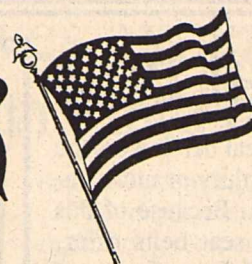


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## County receives \$113,611 grant

By Dottie Cruz  
Staff Writer

Kinney County received a \$113,611 grant, through Texas Community Development Program, that they must decide to accept or decline by March 6th.

The marginal funding would be received from the 2000 Community Development Fund allocation.

Originally the application was for a construction of a building primarily targeting MHMR (Mental Health Mental Retardation) citizens.

During the waiting period for the grant to be approved, a building for that purpose was purchased by Expanded Horizons Corporation. The building is located on the East side of town on Highway

90. "It's a privately owned corporation, the staffing is provided by the Hill Country MHMR and it's not tied to any level of government," explained Judge Herb Senne.

"So that need is being met at this point, those people have a building and are using it, they're in it and its staffed," said Carl Esser, Grant Writer with the Middle Rio Grande Development Council.

The commissioners now need to decide where to spend the money, to best benefit the community.

The first idea mentioned was to offset county funding needed for the EMS building.

"I don't believe we can do that, because its a separate project that

is already being funded by a grant allocated for that," explained Esser.

Another idea was to replace the chassis on the oldest EMS unit. This would give the county three fully operational ambulances.

"We might think about upgrading, maybe an ambulance, said Commissioner Freddy Frerich. It will help everybody in the community, we would have to do it before long anyway, the oldest unit."

Other ideas included purchasing a van with wheelchair lifts.

"I've gotten comments from people in the community, that need that benefit. A number of clients for the rehabilitation center, need some sort of transport that has a wheelchair lift too," said Senne. "We have some people that attend our nutrition center, that would be ideal if we had a wheelchair lift."

Commissioners decided to try and use the grant for both projects.

"I think a lift on the existing van and a new under carriage for one of the EMS units like that was suggested could be done. Get rid of the old gas truck slip a new diesel chassis under it," said Frerich.

"I believe that could be done," said Esser.

Motion made and passed unanimously, to have Esser discuss it with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.



Agnes Vondy is pictured above in front of the old Ross home on Ann Street. Mrs. Ross was Agnes' great grandmother.

## Happy birthday Agnes

St. Mary Magdalene Parish recognized Agnes Fritter Vondy on her 91st birthday by presenting her a corsage and singing Happy Birthday following the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, February 20th.

Agnes' great-grandmother, Anne O'Hanlan Ross, gave the

land and money to build the original stone church that faces Sweeney Street in the 1870's. This church is registered as one of the historic sites in Texas.

Vondy is a member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and United Daughters of the Confederacy.

## Briefs ...

### Kinney County Heritage Museum

The Kinney County Heritage Museum will be open Saturday February 26, from 1 to 4 PM.

### New arrivals available at the library

New Fiction arrivals at the Kinney County Public Library are: The Lions Game, by Nelson Demille; The Attorney, by Steve Martini; The Cat who robbed the bank, by Lillian Braun; Assassins, by La Haye Jenkins; Saving Faith, by David Baldacci; The Secret of Shambhala, by James Redfield; Plain Song, by Kent Haruf; Atlantis Found, by Clive Cussler; Hunting Badger, by Tony Hillerman; Monster, by Jonathan Kellerman; The Last Dance, by Ed McBain; Secret Honor, by W.E.B. Griffin; False Memory, by Dean Koontz; Time Line by Micheal Crichton; A walk to remember, by Nicholas Sparks. For more information on the books listed above or any other books available at the Kinney County Library, please call 830-563-2884.

### Border Patrol stats

Del Rio-The following is a report of the apprehensions by Border Patrol agents assigned to the Del Rio Sector for the period Jan. 7-13, 2000. The information is provided by station, and includes a sector total.

Abilene-30, Brackettville-466, Carrizo Springs-612, Comstock-54, Del Rio-1,037, Eagle Pass-2,364, Llano-38, Rocksprings-50, San Angelo-30 and Uvalde-207. Sector total-4,888. Other than Mexicans (included in Sector/Station totals)-180.

### New time set for PTO meeting

The Jones Elementary Parent and Teacher Organization would like to advise you of a time change for our next PTO general meeting on February 29, 2000. The new time is at 6 PM in the school auditorium. Arrive early and enter our raffle for several wonderful cakes and items! Doors open at 5:30 PM. Please join us!

### Duplicate bridge

Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club met February 15th with 7 tables present.

Winners were: N/S 1. Rozetta Pingot and Tina Bauguess, 2. James and Flo Stafford, 3. Fred and Nita Stanton.

E/W 1. Dena Scott and Mona Miller, 2. Joyce Bell and Ann Watts, 3. Peg Woolston and Mylo Unruh.

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## City approves street closures

By Wes Robinson  
Contributing Writer

The Brackettville City Council approved closing a portion of 5th street and a portion of Holmes alley at last weeks regular council meeting.

"I've looked at it, matter of fact there are two items on the agenda that I have no problem with, I've looked at it and it seems that everything would be in order to be able to do that," said City Manager David Luna.

The unrelated requests were from the Church of Christ and Tony Frerich Owner of the Kinney County Wool and Mohair.

"We have a good problem up there, our congregation is growing and we need some more space, said Elmer Haller, representative from the Church of Christ. What we hope to do with this here is use it for driveway and parking area."

Portions of 5th street and the alley east of the church were closed in the past. Since there was no possible detriment to through traffic, the council passed the ordinance with no discussion.

The second closing concerned the alley behind Kinney County Wool and Mohair.

"There is very little space in there if vehicles want to get in there to be able to unload, especially if they have a big trailer," said Frerich.

"I might have to make that a secured area around the mini stor-

age, said Frerich. That is the main reason I'm requesting this."

"I would not put a gate or make a secured area all the way out to the main street," added Frerich.

"If he just wants to put it from the scales back and fence his property, that would be fine," said Jimmy Gass.

"The only other question I have is when you block off that street you block off a lot of police protection. Mr. Ring comes through there quite often, and during the night the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriffs come through there quite often and the Border Patrol," added Gass.

When asked by the council, Gass stated he did not have a problem with closing the alley. The council passed the ordinance unanimously.

In his monthly report Chief of Police Ron Ring reported 34 citations, 42 violations and 23 incidents.

"We didn't have any motor vehicle accidents in the city this month, and one arrest," said Ring.

David Luna told the council that the annual audit would be coming in later than usual this year. Hardin and Newsome Certified Public Accountants were having trouble corresponding with the former auditor Jerry Horne. Horne recently retired and moved out of town.

Luna also reported 4 semi-trailer loads of used tires had been removed from the city's collection site at a cost of \$4,100.

## Cloud seeding postponed

By Dottie Cruz  
Staff Writer

There will be no cloud seeding in Kinney County this year. The commissioners agreed to donate the funds, that normally would pay for the service, to Texas Border Weather Modification Association. The associations plans to purchase their own equipment in an effort to cut costs.

"What we are proposing to do is to purchase our own equipment. Basically we are using one airplane at the present time. We can buy two single engine aircraft, acquire our own radar unit and all the equipment that goes with it, including a meteorologist," said Bill Cauthorn.

The association has managed to fund the seeding activities for the past year and a half with contri-

butions from Val Verde and Kinney Counties along with Eagle Pass Water Department, Maverick County Water Control and Improvement, City of Brackettville, Kinney County MUD. Ranchers from Val Verde have been able to contribute also.

Currently, it costs approximately \$300,000 a year, with operations occurring only 6 months out of the year. The costs are offset by matching funds provided by the state.

"We think we can have a twelve month program for about \$175,000 to \$180,000 if we do this," said Cauthorn. "There's only one kicker in this. We would like to stand down and not do cloud seeding this season, take the money that we accumulate and buy our own equipment."

Kinney County needs to con-

tribute \$40,000 which is an increase over the previous year. At the present time Kinney County funds approximately \$23,000 a year.

"The agreement we have between the Soil & Conservation District, Fort Clark MUD, Brackettville and Kinney County is to share in the cost on annual basis and its working for us," said Judge Herb Senne.

"If we don't do this we'll run through the end of this year with our rain enhancement program and it will be over, because we will be out of money," explained Cauthorn.

"At some point and time the State of Texas is going to quit funding this activity. So, we are going to have to pay for our own deal and this is the most economic deal to do it," added Cauthorn.

## Recreational opportunities at Amistad



Bill Sontag (left) Superintendent of the Amistad National Recreation Area, with program chairman Mike Holley.

By Patsy Callnan  
Contributing Writer

Mike Holley, February Program Chairman, introduced Bill Sontag, who is Superintendent of the Amistad National Recreation Area.

