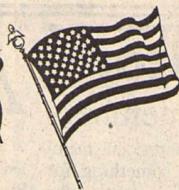


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Brackettville schools work together to prevent and halt drug problems

By Amy Davis
Staff Writer

In support of the effort to suppress any possession, use or selling of drugs at Brackettville schools, principals, Paula Renken, Stoney Burks and Michael Hall presented their drug curriculum, supervisory measures and disciplinary procedures to Board members at last Monday night's meeting. Each principal shared what their schools are doing to prevent drug problems.

On the elementary level, Renken, Jones Elementary princi-

pal, stressed that helping to create a positive self-image in children is vital for drug prevention. Jones Elementary uses a drug education curriculum designed especially for elementary-aged children, starting at the pre-kindergarten level. The students are also encouraged to sign pledges to stay drug free.

Stoney Burks, Brackett Middle School principal, said that middle school students get most of their drug education from health classes. They learn about things such as making good decisions, peer pressure, dealing with stress, and the harmful effects of drugs

and alcohol. Twice a year, speakers are asked to come and talk to students about the dangers of drug use. Burks feels that a lot is being done to prevent drug problems in the school, but says that more can always be done.

"We need more help from the community, parents and organizations that provide things for students to be involved in," he said.

Brackett High School principal, Michael Hall, says that high school students participate in a yearly "Red Ribbon" campaign pledging to be drug-free, and listen to guest speakers throughout the year. Hall says that discipline is the key to prevention and cessation of drug use at the secondary level.

"The most effective form of anti-drug education is consequence," he said.

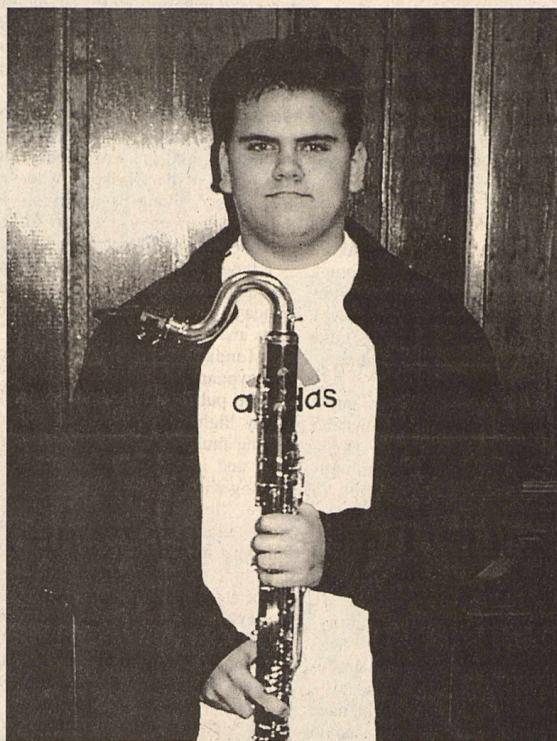
He says that a student who does not follow BISS drug policy will be punished according to the guidelines set forth in the district's policy. He suggested that random drug testing should be explored as another option.

All three schools have beefed up their supervision around campus so that students are alone only a minimal amount of time. Hall stressed that increased supervision is necessary to provide a safe campus for students.

Taylor Stephenson, BISS Superintendent, says he has asked the principals to increase their vigilance and to be aware of any kind of problem that may be present.

Classroom surveys taken in the Brackettville schools show that problems in this school district parallel many other school districts throughout the state.

Tipps receives All-state honors



Last Saturday, Jeffrey Tipps, competed against 14 of the best bass clarinetists in all of South Texas for a chance to become an ATSSB (Association of Texas Small School Bands) All-State Band member in Banquette. He placed 2nd chair out of 14 bass clarinetists and now will audition for a chair in either the All-State Symphonic or the All-State Concert Bands in San Antonio on February 7th and the concert will be held at the TMEA Music Convention on February 10th. When asked about his achievement, Jeffrey said, "I was stunned!" Congratulations on this high achievement, are extended to Jeffrey, and to Band Director, Jason Guidry.

Briefs ... Commodities

Monday Jan. 15th 9 a.m. - 12 noon St. John's Church 116 W. Crockett.

Lip Reading Workshop

A two day lip reading workshop for persons who are hard of hearing and their families is being offered on Friday, January 12th 6-9 p.m., and January 13th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Sunshine Cottage, 103 Tuleta, San Antonio.

Registration is \$10.00 The lip reading workshop is sponsored by the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center, with a grant from the Texas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and support from Bank of America and Target Stores.

For more information please call 210-734-3323.

Duplicate Bridge Club

By Dianna Daniels

Duplicate Bridge was played on January 2, 2001, in the Gorgas room at Fort Clark Springs using the Mitchell Movement.

The winners in the North-South were: 1st - Ella Chambers and Rusty Richhart; 2nd-Ruth Wilks and Sara Richhart; and 3rd-Dena Scott and Mona Miller.

Winners in the East-West were: 1st Ann Melin and Ann Watts; 2nd-Mylo Unruh and Peggy Woolston; and 3rd-Sharon Boucher and Nancy O'Brien.

There were five and one half tables. It was a pleasant evening to be inside and enjoying good company.

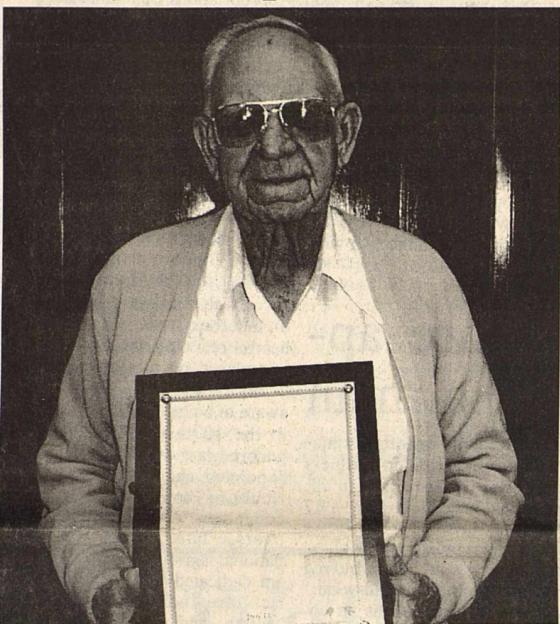
Courthouse preservation program update

Austin, Texas - The Texas Historical Commission's (THC) Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program has awarded nearly \$50 million in matching grants to dozens of Texas counties for the restoration of historic courthouses.

Unfortunately, many more of Texas' historic courthouses are in dire need of preservation. Due to inadequate funding for building care and maintenance, many are in dangerous states of disrepair.

To learn more about advocacy issues and historic courthouses, please contact Preservation Texas at (512) 472-0102. For more information about the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program, contact: Dan Utley, Architecture Division, Texas Historical Commission, (512) 463-6218.

Sofaly wins poetry contest



Louis Sofaly with the plaque he received from poetry.com for winning their monthly poetry contest.

By Amy Davis
Staff Writer

A poem that Louis Sofaly, of Fort Clark Springs, wrote in 1933 has just won a contest offered by poetry.com. He entered the monthly contest offered by the website in November of 2000.

His prize for winning the contest is publication of his poem on poetry.com's website. He is now in the semi-final round of competition in the International Open Amateur Poetry Competition. Prizes include a \$1,000 Grand Prize and a chance for the \$10,000 Annual Grand Prize later this year.

Sofaly wrote the winning poem entitled, "Educated Man" his senior year in high school at Sewickley Township High School in Herminie, Pennsylvania. He was the Poetry Editor for his yearbook and wrote the poem to be published in the 1933 annual.

