thursday, August 3 - 7:00 p.m.
Kinney County Chamber of Commerce meeting
Ft. Clark Springs Assn. board room

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

Tuesday, August 8 - 7:00 p.m.
Masonic Lodge - Lodge Building

Monday, August 13 - 7:00 p.m.
Civil Air Patrol
Tower building east side of Uvalde airport
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Monday, August 14 - 9:00 a.m.
Commissioners Court
Kinney County Courthouse

Monday, August 14 - 4:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting
City Hall

Saturday, August 19 - 8:30 p.m.
Public dance - live band
Del Rio VFW Post 8552
1307 E. 1st St., Del Rio 775-2712

Monday, August 21 - 7:00 p.m.
Beta Sigma Phi meeting
Ft. Clark pool - picnic to follow meeting

Tuesday, August 22 - 6:30 p.m.
Shriners - social hour followed by meeting at 7:30 p.m. - Las Moras Inn

Wednesday, August 23 - 7:00 p.m.
VFW & Ladies Auxiliary
Post 8360, Fort Clark Springs
NCO Club - covered dish supper at 6:00 p.m.

Beta Sigma Phi

The Brackettville Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met on July 17, at 7 p.m. in the Kinney County Library to install the following officers for the 1989-90 chapter year: President, Nakaj Breen; Vice-President, Orlean Riley; Treasurer, Lily Schwandner; Recording Secretary, Oleta Townsend; Corresponding Secretary, Gloria Benacci; and Historian, Mabel Parham. Gloria Benacci served refreshments after the candle-light ceremony. Mildred Borden won the hostess gift drawing.

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Would you believe I've had three months of Sundays? That's the way life is girls, when you retire. If it wasn't for the soap operas, we'd never know what day it is, then there's two solid days of sports we have to suffer through.

This past week has changed my life. I was given some old books that were to be thrown away if I didn't want them and I found treasures worth more to me than gold. I've spent the whole week sifting through them. Right now my tired old brain is so full of things I want to tell you, I don't know where to begin.

First off, I want to thank Marie for the Lupus and Max for the cookbook and so glad you're back home. I love you all. I had several requests to talk about almonds, castor oil, etc. All these healthy foods I've been pushing. So for those of you who aren't interested, go into something else, cause here goes.

For 2 years now I've been saying we should change the old apple a day bit, into a handful of almonds a day. Just a half dozen of these delicious little tid-bits will keep you from having stomach problems, course, you have to eat them every day. Almonds are a veritable storehouse of nutrition.

They provide us with Vitamins A, C, D, E, B6, B12, Thiamine Riboflavin, Niacin, Folacin, (PANTOTHENIC ACID) and Biotin, as well as the minerals Calcium, Iron, Phosphorus, Iodine, Magnesium, Zinc, Copper, Sodium and Potassium. Almonds also provide us with 18 of the 20 amino acids needed for healthy growth.

Now, when I first heard this, I started shaking my head no - no. That tiny little almond can't have all this stored inside it. Being the skeptic I am, I looked it up and sure enough, I finally was convinced after reading it in several places. You guessed it. The almond and the black fig are two items I keep stored up like a squirrel.

Since the kids are out of school, most of them are filling their little heads with the wit and wisdom of Big Bird and other tidbits from TV. Many are constantly stuffing the wrong things in their stomachs. The TV has become our national baby-sitter and it's hard to resist the commercials filled with calorie-laden snacks, so I'm going to give you a couple home-made recipes for

cookies to keep on hand and when they eat a handful, remember to give them a couple slices of cheddar cheese.

This will help clean and protect their teeth. I read just the other day where hard-type cheeses help prevent cavities, aside from being a good source of protein.

Honeycomb Cookies
 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
 1 cup finely chopped nuts
 1 cup sifted plain flour
 1/2 cup margarine 1/2 cup corn syrup
 1 tsp vanilla

In a small bowl, stir together flour and nuts. In a heavy 1-qt saucepan, stir together margarine, sugar and syrup. Stir constantly while mixture comes to a rolling boil. Remove from heat and gradually stir in the flour mixture until well blended. Add vanilla and drop by scant teaspoonful three inches apart - pay attention - (as these cookies spread remarkably during baking) on foil-lined cookie sheets. Bake 350° in oven for 8 minutes. Cool on wire rack 3 or 4 minutes until foil can easily be peeled off. Remove foil and cool cookies on wire rack. Store in tightly covered container. Makes 9 dozen.