Amistad (meaning "friendship") is an international recreation area on the United States-Mexico border. This park offers an excellent setting for water sports and protects some of the world's best examples of prehistoric American Indian art and ar-

tifacts. The reservoir was created by the 6-mile-long Amistad Dam on the Rio Grande. The United States and Mexico cooperated in developing a combined recreation area, flood control, water storage and power generation project. At the center of the dam stand two bronze eagles symbolizing the nations working together. The reservoir extends 74 miles up the Rio Grande, 14 miles up the Pecos and 25 miles up the Devils River.

The waters present an extraordinary blueness because of their

great clarity and the area's limestone character and lack of loose soils. The reservoir offers several species of bass, sunfish, catfish, gar and other fish sought by anglers. Catches of 8 to 9 pound bass and 40 pound catfish keep anglers excited. Nine months of warm weather make Amistad a winter haven.

Extensive archeological research shows that Indian groups lived in this area continuously for 10,000 years before European contact in the 16th century. At Seminole Canyon State Historical Park adjacent to Amistad, walking tours to rock art sites are available year-round. At Panther and Parida caves, which are assessable by boat (water levels permitting), visitors can marvel at spectacular rock art panels up to 16 feet in height painted in red, yellow, orange and black.

Amistad is also home to dangerous plants and animals. Poisonous snakes include the broadbanded and trans-pecos copperheads; western diamondback, banded rock and black tailed rattlesnakes and Texas coral snakes. Poisonous arthropod include the scorpion wasps and the black widow and brown recluse spiders. Tarantulas are not con-

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## Ideas needed for citizens who live alone

EMS Update  
By Carolyn Rutherford

Since the last article, Kinney County EMS has been very busy! Your new EMS Station is really shaping up. The Ground Breaking ceremony was on Valentine's Day. Thanks to the Commissioners, the County Judge, our local clergy, community supporters, we had a really fine ceremony. If you go by the building site you'll see the cement has been poured. It looks like we have a "great foundation to build upon."

I'm working on an idea and need the Community's help. I wonder if there is a way to make sure that every citizen who lives alone to give a signal that they are all right? When you live alone and fall or become seriously ill, it may be impossible to reach the phone. If you have ideas from other places to make sure folks who live alone get help immediately if they need it, please call me with it. You can reach us at the EMS Office Monday through Friday 8am-5pm at 830-563-9090. When we aren't there, you can leave a message on the recorder and we will return your call.

Our EMT-Intermediate course started Tuesday night. We have four EMTs in that class: Ricky Alvarado, Mary Jane Garcia, Mickey Romero and Michelle Rosas. They go to class three nights most weeks and then work in the hospital and on ambulances to sharpen their new skills. Good Luck to these folks. The course is difficult. Please encourage them when you see them. Be looking for an EMT Basic course starting here in June--three nights a week--call us for more details.

Wednesday night Continuing Education hosts a Landing Zone Review course for EMS and our Fire Department personnel. It will be held from 7-10 pm. Critical Air medical transport will be the guest instructors.

Don't forget our CPR training program. Call the office for details. We will bring a course to you, or you can take it at the EMS building.

For Emergencies call 911. (Kinney County's second unit to respond may have less than the Texas Department of Health minimum of certified personnel on board.)



## Wearing your seat belt

Reminder From the Police Chief  
By Ron Ring

For years automobile manufacturers have tried to install safety features in their products in an effort to help save lives.

In the 1950's the padded dashboard came into being, the logic being that if you banged your head into it you would have some padding to collide with rather than a metal dashboard.

In the 1960's, they introduced the lap style safety belt. Again the thinking was to help keep you from being thrown into hard and unforgiving surfaces in the event of an accident.

The 1970's brought in the shoulder harness seat belt, an improvement on the lap style. It too was aimed at keeping you safe from being thrown around the inside of your car, or worse yet, to become a projectile launched through the windshield. There's an ugly thought.

In the 80's and 90's air bags have become standard equipment.

Every one of these inventions and additions came along to help save lives in automobile crashes. It has been proven time and again

that wearing a seat belt lowers the risk of serious injury or more importantly, death. Because of this advantage that seat belts offer, most states, and Texas is one of them, have passed laws requiring that you wear them.

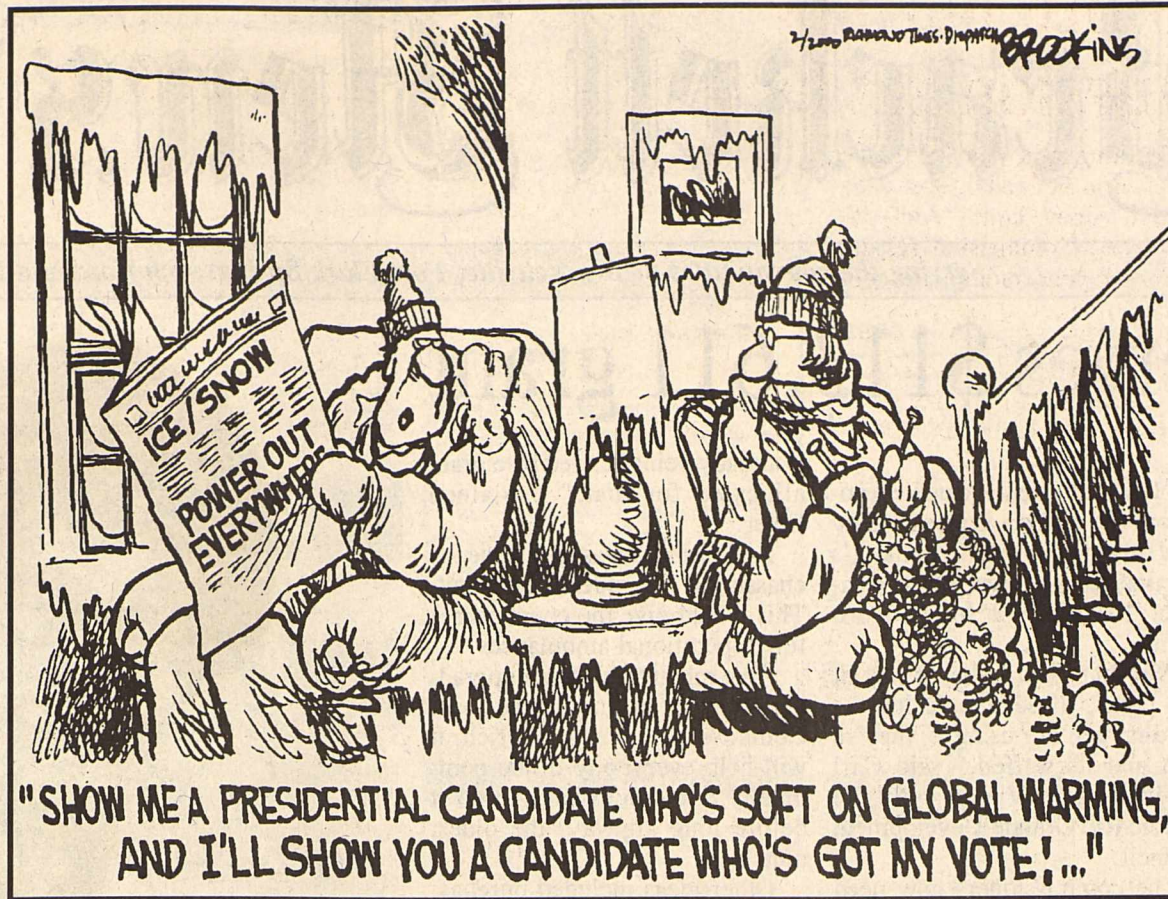
I have talked to some people that insist that by the state making it a law to wear a seat belt they are having their constitutional rights violated. My answer to that is bull.

If someone has a serious automobile accident and has no health insurance, who do you think will pick up the tab for their medical treatment?

I think paying for someone else's hospital stay for injuries that could have been avoided is a violation of my constitutional rights.

Certainly, no safety device will save every life. There are some motor vehicle accidents that no one can survive, but wearing your seat belt can save many lives, perhaps your own. This is not just my opinion; this has been proven by every means possible.

Don't get caught dead sitting on your seat belt, wear it. If you won't wear it for safety, wear it because it's the law.



## Ruling out religious tolerance

The way I see it!  
By Steven R. LaMascus

As Christians we teach and believe that there is but one path to salvation. If you want to have eternal life, if you want to get to heaven, you have to get there through Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." That seems to pretty well rule out any other concept of salvation. It also rules out religious tolerance.

In this country today the Amoral Left are trying to persuade the citizenry that Christianity, because it proclaims that Jesus Christ is the only path to salvation, is fomenting hatred. They take a simple truth, misconstrue the concept, misrepresent the message, apply their own brand of illogic, and come up with the idea that evangelism equals hate speech. As usual they are wrong, but, also as usual, they do not care. Just like they all, to a man, ignored the undeniable fact that Why2K was not the first year of the next millennium (2001 is), so they are ignoring the fact that true Christians teach love and tolerance of our fellow man. They think that because our goal is to save as many souls as we can, by leading them to Christ and away from false religions, that we are preaching hate. Here is Satan at his worst,

using his best weapon, the liberal media, to do what they do best — twist facts.