He says he had written a few poems occasionally in high school but never dreamed that one would ever win a prize. Sofaly also says

that his poetry writing days are over and that he won't be entering any more poetry contests.

Another part of his prize is inclusion in a deluxe hardbound anthology to be released later this year. Sofaly also received a plaque which displays the poem and states that his poem has been published by the International Library of Poetry.

He says he is very proud of the plaque and that his family was very excited also.

Sofaly has lived on Fort Clark since 1979, since moving from Florida and retiring from the masonry business. He learned about Fort Clark from his son, stationed in San Antonio with the Air Force at the time, who wrote to say that after retirement, "this is the place to be."

In 1998, Sofaly attended his 65th Sewickley Township High School reunion along with one other classmate.

You can view Lou's poem at www.poetry.com.

By Amy Davis
Staff Writer

BISS Superintendent, Taylor Stephenson, opened the School Board meeting last Monday night by thanking the members for their dedication to the district.

"I just want to take a minute to thank you publicly for your service," Stephenson said, "I'm happy to thank you and to say you've done a good job. Not many days go by that I don't receive compliments on this school district and the things we are able to accomplish...it starts with the Board."

January is School Board Recognition month.

The Board reviewed the legal aspects of allowing the Kinney County 4-H Club to build a shooting range on the land they are leasing from the school district, located on FM 2804. Quinton Etzel, BISS attorney, says that the primary legal prerequisite of the lease is that all laws of the city, county, state and school district are abided by.

BISD thanks school board, continues work with 4-H Club

Noise pollution and safety are issues the Board must consider in making the decision. As of now, the city has an ordinance prohibiting the use of any gun within the city limits. BISS plans to work together with the 4-H Club to obtain a waiver from the city so that they may begin the project.

Robert Elledge, Kinney County Extension Agent, says that the students who participate in shooting sports will not be using a gun any larger than a .22 caliber and says that he doesn't see noise being a real concern.

Elledge also says the shooting range will be built in such a way that safety will not be neglected.

The first step for proceeding in the building of the range, is to get input from the residents living in the area where the shooting sports will be held.

"We want to take this in a step-by-step fashion so that nobody gets upset," said Tim Ward, School Board president.

In other business, the Board approved all requests to receive historical tax exemptions. Those who own property with a historical marker are eligible for a 25% reduction in their taxes.

Historical exemptions are approved on an annual basis. The tax exemption is still available to those who qualify through April 30, 2001.

Dewhurst announces children's art contest

Austin - Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst today invited Texas schoolchildren to submit drawings and paintings to the sixth annual Treasures of the Texas Coast 2001 Children's Art Contest. The competition is open to students in kindergarten through sixth grade; deadline for entries is February 2.

"The contest was first held in 1996 to commemorate the 10th anniversary of our very successful Adopt-A-Beach Program," said Dewhurst. "More than five thousand colorful illustrations arrived at the Texas General Land Office that year, and it's been an annual event ever since."

"The main purpose is educational," Dewhurst continued. "We want young Texans to be familiar with the very special ecosystem that is the Texas coast, its role in our economy, and its enduring value as a place of recreation and a haven for wildlife. Also, students need to know that things they do in Midland, San Antonio, or

Longview can have an impact downstream. We want to spread the word: don't mess with Texas beaches."

Two winners will be chosen from each of the 24 planning regions of the state. From these 48 winners, one grand prize winner will be chosen. The grand prize winner will receive two round-trip tickets from Continental Airlines to any Continental destination in the 48 contiguous states and a class party at Schlitterbahn Waterpark Resort.

All 48 winners will receive two tickets to the Texas State Aquarium in Corpus Christi, two all-day passes to Schlitterbahn, a certificate of recognition from Commissioner Dewhurst, and a calendar displaying the winning artwork. The grand prize winner's teacher will also receive two round-trip tickets from Continental Airlines.

"Children have a fresh, appealing vision," said Dewhurst. "What better way to evoke the wonder of the Texas coast?"

Student artwork must be on a plain sheet of white 8 1/2 x 11-inch paper and can be in any medium except computer-generated. Three-dimensional art is ineligible. Artwork should be based on the theme "Treasures of the Texas Coast" and should depict why the Texas coast is special to the student.

All entries must have an official parental release form taped to the back; winners and parents agree to let the Land Office use their drawings and names to promote the Adopt-A-Beach Program. Artist credit will be given. All posters submitted become the property of the Land Office.

Damaged, late, or previously entered drawings are not eligible. Entries should be sent to the Texas General Land Office, Adopt-A-Beach Program: Children's Art Contest 2001, P.O. Box 12873, Austin, Texas 78711-2873. Entries must be postmarked by February 2, 2001.

Border Patrol Agents seize 649.85 pounds of marijuana

Del Rio - U.S. Border Patrol Agents of the Del Rio Sector seized 649.85 pounds of marijuana during the first four days of current year 2001.

Agents with the Eagle Pass Station seized 490.8 pounds of marijuana Wednesday, Jan. 3, approximately 9 miles down river from the Eagle Pass Port of Entry. Agents performing linewatch duties along the Rio Grande River came upon eight feed sacks containing wrapped bundles that appeared to contain marijuana. While inspecting the sacks, they heard people jumping into the river. The marijuana was valued at \$392,640.

Thursday, Jan. 4, Agents with the Del Rio Station seized 86.05 pounds of marijuana near the Vega

Verde area. The marijuana was valued at \$68,840.

Tuesday, Jan. 2, Agents from the Eagle Pass Station performing line watch duties came upon several individuals who had been observed crossing the Rio Grande River and making an illegal entry into the United States. When the individuals spotted the Agents, they dropped two large bundles and absconded. Agents were able to apprehend one of the subjects. The two bundles were inspected and determined to contain 73 pounds of marijuana, valued at \$58,400.

All marijuana, and individuals apprehended, were turned over to the Multi-Agency Drug Task Force in Eagle Pass.

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Letter to the Editor

Fort Clark Board may lose members

On December 28, 2000, in a conversation regarding Ft. Clark Springs assessments and other association business with the Acting General Manager, Genell Hobbs, I was told that I 'could relocate.'

I thought that the Ft. Clark Springs Association was interested in keeping their current members in good standing and looking for new members. With this kind of attitude of management I do not think this will be accomplished. Is it possible the Acting General Manager should 'relocate'?

The nonresident members receive nothing for their annual assessments and they should. A proposal was submitted to the

board for the nonresident members to receive something for their dollars - free stays in the motel and RV Park and free rounds of golf on the 18-hole golf course. And, as usual, nothing has been done. The tactics of the majority of the board seems to be delay, delay, delay. If the association expects to retain these nonresident members they will be lost if nothing is done... and also the income derived from them.

We have apologized for the last time for bringing a current member of the board to the Fort. The harassment is not worth all the trouble.

Glenn G. Heesacker

My daughter: The Graduate

But I could be wrong
By Chuck Hall

I went to my youngest daughter's graduation 15 December. She's an Aggie but I guess that's better than a poke in the eye with a stick. And if that happens to offend anyone, please remember I only meant it as a joke. Don't call.

I now have three of four girls with degrees. I am equally proud of each. I also have four of four employed.

The graduation ceremony was nice, but too long. I expected a lot of students and the time required for each but the speaker was too wordy. I should say speakers because there were "lesser" speakers. They were too long-winded also. Forty-five minutes is too much. Nobody, and I mean nobody, goes to a

graduation to hear the speaker. I find it offensive when someone tries to steal honor from the ones we're there to praise. I must remember that the next time I'm asked to speak at commencement exercises.

