

APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC LANDMARK DESIGNATION

City of Seguin, Main Street Program, P.O. Box 591,
Seguin, Texas 78156 (830) 401-2448

1. Name of Landmark: Zies - Vivrony Residence
2. Address of Landmark: 113 East Live Oak Street
3. Legal Description: LOT 3, 4 N 20' W S. 6 Blk. 135
4. Owner Name: Beth Stanley Zies
This information can be found on the property tax appraisal
5. Owner Address: 113 East Live Oak Seguin, TX 78155
- Phone: 830.379.7062 Email: cactusmargarita@sbcglobal.net
6. HISTORY: A brief history is required and should be attached to this application. The following information should be included, if known:

- Original owner/builder/architect
- Subsequent owners
- Present owner
- Original and subsequent use of significance
- Dates of the above
- Any anecdotes concerning the landmark and/or its owners
- Photographs - Historic and current
- General description of the structure

7. I hereby request consideration of the above-described structure/site as a historic landmark according to the provisions of the City of Seguin Historic Landmark Preservation Ordinance. I have read this Ordinance and fully understand its effect on my property. This application shall be considered as my written permission as owner of the above-described property for historic designation by the City of Seguin City Council.

Beth Stanley Zies
Owner Signature

Jan 26, 2018
Date

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Application received by _____
Date: _____ Receipt No. _____ Check No. _____

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE: Date: _____

CITY COUNCIL: Date: _____

From: **Beth Zies** <cactusmargarita@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Fwd: Addendum Information for Seguin Historical Marker Application
Date: January 26, 2018 at 9:25 AM
To: Beth Zies kbain@plateauwildlife.com

From: Beth Zies <cactusmargarita@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Addendum Information for Seguin Historical Marker Application
Date: January 26, 2018 at 9:01:24 AM CST

Addendum Information for Seguin Historical Marker Application

Addendum #1: Owners of 113 East Live Oak Street property according to local land transfer office at the Justice Center.

Addendum #2: A. Details of home size and surrounding buildings from the Appraisal District
B. Photos of home in 1938 from Judy Vivroux Scheffel and in 2018 from Beth Zies

Addendum #3 History of Vivroux Hardware from Judy

Addendum #4: A. Violet Violet Vivroux sworn in to complete deceased husband's term as Treasurer of City of Seguin
B. 90th Anniversary of Vivroux Hardware

Addendum #5: History of Violet Vivroux from newspaper clipping from Judy

Addendum #6: A. B. C, D. Letters and Notes from Beth Zies's students

Addendum #7: A. Cactus Margarita Gourmet Food Show poster
B. Gazette Newspaper clipping introducing Beth's new invention dated September 1, 1998

- C. Texas Cactus Council announcement introducing Cactus Margarita
- D. Won 1st Place at Houston Hot Sauce Festival
- E. Go Texan Gourmet Food Show in San Antonio with current logo
- F. Recognized as a Founding Member of the GoTexan Department of Agriculture

program

Addendum #8. A. Beth Zies invited to University of Texas 25th Anniversary celebration of new Communications Center

- B. Zies elected to Emanuel's Lutheran Church Council
- C. Zies initiated into Seguin Chapter of America Business Women's Association
- D. Zies initiated into Delta Kappa Gamma International
- E. Zies awarded Seguin Garden Club Yard of the Month
- F. Zies and daughter Lena when their home was on the Zonta Circle Tour of Homes
- G. All Home owners sharing their homes with visitors during 1983 Tour of Homes
- H. Gazette clipping highlighting Zies home in the Parade of Homes Tour

Addendum #9: A. Helping plan City of Seguin 146th Birthday Party with Mayor Betty Jean Jones
B. David & Roger Baenzinger of Baenzinger's Model Market donated all the ice cream for City of Seguin Birthday Party

C. Mayor Betty Jean Jones signs Proclamation with Main Street Director Mona Kallies Starcke with Beth and Lena Zies

From: **Beth Zies** cactusmargarita@sbcglobal.net
Subject: Fwd: Historical Narrative 1/20/18
Date: January 26, 2018 at 7:45 AM
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Cc: beth Zies cactusmargarita@sbcglobal.net, Lena Zies lenazies@gmail.com

Subject: Fwd: Historical Narrative 1/26/18

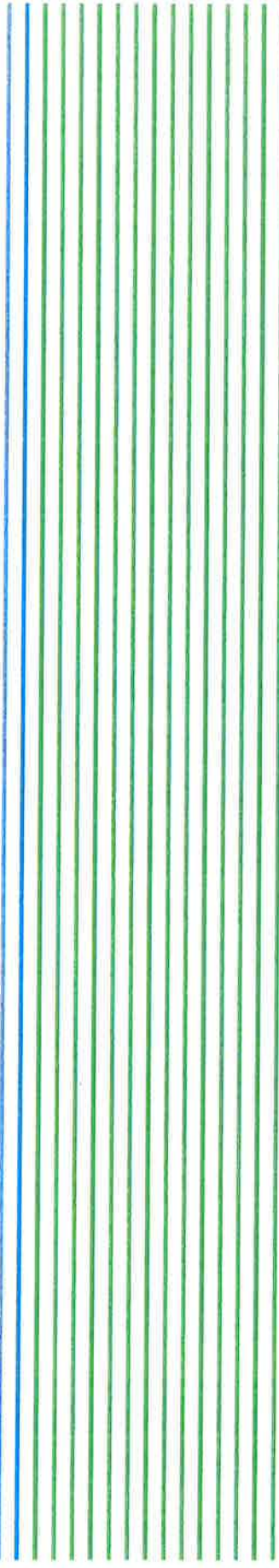
Date: January 26, 2018 at 9:45:53 AM CST

My home at 113 East Live Oak is situated just four blocks from the Guadalupe County Courthouse in the center of the picturesque city of Seguin which is one of the oldest towns in Texas. In 1838, just sixteen months after the Texas Revolution, a group of the Texas Rangers who had made camp at a place they called Walnut Springs, laid out a settlement among beautiful live oaks beside Wall Springs on the Guadalupe River. This camp had been a meeting place for the Texas Rangers during their patrols against Indians and outlaws before the Texas Revolution. This area was in the middle of the Humphries Branch 1831 league purchase. On August 12, 1838, Joseph Martin, James Campbell, Arthur Swift, and Matthew Campbell founded a corporation to establish a town site at place they called walnut

Vivroux who died in 1966. In 1979, the estate of Violet Vivroux sold property to the Zies family. (addendum 1)

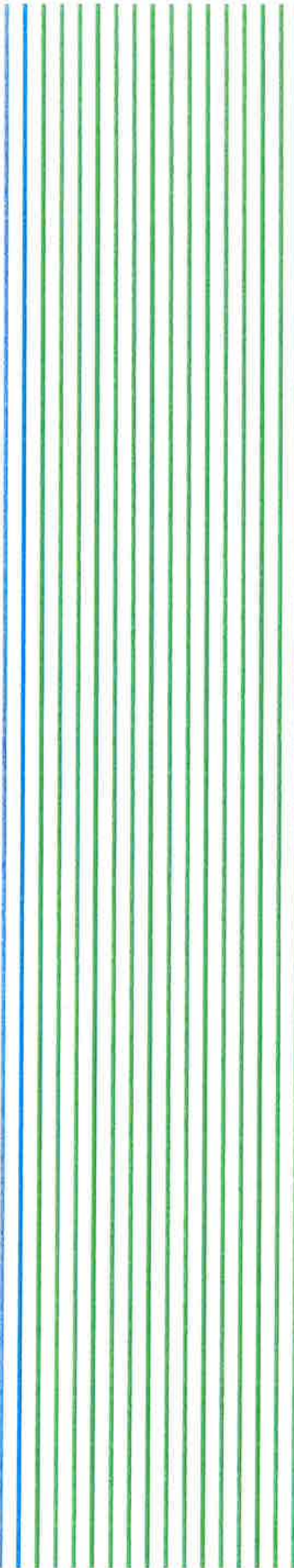
This spacious and charming 1 1/2 story home has three bedrooms and two bathrooms with lots of space for entertaining guests and family. Downstairs has one bedroom and bath with the kitchen, formal dining room and formal living room all conveniently joined together with a Family off the formal dining room. Upstairs are two more bedrooms and another bathroom. (addendum #2) as the centuries old oak trees continued to grow, the grass below was crowded out and Zies had a huge deck built covering most of the back yard with two water ponds in both the back and east side yards. The peaceful gentle sound of moving water from the two ponds sure provides a pleasant sight and sounds for a cookout in fitting times of the year. A yard bathroom was added for the convenience of family and visitors.