It is not Christian doctrine to use force to gain converts. We do not believe in jihad (holy war), as do our Moslem neighbors. We do not kill other Christians if they marry outside our faith, as do some other religions. Our roll in life is to offer the truth to those who are lost. We offer but it is their decision to accept Christ or reject him. We offer in love, because God has said that he doesn't want anyone to be lost. God wants everyone to come to his son, with love and faith. But God and Jesus are not tolerant. They are patient. They are loving. They are faithful. They are truthful. But if you do not accept the truth of Jesus Christ you are going to hell. That is not intolerance; that is honesty.

Tolerance today is preached by the Amoral Left as being the acceptance of anything and everything. Nothing is wrong. I do not understand the concept and I certainly do not accept it. There are things that are quite simply intolerable. Why should I look at things like child pornography, prostitution, Satanism, partial birth abortion, dishonest, immoral politicians, drug abuse, alcoholism, teen pregnancy, homosexuality, and a multitude of other Liberal idols as acceptable practices

when every fiber of my being tells me that they are evil?

The truth is that the liberal media and the Amoral Left are the ones who are intolerant. They are the ones who are preaching hatred. They are being guided by Satan to twist facts, spin truth, and win converts to evil. It is they who are liars. It is they who are hate mongers. It is they who are going to be oh so surprised when the final trumpet blows and Jesus comes again with power and great glory.

Friends I am intolerant. I am intolerant of anyone who expects me to disregard simple logic and the ordinances of God to please some morally bankrupt liberal, who has nothing better to do than cry that I won't accept from him immoral, illegal, unethical, ungodly and evil practices that do nothing but damage the moral fiber of the world I live in. To be as blunt as possible, it ain't gonna happen!

Brothers and sisters don't just sit there fuming. We are in a battle of good against evil. We will win, the Bible gives us that promise. But it does not give us the right to sit on our fannies and do nothing while the world crumbles around us just because we already know the final outcome. Quite the contrary; it tells us to go forth and make disciples of all the world. Are you doing your part?

## Texans endorse national missile defense

Submitted by  
Kay Bailey Hutchison

In December and January, this column included a list of questions seeking readers' opinion about issues currently in the forefront of public debate.

As has been the case in previous years, your answers were very informative, and I would like to thank this newspaper for allowing me to communicate with you this way.

Over the next several weeks this column will address the responses you provided, beginning with the column regarding our national security and foreign policy.

The first question asked about your opinion on the need to proceed with the development and construction of a missile defense system capable of shooting down enemy ballistic missiles. By a significant majority, 73 percent, Texans said it is very important that we build such a system. You also said you would not feel differently about building a missile defense system if it means withdrawing from the decades-old Anti Ballistic Missile Treaty (ABM) that restricts us from building a system. Here are some of your comments on this issue: From Levelland - "That China and countries such as Iran, Libya and Russia have missiles is a great threat to U.S. national security."

Magnolia - "Our security problems have worsened with the current administration's transfer of nuclear technology and missile guidance systems to avowed enemies such as China."

Carrizo Springs - "There is no

doubt in my mind that we need a missile defense system and the sooner the better. It should be at the top of the list."

Kirbyville - "A missile defense system should be a major part of a greater effort to rebuild our national defenses after Clinton leaves the White House. We have been left vulnerable and the next administration will have to fix that."

LaMarque - "It seems to me we have no alternative but to take steps to defend ourselves against missile attack."

Adkins - "Communism is not dead. There are at least a half-dozen countries, maybe more, that hate America and that have or will have the bomb, and are dumb enough to use it."

Hondo - "Once we get a missile defense, we need to figure out how to defend ourselves against international terrorism, or at least a way to keep terrorists out of our country."

Dripping Springs - "It is most important for us to proceed with building a missile defense system and with funding other new technology for our Army, Navy and

Air Force."

Orange - "Our best missile defense system is for other countries to know if they attack the United States, they will be destroyed by all means at hand."

Texas City - "Build a missile defense. We must not let ourselves believe that there is nothing out in the world that can harm us. Just because the Cold War is over does not mean we should let our guard down."

Lampasas - "Thumbs down on the ABM Treaty. It has outlived its purpose."

Seguin - "The ABM Treaty is out of date, and it seriously affects our national security."

Congress realizes the gravity of this situation and is pursuing creation of a missile defense. After many years of trying, Congress has finally forced the administration to move forward with developing this technology. There will be successes and failures along the way as we test and perfect it, but a missile defense for America is no longer a question of whether but when. The answer: The sooner the better.

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## The Hacking must be stopped

Submitted by  
U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

Last week, some of our nation's largest Internet companies were temporarily sidelined by the recent sophomoric frenzy of computer hacking. This is no small problem. As a matter of fact, it is an enormous problem, that can easily affect Americans and all people around the world equally.

Effortlessly, these hackers were able to penetrate the systems of some of our most advanced Internet companies, like Yahoo!, Amazon.com, Buy.com, and eBay. Their attacks reduced pensions, investments and savings as the New York Stock Exchange and our technology index, Nasdaq, had hefty consecutive day drops. The attacks on these companies were largely confined to "denial of service" acts in which hackers jammed the systems with ample amounts of worthless information, creating a severe slow down in response. Experts estimated the attacks cost companies \$2 billion in lost revenue and added security. As serious as that is, further attacks with far more disastrous implications cannot and should not be discounted.

The denial-of-service attacks are more difficult to prevent than traditional computer virus attacks. They are comparable to a malignant cancer. Once they have entered the system, their ability to multiply and spread quickly infecting and damaging other areas in the system is simple.

The FBI put out a report early last week which found that it's easy for the wrong people to get their hands on everything they need to mount these attacks. The report also described the attacks as elementary, "not something that takes a great deal of sophistication to do." This is scary and something must be done to stop it.

Today it might be attacks on the systems of companies. Tomorrow it could be something far more devastating, like attacks on the Department of Defense. The United States and the rest of the world cannot afford for that to happen.

The inherently open and trusting nature of the Internet should not be compromised because of a few bad apples. This is why I intend to propose legislation that will deter hackers from attempting these malicious crimes on our government's computers. The only deterrence hackers tend to respect and understand are stricter prison penalties. My legislation will impose a mandatory five year penalty on anyone who intentionally hacks into a government computer, with no chance of parole.

I intend to send a message to all hackers who are looking for a new criminal challenge: if you dare hack into a government computer, you had better be prepared to commit five years of your life to federal prison.

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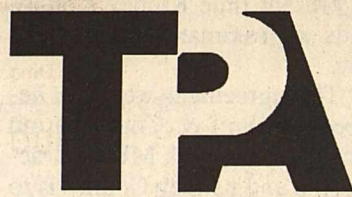


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## Keep the home fire burning with a Railroad Commission gas hearth rebate

Submitted by  
Railroad Comm. Tony Garza

Austin-Chairman Michael L. Williams, Commissioner Charles R. Matthews and Commissioner Tony Garza today reminded consumers that the Railroad Commission of Texas offers a \$100 rebate to help offset the cost of converting traditional wood burning fireplaces into clean, efficient propane-fueled units.

"Since the Commission began offering the rebate, almost 1,000 Texans have taken us up on this money-back offer," said Williams. "There's no better way to start the cold weather season than with a fuel-efficient heating source and extra cash in your pocket."

Williams, Matthews and Garza pointed out that propane burns cleaner and more efficiently than wood. Direct vented gas fireplaces deliver about 65 percent heat efficiency to a room. New unvented gas logs offer up to 99 percent heat efficiency.

"Higher heat efficiency means more warmth in your home and not out the chimney," Matthews said. "Propane gas logs give your fireplace the look and feel of a standard hearth without the uncertainty of lighting wood and the mess of cleaning up the soot afterwards."

Propane fueled hearths offer the same natural, yellow flame seen with traditional wood fireplaces, but provides that warmth and glow without having to venture out into the cold to bring in a load of firewood.

"Nothing says welcome home like a warm fire and one hundred dollars," added Garza. "And with a Railroad Commission rebate, converting your traditional wood-burning fireplace to a propane unit offers a clear advantage for this winter and winters to come."

Created in 1991 by the Texas Legislature, the Railroad Commission of Texas' Alternative Fuels and Research Division (AFRED) is charged with researching and

educating Texans about propane and other environmentally beneficial fuels. AFRED offers Texans a variety of rebate programs to help convert household appliances to cleaner propane.

For more information on all propane rebate programs offered by the Railroad Commission of Texas, call AFRED toll-free at 1-800-64-CLEAR (1-800-642-5327).

## Campaign signs on highway right of way may cost you \$500

Austin-With campaigning in high gear-candidates and campaign workers are reminded to be careful where they place campaign signs.

Such signs are not allowed on state highway right of way, which is reserved for official traffic control signs. Campaign signs erected on highway right of way will be removed by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the owner can be charged for removal costs.