To make it worse, this guy's only claim to fame was that he was a sports writer for the Houston Post. He should stick to writing. Maybe I should stick to teaching.

He related some very humorous stories. And interesting too. He told of struggling to get into locker rooms for interviews. He had met Mohammed Ali on several occasions. But he was speaking to the business graduates not the football squad.

Some other topic might have been more relative. But I could be wrong.

Are you pagan?

New Beginnings

By Henry Bonilla
U.S. Congressman, 23rd Dist.

The Way I See It
By Steven R. LaMascus

Do you know what a pagan is? Do you consider yourself a pagan? Do you know anyone who professes to be a pagan?

My Webster's dictionary defines pagan as: *a follower of a polytheistic religion; or, one who has little or no religion and who delights in sensual pleasures and material goods; or, an irreligious or hedonistic person.*

How many people do you know, right in your own hometown, who fit into one of those three categories? Scary isn't it?

There are many, many people in the U.S. and the world today that claim to be Christian who are, in fact, living pagan lives. Some of them may even go to church with you. Think about it.

I have written before about the man who goes to church on Sunday, sits in the front row, sings and prays loudly, and then on Monday does business like an Egyptian street vendor; gouging the public, charging ridiculously high interest rates, concealing faults with his merchandise, and in every way demonstrating the wisdom in the old adage, "let the buyer beware."

Although it is not for me to judge him, that man is going to have a hard time persuading me that he is not a pagan. The truth of the matter is that Christians, true Christians, act like Christians. None of us are perfect. As Chuck Hall says, "There was

only ever one perfect man, and look what we did to him." But imperfection does not have to equate to paganism. All we have to do is have faith and try. We are going to fail. That is understood and accepted. But we must keep trying. The effort is the measure of our faith.

We must not let business overrule ethics. When there is a conflict between business and ethics, business is wrong. Our business practices must reflect our Christian ethics or we are just like the rest of the pagans.

Today we have turned our backs on many of the Christian practices of our ancestors. Many of us are unrepentant idolaters. We kneel before the idols of money, power and success. Through abortion we sacrifice our children, unborn and partially born, to the "gods of convenience." If having a child is inconvenient, just abort it.

We also worship at the idols of decadence and pleasure. "Hey, Bubba, let's run out to Vegas for the weekend. As long as we're gambling we get all our food and drinks free. We can catch a couple of shows, hit the slots, play a little blackjack, drink a lot of free booze and be back in time for work Monday. Maybe we can pick up a couple of showgirls and have some real fun. We'll tell the wives we're going fishing." Sin sells. Don't believe me? Look at the ads on television.

There is nothing today in the

world to keep you from being a woman chasing, gambling, drug sniffing, boozing, hedonistic pagan. All those things are available and easily obtainable. Anything you can imagine is out there somewhere. But the simple fact is that if you do those things you are giving up everything. If you claim to be a Christian you must resist sin. As a Christian you are not of this world. We live here a short time and then go on to our true home. To embrace the worldly is to deny your soul its place in eternity. Think about it. The scientists say the earth is about 4 or 5 billion years old. I may live to be 80 or so. This is an infinitesimal period compared to the life span of the earth, and the life span of the earth is nothing when compared to eternity. Doesn't seem like an even trade to me.

As I said, there is nothing in this world to keep you from being all the vile things your worldly nature wants you to be. But there is something elsewhere that gives you the strength and faith to resist those evil desires. And believe it or not, all you have to do to find it is to look in the right place. And all you have to do to receive it is — ask.

Matthew 7:7,8 - "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened."

Bonilla appointed agriculture appropriations subcommittee chairman

Washington, D.C. - Congressman Henry Bonilla was today named chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee.

As chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, Bonilla will oversee all of the national agriculture funding. He will also oversee a wide range of agriculture issues including the nations food supply and inspection, Food and Drug Administration oversight, emergency disaster relief, agriculture research, rural development, and farm and ranch programs.

In addition to funding a wide range of important, traditional programs, the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee is also responsible for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), nationwide nutrition programs, the Conservation Research Program (CRP), the Animal Damage Control Program, the School Lunch Program and the Federal Food Stamp Program.

"The Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee is about crops, livestock, and much more. I am constantly amazed at the wide scope of programs and issues the subcommittee affects," said Bonilla. "Most people are not aware that this subcommittee oversees issues that touch our lives on a daily basis. The type of lunch your children eat at school, the clothing you wear on your back, and the quality of food on your plate are all affected by decisions on this subcommittee."

"I am pleased to have Henry as an Appropriations Subcommittee chairman. He has played an important role in the achievements and success of the Appropriations Committee. I know that Henry is committed to working with President-elect Bush to hold the line on spending while preserving a strong agriculture industry," said Appropriations Committee Chairman C.W. Bill Young.

Bonilla is dedicated to keeping the agriculture industry strong and healthy, and remains committed to reducing wasteful spending. Since serving on the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, Bonilla has helped reduce or eliminate several unnecessary programs. In just five years, more than 285 unjustified programs were terminated for a savings of \$3.6 billion. Examples of savings include \$14 million in the National Diffusion Program; \$50 million in the Flexible Subsidy Fund; and \$1 million in River Confluence Ice Research.

"Every dollar that the Subcommittee is forced to unnecessarily spend is another dollar taken away from agriculture improvements in the United States. As chairman of the subcommittee, I intend on taking a hard look at what has and has not worked in order to make things even better," said Bonilla.

The United States agriculture industry plays a huge role in national markets, as well as those abroad. USDA economists calculate that each dollar earned

from agriculture exports, stimulates another \$1.32 in business activity for the economy. In all, more than 23 million jobs — 17 percent of the civilian workforce — are involved in some phase of growing and distributing food and clothing world-wide.

"I see this position as an opportunity to make a real difference for farmers and ranchers across Texas and the nation. The agriculture industry is an important sector of the United States economy, with a continuing strong potential for future growth," said Bonilla.

"Agriculture has been the backbone of Texas since its beginning. From producing crops and livestock, encouraging students to study agriculture, or ensuring that kids have healthy, well-balanced meals, American agriculture affects everyone, everyday," said Bonilla.

Bonilla's appointment comes after more than eight years of dedicated service on the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee. Elected to Congress in 1992, Bonilla was chosen at the beginning of his first term to serve on the House Appropriations Committee, a position not held by a Republican freshman in more than 25 years. In addition to his position on the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, Bonilla currently serves as a member of two other Appropriation Subcommittees: the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education; and the Subcommittee on Defense.

Last Wednesday, the 107th Congress was officially sworn in to begin its two year term. I was honored to take the oath of office and once again look forward to representing you and your interests.

This historic swearing-in ceremony marked many new beginnings. This is the first time in the history of our country that the United States Senate will be split 50-50. There will be more women serving in this Senate — 13 — than any other in history. And, it marks the first time that a former First Lady will serve in the office of Senator. These are indeed precedent setting events, which will inevitably change the composition of our Congress.

As we start fresh with a new year and a new Congress, I think now is an important time to focus on ways we can work together and strengthen our Republic. There are several legislative priorities this Congress must address.

As a member of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, I am dedicated to rebuilding our national defense, which is still recovering from countless peacekeeping missions. We must continue to support our men and women in uniform who have taken an oath to defend and protect our nation. My role on the Labor, Health, Human Services and Education Appropriations Subcommittee allows me to play an important part in improving our children's education. It also allows me to focus on another issue close to my heart — reducing the federal burden placed on small business.

Many of you may not be aware of a new role I will assume in the 107th Congress. I was honored last week to have been appointed chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee. As chairman, I will oversee hundreds of state and national agriculture programs. I am dedicated to keeping the agriculture industry strong and healthy, and remain committed to reducing wasteful spending and unnecessary programs.