The two families that have lived here and served the Sequim community



something to beautify the home and the yard. Research stated that Violet had “that just recently installed an exhaust fan in the kitchen, and laid streighted wood tiles on her kitchen and formal dining room ceilings. She belonged to the supper bridge club and the Matron's Bridge Club. She was a member of the Joe F. Saegert P.T.A and the Seguin Study Club. Research said her favorite quote was from Goethe, “He is happiest, be he king or peasant, who finds peace in his home.” (addendum 5)

Violet Vivroux’s daughter Judy Scheffel inherited the home and put it up for sale as she lived in Georgia and didn’t need the property, but the young Zies family had been looking for a home for weeks when Broker/Realtor Jan Quello showed us this home; We loved it even with the clothes washing machine in the kitchen and no dishwasher in the kitchen. After we moved in, we started the first major renovation in the kitchen standardizing the cabinet heights to accommodate a dishwasher and new kitchen appliances and upgrading the cabinets. In 2005



including sponsoring the newspaper and yearbook, taught photography and Speech and later taught Money Matters at Gary Job Corp. for a total of more than 30 years of teaching a generation of Seguin and area children to write, speak, and see their works published. (Addendum 7) Beth herself wrote news stories, editorial, and features for the Seguin Gazette, the San Antonio Express-News, and the Austin Statesman newspaper. She was two-term President of the American Association of University Women, board member and later two term President of the Seguin Conservation Society, active in the Chamber of Commerce, member of the Texas Cactus Council with her Prickly Pear Cactus business and was recognized as a Founding Member of the GoTexan Department of Agriculture, (Addendum 8) member of American Legion and the Elks, past member of Emanuel's Lutheran Church Council and currently an Adult Sunday School teacher. Lena, Beth's only daughter filled her life with

from Tax Office at Justice Center

Land Transfers

Addendum #1

1913

Ella Harris - Exec. of J.F. Harris
to
Walter Nolte
Lt 1-8 bk 4

1924

Walter Nolte (deceased) ← died 1923)
Olivia Nolte - exec
to
Knetsch Lt 5, 6, 7, 8 bk 4

Olivia has #3, 4 bk 4? received - probate 1923

blank time frame Eugene bought it

Eugene Vivroux (dec'd 1959)

wife VALESKA (remarried 1959-1962 to Jesse Faris)

to
Arthur Vivroux (dec'd 1966)

1979

Violet Vivroux executor of Arthur
Frederick ^{to} Zies, Beth Stanley Zies

Addendum #2A

2018-0-27868-155313

PROPERTY ID AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION		
PROP ID: 27868	TYPE: Real	DBA:
LOT: 3 4; N 20' OF 5.6 BLK: 135 ADDN: INNER		
GEO ID : 1G1460-0135-00300-0-00		
REF ID1: R8616	REF ID2:	MAP ID: N-11-N
SITUS : 113 E LIVE OAK ST		MAPSCO:
PROP USE:		TIF: N
GBA : 0	SUB MKT:	UNITS : 0
NRA: 0		

OWNER ID, NAME AND ADDRESS		OWNER ID / %
ZIES LENA MARIE		155313
BETH ZIES KENNEDY - LIFE ESTATE		100.00%
113 E LIVE OAK ST		
SEGUIN, TX 78155 US		
EFFECTIVE ACRES: 0.2720		
APPR VAL METHOD: Cost		

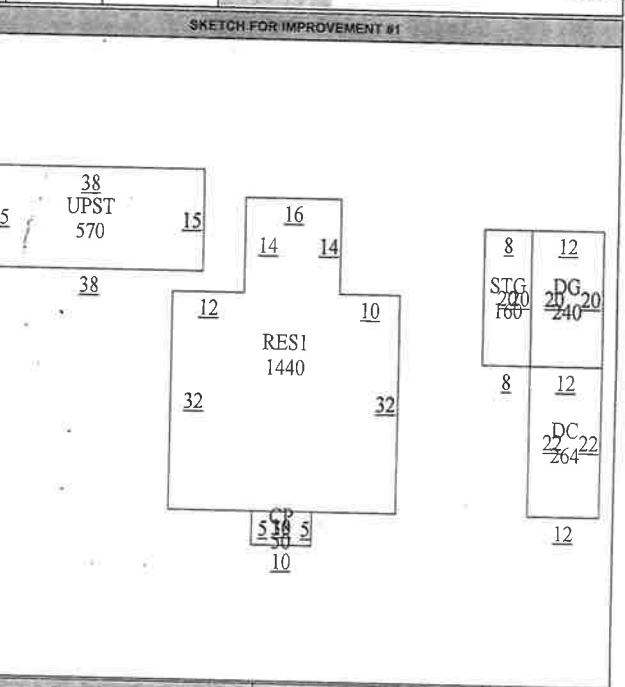
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OV65	CSG 100%	LAND MKT	+	9,831
	GCO 100%	MARKET	=	109,292
	LTR 100%	PROD LOSS	-	0
	SGS 100%	APPRaised	=	109,292
		HS CAP LOSS	-	9,464
		ASSESSED	=	99,828
				109,292

GENERAL			
UTILITIES:	LAST APPR YR: 2012	LAST APPR: ZDP	
TOPOGRAPHY:	CAP BASIS YR: 2017	NBHD APPR: ES	
ROAD ACCESS:	LAST INSP DATE: 07/24/2012	SUBDV APPR:	
ZONING: RES	NEXT INSP DATE:	LAND APPR:	
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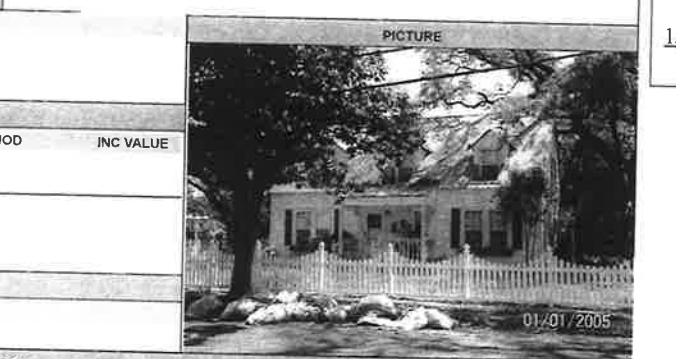
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 REM ECO&LOC ADJ PER IN HOUSE REVIEW/07/CKW; -PHY ADJ

RES DU32,DR12,DU14,DR16,DD14,DR10,DD32,DL38
 CP MR14,DD5,DR10,DU5,DL10
 UPS MU35,ML33,DU15,DR38,DD15,DL38
 DC MR60,DU22,DR12,DD22,DL12



BUILDING PERMITS								
BR#	ISSUE DT	PERMIT #	TYPE	ST	EST VALUE	APPR	BUILDER	COMMENT



INCOME APPROACH DATA								
GPI VAC	EGR	OTHER INC	EGI	EXPENSE	TAXES	NOI	METHOD	INC VALUE

INQUIRY / ARB PROTESTS				
CASE ID	DATE	APPR STATUS	OWNER COMMENTS	STAFF COMMENTS

SALES & DEED HISTORY														
SALE DT	SALE PRICE	TYPE	RATIO CD	FIN CD	FIN TERM	LA SQFT	SP / SQFT	1ST IMPRV	2ND IMPRV	GRANTOR	CONSID	DEED	BOOK ID	DEED PAGE
1/26/2011	*****									RESIDENTIA	*****	GD	3188	0964
1/01/1901	*****	WD								RESIDENTIA	*****	OT	622	44

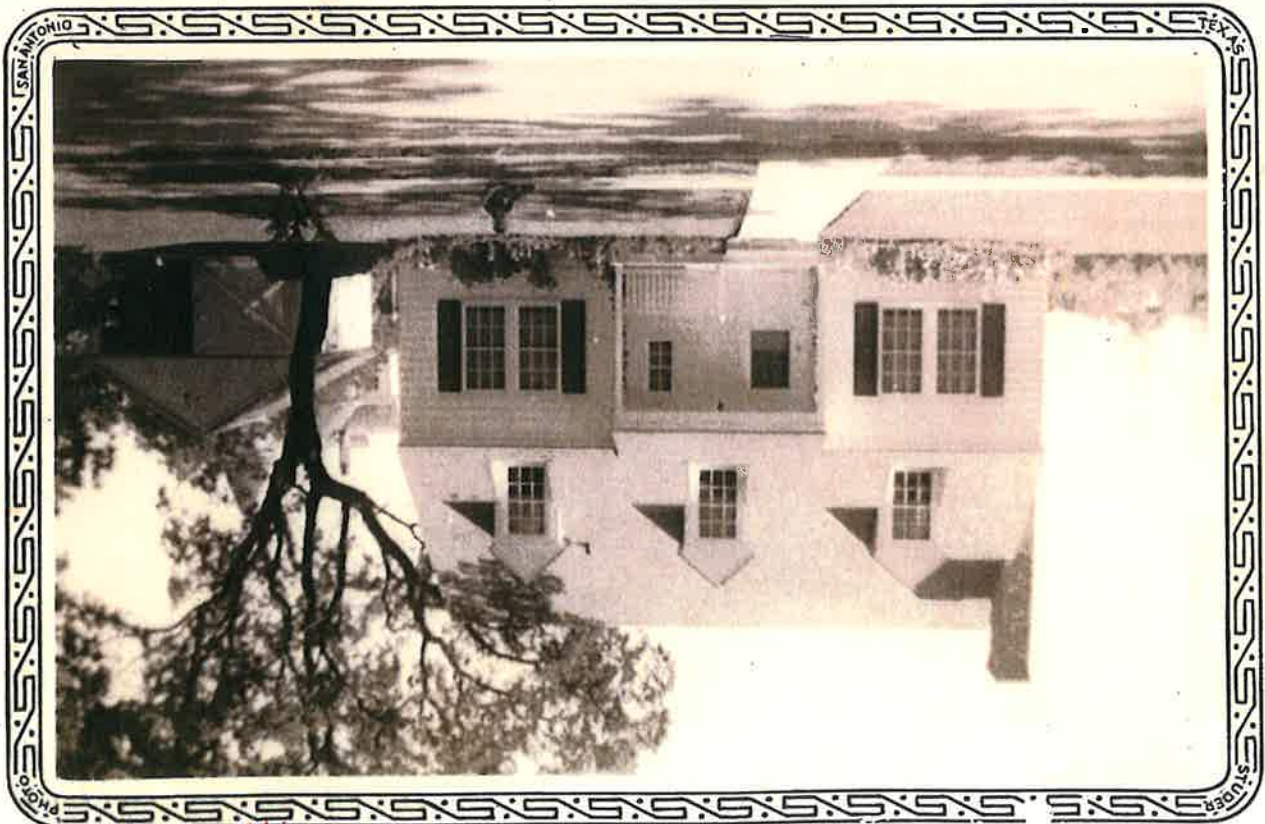
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TYPE	DESCRIPTION	MTHD	CLASS/SUBCL	AREA	UNIT PRICE	UNITS	STY	BUILT	EFF YR	COND.	VALUE	DEPR	PHYS	ECON	FUNC	COMP	ADJ	ADJ VALUE			
A	RES MAIN FLR	R	R5-1	1,440.0	85.15	1	1	1929	1929	A	122,616	60%		98%	90%		0.53	64,888			
B	CP COV PORCH	R	*/	50.0	21.29	1	1	0	1929	-	1,065	60%		98%	90%		0.53	564			
C	UPS 2ND FLR	R	*/	570.0	70.67	1	1	0	1929	-	40,282	60%		98%	90%		0.53	21,317			
D	DC DET CARPRT	R	DCA/	264.0	6.06	1	1	0	1929	-	1,600	100%	50%	98%	90%		0.44	706			
E	DG DET GARAGE	R	DGA/	240.0	20.15	1	1	0	1929	-	4,836	100%	50%	98%	90%		0.44	2,133			
F	STG STORAGE	R	STGF/	160.0	28.73	1	1	1929	1929	A	4,597	20%		98%	90%		0.18	811			
RESIDENTIAL				STCD: A1	2,724.0	(E1929)	Homesite: Y (100%)			174,996	Living Area: 2,010		90,419								