In addition, a person placing an unauthorized sign in highway right of way can be fined up to \$500 per sign.

"The law is intended to keep highway right of way clean and uncluttered so that official traffic control signs are clearly visible for the safety of the traveling public," said Wes Heald.

Campaign signs can be placed on private property with the

landowner's permission if they meet certain restrictions. Signs must be made of lightweight material and be no larger than 50 square feet. They can be erected no sooner than 90 days before an election and must be removed 10 days after election. Signs within the city limits may be subject to local ordinances.

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## Court approves expenditures of \$27,760 Bid awarded on Pinto Creek Bridge clean up

By Dottie Cruz  
Staff Writer

Commissioners agreed on five separate non-budgeted expenditures totaling \$26,760 at last week's meeting.

The first item was the clean up of the old Pinto Creek bridge area. Only two bids were received. The low bid of \$6,750 was awarded to Wade Steel of Devine, Texas.

The clean up will include removal of all steel and concrete in the river. It will be placed in a nearby area, where county employees will bury it at a later date.

"From a safety standpoint for the Pinto Creek Bridge, we have too much invested to leave that old bridge there," said Judge Herb Senne.

The second item was Jack Hill Construction Company's first installment of \$5,000 for building the EMS building.

The third item was Indigent Health Care. The current budget has \$54,000 and needs an additional \$8,000. The county will only be responsible for 20 percent of what needs to be added. The state will reimburse the balance.

"Anything above what we budgeted the state will reimburse our

funds 80 percent," said Senne.

The fourth item concerned the engineering company that drew up the preliminary plans and specs for the Kinney County Ranch Estates road paving project. The amount the county will have to pay the company is \$3,610.

"Do we have the copies of the specs so we can put them somewhere for the future," asked Commissioner Freddy Frerich. "If we are paying for the specs and plans we ought to have them."

The last request was for a new air conditioning unit at the Sheriff's Department. The expenditure was estimated at \$3,400 for purchase and installation.

Motion was passed unanimously with very little discussion to retain an attorney to defend Kinney County for a lawsuit filed by Adobe Eco-System. The budget was amended to reflect an adjustment of \$10,000.

The library is having problems with pilferage and patrons not returning videos and books.

In a written report Sara Terrazas, Library Director stated, "I am not sure what action we can take, but we do send out overdue notices as soon as books become overdue. We have a list of those

patrons so that we when they come in we can check against our list."

Judge Senne had discussed the problem with Terrazas and gave her ideas to combat the problem. With automation in place it will be easier to keep status on patrons with overdue material.

Terrazas also reported the new Library Board members were: Lionel Jaurez, Beatrice Dorrell, Shirley Stephenson, and Rosa Smith. Ruben Martinez and Horace Troy will serve another term.

The board established goals for the future at their February 7th meeting. Such as a Library Newsletter, a program for the Home Bound, A strong volunteer program and a Memorial Garden.

Terrazas also stated Lela Cervantez had resigned as Library Clerk. Cervantez worked under the S.T.E.P. program that funds employment for the elderly on a part-time basis. Terrazas asked for another S.T.E.P. employee from Maragret Renfro the Area Supervisor for S.T.E.P. Renfro explained she would not be able to replace her because Kinney County is already overstaffed with S.T.E.P. employees.

## Kinney County Sheriff's Report .....

### Tuesday, February 15

10:30 a.m., Earl A. Wright, 24 and Tommy Ward, 19 both from Brackettville were arrested by Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter for terroristic threats. Both were released the same day on P.R. bonds.

10:30 a.m., Margarita R. Ramirez, 56 from Del Rio was arrested by Trooper Tony Ashley for Driving While License Suspended and no insurance. Ramirez posted bond the same day.

11:13 a.m., Jesse Flores, 47 from Del Rio was arrested by Constable Lindeman for DWI. Flores is still being held in the Kinney County Jail.

2:52 p.m., The Del Rio Police Department reported a fire 12 miles West on Highway 90. Fire Department was dispatched to the location.

### Wednesday, February 16

11:00 p.m., A man called 911 and said he was about 4 miles East of Brackett. His call got disconnected. Unit 4277 drove 12 miles East and found a gray Chevy van had hit a deer and would need to leave the van there until it could be picked up the next day.

### Thursday, February 17

4:43 p.m., Security Link for the Brackett Independent School District reported alarms were going off at the new High School. Chief Ring went to check it out. It was determined maintenance there and had tripped the alarms by accident.

6:46 p.m., A local woman reported in person that she left her golf clubs at the car wash. Upon her return she found them gone.

7:30 p.m., A cellular phone call reported a dump truck traveling South on Beaumont did not have his lights on. Deputy Bobby Guidry located the dump truck and took care of the problem.

8:00 p.m., Theron Don Parsons, 34 of San Antonio was arrested by Sheriff Buddy Burgess for Deceptive Business. Parsons posted bond the following day.

### Friday, February 18

7:49 a.m., A local resident reported she arrived home and found her back door open. She didn't think anything was missing and wasn't requesting an investigation just wanted the department to know.

12:00 p.m., Local resident reported the theft of an aluminum extension ladder. It was last seen at a residence on East Edwards Street. Chief of Police Ron Ring is investigating the theft.

12:00 p.m., Spofford resident called and reported an attempted Burglary. Deputy Cordelia Mendeke went to the location to see if any fingerprints could be taken to get the identity of the subject. The owner reported hearing a noise around 12:15 a.m. the next morning found the window to his bedroom had been pushed in.

12:46 p.m., A local resident reported neighbors disturbing the peace. Deputy Guidry went to take care of the situation.

1:30 p.m., A local resident reported two young men shooting beer bottles at the North end of Brown Street. He stated they would line them up along the concrete wall on his sister's property and shoot them. Chief Ring went and spoke to the parents of the young men and they stopped shooting.

### Saturday, February 19

4:00 p.m., Guadalupe Rodriguez, Jr. 34 from Comfort was arrested by Deputy Guidry for DWI and Probation Violation. Rodriguez is still being held in the Kinney County Jail.

### Sunday, February 20

2:05 a.m., Border Patrol Agent 7216 reported a possible Public Intoxication. Deputy Karl Chism and Trooper Ashley were dispatched to take care of situation.

2:51 a.m., Clinton Shelton Williams, 51 from Uvalde was arrested by Trooper Ashley for Public Intoxication. Williams was released the same day for time served.

4:48 p.m., City employee Eddie Garza was notified to go and check out a dog on 1st Street that had tried to bite a man walking by. The skin was not broken the dog just got a hold of the boys pant leg.

6:26 p.m., Tracy Dawn Garcia, 26 from Del Rio was arrested by Trooper Ashley for Driving While License Invalid. Garcia was released the same day on a P.R. Bond.

11:13 p.m., A local woman reported having trouble with a local man and asked a deputy to come to her house to take care of him. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the location.

### Monday, February 21

9:28 a.m., Interstate Security called and reported alarms were going off at a ranch near the west end of the county. Sheriff Burgess determined it was someone mowing the grass along the fence that set the alarms off.

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## Many recreational programs offered at Amistad

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sidered dangerous to humans but can inflict painful bites when molested. Javelina (collared peccary or wild pig) are potentially dangerous, especially when they have young. Many bushes in southwest Texas bear thorns; and the fruit can be poisonous. Amistad is habitat for resident and migratory birds. Common birds are the vulture, raven, scaled quail, mourning and white winged doves, hawks, herons, sandpipers and an occasional golden or bald eagle.

"Evening Programs Under the Stars" are presented on Saturday evening at 7:30 PM at Governors Landing Amphitheater. Some future programs are Feb. 26 "Living Off the Land, March 4 "Southern Pacific Railroad", March 11 "Star Party", March 18 "Candelilla Wax", March 25 "Sonora Caverns: A Texas Jewel". Another program available is the "Trails and Rails program."

Trained volunteers have teamed up with Amtrak to provide train passengers on-board educational programs as they travel through Southwest Texas. Amistad National recreation Area initiated this program in August, 1999. Twice a week, Trails & Rails volunteers and National Park Service employees board the west-

in Del Rio and detrain in either Sanderson or in Alpine, TX. As the train heads westbound from Del Rio, passengers travel through the recreation area and cross both the Amistad reservoir and the Pecos River canyon.

During the on board presentation, Trails & Rails staff share information on Lake Amistad, the history of the railroad through west Texas, the Chihuahuan Desert, plants and animals, geology, historic and prehistoric people of the area. The presentations consist of a number of components, including a narrative script delivered over the train's PA system that highlights natural, historical and cultural resources along the route. In the Sightseer Lounge Car, another volunteer utilizes hands-on items, historic photos, maps and photos of rock art, plants and animals to enhance the Trails & Rails experience for interested Passengers. It would be a great trip for local groups to take if they can provide their own transportation back from Sanderson or Alpine.