Beyond my subcommittee positions in the House of Representatives, you should know that I will not back down on some of the issues I have fought for since my first days in Congress. We must provide meaningful tax relief to the people of America. Uncle Sam may think he knows how to correctly spend your money, but I think that it's your money and therefore your decision. Hand in hand with cutting taxes comes my commitment to reducing government waste and spending. These are issues that I believe all hard working Americans can agree upon.

As you can see, there are important issues on our horizon. By implementing common-sense conservatism, we can reach solutions that will help both Texas and America. It may be fashionable to bemoan the "gridlock" and bickering that are said to have settled over Washington, but perhaps we should look at this as an opportunity, as opposed to an impasse. This is the time for both sides of the Congress to come together and accomplish the needs of our country.

Big Mama Sez!



Use the talents you possess; for the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except the best.

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OUTDOORS

Special late doe and spike season expanded

A Little on the Wildlife Side
By Henry Lutz

First of all, just a reminder that there is a Late Doe and Spike season North of US 90 this year. It replaces the Muzzleloader season that previously followed the regular season. You can still use a muzzleloader during this late season, that has not changed. The Special Late General Season was expanded this year to allow everyone more opportunity to participate in the late season. You may only take does

and spikes during this Special Late Season and whatever you take is included in your seasonal bag limit.

The season dates for the Special Late General Season (Doe and Spike Season) are incorrect as shown on page 88 under Kinney County in the Outdoor Annual. The correct dates are: North of US 90: January 8-21, 2001 and South of US 90: January 22-February 4, 2001. The easiest way to remember the dates is that the late season starts the day after the regular season

closes. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please contact your local Game Warden.

By the time you read this, the winter dove season will have come and gone. It is now closed everywhere in Kinney County.

Quail season is still underway statewide. It closes on February 25, 2001. The bag limit is 15 quail per day if you can find them.

And finally, please remember that TPWD is interested in documenting all verifiable or con-

firmed mountain lion sightings and kills. TPWD is interested in knowing more about the range and numbers of these animals. If there are not enough confirmed sightings to help determine how many are left in the wild, it is possible that the mountain lion could be added to the protected animal list and it would be against the law to kill one. As it is now, they may still be taken. There are no laws that currently protect the mountain lion. Call 1-800-792-1112 Menu #5 to report sightings or kills.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Tuesday, Jan. 2
10:51 p.m., The Fort Clark Security officer on duty called the Sheriff's Office stating that she had received a report of gun fire in the area of Unit 7. Deputy Chism responded to the call.

Wednesday, Jan. 3
9:20 a.m., A local woman called to report a man was standing in front of her door. Sherriff Burgess took care of the situation.

10:33 a.m., The Fort Clark Security officer on duty called to report that the Adult Center had been vandalized. She requested a deputy and Chief Deputy Fritter was notified of the situation.

11:40 p.m., Chief Deputy Fritter responded to a call from a local woman stating that a door was kicked in at some local apartment.

9:31 p.m., A local rancher called to report traffic on his ranch east of Spofford, which wasn't supposed to be there. Game Warden Henry Lutz was notified of the situation. He responded and stated that the shooting was from another ranch.

Thursday, Jan. 4
10:33 a.m., Chief Deputy Fritter called Sherriff Burgess to notify him of dogs attacking some goats.

5:19 p.m., A local woman called 911 to report a stray dog that kept coming into her yard. She requested that someone come get the dog. A city employee was notified and said he'd take care of the situation.

6:00 p.m., Chief Deputy Fritter responded to a call from Fort Clark Security stating that there were four 4-wheelers speeding on Fort Clark.

7:36 p.m., A local woman called to report that a blue two-door car was driving extremely fast on Pafford Street. Chief Deputy Fritter responded.

Friday, Jan. 5
6:20 p.m., A deputy was requested to listen to a message left on a local man's answering machine which he said was disturbing. Deputy Manuel Pena responded.

Saturday, Jan. 6
1:05 a.m., A local woman called to complain about someone running their vehicle loudly. Deputy Pena took care of the situation.

2:00 a.m., Kenneth James Clapp, 46, of Brackettville, was arrested for DWI. He was released the same day on a PR Bond.

Sunday, Jan. 7
2:48 p.m., A local man requested a city employee to put a cone over a pothole on E. Louise St. The Sheriff's office notified the City of the situation.

3:30 p.m., Rogelio Gomez Salinas, 32, of Del Rio was arrested for a DPS warrant and is still being held.

4:40 p.m., Deputy Larry Robinson was notified that a man hit another man's van while backing out of his driveway on Fort Clark Road. The man who hit the van said he would take care of the cost to fix any damages.

6:25 p.m., The Sheriff's Office was notified of a Great Dane dog who had nearly bit someone. The Sheriff's Office contacted the City so they would go get the dog.

6:35 p.m., A 911 call was received reporting that a man was yelling and going crazy at his residence on Gove Street. Constable Cordelia Mendeke went to take care of the situation and Chief of Police Ron Ring arrived as back up.

8:00 p.m., Douglas McCarty Taylor, 39, of Brackettville was arrested for family violence and is still being held.

9:10 p.m., A local woman called to request a deputy come to her residence in reference to a verbal assault. Chief Ring was informed of the situation.

10:30 p.m., Jose Rodolfo Soto, 36, of Dallas, TX, was arrested for DWI, 1st offense and is still being held.

10:30 p.m., Jorge Fraire Soto, 20, of Irving, TX, was arrested for public intoxication and is still being held.



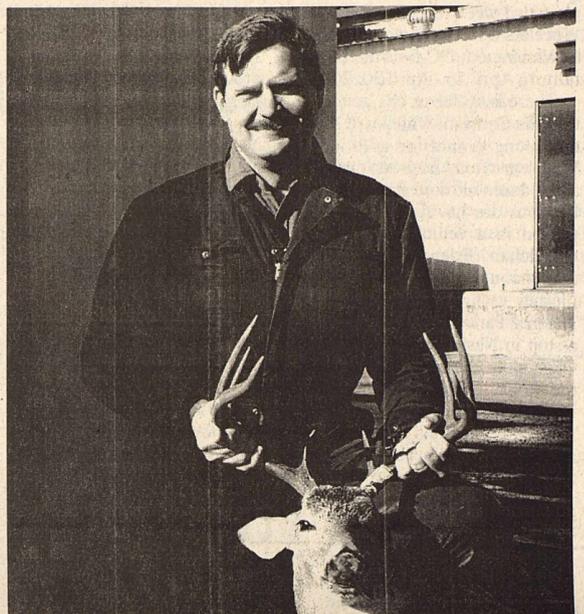
Pictured is Rebecca Barrett, 8, of Uvalde with her first deer. She killed this 8-point on the Pinto Farm while hunting with her father, Travis Barrett on November 22, 2000.



Ruben Garcia is a very happy hunter. He's showing off his 9 point and 139 pound buck that he killed on December 14. Ruben has hunted for 5 years at Cecil Smith ranch. Ruben's persistence paid off. It is the first deer he has ever killed.



Armando Luna of Brackettville killed this antelope in New Mexico in September. The game and fish commission of New Mexico called it a trophy kill.



Richard Wills, of Laredo, killed this nice 8 point deer on Pinto Farm on November 19, 2000.

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Texas children face health crisis

Children in Texas face a health crisis that may put the state's future at risk, according to the January issue of Texas Medicine. Texas Medicine is the official news magazine of Texas Medical Association and provides timely information on medical issues that impact Texas patients and their physicians.

Texas children are increasingly overweight, out of shape and are acquiring chronic diseases that once were found only in adults, such as Type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular disease and even some forms of cancer.