IMPROVEMENT DETAIL ADJUSTMENTS				IMPROVEMENT FEATURES			
#	ADJ TYPE	ADJ AMT	ADJ %	DESCRIPTION	UNITS	CODE	VALUE
				Foundation	1	WP	0
				Exterior Wall	1	WS	0
				Interior Finish	1	PN	0
				Interior Finish	1	SR	0
				Roof Style	1	GC	0
				Flooring	1	SW	0
				Heating/Cooling	1	CA-CN	0
				Heating/Cooling	1	CH-CN	0

LAND VALUATION												IRR Wells: 0			Capacity: 0			IRR Acres: 0.0000			Oil Wells: 0		
DESCRIPTION	TYPE	SOIL	CLS	TABLE	SC	HS	METH	DIMENSIONS	UNIT PRICE	ADJ	MASS ADJ	VAL SRC	MKT VAL	L#	ADJ TYPE	ADJ AMT	ADJ %	AG	AG USE	AG TABLE	AG UNIT PRC	AG VALUE	
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													9,831										0

LAND ADJUSTMENTS				PRODUCTIVITY VALUATION				
#	ADJ TYPE	ADJ AMT	ADJ %	AG	AG USE	AG TABLE	AG UNIT PRC	AG VALUE
				N		NONE	0.00	0

Current photo



1871

Vivroux's Long Identified With

Address #3

FIRM FOUNDED BY PHILLIP VIVROUX ON ARRIVAL FROM FRANCE IN 1869

Significant of Seguin's
with has been that of Viv-
roux's, established in 1869.

From a small wooden
shop where Phillip Vivroux
opened a small gunsmith and
shop at Austin and Camp
where his wares hung
in the ceiling, the firm has
grown to a hardware, appli-
cance, sporting goods and gift
shop that occupies a block-
ing building with a Toyland
Sheet Metal Shop located
in separate buildings across
the street.

Phillip Vivroux founded the
firm soon after his arrival from
France, Lorraine, France. Eighty-
two years later finds the thriv-
ing business extending into the
fourth generation of the
well known Seguin family.

Phillip was the father of four chil-
dren, Charles, Helen, John and
Gene, all deceased. Charles, the
eldest, started working with his
father at the age of 14 and lived
in the business prosper and
before his death a week
before Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7,

FOURTH GENERATION

Three sons of Charles Vivroux
are now actively engaged in the
business, together with two of
Phillip's sons. They are
Arthur (Jap)
(Chubby) Viv-
(Rags) Vivroux.

Jap's son, Arthur Charles "Boo-
gie" Vivroux, is a regular worker
in the sheet metal shop, and Rags'
son, Gene, a senior student in Se-
guin High School, works Satur-
days and vacation periods in the
Vivroux Toyland Shop. These
two mark the fourth generation of
the family in the business.

Mrs. Mabel Vivroux, widow of
John Vivroux, one of four children
of the founder, and her two daugh-
ters, Mrs. Bernice Traeger of Se-
guin and Mrs. Marie Heil of San
Antonio are stockholders in the
large firm.

"BIG" BUSINESS

Along with "Jap," "Chubby"
and "Rags" Vivroux, John Trae-
ger, husband of Mrs. Bernice
Traeger, is active in management
of the firm.

Few people upon a casual visit
to Vivroux's realize the magnitude
of the business carried on there.
Literally thousands upon thou-
sands of items are stocked in the
hardware department alone, mak-
ing inventory taking a real man-
sized job once a year. This takes
in everything from nails, screws
and bolts to heavy hardware.

In the appliance department
are many name brand products
from handy kitchen devices, refrig-
erators and deep freezers to the
latest in television and air condi-
tioning.

SPORTS DEPARTMENT



VIVROUX'S LONG IN FOREFRONT—About the turn of the century this horse drawn
float appeared in one of Seguin's gala downtown parades, showing that Vivroux's partici-
pated in all civic events then as they do now. Recognize any of the young lassies?

The sports department stock-
pile alone is enough to fill the average
size store. Here you can pick your
own outboard motor, tennis, base-
ball or fishing equipment or popu-
lar brand firearms.

At the choice corner location of
the main store is a gift and house-
hold wares shop where glistening
silverware, china, crystals and
knick-knacks always invite a sec-
ond look.

In Toyland there is everything
to keep Junior or Sis happy, re-
gardless of age.

And the sheet metal shop ties
in with any number of the firm's
services, such as air conditioning,
pump equipment, etc.

LONG ACTIVE

That the Vivroux's have long
assumed a leading role in Seguin
affairs is shown in that the late
Charles and John Vivroux each
served as chief of the volunteer
fire department. John served as
commander of the American Le-
gion post immediately following
World War I.

The present officials at Viv-

roux's are following in their foot-
steps. For instance, Jap Vivroux
is a director of the chamber of
commerce, a member of the board
of equalization and a member of
the Elks Lodge, along with his
brother, Eugene. Rags is past wor-
shipful master of the Masonic
Lodge. John Traeger is past pres-
ident of both the Chamber of
Commerce and Lions Club and is
currently Leading Knight of the
Elks Lodge, Commander of Se-
guin's National Guard Unit,
chairman of the Seguin Base Ball
Commission.

Vivroux's, which in 1953 re-
newed its 50-year charter, was
selling Jackson automobiles in Se-
guin in 1908—just to give you an
idea of how long this business has

started in 1869

Attendance #14A

SUCCEEDS HUSBAND

Mrs. Vivroux city secretary

Mrs. Arthur (Violet) Vivroux will complete her late husband's term as Treasurer for the City of Seguin, as Treasurer for the City of Seguin, a term that expires in April, 1968. Her husband, the late Jap Vivroux, was currently serving his third term as City Treasurer when he succumbed last week.

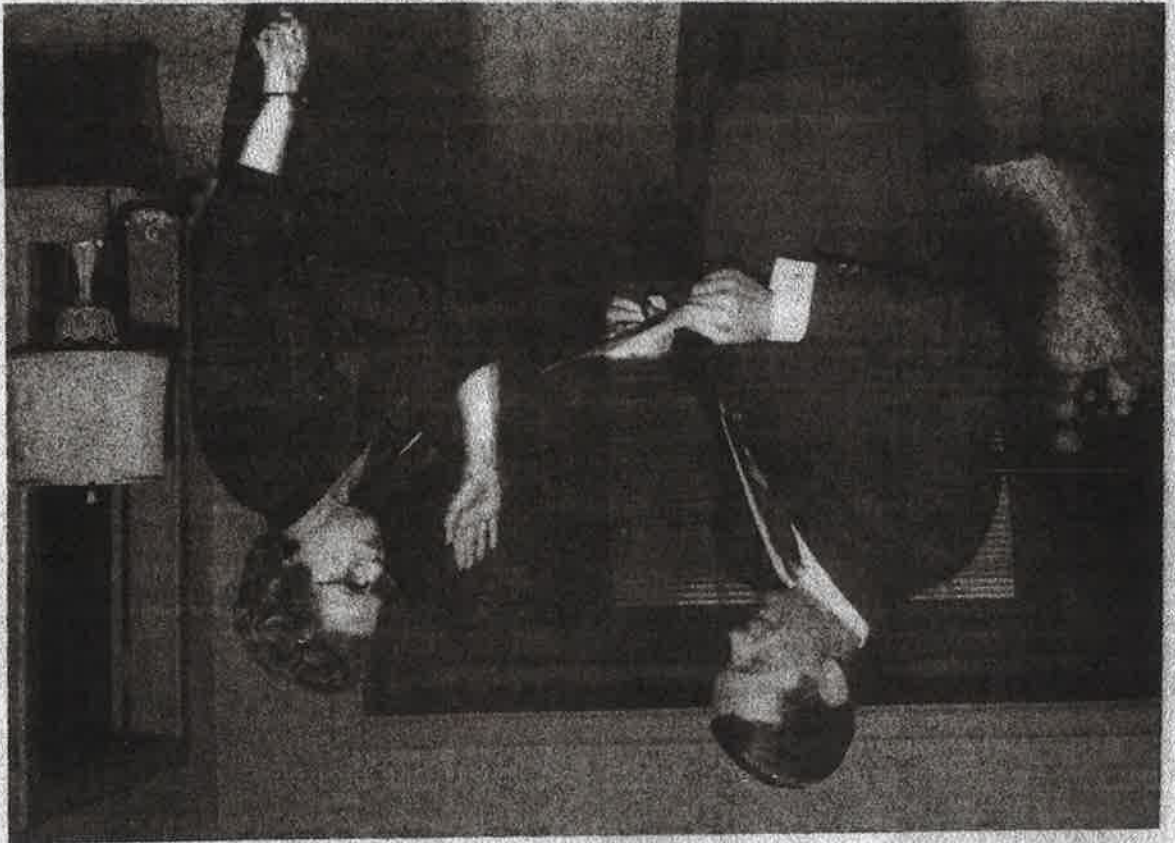
The accomplished Mrs. Vivroux was sworn into this office during brief ceremonies in her home at 2:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, by Mayor Al Koebig.