Much, much more is going on at the Amistad Recreation Area and this information can be accessed at their website [www.nps.gov/amis](http://www.nps.gov/amis) or stop by NPS headquarters on Hwy 90, 5 miles west of Del Rio. Their telephone number is 830-775-7491.

## Mental Health must be a public issue

A landmark event occurred on December 13 with the release of the first ever Surgeon General's report on mental health. It seems especially fitting that it was published near the close of the 1990s—declared by the U.S. Congress as the "Decade of the Brain"—and almost at the beginning of a new millennium.

Research during the past decade demonstrates what individuals with mental illness and their families, as well as those who provide services to them, know to be true: that mental health is essential to a person's overall well being. As Surgeon General David Satcher's report emphasizes, mental health is as vital to optimal functioning in all areas of life as is physical health. Mental disorders are diseases of the brain that, like physical illnesses, can have devastating effects.

Mental illnesses are so prevalent that an estimated one in six individuals - children and adults of all ages, races and social and economic conditions - experiences

some form of mental illness in his or her lifetime. In 1999, more than 2.9 million Texans had some form of mental illness. More than 200,000 Texas children through age 17 have a serious emotional disturbance.

Although the cost of human suffering related to mental illness is incalculable, tangible costs have been identified. Research by the World Health Organization shows that in developed countries such as the United States "mental illness is the second leading cause of disability and premature mortality," just behind cardiovascular disease and ahead of cancer. In Texas the direct costs of mental illness is both the private and public sector were estimated in 1997 to be nearly \$4.8 billion a year.

Yet, as the Surgeon General's report points out, mental disorders are treatable, and the future holds great promise for development of increasingly effective treatments. The Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation

system offers services and support. Improving the quality of people's lives. These include a new generation of highly effective medications.

They also include housing, employment and family support that assists individuals with mental illness in living successfully in their community. Services for persons in crisis and those who have complex needs also are part of the array of MHMR supports.

Tragically, only half of the Texans who experience a diagnosable mental disorder in any given year will seek treatment. The Surgeon General cites stigma, lack of information, lack of access and financial constraints as primary barriers to getting help. If these barriers are to be overcome, it will take more than the continued tireless efforts of people who have mental illness, their families and advocates and those of us who provide mental health services. Mental health and mental illness are public issues. It is important for everyone to be open to learn-

ing more about them. If people with mental disorders are to get the help they need, the public must accept that there is no more shame attached to mental disorders than to cardiovascular disease.

Another way in which Texans can act upon the Surgeon General's report is to support continued research into mental disorders and their treatments. Much has been accomplished during the Decade of the Brain. More remains to be done in decades to come. The Surgeon General's report also offers a timely opportunity to spotlight the need for insurance and funding for treatment of mental disorders at levels comparable to that for other illnesses.

Texas has abundant resources and a tremendous need. Our state has a humanitarian and economic imperative to become a leader in mental health services in the nation. Effective treatments for mental illnesses exist, we must ensure those services, supports and the hope they bring for recovery, are available to all who need them.

## More on TPW proposed changes

A little on the Wildlife side  
By Henry Lutz

AUSTIN, Texas — Hunters and anglers are invited to express their views on Texas Parks and Wildlife's (TPW) proposed regulation changes during 20 public hearings scheduled in the coming weeks across the state.

TPW conducts an annual review of the state's hunting and fishing regulations and makes changes based on statutory requirements and scientific data collected by field biologists. The objective of the process is to provide sound biological management of the resources while maximizing hunter and angler opportunity.

State wildlife officials gather public input on the proposed

changes before submitting final recommendations to the TPW Commission. If adopted by the TPW Commission in April, the proposed changes take effect Sept. 1.

"We're encouraging public input on any of the proposals, particularly from those people affected by these changes. There are issues of local and regional interest, and we want folks to be involved in the decision-making process," said Bob Cook, TPW chief operating officer.

Following is a brief summary of proposed changes to the Statewide Hunting and Fishing Proclamation that the public is asked to provide comment on at upcoming hearings. (Only those that affect persons in this area are listed)

—A statewide proposal to eliminate the minimum length limit on Guadalupe and spotted bass. The current minimum for these species is 12 inches, however, biological data indicates these fish infrequently grow beyond this limit.

—A proposal to increase the bag limit and implement a special late season for spike bucks and antlerless deer in 25 Edwards Plateau counties. The bag limit would increase to five deer, no more than two bucks, and there would be a 14-day special late season for the take of antlerless and spike-buck deer.

The proposal would necessitate the closing of the muzzleloader-only season in these counties.

—Proposals to create an "inter-

mediate" Managed Lands Deer (MLD) permit.

Landowners agreeing to a specific harvest quota for both buck and antlerless deer under a department-approved management plan would be able to issue up to five MLD permits per hunter (no more than three bucks).

The proposal would also allow the harvest of spike-buck and antlerless deer during a 14-day period following the close of the general season.

—Creation of a 16-day mule deer season in Cochran County and the extension of mule deer season to 16 days in Andrews (west of U.S. Hwy. 385), Bailey, Hockley, Lamb, Terry and Yoakum counties currently having a five-day season. Bag limit two deer, no more than one buck, antlerless by permit only, no archery season.

—A proposal to modify length limits of billfish in Texas waters so that they will be compatible with rules in federal waters.

At the conclusion of each public hearing, TPW is seeking comment on the following discussion items:

—TPW has the opportunity to make changes in the hunting and fishing license format because our current vendor contract for the electronic licensing system expires Aug. 31, 2001. This process allows the opportunity to evaluate license format and tagging options, including the possible elimination of tags.

—In order to facilitate an accelerated buyback of commercial fishing licenses in the commercial shrimp, crab and finfish fisheries, the agency is evaluating a temporary \$1-\$3 surcharge on the Saltwater Fishing Stamp to provide revenue for the commercial license buyback fund.

—TPW is looking at the feasibility of creating a discounted senior combination or senior super combination hunting and fishing license and is evaluating constituent interest in such a license and the possible fee structure for the license.

Following is a schedule of upcoming public hearings on the Statewide Hunting and Fishing Proclamation regulation change proposals.

All meetings begin at 7 p.m. (The hearing in Del Rio is the only one being held in the area)

**PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE**

Date County City Location 3/8/00 Val Verde Del Rio Val Verde County Courthouse County Court at Law Courtroom 207 E. LaSoya

Public comment may be made at any of the public hearings or by contacting TPW in person or by writing to Hunting and Fishing Proclamation Public Comment, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744, (800) 792-1112, or through the Internet at <[www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us)>. TPW's Web site provides several options for public comment on the proposed regulation changes.

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# The gift of music Tigerettes opened the 2000 Softball season can last a lifetime

Making a Difference  
By Taylor Stephenson

The Kinney County Arts Council did a grand job bringing us Blasmusik Texas also known as the Texas All-State German Band. The band, directed by Herbert Bilhartz, was a spirited group of musicians who loved to play. The concert faire ranged from Civil War to German band music.

At Brackett ISD, the band played for every student in our school system. Our students were very responsive. Students sang the Star Spangled Banner and the Happy Birthday March for their fellow students. They also swayed to the German waltzes. Blasmusik Band members were effusive as they complimented the behavior of the Brackettville students. They said that there were about 10 teachers in the band, and they were amazed at how well our students behaved. That's right, I'm talking about little ones all the way up to our seniors. What a nice compliment for our students.

The Civil War Concert at the RV Park Saturday was well attended and was a perfect setting for the band. Larry Johnson, Director of the Heritage Brass Band in Mesquite, Texas, directed, played Tuba and gave the historical significance of each of the tunes which ranged from Yellow Rose of Texas and Civil War Marching Music.

The concert and dance at the Civic Center was wonderful. The

Center was packed as Maestro Bilhartz directed the Chicken, German Waltzes and danceable music. I'm amazed at the number of folks in our community who can do the Polka. Wow!

Hector Jimenez and I played with the German Band for the school concerts. Hector played Saturday night also. It was a delight to be able to play with a band this good. You never lose the ability to read music. I can read as well as when I was in my prime. Now, there is a problem in that I need to develop the embouchure to support the quality sounds that are desired. (Lack of practice, but I'm trying to improve). Members of the band spoke to our students about music in their lives. They had careers that were varied and successful.

The gift of music is something that can not be taken away from you. For those who are still reading, I encourage you to learn to play guitar, piano, sing or play a band instrument. I encourage students to learn music. It's a gift that will be with you the rest of your life.

That's about it. We'll be finished with about a third of the TAAS testing at the end of this week. I believe that our teachers have our students prepared to do their best on the TAAS. As I write, our basketball team prepares for its playoff game. We have had a great season.

Have a great week!

By Gregg Nowlin  
Contributing Writer

The Brackett Tigerettes opened their 2000 Softball Season this past weekend at the Somerset Tournament. They traveled over 750 miles to play 5 games.

The Tigerettes won 3 games and lost 2 over the span of 3 days. They finished up in third place against some stiff competition.