Studies show that the prevalence of obesity among the nation's youth has increased steadily over the last several decades. According to the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey conducted from 1963 to 1991, the prevalence of obesity among children of both genders aged 6-11 doubled. And the prognosis is worse for children in some ethnic groups. In that same study, two percent of African-American boys aged 6-11 were obese in 1963, but that number jumped to 13.4 percent by 1991.

In Texas, the statistics tell a similar story. A 1999 study of 915 Hispanic third graders in El Paso found that 35 percent of the boys and 29 percent of the girls were overweight, while 22 percent of the boys and 15 percent of the girls were clinically obese.

Being overweight or obese as a youngster is about more than aesthetics. It also makes children more susceptible to chronic diseases that can cause long-term problems, such as diabetes.

"We're seeing diabetes attack a new part of the population because of obesity in children and adolescents," said Dr. Stephen Barnett, an Austin pediatrician and chair of TMA's Child and Adolescent Health Committee.

Dr. Stephen Ponder, director of the Diabetes and Endocrine Center at Driscoll Children's Hospital in Corpus Christi, said he sees almost as many new cases of type 2 diabetes as type 1, which used to be the only form of diabetes in juveniles. He noted that obesity is the primary risk factor for type 2 diabetes, which often progresses for many years before it is diagnosed.

"I didn't see this kind of morbid obesity 10 to 15 years ago," said Dr. Ponder, who reported treating an 11-year-old boy who weighed 347 pounds. He explained that in addition to high blood pressure and lipid problems associated with diabetes, many of the young people suffer from sleep apnea, which can cause problems at school and lead to misdiagnoses of emotional or mental disorders.

The long-term consequences also are a grave concern to health professionals, especially with the rapid growth of the Hispanic population in Texas. Treating patients with diabetes and other obesity-related health problems becomes incredibly expensive and difficult to manage.

"The broader perspective is, how are we going to pay for all this?" asked Dr. Jim Rohack, a Temple cardiologist and president of Texas Medical Association. "How are we going to pay for Medicare if individuals are going to have to leave the workforce, disabled by complications of diabetes, cardiovascular disease, heart attack, or stroke at a premature age?"

Texas Medical Association is striving to change these current and future trends through its public health initiative, Project Watch. Project Watch is a collaborative effort of the TMA and TMA Alliance, which is funded by the TMA Foundation. The initiative seeks to reduce death and illness from heart disease and stroke by educating the public about the five leading preventable risk factors for cardiovascular disease: Weight, Activity, Tobacco, Cholesterol and High blood pressure. TMA and Texas physicians are working to educate patients about these risk factors and decrease the number of Texans who develop and die from cardiovascular disease each year. The current phase of Project Watch is aimed at children.

Texas Medical Association is a professional organization of more than 36,000 physicians and medical student members. It is located in Austin and has 118 component county medical societies around the state. The Association represents 85 percent of the doctors of medicine licensed and residing in Texas. TMA's key objective is to improve the health of all Texans.

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Use love and respect to solve problems *Avoid becoming phone bill cramming victim*

Empowering Families
By Dr. Donald Smith

"The Electric bill needs to be paid. I need some money," Rhoda told her husband.

"So where's the money I gave you last week?" Joe asked.

"I don't have enough. Joe you know that we depend on this week's check to pay the electric bill. Now, give me the money."

"I needed some stuff," Joe said evasively. "I thought you had enough."

What kind of stuff? Rhoda questioned. "The kids need stuff too. So do I. I don't go out and spend on just stuff," Rhoda was beginning to get angry. "Anytime you want, you just go out and spend money on stuff?"

"You spend money too, Rhoda."

If you would be more careful we could save." Joe was going on the offensive. Voices were rising and the battle was escalating. "I'm getting out of here," Joe said as he slammed the door behind him.

Rhoda slumped in a chair, her emotions still raging but now with nobody to vent on. "Mama, can I go to Jenny's house for a while?" Fourteen year old Cathy asked.

Rhoda snapped, "Cathy if I've told you once, I've told you a thousand times you can't go to Jenny's until you've finished your homework." "But Mama, I'm..." Without letting her daughter continue, with her eyes flashing anger, Rhoda said, "Get to your room and do as I told you." In tears, Cathy stomped to her room and slammed the door.

Your marriage relationship can

be one in which problems are confronted and solved with the love and respect each spouse has for the other expressed during the process. On the other hand it can be a relationship in which there is competition and spouses go looking for the faults in the other person. Children learn life's lessons about problem solving from watching their parents as marriage partners. Each of us makes the commitment to love and respect (Eph. 5:21, 33) going into marriage. Out of his mercy and love, God gives us the graces to fulfill the commitment.

This column is brought to you by the St. Henry de Osso Family Project working in Brackettville to strengthen family, faith and education.

Join the caravan for disability awareness

Wheeler are invited to congregate in San Antonio, Texas to begin a two-week trek that will take Wheelers from San Antonio, Texas to Washington, DC for a three-day rally on April 16 - April 30, 2001.

There is no fee or charge to attend the Caravan, which will have tag-a-long points for additional Wheelers to join the group through a half dozen or more states. Qualifications are having at least one person in a vehicle that uses a wheelchair. Friends and families are encouraged to attend. The journey includes stops along the Natchez Parkway, Gambling Fun, a stop in Nashville for the Grand Ole Opry or Dinner Cruise on the River, Several National and Historical Places of interest, Picnics, Barbecues, and entertainment along the way. Wheelers may obtain private sponsorship to help

defray their costs. The first 200 Wheelers that register receive an American Flag, Tee shirt, and Baseball Cap.

The purpose of this caravan is to provide awareness. Wheelers making themselves visible to thousands of people in society will help remove the edge of stigma claims Julia Hollenbeck, advocate for Wheel Me On; a web site designated for physically challenged people that use wheelchairs. Ms. Hollenbeck says, "Wheelers actively belong in society; being a part of the rest of the world, they must be out there to create the awareness, needs, and to prove they are no different than anyone else." She believes one way to accomplish the challenge is by joining together during the National Month for Disability Awareness and heading for the heart of

America in Washington D.C. In Washington, celebrities and additional Wheelers from the East will meet the caravan.

Wheel Me On hopes the caravan will foster friendships and an end result of a camaraderie from a vacation across parts of the original route to Washington D.C., and a return journey through the Blue Ridge Parkway and Smokey Mountains. Early registrants will have the advantage of reduced hotel rates, free gifts, and prizes. Wheelers may register by printing the registration form on the web site, (www.wheelmeon.com) filling it out, and mailing it to the address shown on the form. Persons without the Internet may contact Ms. Hollenbeck at 830-980-3369 or by writing her at Post Office Box 34390, San Antonio, Texas 78265-4390.

Teaching your child the ABC's of money

Courtesy of
Article Resource Association

Do you scream every time you hear your kids say in that whiney, all-too familiar tone, "I want it, I need it, all the other kids have it." Do you hate your own financial planning and wonder how you can possibly help your child understand that money doesn't grow on trees?

With advertisements bombarding kids day and night, for everything from must-have clothes to candy, parents often find it difficult to say "no," much less help their kids develop financial skills that will last a lifetime. So how can you teach your child the value of a buck? Teaching your child the ABC's of money can be fun and easy.

"It is also important," says Pam Patrick, Ph.D., a psychologist with Minneapolis-based Capella University, "to remember that if a child doesn't start learning good money habits at age three, he or she will never do it at thirty." Just like playing a sport, or learning a foreign language, if kids are not

introduced to money management skills early they may never pick it up.