Mayor Koebig spoke highly of Mrs. Vivroux's abilities when he stated: "Mrs. Vivroux is familiar with the duties of this office, so we are thankful for her acceptance."

"Due to the modern methods of bookkeeping, Mrs. Vivroux wishes to transfer those duties over to the accounting department at City Hall; that is, the duties that she feels may be better handled by the accounting department."

"We, myself and the Council, are grateful to Mrs. Vivroux for making this decision. We will, therefore, pay particular attention to the duties of this office so that a satisfactory transfer may be made with Mrs. Vivroux's instructions."

"It is the feeling of the Council and myself and Mrs. Vivroux, that this office can then be transformed into a title with a token payment or whatever is proper and acceptable to the statutes at the expiration of this date."



Solemn oath

LIVING ROOM of Seguin's new City Treasurer provided the site for her swearing-in ceremonies this Tuesday by Mayor Al Koebig. Mrs. Arthur (Violet) Vivroux will complete the term of her late husband which expires in April, 1968. (Gazette photo).



1959

274 YEARS — Employees at Vivroux Hardware are noted for their long association with the company. Vivroux's 24 employees have a combined total of 274 years with the firm. Those who posed for the above picture include (with number of years of

employment in parenthesis) front row (L to R), Rebecca Garza (2), Mrs. Louis Tiemann (2), Mrs. Maidie Ferrell (12), Mrs. Arthur (Jap) Vivroux (2), Mrs. Gilbert Nagel (12) and Helen Fischer (5). In middle row are Mary Davila (2), Otto Peters

(29), Chubby Vivroux (7), Gene Vivroux (8), Jap Vivroux (41), Rags Vivroux (29), Gilbert Nagel (30), and Howard Pruet (13). In back row are John Trager (14), Melvin Demuth (7), Erwin Fennell (13), Alvin Pape (1), and Charley Fennell

(9). Five other employees are not pictured, including Mrs. Lillian Scott (6 years), Hugo Castenon (14), Arthur (Boogie) Vivroux, Jr. (8), Peggy Schneider (1), and Mrs. John Vivroux (15).

90th Anniversary

Vivroux's to Celebrate

June 27, 2017

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Mrs. Arthur Vivroux Has Many Talents

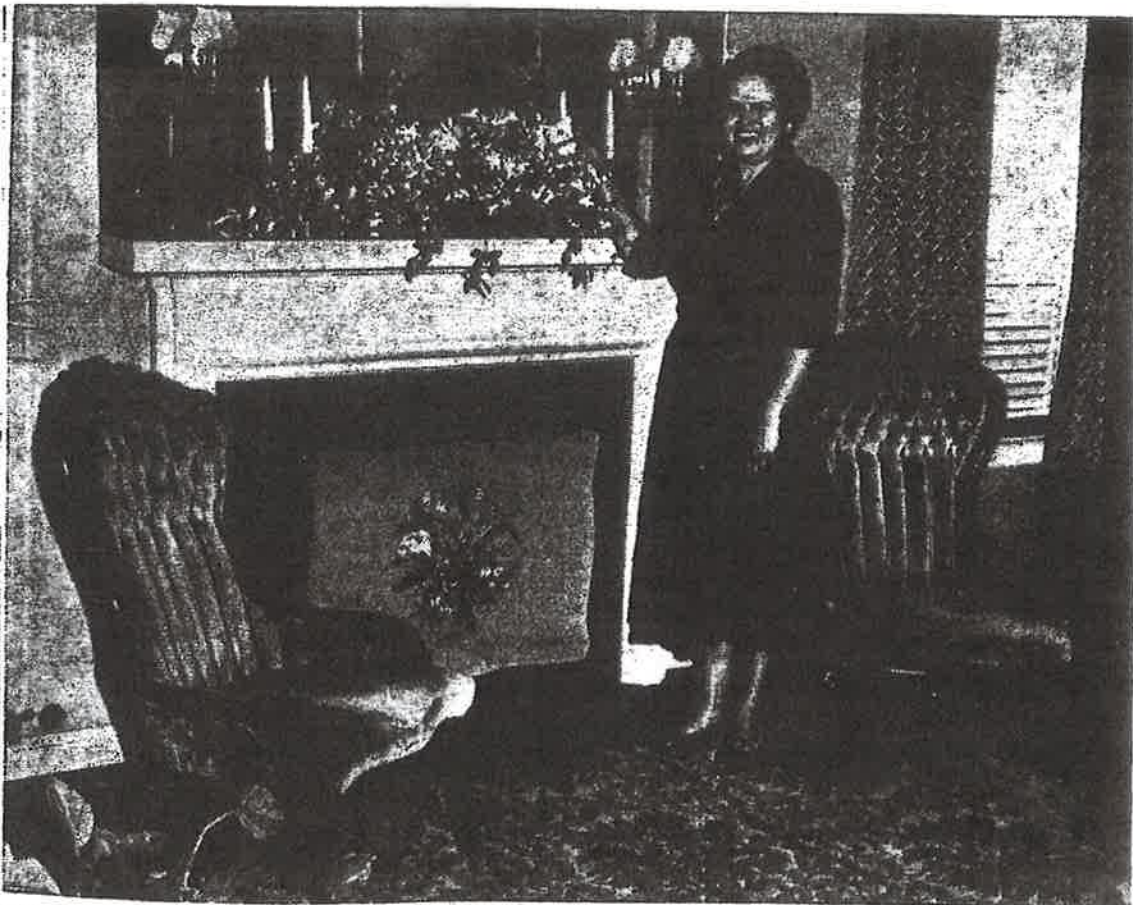
The charming and talented Mrs. Arthur (Jap) Vivroux is always wearing a smile. Her happy disposition and her interest in creating things of beauty mark a personality that deserves the admiration she receives.

The old adage "Jack of all trades but master of none" does not ring true in this instance. Mrs. Vivroux has many talents and she masters each one to perfection, from carpentry and masonry to interior decorating and entertaining graciously.

She is proud that she is a native of Seguin. She was born Violet Schraub, daughter of Mr. A. A. Schraub and the late Mrs. A. A. Schraub. After graduating from Seguin High School she entered Draughan's Business College in San Antonio. Her first experience in the business world came in the law office of F. E. Knetsch, she also worked in the county clerk's office, and for five years was an efficient secretary in the Seguin Chamber of Commerce office.

In 1933 it was goodbye to the business world for Violet. She and Arthur Vivroux were married in the romantic city of Monterrey, Mexico.

Their son, Arthur Charles (Boogie) was born in 1934. The late Charles Vivroux, one of the founders of the now 87 year-old hardware business, was so proud



"HOME" IS HER HOBBY—Mrs. Arthur (Jap) Vivroux smilingly arranges the flowers out of her garden and places them on the mantel in the living room. Two dusty rose Victorian chairs flank the fireplace. The color scheme in the spacious living room is dusty rose with wedgewood blue. (Staff photo.)

of his first grandchild that he presented Violet with a beautiful diamond dinner ring.

Violet and Jap started dreaming about a Cape Cod home and this home became a reality in 1938. This lovely home at 113 E. Live Oak is their island of joy. Perhaps they understand this quotation:

"Happiness grows at our own firesides, and is not to be picked in strangers' gardens."

Their daughter, Judy, was born in 1941. Judy takes great pride in her music and in her school work. She has made the honor roll nearly every time.

Mrs. Vivroux's favorite hobby is her home. She is always doing something to beautify the house and the yard. She spends many hours of each day in her garden and due to this and her "green thumb", her garden is one of the prettiest in town.

She is a great builder, having built the huge brick and rock barbecue pit in their back yard, also the fish pond, a large brick tile doll house, and a tall bird house with a fountain. A few

wooden window frames into her brick wall. But it wasn't an obstacle long, for she went to a project where professionals were at work and after watching them for a short time she was back home and the window frames were soon in their proper places in the brick wall. Last week she converted the bird house into another green house. She laid a brick floor and built a brick well around the fountain so that the water will overflow onto her plants.

These are only a few of the many projects she enjoys doing around the house. Just recently she installed an exhaust fan in the kitchen, laid straited plywood blocks on her kitchen ceiling and gave her kitchen woodwork an antique finish.

Mrs. Vivroux also finds pleasure in sewing and in playing bridge. She belongs to a supper bridge club and the Matrons Bridge Club.

She is a member of the Joe F. Saegert P. T. A., and Hospitality chairman of the City P. T. A. Council. Also a member

log sheets and writes business letters for her husband.

When "Jap" Vivroux is not busy managing Vivroux Hardware Co., or playing golf you can find him on a ladder painting or doing some repair job at his home.

This family has found Goethe saying true:

"He is happiest, be he king or peasant, who finds peace in his home."

Addendum #6A

Name Bobby Reprzica

Sequin High School

English III

August 3, 1990

Summer School Semester Examination

Using the five paragraph model of answering essay questions that we have stressed this summer, choose TWO of these questions and answer in grammatically correct sentences.

- 1) Explain your perception of American literature reflecting American history.
- 2) Compare TWO periods in American literature as to genre, theme, and general purpose of writing.
- 3) Discuss your own personal FAVORITE period in American literature.

Students: It has been a pleasure helping you with your studies of American literature. It has and will probably ALWAYS be my own favorite subject to teach because for one thing, it's the story of us and our champion line of people. Our heritage is a proud and rich one with many exciting ideas, challenges, and changes just on the horizon--thanks to you young people! Good luck to each one of you in whatever you choose as your personal mark on our American history.

Dear Mrs Zies,

It has really been a pleasure to be able to take your class. I appreciate all your help and understanding, which you have given me. Inspiration and confidence is what you have given me and I thank you for it.