On Thursday the Tigerettes opened tournament play against the Marion Lady Bulldogs with a 13-12 victory. Marion went on to win the tournament with a victory over Somerset. Leading the way at the plate was Queta Garza with 2 hits and scoring 3 runs, Michelle Melancon with 2 hits and scoring 1 run and 2 RBI's, also Tiffany Eckenrod with 2 hits, 2 runs scored.

On Friday, the Tigerettes played at 10:00 a.m. against the Poteet Lady Aggies. The Tigerettes came away with a 22-7 smashing. Leading the way for the hard hitting Tigerettes was Queta Garza with 2 hits, 3 runs, 3 stolen bases and 2 RBI's. Erika Garcia had 2 hits, 2 stolen bases and 3 RBI's. Vanessa Castillo had 2 hits, 2 runs, 2 stolen bases and 2 RBI's.

The second game on Friday

was a hard fought game, against the host Somerset Lady Bulldogs. "Somerset prevailed in a very well played game, 6-3. Erika Garcia was tagged with the loss, but pitched one of the best games of her career," said Coach Greg Nowlin. She struck out 8 batters and had only 1 walk and was in command the whole game.

"Erika pitched well enough to win, but just needed a little more help from her defense, who committed a few untimely errors," said Nowlin. Leading the way at the plate was Erika Garcia with 1 hit, 1 stolen base and 1 RBI, also Michelle Melancon had 1 hit and scored 1 run.

The road weary Tigerettes traveled back to Somerset on Saturday for a rematch with the Marion Bulldogs. Marion won the game 11-1. The Tigerettes never got off track against a very good Marion team. Leading the way against Marion was Tiffany Eckenrod with one hit, one stolen base and one RBI, also Trish Robinson with one hit, and one run scored.

"After 3 straight days of traveling, the effects began to show on the girls! We made mental mistakes we haven't been making," said Nowlin.

On Saturday afternoon the Tigerettes player their fifth game

of the tournament. They defeated the Poteet Lady Aggies for the second time, 19-2. Leading the way for the Tigerettes was Erika Garcia with 2 hits, 2 runs scored, 2 stolen bases and 2 RBI's. Vanessa Castillo with 1 hit, 3 runs scored, 3 stolen bases and 1 RBI. Eckenrod with one hit, one stolen base and 3 RBI's.

Garcia and Eckenrod were named to the All-Tournament Team. Garcia pitched 4 games, winning two and losing two. When she was not pitching she played shortstop. Eckenrod played second base and made some out-

standing defensive plays. B'Ann Gomez was the winning pitcher in one game against Poteet. Ira Sandoval was credited with the save against Poteet.

"Overall the Somerset Tournament was a great way to get the Softball Season started. We got to play five games against some good pitching. We got to look at a lot of our players and see who was ready to step up to varsity ball. We go to the Uvalde Tournament this Thursday - Saturday for some more tough competition against some 3A and 4A teams," added Nowlin.

## All District Basketball

The District Champions Jourdanton Squaws dominated the All-District Team.

They had the District Most Valuable Player-Kristy Simmons, three first team, and one second team selection. District Runner-up Dilley Lady Wolves had two first team selections, and one second team selection.

Comfort, Natalia, and Center Point all had one first team selection.

The Brackett Tigerettes had one second team selection player

-Duquesa Hunt Sophomore. Also named were Seniors Jamie Bader and Trisha Robinson and Junior Cuddy De Los Santos, to the Honorable Mention Team.

As always coaches may nominate their players, but may not vote for them. The selection is entirely up to the other coaches in the district.

The three playoff representatives from our district Jourdanton, Dilley and Center Point were all eliminated in the first round of the State Playoffs last week.

## The gift of reading to children

Children are our most important resource. Can you imagine a world where every child loves to read and lives to learn?

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To encourage reading, our school is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair Safari on March 6 through 10 from 7:30 to 4:00 in the Jones Elementary Library. It will offer an extensive array of the best books and learning products for local children.

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libraries through the Book Fair. Teachers have created "Classroom Wish Lists" which will be posted at the fair. We would like to invite you to come by and purchase any book from the list, tell the cashier it's a "Wish List" book, complete a commemorative bookplate, and donate it to the classroom.

The gift of reading is an important legacy. Thank you for joining us in imparting the legacy of reading. Your participation does make a difference.

## This one is sure to offend everybody

I could be wrong!  
By Chuck Hall

I was watching the news on TV when a feature was presented concerning the rodeo in San Antonio. There were several animal rights folks in the background protesting cruelty to the animals at the show.

"I'm not a 'bunny hugger' but I have not ever intentionally mistreated any animal in my life.

Well, OK, I have if you consider the sport of fishing. Kathy Bader insists that this form of recreational entertainment has got to be the cruelest hobby known to man.

We dangle "free food" offerings, jerk a sharp point through the scaled one's mouth, drag the

poor creature until it reaches us totally exhausted, and then incarcerate the poor fish for hours upon end before actually killing it.

But I want to know why we don't have any "plant rights" people out there? Consider, if you will, what we do to a carrot. We pull it out of the ground, smother it in plastic wrap, cut it into pieces, put those parts into boiling water without ever thinking about the fact that any one of those fragments is still alive. They could, and would, regenerate and grow if put back into the soil.

I won't even talk about what we do to beans. I cringe when I think about the particular element of the plant that we are devouring. All in the name of nutrition. We should be ashamed.

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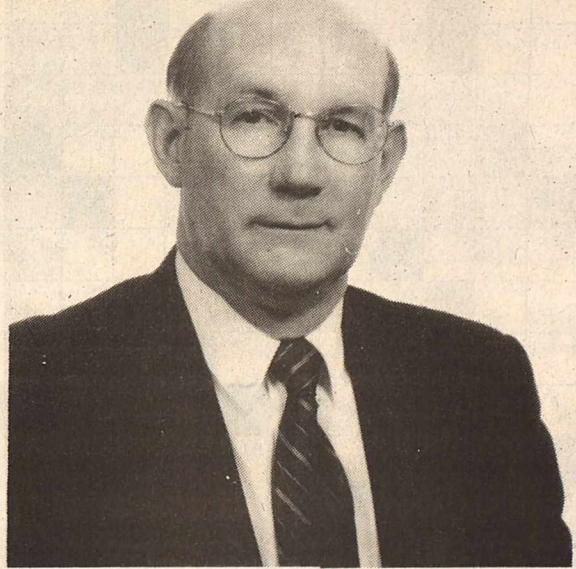
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## Nineteenth annual SWTJC Creative Arts Contest deadline

The deadline for entering the visual arts division of the Nineteenth Annual Southwest Texas Junior College Creative Arts Contest is March 24th at 4 p.m.

For 19 years, SWTJC has been hosting the annual visual arts and literary contest for individuals with a creative flair. The literary deadline was December 3, 1999.

The visual arts categories include: drawing with color, painting, cover, pencil, scratchboard, charcoal, pen and ink, computer generated graphics (all open to every age group) and a photography contest for grades 7 and up.

Creative arts age group divisions are: Kindergarten-Grade1, Grades 2-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-10, Grades 11-12, College, Community. There is also a Special group in each division.

"Since the contest has grown so extensively over the years, we had to set a limit on the amount of entries that each school could enter this year.

Our judges were working above and beyond the call of duty to get all of the entries critiqued," stated Adams

"The new rules state that only six entries per grade level/per school in each category can be submitted."

The visual art entries will be on display from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. April 24-27 in the SWTJC Matthews Student Center Ballroom.

The Palm's Leaf Cover Contest is open to all ages.

The Palm's Leaf is the SWTJC literary magazine that publishes the winning entries.

Entrants in the cover contest should submit an 8 1/2" X 11" size piece of art or Entries from all age groups will be accepted, but there is only one cover so only the first place entry will be used.

All other winners will appear inside the magazine.

Winners in each division and category of the SWTJC Creative Arts Contest will be presented an award at the annual Creative Arts Fair Awards Ceremony on April 27 at 6 p.m. in the SWTJC Matthews Student Center Ballroom.

Entries can be delivered to the SWTJC Public Information office in the E. Richarz Building on the Main Campus in Uvalde or individuals can leave them with the campus phone operator downstairs in the SWTJC Administration Building.

She also noted that copies of the 1999 Palm's Leaf are still available for \$10.83 plus a \$1.75 shipping and handling charge.

Individuals can obtain an entry form to the Creative Arts Contest or a copy of the 1999 Palm's Leaf by calling 830-591-7222, merrill.adams@swtjc.cc.tx.us or write Merrill Adams, SWTJC public information officer, 2401 Garner Field Road, Uvalde, Texas 78801.