Best Ever Peanutbutter Cookies
 2 eggs 2 cups quick oats
 1 tsp baking powder 1 tsp soda
 1/2 tsp salt 1 cup peanut butter
 1 cup sugar 1 tsp vanilla
 1 1/4 cups unsifted plain flour
 1 cup (2 sticks) soft margarine
 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar

In a small bowl, stir oats, flour, baking powder, soda and salt. In large bowl of mixer on medium speed, beat margarine and peanut butter til smooth. Beat in sugars til blended, add eggs and vanilla. Then flour mixture, beating til well blended.

Drop by teaspoonful (rounded) 2" apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake at 350° for 12 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove from cookie sheets, cool on wire rack and store in tightly covered container. Makes about 75 cookies.

My thought this week - Mother Nature never intended for us to pat ourselves on the back, if she had, our hinges would be different.

Now get out there and hug somebody, it's free, and feels so good.

Special love - Grandma

Rory's Video Revue Moves

by Gus Garcia

Good news for all young adults of Brackettville. Rory's video review is moving and adding a game room.

He is moving from his business to a bigger building, right on the corner of Spring and Ellen Streets, across from the old Rio Grande Electric Coop building.

Big ideas and terrific workers are putting Rory's ideas to work. A popular game room and a "home away from home" is in the making.

When asked what motivated Rory to open the game room he replied, "I

have lots of kids hanging around since Fort Clark practically shut the kids from Brackettville out. This will give them something to do."

Rory plans to open by mid-August. From what I've seen, this place is going to be great.

Rory would like to thank the following people: Charles Ingram for the fine painting job, including the sign painting; Dub Nixon for carpentry; Pete Perez from AAA Roofing; and his parents, Mom and Dad for moral support.

Best wishes and good luck, Rory, from The Brackett news.

Shop Brackettville Campaign Begins

At their monthly meeting on July 6, the KC Chamber of Commerce approved a proposal from the Commerce and Industry Committee that an annual advertising program be sponsored by the Chamber to stimulate increased trade for local businesses.

For various reasons, many local consumers travel to our neighbor cities, Del Rio or Uvalde, to spend much of their monthly budget dollars. This loss of trade reduces sales/profits for local businesses, which in turn limits the inventory of goods they can afford to maintain to satisfy buyer demands. It also lowers the sales tax rebate from the State Comptroller for our benefit.

The Chamber prepared its first quarterly consolidated advertisement to identify twenty-four small businesses in the Brackettville area. The ad appears in this issue. Members of the C/C who participate in this ad campaign pay nothing for their ad space; non-members paid a nominal amount. While Chamber time and funds imposed a limit on the number of participants for this quarter, it is hoped that popular demand may allow for a larger ad featuring more businesses in the next quarter. Membership in the C/C gives priority for participation.

Many retired folks living on fixed income, and lower income people, sometimes complain that local prices are too high and for this reason they do much of their shopping in nearby cities. To overcome this reason for non-patronage locally, the Chamber suggests that some local businesses offer buyer incentives such as rebates or discounts. This option is however limited by price markup and profit margins and each business must determine whether or not their cost of operation will permit this inducement for additional trade.

Some businesses are not conveniently located to meet the public eye and consumers may not know that they exist. To increase public awareness of the merchants, the products or services they offer, and the

advantages of doing business with them, the Chamber is planning to have a representative visit one or more business places each month, to conduct a personal inspection of the facility, interview the owner, note the merchandise sold or services provided and then prepare a review summary highlighting reasons why consumers should patronize each business. The article will be published as a feature column titled "C/C SPOTLIGHT REVIEW" to appear regularly in this newspaper.

The Chamber urges everyone to spend as much of their consumer dollars as possible with local merchants and services to obtain all that is available to meet their needs. It is felt that increased local trade will enable business owners to increase inventory to provide more products at more competitive prices, or to employ more skilled persons to provide the services needed. The consumer will benefit in terms of time and travel expense saved, and also gain appreciation for a better local business climate.