Happy Thanksgiving

Holiday seen from different viewpoint

We all know that the first Thanksgiving meal was shared between the Pilgrims and the Indians. But what did the Indians think about these Pilgrims?

To fulfill a routine essential element that requires students write a narrative from a different point of view, Seguin High School junior John Ruiz, son of San Juan and Inez Ruiz, wrote the following essay:

"We woke up to find a shipload of strange white people wandering aimlessly around our beach. Some of the tribe accompanied me to find out who these white people were and why they were on our property. We spied on them from behind trees and bushes. The strange white people spoke in strange tongues.

"Because we were all afraid, not one of us wanted to go up and talk to them. As soon as the strangers saw us, they spoke to us; however, we didn't understand their jibberish.

"Because of all the junk they unloaded from their ship, we figured that they were planning to stay for a

while. After learning to communicate with each other, we soon became friends.

"Without our help, these white people would have never survived in our land. Everything they would ever need to know to live in our land was taught to them by us. We taught them how to plant and harvest corn. When they first arrived, these white people didn't even know what corn was.

"Even with our help though, half of these strange white people died that first year. Finally after everything we helped them do to survive that first year, all we got in return were some Bible verses and a Thanksgiving dinner."

"It is simply not true that children cannot write or express themselves today," Beth Zies, John's teacher said. "What is true today is that our 'children have more need of models than of critics' just as Joseph Joubert wrote in 1842."

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You're In The News

Student who's not apathetic, disinterested

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To the Editor:

When young people in our schools think, show concern for current issues, express interest in what our nation is doing and why, we educators rejoice. When a student goes beyond the classroom to become personally involved with national issues, we cheer because so often real concern for the quality of our national life goes unexpressed and expires in a sea of public apathy and disinterest.

Let me share with you a letter from one of my summer school English students to the president of the United States. From our study and discussion of early American history and literature, he developed first an empathy for national symbols and then a personal concern for the issues making headlines today. President George Bush
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am a 17-year-old from a small town named Karnes City in South Texas with a confusing question that I hoped you could answer for me.

As the president of the United States, could you clarify the controversy of the flag issue for me? I see the flag as a symbol of America. America has another symbol, the bald eagle. It also represents our nation just as our flag does.

My confusion is this: We as Americans are not allowed by the Endangered Species Act to destroy this creature that represents us as a whole, but I see the flag as no different from the bald eagle.

Though our flag is not a living creature, perhaps we could put Old Glory on the endangered species list before it too dies and becomes extinct.

Why does an individual's right to

freedom of speech allow him to kill or burn my symbol of America, the flag? I propose that a solution to solve this national dilemma is to create a law protecting ALL national symbols.

If such a federal law protecting all national symbols can't be passed, could you explain the difference between these two symbols to this 17-year-old from Karnes City, Texas?

Sincerely,
Bobby Pieprzica Jr.

Bobby drives to Seguin every morning to attend summer school English because his goals include early graduation from high school. His spirit is an inspiration for all of us, particularly when our young people get such "bad press" from the drug scene, gang activity, school dropout statistics, teen pregnancies and the myriad of delinquences that

seem to attract headlines.

Bobby's letter to the president is good news, not because of the issues or his particular questions, but because he had the concern and courage to write to our chief executive for answers.

Bobby cares about America. Aren't you anxious, along with me, to watch his growth? What do you suppose he will do next? What will many of our young people do for us as they pick up our worn-out tools to build and rebuild in our world?

I hope you enjoyed meeting Bobby. I want you and your readers to know that we have wonderfully strong and capable students in our high schools who are not making the news today but who will be the news in the future.

Sincerely,
Beth Zies
Teacher

SEGUIN STATE BANK

From the desk of:
MARYLIN AUSENBAUGH

Hi Beth!

Please give this extra copy to your student that wrote the article. It is certainly gratifying to know that we still have good kids around to make up for so many youngsters that seem to be going astray. Thanks for all your efforts & Best of Luck in the years of teaching ahead.

Marilyn

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TRIKS. ZIES,
Thank you tremendously
for teaching me the
importance of money
and how much it
matters. Your money
matters class opened
my life a lot.
and I thank you so
much for doing so
you a great ~~at~~ teacher
and I like your
attitude

Love you lots,
Shardenay Lockhart

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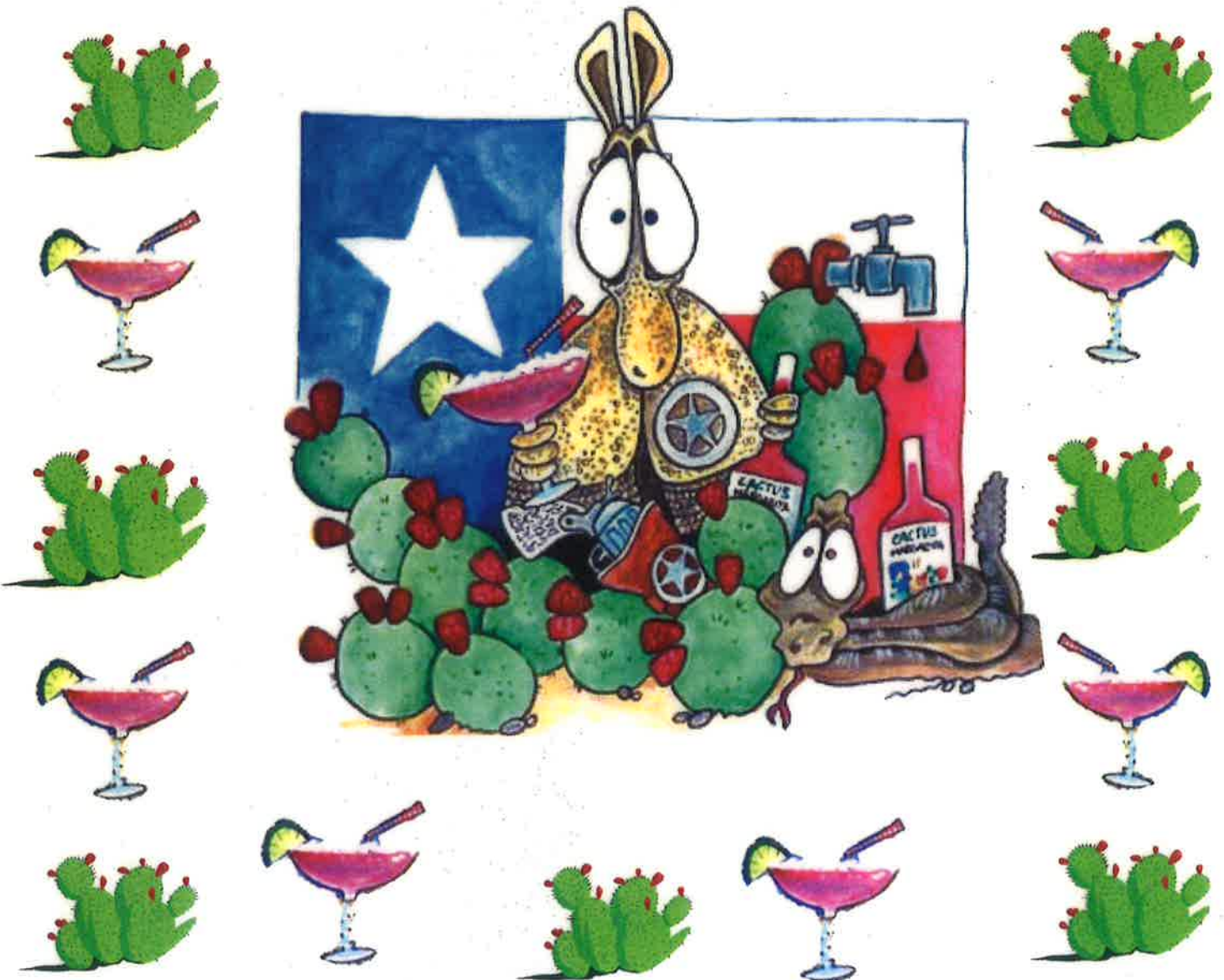
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MARGARITA™



The Drink with an Attitude



Margarita mix made from cactus juice

Margarita mix made from the prickly pear cactus? Yes it's so.

The trademarked Texas Wild Cactus Margarita Mix has hit gourmet shops, restaurants and bars.

The producer owner is Beth Zies, former Seguin resident who now lives with husband Wayne Meier in Fredericksburg.

The couple co-owns Texas Wild Jelly Company producing jelly made of agarita, cactus, mustang grape and mayhaw from East Texas. For 17 years Meier had harvested Agaritas and Cactus for other jelly makers, but when he married Zies, she came up with the idea of starting the company and making the jelly themselves.

And now the cactus juice has been used to create this specially blended mix.

"We've all seen prickly pear cactus growing along the roads and planted in decorative native plant gardens. Now we can drink margaritas made with the cactus fruit," Zies said. "This is a fine addition to our four-year-old Texas Wild company. This Prickly Pear Cactus Margarita features the same cactus juice that we use to make our famous Texas Wild prickly pear cactus jelly."

According to Zies, the juice actually comes from the cactus fruit called "tunas" in Spanish.

CACTUS MARGARITA

The Texas Wild Cactus Margarita Mix comes in a whimsical 25-ounce bottle, or in gallons for restaurants and lounges.

Suggested uses offered by Zies include the traditional margarita complete with salt and tequila served either frozen or poured over ice. Another taste treat tweeks Prickly Pear Cactus Margarita with red or white wine for a Cactus Wine-a-rita.

Add a little gingerale and you have a Cactus Cooler. And for non-alcohol drinks the mix is quite tasty enough to be served as a punch over ice.

Local residents can give the mix a try at K&G Steakhouse & Saloon of Seguin. Owner Pat Kenjura says the Cactus Margarita Mix is being served either as a margarita, a Cactus Rita, a Wine-a-Rita or as a non-alcohol punch. She is also selling individual bottles.