According to Randy Schuldt, a vice president with IHateFinancialPlanning.com, a new Web site geared to the three out of four Americans who hate financial planning, and father of two, children's attitudes about money are based on the things they learn at home.

"Teaching your kids how to manage money begins with you," says Schuldt. "Kids learn a lot by simply watching their parents. The best thing you can do is to get your own financial house in order."

Here are some tips you may want to consider when teaching your child how to develop good money skills.

Treat your own money with respect. Children's attitudes about money are based on the things they learn. You can't completely mold your child's perspective, but you can teach your child to respect money and the hard work it represents.

Start simple. Children have watchful eyes. Small changes in

your money habits such as bending down to pick up a penny or counting your change instead of stuffing it in your wallet, teach your child that even small amounts are significant.

Play games. Games are a great way to spend quality time with a young child. IHateFinancialPlanning.com suggests some simple games that will entertain your child while building a basic understanding of money. For example, try playing shopkeeper. Have your child price items with stickers and use play money to buy the items.

Give an allowance. As soon as your child is old enough to count coins, it might be time to give him or her a small allowance. Provide a list of "little jobs," outside of what you normally expect your child to do, to earn a dime or quarter.

Set goals. According to Paul Richard, Director of Education for the National Center for Financial Education, "Setting goals is a fundamental concept to help young people learn the value of money and also how to save." It's never too early for your children to start setting goals for what they want. But set realistic goals that they can achieve. Start small, such as saving for a new toy. As a child gets older, look to bigger goals such as a new bike, travel, or college.

Go to the bank. Check with your bank to see what accounts are available for children and the required minimum balance. When your child has saved enough in his or her piggy bank, take them to the bank and open a savings account. Encourage your kids to make regular deposits, so they can see their money grow.

Gain work experience. While

If you've ever found charges on your phone bill for services you never received, you may be the victim of "cramming." Cramming is the addition of charges to your bill for unauthorized services.

Sometimes these charges go unnoticed because customers don't read their phone bills closely. And sometimes the charge is paid simply because customers don't understand what the charges are for and are fearful their credit rating will suffer or their phone will be disconnected if they do not pay.

Telephone customers in Texas have protections against cramming thanks to Public Utility Commission (PUC) rules. The rules specify that before a charge for any product or service can be added

to your phone bill, the service provider must inform you about the product and its associated charges, obtain your consent for the charges and provide a toll-free line for customers to call for information.

If you find any unfamiliar charges on your bill or charges for a service you did not order, you do not have to pay those charges.

Your local service cannot be disconnected for non-payment of disputed charges. You must, however, pay the rest of your bill.

To correct this problem contact your local phone company and tell them you are disputing the unauthorized charges. Contact the company billing you for the unauthorized charges and tell them you did not order the services and will not

pay for them. Tell them to remove the charges from your bill and not to bill you in the future for those charges.

If the charges are listed under the name of a company acting as a billing agent, be sure to contact the company making the charges and not just the billing agent. The billing agent may not be able to remove the charges.

PUC rules require companies to refund or credit customers who have paid unauthorized charges. A customer must consent to charges for services either in writing or verbally to an independent third party, not the company selling the services. The cramming company must keep records of disputed charges for at least two years, including the customer's telephone number, the date the customer requested removal of the unauthorized charges, the date the charges were removed and the date of refund or credit to the customer.

Texas telephone customers should receive a cramming bill of rights from their phone providers either by mail or in phone directories.

If you think you have been crammed, file a complaint with the PUC. Companies that violate the PUC's cramming rules may be penalized up to \$5,000 per day per violation.

For more information about the cramming, or if you have other questions relating to your telephone or electric service, call the PUC toll-free at 1-888-782-8477. You may also e-mail at customer@puc.state.tx.us or visit on-line at www.puc.state.tx.us.

Wadill gives program about music

Preceptor Theta Sigma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi enjoyed a most interesting program presented by member Bobbie Waddill on Tuesday, January 2, 2001, at the Fort Clark Adult Center. Bobbie's topic was "Music, It Heals the Body and Stimulates the Mind." She played a variety of tapes showing how different types of music affect a person. The group joined in a game of "guess who" trying to decide the names of the songs and the orchestra playing them.

During the business meeting, President Shirley Hadsell welcomed activated members Lynn Ebert and Patsy Callnan. Secretary Pat McKelvy called the roll with 12 members present and 9 absent, and also read the minutes of the last meeting. Treasurer Luella Gilliland gave a financial report. Secret sister chairman, Jan Chism, updated her files.

The chapter voted to contrib-

ute to the six International Funds as well as support the Texas Service Project for 2001 which will be The National Bone Marrow Donor Program.

Members voted to go as a group to The Cabaret Dinner, sponsored by The Old Quarry Society, on Saturday, January 27, upstairs at Las Moras Restaurant. Tickets will be available at the Adult Center.

Secret ballots were collected naming the chapter Valentine Sweetheart for 2001 by current Sweetheart Pat McKelvy. The banquet honoring the new Sweetheart will be on Friday, February 9, at 7 p.m. at Las Moras Restaurant. Husbands will be honored guests.

The next regular business meeting and program will be on February 19, at the home of Mylo Unruh at 6 p.m.

Taking charge of your debt

By Lucy Medrano
Contributing Writer

For most of us, the holiday season means increased spending on gifts, travel, and entertaining. And, like it or not, increased spending usually translates into heavy credit card usage that can make or break you. As credit card options become more diverse and, in some cases, more expensive, the Texas Society of CPAs (TSCPA) offers the following advice to help you take charge of your credit card debt.

Know Your Options

All credit cards are not the same. In addition to bank credit cards, travel and entertainment cards, and charge cards issued by retail businesses, now there are cards that give rebates, offer frequent flyer miles and hotel room discounts, and a credit card that doubles as a telephone calling card.

Keep in mind that even though a card belongs to the Visa or MasterCard network, the issuing bank or financial institution sets the rules regarding annual fees, interest charges, and payment billing practices. With all the options available, it's easy to see why choosing the right credit card is more challenging than ever.

Choose A Card That Suits You

If you typically carry a balance on your credit card, you should look for a card with the lowest interest rate. On the other hand, if you pay your balance in full every month - which is recommended - you want to look for a card with no annual fee, and with a grace period (the amount of time you have to pay your bill before you start accruing interest) of 25 days or longer.

Rebate and airline cards usually carry a higher interest rate, but if you pay the entire bill each month, you can come out ahead, particularly when you charge large

purchases, such as college tuition, and pay your balance in full at the end of the month. Just be sure to read the fine print. For example, on airline cards check out blackout dates, types of seats available, route restrictions, expiration dates, and the limit on the number of miles you can earn in a year.

And don't kid yourself when it comes to credit cards with tempting introductory offers of super low rates. You may think you will pay off the balance before the rate skyrockets, but unless you're absolutely sure you have the discipline to either pay off the balance or switch the balance to another low-rate card offer, don't fall for this marketing ploy.

Reduce Interest Costs

If you're paying high interest rates on your credit cards, you should consider transferring your balances to a lower-rate credit card. You can search the Internet for a better deal, but if you're a good credit risk, that may not be necessary. In many cases, a credit card issuer will lower the rate rather than lose a customer. Call the toll-free number on your bill and inform your current card issuer that you're planning to switch cards for a lower rate. If you are a good customer, it may not be too difficult to negotiate a lower interest rate.

Know Your Credit Card Rights

It's a good idea to keep the receipts for all your charge purchases during the month and check them against your monthly statement. If you believe there is an error on your bill, the Fair Credit Billing Act provides you with recourse. You are required to write to the creditor within 60 days of the bill's date, with your name and account number, as well as the date, amount and nature of the error. Explain why you believe the item is an error, and do not send payment for the disputed amount. Credit card companies usually have 30 days to respond and 90 days to resolve the problem.

