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Jack Brown waxes poetic at next meeting February 11

Thirty-four years of 'Texas'

by Anne Miller

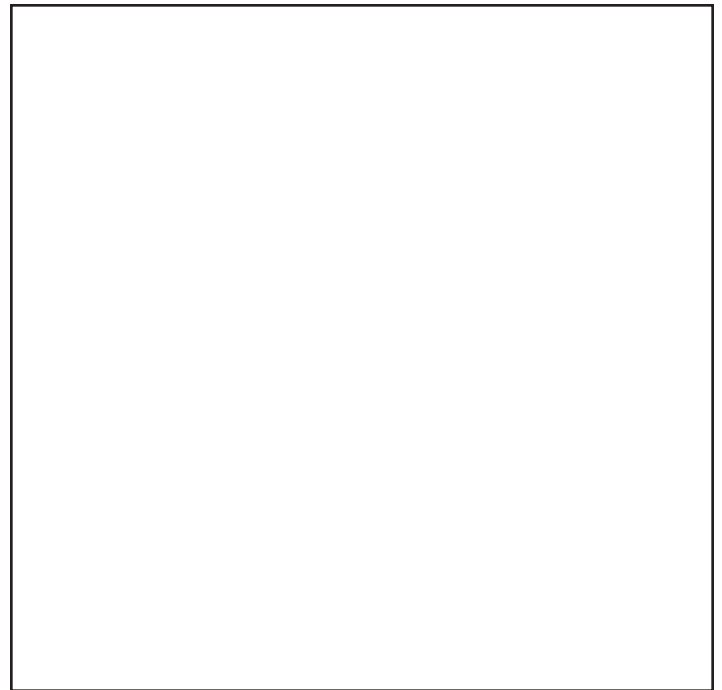
February's program is one you won't want to miss if you like droll stories and tall tales.

Long-time Metroplex TV guy Jack Brown will spin some yarns at the THURSDAY, February 11, meeting, which begins at 6 p.m. at Juanita's, 115 West Second Street downtown.

So, what can you say about Jack Brown? At the very least, you can say he was funny as all getout with his tensely intense coverage of the Fort Worth City Council for last year's Grid-iron Show.

Here's his entire resume: "Jack Brown, white male, 59, Fort Worth, Texas. Born and raised in Arlington. BFA in Radio/Television Production from University of Texas. 22 years at Channel 5, mainly as a feature reporter. Segment was called Jack Brown's Texas. 12 years at Channel 4. Left features for general assignments three years ago. Now assigned to Channel Four's Fort Worth bureau."

People who've been around awhile will remember that Brown's resignation from Channel 5 made headlines in 1980 when, as Jerry Coffey wrote, Brown was "one of the few remaining Channel 5 reporters from that station's glory days of TV news dominance in the Metroplex." Brown went to Channel 4, which



Jack Brown

had already lured Chip Moody away from 5 earlier in the year.

Coffey's story continued: "Though a solid all-around reporter, the drawling, laconic Brown is especially good with light and off-beat feature material — stories that take time and timing and a deft touch in writing, editing and scoring."

By the way, THURSDAY is in upper case

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to jog your memory. We've been meeting on another day quite a bit this year. Don't want to confuse you by mentioning that *other* day.

This will be another meeting held especially to please Kay (Oh-how-I-love-to-put-out-newsletters-and-carry-a-bunch-of-old-wine-jugs-around-in-the-trunk-of-my-car) Pirtle. She'll bring along the chapter's supply of potent potables.

As for the other kind, you can get your basic iced tea along with your basic good Mexican food. It'll be the same menu — beef taco, two enchiladas (one beef, one chicken), rice, beans and guacamole — everybody enjoyed in November.

You'll pay \$13 unless you're a student, in which case you pay half, courtesy of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. (And if you can't figure out how much half of \$13 is, welcome to journalism.)

Make reservations by calling 731-1199 by Tuesday, February 9. State your intentions to the answering machine.

From the Editor

- ✓ Everybody's help is needed to make the Region 8 conference work. For info, call anyone in charge with a phone.
- ✓ First, *Gridiron*. On with the show!
- ✓ No March newsletter.

Gridiron greetings for February!

Executive Producer Jack Tinsley reports plans are progressing smoothly for our April 2 scholarship show. Among dignitaries invited are the Gov. herself, and Jack is putting a full-court press on President Clinton to appear in a video.

Ad sales for the Yellow Jaundice

remain in high gear, but like all newspapers we always have room for another ad. Especially **YOUR AD**.

Planning also is underway for the Region 8 Convention here in April. Former Board Member Mark Woolsey has agreed to serve as chairman and will be assisted by George "The Second Cousin of Soul" Hedrick. Please agree to help when Mark and George call. More on this later.

Jumper Cable
by DOUG JUMPER
PRESIDENT, FORT WORTH CHAPTER

H O T O F F T H E G R I D I R O N

Are you ready to whoop and holler and sing and dance and generally make a fool of yourself while puncturing the egos of Texas and national and even international VIPs? If so, the 1993 Gridiron Show — "The Incredible (Will Rogers Memorial) Universe" — has a deal for you.

The show will be Friday, April 2, at Amon G. Carter Jr. Exhibits Hall. The Gridiron script committee was working feverishly on the final script as we went to press. Rehearsals begin March 9 at Orchestra Hall on Trail Lake Drive.

Auditions will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, February 16 and 17, at 3550 Wind River Court in Ridglea Country Club Estates. That's Executive Producer Jack Tinsley and Anne Miller's house. Call Jack for directions at 390-7653, or Nancy Burford at 390-7654. If that fails, call Anne's answering machine at 731-1199.

Governor Ann Richards has committed to attend, and Jim Wright and Pete Geren have agreed to participate in various ways to delight and amaze.

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