"It has a real unique, unusual taste," she said.

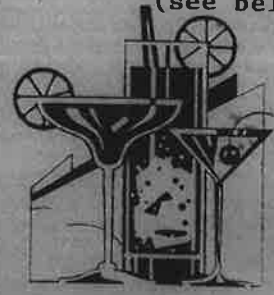
When not busy with the Texas Wild and Texas Wild Cactus Margarita products, Zies teaches school in Bandera. She is the high school newspaper and yearbook advisor as well as a speech teacher.

"Just try one of these Cactus Margaritas, you'll be amazed once again by another of nature's gifts to us," she said.



Cactus Margarita
(see below)

TEXAS CACTUS COUNCIL
P. O. Box 423
Benavides, Texas 78341



August, 2000, Newsletter

The dog days of summer (La Canicula) ended on August 24th. The drought in South Texas continues, with minor scattered showers here and there. Some ranchers have been feeding hay, cactus & minerals until the rains come (hopefully in September). As I reported in a previous Newsletter, the May and June rains did much good to the pastures. The grass is still there, but it is dry. It provided a safe place for the Bobwhite quail and Scaled quail to nest. Some of the quail are raising their second set of babies. If we get additional rain soon we should see a third group of baby quail. I have seen newly hatched quail as late as middle October. The Scaled quail (also called blue quail) are making a comeback. I've seen several coveys of half grown chicks.

I've had several letters from members and other cactus enthusiasts asking for recipes for prickly pear margarita. I know that there is a restaurant in San Antonio specializing in cactusritas. Their beverage is supposedly quite popular. I don't think they're about to share their recipe. One of the new members of the Council has cactus fruit juice for sale specially made for margaritas. Her website is:

www.cactusmargarita.com Beth Zies, Cactus Margarita, P. O. 2918, Bandera, TX 78003 phone : (830) 796-3829

Many of our members are very inventive and will probably come up with a recipe for a prickly pear margarita, prickly pear punch, or prickly pear daiquiri. The cactus fruit is plentiful right now. Members who develop such a recipe may wish to share it with the rest of the members. Send it over so that I can print it in future newsletters.

The Texas Cactus Council's trip to Mexico will be to colorful Queretaro. Departure date is October 11th. A tentative itinerary is attached. If you plan to go on this trip, you need to call Joe Martinez as soon as possible as spaces may run out.

Thanks,

J. T. Garcia
Secretary/Treasurer

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Day 4) Tequisquiapan is surrounded by quaint villages that are unique tourist attractions. Some are so unique that they are used as sets for movies and *telenovelas*. One such town is **Peña de Bernal** where two recent *telenovelas* were filmed, *El Niño Que Vino del Mar* and *La Dueña*. Today, we visit some of these lovely towns. Shopping opportunities abound, for each town specializes in it's own blend of artistically created arts & crafts. We'll also enjoy some beautiful cactus scenery when we take a sightseeing drive past **Peña de Bernal**.

Day 5) Today we tour the beautiful city of **Queretaro**. Included are some very impressive sites, such as:
** **The Aqueduct**, symbol of **Queretaro**, and recognized as one of the world's civil engineering wonders.
** **Exconvento de la Cruz** – dates to 1531. This exconvent later became a college for Franciscan missionaries that were dispersed to evangelize the provinces of Texas, New Mexico, California, Guatemala and Nicaragua. The convent served as Emperor Maximilian's last stronghold in Mexico and the place where he was later imprisoned, before he was executed at **El Cerro de la Campana**. ** **The Mausoleum of La Corregidora**.
Doña Joséfa de Dominguez – she played a key role in favor of the insurgents during Mexico's War of Independence of 1810 ** **Exconvento de Viterbo** ** **Beautiful Plazas** ** **Palacio Municipal** ** **Palacio de Gobierno** ** **Museo Regional de Queretaro** ** **Cerro de las Campanas** ** and more.

Day 5) This day we visit an **ancient hacienda** that is hidden in a deep canyon. Also, we'll visit **San Juan del Rio**, where we'll have the opportunity to purchase opals that are mined in the vicinity. You may also want to enjoy the magnificent surroundings of your resort hotel, specially the pool, or you may just want to enjoy the downtown area of **Tequisquiapan**.

Day 6) 8:00 a.m. departure for our overnight stay in **Saltillo**. **Saltillo** is famous for it's **sarapes**, and we'll visit a shop that still makes them the old fashioned way. We'll also visit **Buena Vista Hill** where General Zachary Taylor engaged the Mexican forces during the War with Mexico in 1846. From this vantage point there is a beautiful panoramic view of **Saltillo**. Tour of **downtown** in the evening. The market is near the hotel.

Day 7) 8:00 a.m. departure towards **Monterrey**. In route we'll explore **García Caverns**, one of Mexico's natural wonders. A cable car will lift us over 2,100 ft. to the caverns' entrance. At the top there is a beautiful panoramic view which we'll enjoy before entering the caverns. Lunch will be in **Monterrey** before continuing on to the border. Arrival at the border is estimated between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

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1st Place Golden Chili Award presented in 2002 at Houston Hot Sauce Festival



From: "Marilyn Magaro" <Marilyn.Magaro@tda.state.tx.us>
Subject: **Christmas Showcase**
Date: September 10, 2007 7:44:46 AM CDT
To: "MARILYN WAHNE MAGARO ()" <>

Dear GO TEXAN Member,

You have been selected as a representative of the Go Texan Program to be a guest vendor at the Christmas Showcase at Freeman Coliseum in San Antonio, on November 17 & 18, 2007. This is a premier shopping show in Central Texas and will have thousands of patrons visiting the grounds for the two day event with the purpose of selecting gifts for the holiday season. If you would like to participate, please let us know immediately as space is limited. Booth spaces are 10x10 and are piped and draped. Participants must agree to display and sell for both days. If your product is food, you will be responsible to pay for the required Health Certificate. The sponsor asks that your booth information (their generosity on the booth space, location, etc.) be kept between you and Showcase. If you need tables, they can be rented for \$10; chairs for \$2; electricity for \$40. Food and drink companies will need to pay \$30.90 per day for a health department permit (this will be on your application), and must have the necessary hand washing equipment in their booth. They would appreciate if you could please respond to let me know whether or not you will be able to participate. Application packets will be sent as soon as they hear from you.

I look forward to hearing from you!

MARILYN WAHNE MAGARO
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From: Jami McCool <Jami.McCool@TexasAgriculture.gov>
Subject: GO TEXAN 15 year certificate
Date: August 21, 2014 2:47:43 PM CDT
To: "CACTUSMARGARITA@SBCGLOBAL.NET"
<CACTUSMARGARITA@SBCGLOBAL.NET>
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Dear Ms. Zies,

My name is Jami McCool and I am the new Texas Department of Agriculture's Trade and Business Development Field Rep for Region 7 (which includes Seguin). I am the local GO TEXAN representative as well for your area and was hoping to be able to meet you and introduce myself to you. Thank you for being a 15 year member of GO TEXAN!

I would like to be able to bring "Cactus Margarita's" GO TEXAN proclamation certificate for being a 15 year member of the GO TEXAN program. Please let me know if this would be possible. I will be in the Seguin area again on September 3rd and would be happy to be able to hand deliver this certificate to you! If this date is not convenient for you, perhaps we can arrange another date that is most convenient for you. Thank you and I look forward to meeting you.

Kindest regards,

Jami McCool
Field Representative
Trade and Business Development
Texas Department of Agriculture
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www.texasagriculture.gov

Cactus Margarita owner earns special Go Texan honor



Felicia Frazar - Seguin Gazette

Jami McCool, Texas Department of Agriculture field representative (right) presents Beth Zies (center right) with a proclamation from the state department on being a founding member of the Go Texan program with her Cactus Margarita. Also pictured are Court Street Coffee Shop owners Lyndon Langford and Mary Jo Langford, who sell Zies's product in their business.

Felicia Frazar
felicia.frazar@seguingazette.com

SEGUIN — Beth Zies has been brewing up a concoction for several years.

And for 15 of them she has been able to proudly display her Cactus Margarita juice under the "Go Texan" label.

On Wednesday, Jami McCool, field representative of the Texas Department of Agriculture's trade and business development department, presented Zies with a proclamation honoring her

as a founding member of the program.

"The proclamation today was for the 15 year recognition," McCool said. "The Cactus Margarita is an honored founding member of the Go Texan program which started in 1999. The proclamation is to honor Cactus Margarita and Beth Zies here and let her know that we are appreciative of her being an honored founding 15-year member of Go Texan."

The Go Texan program was developed by the TDA to help

promote Texas businesses and products throughout the state, McCool said.

"There is a lot of Texas pride out there for consumers," she said. "When talking to a lot of these consumers at stock shows and different events that we do throughout the year, you can see the Texas pride in them. If they know that a product is a local Texas product they are more inclined to purchase that product and support the local economy."

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Zies said she signed up for the program to help sell her product and keep in touch with the latest changes.

"Go Texan has helped a lot with the endorsement on the label," she said. "I think it's true that people see that it is from Texas and they just think 'wow, Texas.' I just joined from the get go and they just stay in touch and

they see flyers and they try to keep us updated on new things and changes."

While Zies was recognized on Wednesday for her tenure with Go Texan, McCool said there are a couple of other local businesses that are members of the program.

"The Power Plant Texas Grill recently signed up as a Go Texan restaurant and Kitty Keller Designs here in Seguin is also a Go Texan member," she

said. "There are quite a few in the area."

To join is just a couple of clicks and one application away, McCool said.

"You can get involved by joining our membership program," she said. "You can go to GoTexan.org and at the top of the page is a tab that says become a member and it explains and walks you through on how to become a member. There is an application process.

You send it in to Austin and it goes through an eligibility process and then once it is approved as a Texas authentic product then they will send the certification to the business owner and let them know they have been approved."