## Houston livestock show entries

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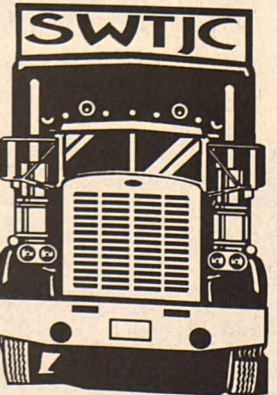
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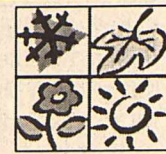
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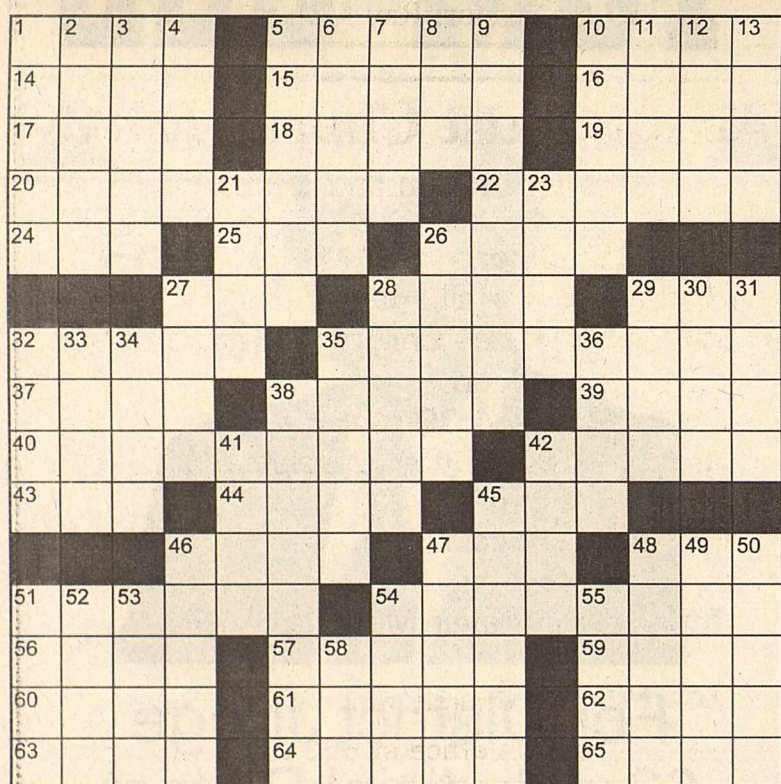
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**HOROSCOPES**

**Aries March 21- April 20**  
 Look for a travel opportunity this week. It may turn out to be the chance you've been waiting for. Keep in mind it's never too late to make a change for the better. It's important you don't let someone's attitude affect your plans!

**Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23**  
 Your plans may move forward with a financial boost from an unexpected source. You will need to stay alert when it comes to investing any money. A close family member will probably need your help by the end of the week.

**Taurus April 21-May 21**  
 Don't let the moods of those around you bring you down. Your job and personal life have been going too well for you to get caught up in their doldrums now. Instead, look to an old friend for support and a better outlook on life.

**Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22**  
 Romance is in the air...from a very unlikely source. It's OK to show a little excitement. However, out of respect, steer clear of a coworker who's been burned recently. Don't go to a meeting unprepared because it won't help your career.

**Gemini May 22-June 21**  
 Consider putting some distance between you and someone close to you. Not seeing eye-to-eye on a couple matters may put a strain on your relationship. It's a great week to start thinking about a summer vacation destination.

**Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21**  
 Some well-thought-out plans may get blown. Don't take it out on a close friend or your partner. Fault does not lie with any one person. Take a breather, then get started on new plans. Lend your support to a coworker.

**Cancer June 22-July 22**  
 You may have to depend on the moral support of a close relative this week when plans and relationships don't seem to go your way. With that in mind, it may be better for you to stay clear of making any vital life-altering decisions.

**Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20**  
 Unexpected correspondence may cause a problem for you by week's end. The truth will be the best approach. A cover-up will only cause the wound to fester and other problems to surface quickly. Consider a professional's advice.

**Leo July 23-August 23**  
 A short break from a sticky family situation is just what the doctor ordered. A weekend getaway, as soon as possible, could give you new insight into the problem, and it may even give you some ideas for solving it peacefully.

**Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18**  
 Your home improvement plans should take a back seat for the next couple weeks. It's time for a reality check before it's too late. Someone you thought would be a good adviser is not. Don't get in too deep before you turn around.

**Virgo August 24-Sept. 22**  
 Don't expect a lot of good from the coming workweek. With business going as it is, there won't be a letup on demands from superiors for a while. Just try hard not to let it get you down. Heed the advice of a casual acquaintance.

**Pisces Feb. 19-March 20**  
 Work matters need your undivided attention for the next couple weeks. That means someone may start to feel neglected. It's time you had it out about the matter. You need to resolve the problem and misunderstandings now.



# God is the bond between our faiths

Gateway Ministries

By Pastor Charolette Corey

I am of Methodist, I am of Baptist, I am of Episcopalian, I am of Catholic, I am of Pentecostal, I am of Church of Christ, etc. ... Sometimes we sound just like the groups that Paul addressed when he wrote, "Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. Is Christ divided?"

Paul addresses this whole issue in I Corinthians 1:12-31 telling us that what seems wise to the world is foolishness with God and the wisdom of God is foolishness to the world. It is the spirit of God that accomplishes the planting of

God's seed, waters it, and harvests it to God's glory and He often uses different vessels (because of our different gifts in the body of Christ, which is one body) to accomplish it. ... So that God receives all the glory.

As they argue over this point, Paul even chastens them and calls them "carnal" (having one's own flesh or self in mind) as opposed to being "spiritually minded" (having the mind of Christ). He reminds them that they are all ministers of the gospel. (I Cor. 3:3-20). We all "labor in field" tending to the needs of the body of Christ.

In Eph 4:2-16 Paul addresses the body of Christ, "...With all lowliness and meekness, with

long suffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ."

Paul tells us to speak the truth in love, and therefore, "grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: from whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh in-

crease of the body unto the edifying of itself in love." Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one, and every man shall receive his own reward accord.

It is time for us, as children of God, to "grow up" and realize that "Daddy" (our Heavenly Father), loves all His children, is proud of them all, and is blessed by their desire to glorify Him. It is time for us to get together and "be" the Body of Christ instead of looking at it like a competition. The little toe is not in competition with the hand. We need all parts of the body to be complete ... especially Jesus Christ, our Head. Jesus is calling us to come together in the Unity of the Spirit. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

# Sinner's life is as important to God as the righteous

First United Methodist Church  
By Rev. Ken F. Sellers, Jr.

In Mark 2:14-17, the disciples are quizzed by Jesus' detractors as to why he was having table fellowship with sinners and "tax collectors."

The closer we get to April 15, the more I too am curious about the tax collector part.

Anyway, Jesus responds for the disciples saying, "it is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick; I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Now, for those of us who are "righteous" this comes as quite a shock. Does that mean we are excluded from God's kingdom?

As Paul the Apostle might say, "Certainly not! Of course the righteous (and you know who you are) will be included in the kingdom of heaven."

This passage is just a way for the gospel writer to help us understand that the sinner's life is just as important to God as is the life of the righteous. And, just

possibly, to have us ponder who is who.

During Black History Month at First United Methodist Church we have been examining our attitude toward the exclusion of some in our society to the benefit of others, specifically racially motivated exclusion.

It seems, from the scriptures anyway, that Jesus was more attuned to those excluded than to those doing the excluding. And it is a real scare to realize that, if Jesus were in our midst today, he might well be excluded for his olive complexion and his Middle East accent and dress.

If we are to tend the spiritually sick not the righteous, perhaps we must look at ourselves because we perceive ourselves as righteous and racially unbiased when...deep down don't we all fear those who are different than we are? Just a little?

Join us Sunday at 10:45 a.m. at First United Methodist Church as we look at "Tending the Sick" as another way of honoring Black History Month.

# If you want to know about God, ask a child

St. Mary Magdalene  
By Lynn McNew

Sunday during his homily, Father Cashin read some impressions of God, Jesus, and Heaven written by six and seven year olds. They were delightful—so innocent and real.

My sister, who lives in Montana, was recently talking to her four-year-old granddaughter, who lives in Washington. Katie was all excited—telling her grandma that it was snowing at her house. My sister said, "Well, guess what, Katie, it's snowing at my house, too." To which Katie answered, "Isn't God wonderful? He can

make it snow all the way from Washington to Montana!"

If you really want to know about God, ask a child. They will tell you in no uncertain terms how wonderful He is.

They are not "hung-up" with dogmatic differences or rules and regulations. They simply understand that God loves them and gives them a beautiful world to enjoy.

Sometimes there are babies and toddlers who get loud and fussy in church. They don't bother me. Jesus said, "let the little children come to me."

The Psalms tell us to "Raise a joyful noise to the Lord." I figure

these little ones are fulfilling both requirements. I hope it you are bothered by their noise, you will stop and remember that they are little and don't know any better, and they won't learn how to behave in church if they don't ever come.

I also hope their parents will be respectful of others and take the child to the mother's room or outside if necessary.

This week I am going to try to look at more things through the eyes of a child. Will you?

You are welcome to worship with us anytime at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. God Bless You.