Essential to the Chamber's effort to better serve the business community and the consumer is the support that individuals and business owners give when they become members of the Chamber. To encourage new membership enrollment, the following schedule of dues, effective to 12/31/89 is hereby announced:

-\$32, for individuals, sole proprietorships with not more than two full-time employees, and business associates of larger businesses. The annual amount may be paid in four quarterly amounts.

-\$72, for corporations, partnerships, and sole proprietorships with more than two full-time employees. Quarterly installments also.

Existing memberships may be renewed as stated above to 12/31/89. Dues checks may be mailed to: Mary Seaver, P.O. Box 386, Brackettville or paid to any member of the Board, payable to KC Chamber of Commerce.

BEYOND THE HORIZON

by Dorothy Payne

In the beginning the Plaza in Santa Fe wasn't a square at all. It was a typical Spanish colonial rectangle. The Church on the side to the east wasn't really a church either, just a mud structure that the visiting prelates called a jacal.

The Indians were torn between the authority of the government and the church. In the revolt of 1680, their problems came to a head and their was killing on all sides. Twelve years later, the Spanish were again in authority. Things settled down and settlers built homes around the Plaza, pushing its shape finally into a square.

The square became a meeting place of townspeople and travelers. In the evenings, the plaza was a place for playing children, loafing neighbors and would be politicians.

In the middle 1870s a celebration that lasted for days was held in the plaza for the new King Fernando VI of Spain.

In 1822, independence from Spain was celebrated and a "liberty" pole was raised in the middle of the plaza. This pole was surrounded by steps and soon became the favorite hangout for loafers. In 1845, the hangout became so bad, Governor Mariano Martinez had the whole "liberty" pole torn down.

The Governor ran water into the

plaza and planted cottonwood trees, built an adobe wall around the square and it began to look more like a plaza. That summer a band of Utes came to town and sneaked into the governor's office. The governor fended them off with a chair, his wife came to help him swinging a sword. When the guards came, the Indians were finally driven off.

When the U.S.A. took over, other changes came about. During the Civil War, both Confederate soldiers and Union soldiers camped in the plaza at different times.

On Oct. 24, 1867, the citizens buried a sealed box of relics to be opened in one hundred years. Strangely enough, when the time came to dig up the box, they couldn't find it. After searching for a long time, they finally gave up.

Somewhere in Santa Fe Plaza is a box of relics containing copies of speeches made on the day it was buried, other documents, Masonic seals, coins, stamps, names of officers of the Civil War, but the names of the local soldier heroes were not included, and they were the ones who were supposed to be honored.

You can sit in the plaza at Santa Fe and daydream about how it used to be and before you know it, you have passed the afternoon away.

THE GRAPEVINE

by Gus Garcia

Salutations! Cecelia Foster and I took our driver's test. Want to know how we did? Check for us driving!

Do you realize that in less than one month school will begin? I'm sure all you "summer stricken" parents are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the first day of school.

Rory Woodson is doing what I think is the best thing anyone can do this summer. He's opening a game room! Good luck Rory!

Summer band practice will begin August 1. Anyone interested should report to the band hall at 9:00 a.m.

Now for Birthday wishes... To Teresa Terrazas and Ruben

Terrazas Jr. on the 31st from Grampa Ben and Gramma Julia and Severo, Noemi and April.

Belated Happy Birthday to Honeybee Gomez on the 24th.

Belated Happy Birthday to Cecelia Pena of Bay City from Nena Pena, who's birthday was on July 25.

Happy Birthday to Johnny Ward who turned 37 on the 26th.

Dorothy Payne on August 1st.

Happy Belated Birthday to Raymond Bartkowiak on the 21st.

Happy Birthday to Sandy Bartkowiak on the 28th.

Happy Anniversary Jennifer and Michael on the 30th.

Well here's my thought for the week: "There's no place like home." -Judy Garland

Let's all say a nice prayer for one of our football players, Hector Pena, Jr.

Roger Rodriguez, Alma, Ora, & The Brackett News

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