As a cardholder, you also have the legal right to withhold payment for defective merchandise as long as you have made a good faith effort to resolve the problem with the merchant. To qualify, the purchase must cost more than \$50 and must be made in your home state or within 100 miles of your mailing address.

Credit cards are convenient and easy to use - and abuse. If you have problems controlling your debt, consult with a CPA so you can get back on track and remain in control of your credit cards.

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School board honored for dedication

Making a difference
By Taylor Stephenson

January is School Board Recognition Month. Over 1000 Texas school districts are taking the time to thank 7000 school Board members for their contributions to school and community. Board members represent the largest body of elected officials positions in Texas. They are the voice of their communities, serving first the best interests of the school children. In Brackettville, the schools include 685 students, 125 employees, and a budget of \$5.6 million. Board member service is strictly voluntary (no pay). This month, take the time to tell our school board members that you appreciate what they do for the children. We have fine schools and a fine staff in Brackettville.

BISD school board members include: Tim Ward, President, Henry Lutz, Vice President, Rose Mary Slubar, Secretary, Gloria Garcia, Ronnie Hobbs Jim McDaniel, and Sara Terrazas.

Elementary Students in grade five wrote letters to the Board thanking them for giving them a great school. (Some thanked them for not making them wear uniforms). Students in grades three and five made banners thanking the board for their hard work.

Brackett High School presented a display of student work that included Art History masks and art work (Kathy Bader), theatre arts (Kaylia Thomas), technical writing (Dee Curry), and science projects (Karen Crumley). The board meeting featured the Board Room as center of student learning. John Paul Schuster displayed in the parking lot two magnificent trailers that had been planned with blueprints and then built piece by piece by the agriculture students. Creating a product is a higher level learning skill. Many of us are users who have difficulty creating a product such as art, research writing, science experiment or a trailer. I'm proud of the accomplishments of these fine students and their teachers.

How about Jeffrey Tipps making All State Band? Brackettville is proud of Jeffrey and Mr. Guidry. School systems that have fine extra-curricular programs as well as fine academic programs are envied by the citizens of Texas. Students are not all from the same mold - each has different ability & skills. This achievement adds further credence to our slogan for the year, "A Place Where Winners Go!"

Johnny Castro has resigned his position at BISD to take a job outside the school district. He has worked in the schools in the special education program with Mrs. Stephenson for 5 plus years and has done a fine job. Dorothy Roberts and Carroll Petrosky will help take up the slack in this department for the duration of the school year. We congratulate Johnny on his new job.

The stock show is always a big time in Kinney County. School will be out Friday. I encourage you to support the youth of your community with their stock show activities. Have a great week!

3rd Six Weeks Honor Roll

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| <p>2nd grade
All "A" Honor Roll
Zazu Abraham, Kelsey Bruce, Bryan Calk, Bianca Cruz, Sarah Davis, Mike Flores, Clarissa Garcia, Mark Garcia, Vincent Garcia, Jody Garrett, Stella Guajardo, Wyatt Guidry, Abigail Gutierrez, Itzel Jimenez, Ayland Letsinger, Tyler McDonald, Brenda Pacheco, Kaylyn Queen, Janine Rex, Jaime Rodriguez, Nayellie Rojas, Becky Salazar, Jaime Sandoval, SuSu Seargeant, Josh Smith, Sammie Stewart, Robert Torres, Erica Villanueva</p> <p>"A & B" Honor Roll
Marisol Aguirre, Richard Antu, Katie Bowlin, Celina Calvillo, Francisca Flores, Bernadette Garza, Jesse Garza, Valeria Garza, Jazmen Joy, Adrian Juarez, Edward Kerr, Olivia Molaison, Abrian Muniz, Paige Nowlin, Avian Pacheco, Mary Lou Pena, Victor Robledo, Steven Rodriguez, Victor Roman, Icela Rueda, Aracely Salazar, Cynthia Salazar, Ezequiel Salazar, Danika Villarreal</p> | <p>3rd grade
All "A" Honor Roll
Jose Aguilar, Chris Blake, Cynthia Bland, Alexis Buecher, Brayen Chacon, Cody Clark, Janillie Cortez, Casey Couch, Amanda Delbosque, Brianna Escamilla, Amanda Flores, Emily Fuentes, Ivy Garcia, Gino Gonzales, Ramon Gutierrez, Ana Martinez, Aracely Martinez, Maria Martinez, Nancy Martinez, Daniel Molinar, Elena Molinar, Elidia Molinar, Paul Novel, Gerardo Pacheco, J.R. Pena, Jay Prouix, Crystal Rangel, Adolfo Reyes, Raul Rivas, Rolando Rivas, Dulse Rodrigues, Lawrence Salazar, Alejandra Talamantes, Isaac Talamantes, Nydia Talamantes, Lilianna Valdez, Marcia Villarreal, Katie Yeager, Alex Zamora</p> <p>"A & B" Honor Roll
Crystal Bartlett, Salina Flores, Vicente Flores, Marc Gonzalez, Jesus Martinez, Johnny Munoz, Adan Pinales, Claudia Rocha, Maria Samora</p> | <p>4th grade
All "A" Honor Roll
Brooke Bowlin, Amanda Braesicke, Emily Calk, Serenity Gammill, Ryan Jones, Miranda Letsinger, Rebecca Mann, Bianca Martinez, Maribel Rivas, Graciela Rocha, Laura Swinson</p> <p>"A & B" Honor Roll
Felisha Abrego, Laura Adams, Summer Allen, Sergio Calvillo, Samuel Childress, Valerie Davis, Joshua Garrett, Jessica Garza, Veronica Garza, Cristiana Gomez, Diana Honstein, Alvin Jennings, Johnathan Rios, Stevan Rivera, Jeannette Rodriguez, Veroncia Talamantes</p> <p>5th grade
All "A" Honor Roll
Bailee Allen, Jesus Balderas, Meghann Davis, Joshua Kluzek, Nadia Santellano, Bianca Stewart</p> <p>"A & B" Honor Roll
Kaden Berg, Stephen Boden, Travis Bonner, Chris Callaway, Amber Castilla, Marco Duran, Albert Flores, Alex Gonzalez, Daphne Hunt, Kyle Moore, Ashley Stephenson, Bella Talamantes, Kara Thomas, Anolda Watkins</p> <p>6th grade
All "A" Honor Roll
Laura Meyer, Michael Stephenson, Kara Yeager</p> <p>"A & B" Honor Roll
Adan Aguirre, Justin Calk, Dolores Cano, Stanford Conoly, Robert Davis, Allison Delbosque, Seth Frerich, Diana Hernandez, Rachel Lethco, Lorena Mendoza, Josh O'Neill, Ivan Pinales, Austin Shewart</p> |
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January is Texas School Board recognition month

In one of his last acts as Texas governor, President-Elect George W. Bush proclaimed January 2001 as School Board Recognition Month. Districts across the state will use this opportunity to show their appreciation and bolster understanding of the crucial role elected boards of education play in their communities and schools.

"Young people are the Lone Star State's most precious resource, and their education is our most important responsibility. In towns and cities throughout Texas, locally elected school board members govern and guide schools in accordance with the will of the people. They also ensure that control of and accountability for the schools stay where they belong - with the residents of that community," Bush said.

"Texas has more than 7,000 school board members, representing the largest group of elected officials in the state. Most school boards consist of seven locally elected trustees who serve three-year terms without pay. These dedicated men and women make policy, set budgets, and work to ensure academic excellence and accountability for students, teachers, and administrators," he said.