Go Texan helps promote products and places as Texas-owned and operated, McCool said.

"It just means that it is a Texas-made product,

community or restaurant," she said. "It just shows the pride of Texas and people."

To find a full list of places or products that are in the program check out the website at www.GoTexan.org.

"You can go to GoTexan.org and find them listed whether you are looking for farmer's

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markets, nursery, florist, or ranches, among other things," McCool said. "I also encourage a lot of the consumers to go to the Go Texan app for iPhones and Android phones and use it to search for Go Texan members and search for local businesses and support that way. We are on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn."

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Jami McCool, of the Texas Department of Agriculture, far right, presents Beth Zies, third from left, with a proclamation honoring her for being a Go Texan member since the program first launched in 1999. On hand to support Zies are Lyndon and Mary Jo Langford of Court Street Coffee Shop, far left. The downtown business currently sells and promotes Zies' Go Texan product, Cactus Margarita.

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Local businesswoman illustrates power of Go Texan with margarita bottle

By Cindy Aguirre-Herrera

(Seguin) -- A local woman and her Cactus Margarita mix are being recognized for being some of the original leaders in the promotion of Texas products. The Texas Department of Agriculture is recognizing Seguin resident Beth Zies as being a founding member of the Go Texan program which launched in 1999.

Zies on Wednesday morning met up with Jami McCool, a field representative of the Ag department's trade and business development department, to receive a proclamation honoring her for her 15 year commitment in supporting the resilience and quality that Texas products offer throughout the world.

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Seguin customers encouraged to look for Go Texan label



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Zies was presented with the proclamation at the Court Street Coffee Shop, Seguin's retail spot for purchasing their bottle of the drink mix.

McCool says Go Texan is simply the most comprehensive promotional campaign ever launched for products grown, produced, processed or manufactured in the Lone Star State.

"They did some research for people. They actually found that 97 percent perceive that the quality of Texas products is superior to that of non-Texas products. Eighty-one percent, when they researched -- the consumers agree that buying good Texas products is a reflection of Texas pride. Then 81 percent also make an effort to purchase local Texas products and then 72 percent say they would be influenced to purchase good Texas products promoted in store bins. So there's a lot of Texas pride out there for consumers. When talking to a lot of these consumers at the stock shows and different events that we do throughout the year, you can see the Texas pride in them and if they know that a product is a local Texas product, they're more inclined to purchase that product and support the local economy," said McCool.

McCool says when the program first began, it focused on agricultural products. The campaign then expanded to include shrimp and Texas wine.

Today, the marketing program features every segment of agricultural production and processing.

She says many of these individual programs even funnel into the Go Texan Restaurant Program with the goal of increasing the number of Texas products

on their menus.

"The Power Plant Texas Grill recently signed up as a Go Texan restaurant member. Kitty Keller Designs here in Seguin is also a Go Texan member. We have many, many members throughout the state of Texas that are signed up at this minute. You can go to gotexan.com and find a listing on there. If you're looking for farmer's market, nursery, florist, ranches -- things like that you -- can actually find all of that on our gotexan website," said McCool.

Zies says there's no doubt that the Go Texan campaign has helped make her Cactus Margarita a business success.

"Go Texan has helped a lot. The endorsement on the label is real striking. Their artwork -- it changes occasionally, but if you are an old time member, you can use whatever you have. I even put two of them on mine because I picked the two I liked best for my label. I think it's true, people see things from Texas and they just think, wow Texas," said Zeis.

As for its signature Texas recipe, Zies says the mix is not like anything else.

"This is a product, just like Jami said. It's from the fruit of the prickly pear cactus, the cactus tunas. Sometimes it's real purple, just like peaches from Fredericksburg. Sometimes they're real juicy and sometimes their kind of puffy and dry. This fruit, some people don't think of cactus, prickly pear cactus -- as making a fruit, but it does and that's what we make the margaritas out of. I trademarked the name and it's going pretty well," said Zies.

Those interested in becoming a Go Texan member are encouraged to visit www.gotexan.org.

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Addendum 8A

*You look great!
Faye*

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BETH ZIES, a former University of Texas student and now a teacher at Seguin High School, returned to Austin in October to attend a conference celebrating the College of Communication's 25th anniversary as a college. (Courtesy photo)

Zies attends conference

Beth Zies, an English teacher at Seguin High School, recently returned to the University of Texas at Austin campus where she was a student to attend a conference celebrating the 25th anniversary of the College of Communications.

The day included sessions on "Unlocking the Future: The Realities and the Possibilities in Communication Disorders" and "Living in Electronic Space."

During the open house, former students were invited to visit the advertising, journalism, speech communication and radio-television-film departments.

In the journalism department, guests were invited to witness how computerized production has changed the way the Daily Texan, the university's newspaper, is pro-

duced. When Zies was a student at UT, the journalism department was located in another building.

Zies was also able to tour the broadcast news lab where future radio and TV reporters are trained. She also got to see the labs where magazine and public relations students are trained as well as students studying photography.

In the advertising department, visitors got to see the creative lab, graphics lab and paper media lab as well as the Goodwin Conference Room.

The Communication Speech Lab at UT houses one of the largest collections of taped conversations in a department of communication in the United States.

A Mexican buffet dinner was served that evening.



Council members

NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS of Emanuel's Lutheran Church are (front, from left) Dennis Sagebiel, Alberta Kern, the Rev. John Guilfoyle, Keith Vinyard, Robert Raetzsch, Robert Haecker and Beth Zeis; and (back, from left) Walter Koepp, Karen Anderson,

Laura Mae Gerdes, Jesse Schielvelbein, the Rev. Stan Sultemeier, Billie Klein, Steven Lange and Brenda Block. Not pictured are Judy Campbell and Ted Billnitzer. The 1990 members were installed Jan. 7. (Staff photo)

Addendum

. . . and we were delighted
to read about you.
All of us here take pleasure in
extending our
heartiest congratulations
and sincerest good wishes to you.



INSTALLATION of new members took place at the Sixth Anniversary dinner meeting of the Seguin Chapter of American Business Women's Association. Initiated in ceremonies in the Blue Lamp Room on TLC

campus were (l-r) Beth Zies, Mary Louise Campbell, Karen Pospicil, Debi Dykes, Linda Schuler, Sharon Bilbreath and installing officer President, Dorothy Jarmon. (Staff photo)

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NEW MEMBERS of Theta Kappa chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma are (from left) Beth Zies, Gretchen Ulbricht and Karen Vogel. They joined the group

during the meeting Thursday evening at the Blue Lamp Room at Texas Lutheran College. (Staff photo)

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You're In The News



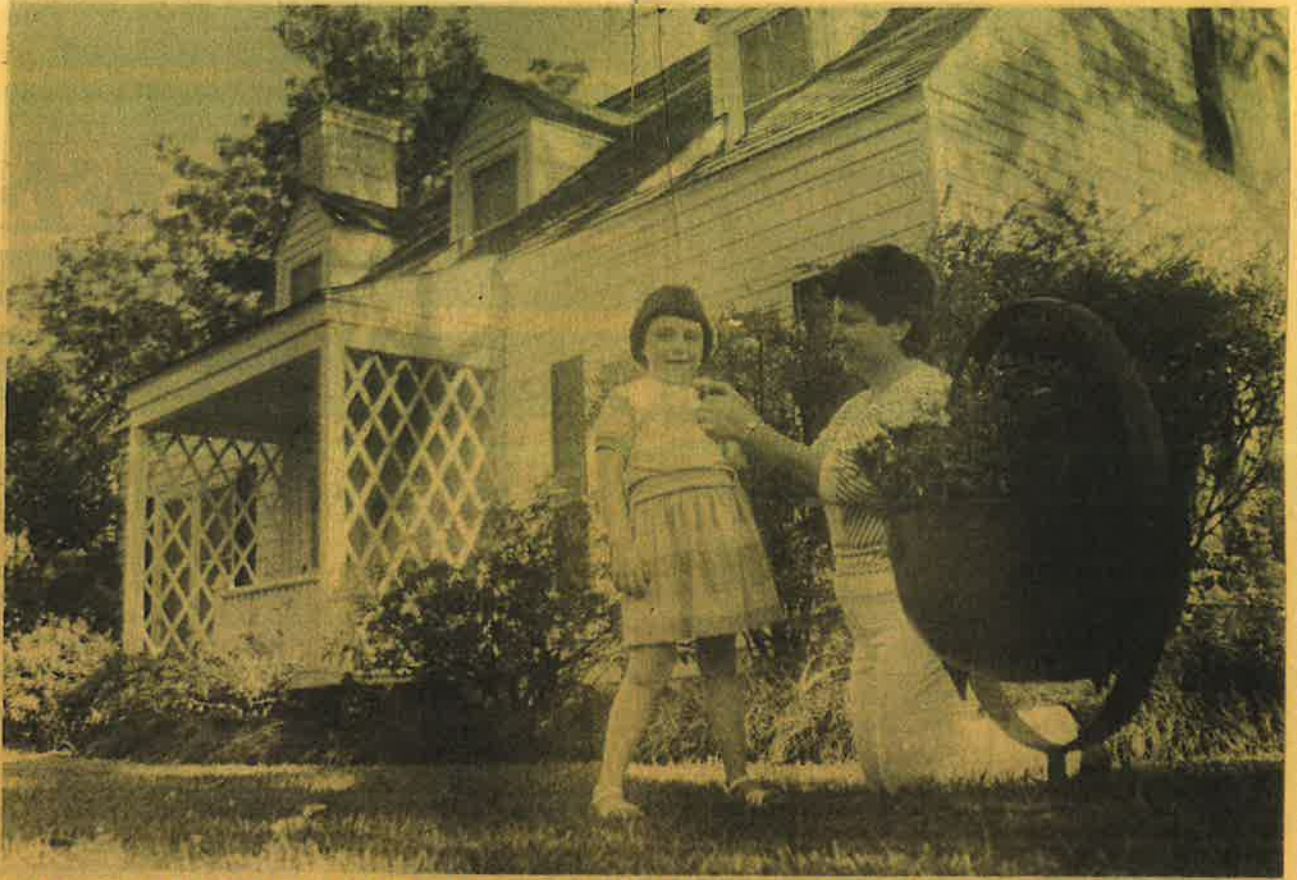
SEGUIN GARDEN CLUB members named the March Yard of the Month award recipient, Beth Zies (l). Her home is located at 113 E. Live Oak.