# Thy commandments are broad

St. John's Missionary Church  
Pastor William P. Adams

My soul fainteth for thy salvation, but I hope in thy word.

Mine eyes fail for thy word, saying, when wilt thou comfort me?

For I am become like a bottle in the smoke; yet do I not forget thy statutes.

How many are the days of thy servant? When wilt thou execute judgement on those who persecute me?

The proud have digged pits for me, which are not after thy law.

All thy commandments are faithful: they persecute me wrongfully; help thou me.

They had almost consumed me upon earth but I forsook not thy precept.

Revive me after thy loving kindness; so shall I keep the testimony of thy mouth.

For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven.

Thy faithfulness is unto all generations; thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.

They continue this day according to thine ordinances; for all are thy servants.

Unless thy law had been my delight, I should then have perished in mine affliction.

I will never forget thy precepts; for with them thou hast given me life.

I am thine; save me; for I have sought thy precepts.

The wicked have waited for me to destroy me, but I will consider thy testimonies.

I have seen an end of all perfection, but thy commandment is exceedingly broad.

Psalms 119:81-96. Praise the Lord.

# Obituary...

## Richard Wolters

Richard (Dick) W. Wolters, 73 of Fort Clark Springs, formerly of Maroa, IL and Decatur, IL died Tuesday February 15, 2000 in his home.

Dick's wish was to have his body cremated. Memorial Services were held at 2 PM Saturday, February 19, 2000 in the Gorgas Room at the Adult Center, Fort Clark Springs. Memorials: Kinney County Nutrition Center.

Mr. Wolters was born May, 29, 1926 in Little Falls, MN to James Williams and Myrtle Angles Gessner Wolters. On June 2, 1951, he married Beverly Joan Kast in Mason City, IA. He worked for Lasco Inc. from 1959 to 1988 as a crane operator. After retiring he worked for several years for Spacemark. After traveling the country in a mobile home they settled down at Fort Clark Springs.

During his lifetime he enjoyed golfing, card playing, bowling, meeting new people and being with friends and family.

He is survived by daughters, Karen (Steve) Halicki of Maroa; Anita (Dennis) Atchison of Atlanta, IL; Judy Hensley and Janine Wolters of Lincoln, IL; Grandsons, Ben Hensley of Lincoln, IL; Derek Hensley of Atlanta, IL; John Halicki of Maroa, IL; Granddaughter Sandy Hensley of Lincoln, IL; 2 Step Granddaughters and 1 Step Grandson. Sisters, Wanda Dickson of St. Cloud, MN; Rowena (Weston) Johannes and Thelma (Harold) Johannes of Underwood, ND; Wylma (Don) Port of Bismark, ND; Brothers, Rod (Donna) Wolters of Mesa, AZ; Milton (Jeanie) Wolters of Campbell NY.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, daughter and stepgrandson.

Dick will be missed by many friends and family.

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# Frontier names Crowe Pastor

By Frank Cheaney  
Contributing Writer

Dave Crowe delivered a very motivational sermon on Sunday, entitled "Becoming a Winner."

Following the regular service, the church held a business meeting, at which the participants affirmed Bro. Dave's call by God to the Christian Ministry by issuing to him a Certificate of License.

This license entitles Bro. Dave to the title of "Reverend" and to preach the Gospel, perform marriages, administer the Sacraments, and to direct other functions of the Ministry.


Following that action, the church body voted to call Bro. Dave as its new pastor, replacing our beloved recently-deceased

pastor Bro. Joe Townsend.

Bro. Dave plans to carry out the duties of Pastor on a part-time basis, at least initially, continuing to be employed at Alamo Village as the Marshal.

Bro. Dave invites all who want to hear the gospel preached from the heart to attend Frontier Baptist Church on Sunday morning at 11:00. At that service, Bro. Dave will deliver a message he calls "Who is Jesus?" The church will also make a formal presentation of his License to Preach at that time. A special treat at this service will be a gospel music performance by singers Wes and Judy Carter from Bandera. Come worship with us, hear the Word of the Lord preached and sung, and be blessed!

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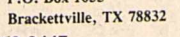
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of LANETTE WILSON, deceased, were issued on February 14, 2000, in Cause No. 962, pending in the County Court of Kinney County, Texas, to: Travis Wilson and Mitch Wilson, as Co-Independent Administrators.

The residence of the Co-Independent Executors is Fort Clark Springs, Unit 15, Brackettville, Kinney County, Texas 78832; the post office address is: c/o Tully Shahan, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 367 Brackettville, Texas 78832-0367.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated the 21st day of February, 2000. Tully Shahan, Attorney at Law, Post Office Box 367, 401 South Ann Street, Brackettville, Texas 78832. Telephone: 830-563-2462; Facsimile: 830-563-9240. /s/ By: Tully Shahan, Attorney for the Estate. State Bar No: 18087500

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**RESOLUTION EARLY VOTING:** Resolution by the city of Brackettville concerning Early Voting Ballot Board for May 06, 2000 City Council Election. Be it resolved that on May 06, 2000 the city of Brackettville will hold their 2000 City Election to elect a Mayor and three (3) Alderman for the period of two years. Whereas, the Mayor of the city of Brackettville has ordered election and given all information required by law; and whereas, the Council will appoint on March 14, 2000 an election Judge and Alternate presiding Judge for the City Council election to be held May 06, 2000; and whereas, the City Council needs to create an early voting ballot board. Now therefore, be it resolved that: the City Council of the city of Brackettville does direct the election officers for the May 06, 2000 City Election to serve as the early voting ballot board for the early voted ballots. Adopted this 15th day of February, 2000. /s/ Carmen M. Berlanga, Mayor. Attest: David G. Luna, City Manager.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ORDINANCE # 02-15-00**

An Ordinance closing those portions of Fifth Street abutting lots 5, 6, 7, 8, block 26, Veltman addition to the city of Brackettville, Kinney County, Texas. This Ordinance can be seen in its entirety at City Hall.

**ORDINANCE # 02-15-00A**

An Ordinance closing those portions of Holmes Alley abutting lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, block 70, Brackett addition to the city of Brackettville, Kinney County, Texas. This Ordinance can be seen in its entirety at City Hall.

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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CONDUCT WEATHER MODIFICATION OPERATIONS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS**

Date of the first three weekly publications of this notice: February 17, 2000, in the Brackett News, published in Kinney County.

1. Notice is hereby given that the Southwest Texas Rain Enhancement Association, P.O. Box 1433, Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834, has filed an application with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for a State permit to conduct weather-modification operations to change, or attempt to change, the natural development of clouds for the purpose, objective, period, and by the method summarized herein below.

2. The Southwest Texas Rain Enhancement Association has a valid Texas weather modification license, issued on September 1, 1999 and valid until September 1, 2000.

3. The purpose of the weather-modification operations is to increase rainfall to affect water resources and agriculture and to decrease hailfall from large thunderstorms. The requested period of the permit is four years from the date of issuance by the TNRCC.

4. The proposed weather-modification operation is to be conducted by and on behalf of the Southwest Texas Rain Enhancement Association, Highway 277 West, P. O. Box 1433, Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834.

5. The proposed weather-modification operation is to be carried out in both an operational area and a target area to cause the intended effects to occur only in the target area. The operational area includes the target area as well as the following: Duval County, Frio County, Jim Hogg County, Kinney County, Maverick County, and McMullen County.

6. The area to be affected by the proposed weather-modification operation is the target area. The target area is that area described as Dimmit County, LaSalle County, Uvalde County, Webb County, Zapata County, and Zavala County.

7. The methods and materials to be used in conducting this operation include a licensed meteorologist who will select cumuliiform or other appropriate, clouds for seeding, using a weather-radar display, standard meteorological analyses and forecasting techniques, surface weather observations, and pilot reports. The licensed meteorologist will direct one or more aircraft equipped with flare racks or generators to dispense glaciogenic, hygroscopic, or other appropriate seeding materials into the updraft portions of selected clouds to perform seeding operations.

8. Person interested in knowing more about the technical aspects of the proposed operation should contact George Bomar, MC-160, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. (512) 239-0770.

9. A public hearing on this application may be called by mailing a petition that requests a hearing to the Executive Director, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. The petition must contain (1) the signature, full name, address and phone number of each person requesting the hearing; (2) a statement that each person is at least 18 years of age and resides or owns property in the operational area; and (3) a description of each person's interest and how that interest would be adversely affected. Requests for hearing must be received by the Commission within 30 days of the last date the Notice of Intention is published in week one of the mandatory three-week period required by 289.17 (j) of Commission rules. If at least 25 eligible persons make written request, the Commission shall hold a public hearing on an application prior to issuance of a permit.

Individual members of the public who wish to inquire about the information contained in this notice, or to inquire about other agency permit applications or permitting procedures, should call the TNRCC Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. For more information concerning participation, contact Blas J. Coy, Jr., Public Interest Council, MC-103 TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, (512) 239-6363.



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