Presenting her with a sign designating the honor were club members (center at and right) Gertrude Pape and Elizabeth Cox. With Mrs. Zies is her daughter Lena. (Staff photo)

YOU WERE CUT OUT TO BE RIMEMBERED

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BETH ZIES pins a carnation to the lapel of seven-year-old daughter Lena outside their home at 113 E. Live Oak. The Zies home is one of the featured sites of the Zonta Circle Tour of Homes set for Sunday. (Tad Hershorn Photo)

AND WE WERE DELIGHTED TO READ ABOUT YOU!

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Parade of Homes

GIVING PRESENTATIONS on their houses for Zonta International were (from left) Lillian Rebeck, representing the Ayers home, Jan Quello, Beth Zies, and Johnnie Jean Lovette. Each were

given a framed and mounted picture of their homes in return. The Parade of Homes gives members of the community an opportunity to view private homesteads. (Courtesy photo)

Zonta International honors owners for the 'Parade of Homes' tours

At the June 27 meeting of Zonta International, the respective owners of buildings shown in the Parade of Homes were honored.

Lillian Rebeck (representing the Ayers home), Jan Quello, Beth Zies, and Johnnie Jean Lovette were each presented a framed, mounted picture of their homes.

These ladies were asked to give a few facts or myths about their homes and their impressions of the tour.

Zonta is a service organization of executive women in business and the professions who, as leaders in their community, devote themselves to civic and social welfare.

The Parade of Homes gave members of our community and others an opportunity to view these wonderful structures that may not be accessible to the public at any other time.

Many thanks go to these owners who extended their hospitality to our community.

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Birthday celebration

READING THE PROCLAMATION designating Aug. 12 as the day for Seguin's 146th birthday celebration is Mayor Betty Jean Jones. On hand for the reading of the proclamation were (from

left) Greg Ander, president of the Seguin Conservation Society; Beth Zeis, birthday party chairwoman; and John Gesick, program director. (Staff photo)

1984
City of Seguin Birthday Party



Birthday treat

DONATING ICE CREAM for Seguin's 146th birthday party are (from left) David and Roger Baenziger of Baenziger Model Market. On hand to

collect the cool treat are Lena Zeis (center) and Jan Quello. This year's party will be held Aug. 22 on the grounds of the Campbell Log Cabin at Live Oak and Crockett. (Staff photo)

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YOU WERE CUT OUT TO BE REMEMBERED



Birthday proclamation

MAYOR BETTY JEAN JONES signs the proclamation for Seguin's 147th birthday to be celebrated Monday, Aug. 12, at the Campbell Log Cabin. The party, sponsored by the Conservation Society, will feature food, games and en-

tertainment. Tickets are on sale at local banks. Watching the signing are Mona Starcke (left), vice president of the Conservation Society; Beth Zies (right), chairman of the party committee; and her daughter, Lena Zies. (Staff photo)

AND WE WERE DELIGHTED TO READ ABOUT YOU!

Locals make waves

Scene & Heard

Writing this column for Sunday has been very difficult for me as news of the devastating Hurricane Katrina was everywhere.

Since yours truly had suffered great losses in Hurricane Carla, horrific memories were recalled — the destruction of my almost-new dream home as it was ravaged by sea water and the simultaneous experience of major surgery with multiple blood transfusions and the heart-rendering disruption of a happy marriage — it was all I could bear to see Katrina on TV through a veil of tears.

It takes years to recover from the pain. Nightmares come and go. But one adjusts. There is always a new beginning. Positive thinking and thanking God for all the good and small and non-materialistic things was the only “way to go.” One becomes focused on the real world!



Mary Lee Roberts

Now, let's put on a happy face and praise the folks who are making this planet a better place.

Here is your treat — Step into the world of journalism where you readers appreciate my cornpone Texas slang. Here comes what writers crave to do, and that's to spotlight the unsung heroes.

Yabetcha, I do call it bragging on them because my license in that category is still good for 2005-2006. The young lady who is my subject for today is a homegrown Seguinite, **Lena Zies**, who was once a reporter for *The Seguin Gazette-Enterprise*, a most professional and dignified one. She is also remembered as a co-author of the SHS yearbook, where it is told she carried her weight and more! Many students and teachers have complimented her SHS accomplishments. She had the rare expertise as a “time manager,” which allowed her space to cram important functions into her busy schedule.

“How?” you ask. She was a Mid-Texas Symphony Deb and a faithful member and active participant in Emanuel's Lutheran Church. She went on to achieve

her goal as she received a degree in journalism from Texas Lutheran University, where she was editor of the yearbook, “The Growl.” Presently, she stands tall in her career in Big D.

She has not succumbed to the trappings of that fashion world — No big hair, no bleached blonde! No Clinique makeup from Neiman's all thickly slathered. No layers of beads and “bling-bling” earrings Dallas ladies are known for throughout the world of haute couture!

She hasn't needed those props ‘cause friends, students and teachers refer to her as a diva in her chosen career. All of this and her dedication have earned her a job (a position) with Lifetouch, a specialty company noteworthy in high-tech photos and yearbooks.

For example, in this explosively growing media, one may find students working at home on their computers by logging in and printing their own school's yearbook page. Down the road, the teacher in the home school is able to monitor the homework. If any question or problem surfaces, this is where **Lena** steps in as a professional “troubleshooter.” For this job, as she goes to the rescue, she travels back and forth from the headquarters of Lifetouch, which is based in downtown Dallas.

The territory for **Lena's** job is large indeed, but she can easily access the schools before and after the horrific traffic jams. Helpful is the fact that she recently purchased a condo near the business headquarters.

Personally, she is still very young and happily single. Her pet dog, “Winston,” keeps track of her every step in that condo.

Aside from being known as a 24-carat journalist, she is admired as a deadline freak. But she is also known as a discerning decorator. The walls of her office and her condo are each filled with her art collection of the '60s. Her prizes are the works of Andy Warhol and the famous Parisian, Francois Fanch.

All of this, yet she has time to attend Christ Lutheran Church and a circle there for young women.

Could be that **Lena** has good genetics. Her mom, **Beth Zies**, is a grad of the University of Texas School of Journalism, and everyone knows that is Walter Cronkite's school.

His portrait graces a wall in the Journalism Building there. And for other stuff to be appreciated by any Texan is **Lena's** heritage. Her great-grandmother was a Chisholm of THE Chisholm Trail family!

The coming attraction — Meet the daughter of **Ann** and **John Leithead**. Of course, everyone knows this couple as a model of community volunteerism.

Their main dedication at the present time is being actively involved in redecorating the Ezell Room at the Silver Center. This is where I heard about their daughter, **Kerry Christensen**, the sculptress who owns the Alpha Omega Studio in Wimberely.

Kerry has been sculpting since 1990, shortly after getting out of the Air Force. She became passionately involved after many art classes, where she learned about technique principles of design, art history and other media.

She had previously earned a Bachelor's degree in business administration and had experienced 10 years and five military moves from coast to coast before she earned a second degree in fine arts. I must say, “She came, she saw AND she conquered!” All came to fruition as she was recognized on May 9 with an invitation to the very prestigious “2005 Florence International Biennial.”

To comprehend the full impact of the honor involved, here is a quote from the invitation of international importance:

“The International Biennial originated to allow art to cross borders when it was more difficult for people to move about internationally. The Florence biennial is a prestigious event held once every two years in the Queen City of Italian Renaissance Art. The last exhibition in 2003 presented 890 artists from 72 countries, and in 2001, the United Nations recognized the Florence Biennial as an official partner in the program ‘Dialogue among Nations.’”

Kerry feels so honored and very humbled for the invitation extended to only a few Americans. Sculptors and philanthropists such as her friend, **Suzanne McBride**, have contacted key people, such as **Aletta deWal**, who have vocations in helping artists such as **Kerry**. It will take money to

stage at the Biennial in December.

Suzanne says everyone is statistically “only six handshakes away from anybody in the world who has the power to say ‘Yes’ to what is needed for **Kerry**.” Are YOU someone who can help? Holler at **Kerry** by calling her at (512) 847-9640 or e-mailing her at Kerry@KerryKChristensen.com. Some in Seguin are on the **Kerry** bandwagon already. To see her sculptures will make you a believer!

Connections galore are blossoming everywhere in the field of the fine arts. My dedicated reader **Jan Klingbiel (Mrs. Dennis)**, of McQueeney, has a sister who is making big waves in watercolor and oil painting.

Many Seguinites have bought her notecards, and veterinarians in Seguin and all around San Antonio have her art on display in their clinics.

Her name? It is the talented **Carol Cody**, of Medina, where she and her husband are ranchers. She has been commissioned and has completed painting most of the churches in Bandera. Also, some of her art hangs in the museum in Bandera.

She is in high demand for family and animal portraits. At present, she is all booked up, but check her schedule by calling (830) 589-2512. The recipients of **Carol's** notecards always want more of her works, and she has oodles of Seguin fans.

The hot topic and the talk of the town is the redecorating of the Ezell Room at the Silver Center. It's the “National Art Gallery of Seguin.” The delightful part is the resemblance of a Bistro. Oh yeah! So you want to have a Parisian kind of fling? Go! The wall of the art gallery is painted black cherry. The tables are antique jade. To me, it's an exquisite mixture of Tuscany and “Gay Paris!”

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