The Commissioner of Education, the State Board of Education, and the Texas Education Agency (TEA) guide and monitor public education in Texas. They are responsible for public education in Texas. The State Board provides leadership and state level administration, and the Commissioner

and TEA staff implement education policy as prescribed by law. Texas has delegated much of the responsibility for education to the local school board. Locally elected school boards are political subdivisions carrying out a state function. Despite somewhat prescriptive state and federal law and State Board of Education or Commissioner's rule, local school districts have significant latitude in governing schools.

"I encourage all Texans to recognize school board members for their service to communities throughout the Lone Star State. Their commitment to quality and excellence helps give students the opportunity to reach their full potential," Bush said.

"School board members serve

as advocates for our children first and foremost, protecting each child's opportunity to maximize his or her potential. Trustees offer vision, knowledge, leadership, and dedication, and work purely for the common good. It is important to recognize the many contributions made by our locally elected school board members and support them as they tackle the demanding and rewarding task of educating our youth," said James B. Crow, TASB executive director.

So what does a school board do? The key roles and responsibilities of a school board are:

- Ensuring creation of a vision and goals for the district and evaluate district success
- Adopting policies that guide district actions.
- Hiring a superintendent to serve as administrator of the district and evaluate the superintendent's success.
- Approving an annual budget consistent with the district vision
- Communicating the district's vision and success to the community.

"Today's schools face great challenges and great opportunities, making the school board's role more critical than ever before. We hope every community will acknowledge the thousands of trustees, and particularly their local school board members, who make the time to care about Texas children and their futures," Crow said.

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THC discovers human remains at Fort St. Louis archeological site

Austin, Texas - In a find that may just prove history, Texas Historical Commission (THC) archeologists recently uncovered the skeletal remains of two individuals they believe were part of Fort St. Louis, the first European colony in Texas. The THC team has been excavating the site in Victoria County since October 1999, but these are the first human remains found.

The remains were discovered near a bluff overlooking Garcitas Creek, where archeologists have uncovered predominately French artifacts. The shallow burial first revealed the jumbled bones of what appeared to be one individual. About two weeks later, as archeologists carefully scraped layers of thick black gumbo clay from the bones, they identified a second skull. They do not believe the remains are part of a cemetery, as the bones were found in disarray in a shallow pit.

"It's likely that the individuals were French colonists who died toward the end of the fort's existence, and weren't buried until the Spanish found them four months later," said THC Archeology Division Director Dr. Jim Bruseth. "We will know much more about these individuals once forensic analysis is complete."

On December 1, archeologist painstakingly excavated the remains, brushing fragile bones with a hardening solution to keep them intact. The bones were taken to the University of North Texas Laboratory of Forensic Anthropology, where they will be analyzed and tested. Medical anthropologist Dr. H. Gill-King and his staff hope to confirm the sex, age and stature of these people. They will test to determine evidence of disease or human-induced trauma with the hopes of pinpointing the cause of death. They will also conduct studies to determine the diet of the colonists and other environmental factors.

This discovery is particularly significant because of what archeologists can learn about life at Fort St. Louis from studying the remains. The THC team will use the

forensic information, in addition to the artifacts they have uncovered at the site, to piece together details of this important part of Texas history.

The French explorer Robert Cavalier, Sieur de La Salle, established Fort St. Louis in 1685. Four years later, after La Salle left to seek assistance for his ailing colony, Indians attacked and killed most of the settlers. When Spanish explorer Alonso de Leon discovered what remained of Fort St. Louis in 1689, he burned the fort and buried its cannons. The Spanish later built a presidio on the site to claim the territory for Spain. In 1996, THC archeologists ended centuries of debate about the location of the ill-fated colony when they confirmed the discovery of the buried cannons on a private ranch outside of Victoria. During the first year of the excavation, the THC team found the remnants of the fort, thousands of French and Spanish artifacts and the remnants of the Spanish presidio. In 1995-96, the THC excavated La Salle's ship the Belle from the bottom of Matagorda Bay.

For more information about the Fort St. Louis Archeological Project, please visit the THC web site at www.thc.state.tx.us or contact the Public Archeology Laboratory in Victoria at (361)-570-1356.

Checklists highlight Big Bend critters

The Big Bend Natural History Association has announced the publication of two new checklists for Big Bend's smaller inhabitants. Now available are the Butterfly Checklist and the Invertebrate Checklist.

Roland Wauer is well known as a birder and leader of birding seminars for the Natural History Association. He is also a major contributor to the park's Bird Checklist. He became interested in butterflies because, he says, they kept wandering into the field of view of his binoculars as he tried to watch birds. After considering them a nuisance for some time, he became intrigued enough to begin

serious study. One of the results has been this first-ever compilation of butterfly species-167 in all-sighted in the park. Publication of the Butterfly Checklist has come at a propitious time, since the summer of 2000 provided a profusion of butterflies hardly equaled in recent memory. At times the clouds of butterflies in places around the Chisos Mountains has recalled a summer snowstorm.

Dr. Van Pelt, author of the Invertebrate Checklist, has been working as a researcher and volunteer in the park for several years and previously compiled the exhaustive Inventory of the Insects of Big Bend National Park. Be-

cause invertebrates cover such a huge number of species, he has limited the checklist to the ones that visitors are most likely to encounter or ones with the most dramatic effect on the ecology of the park. There is some overlap between the two checklists in the area of butterflies which, of course, are invertebrates.

These checklists join the existing, and regularly updated, checklists for birds, mammals, amphibians and reptiles, and insects. There is also a list of the vascular plants of the park. They can all be purchased at any of the national park bookstores. You can also call 915-477-2236.

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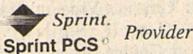
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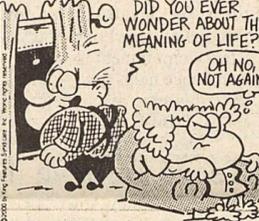
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THE SPATS
 by JEFF PICKERING

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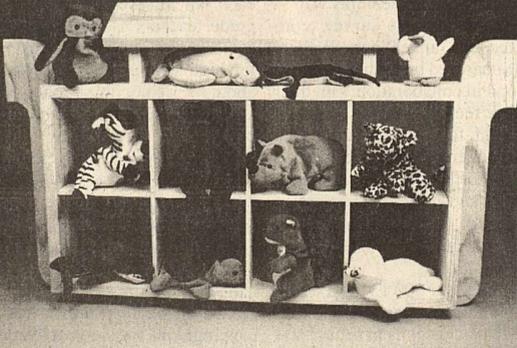
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- Use a skill
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- Approvals
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- Bolshoi performances
- Home to "His Master's Voice"
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- Rank of Otto's master: abbr.
- Socket teams
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HOROSCOPES

Aries March 21-April 20
 Everyone on your team is having problems with an aggressive coworker. How you deal with this person may affect your chances to advance. Join friends for some fun this weekend.

Taurus April 21-May 21
 Family matters are at the forefront of your thoughts and plans. Do not let the children in your life miss out on the fun. Your work load should dwindle as the month draws to a close. Be ready for the next wave of projects.

Gemini May 22-June 21
 Redecorating is your focus these days. But guess what? Keep your ideas to yourself. Coworkers are tiring of your unsolicited advice. Schedule time to devote to an elderly family member.

Cancer June 22-July 22
 Someone you love is crying out for help. You've been so involved with your own problems, you're missing his/her cries. Open your eyes to those around you. An overdue bill could haunt you if you don't take care of it soon.

Leo July 23-August 23
 Your bad habit is causing problems for others. It's time you seek professional help. You will be surprised how well things turn out when you make a few changes for the better.

Virgo August 24-Sept. 22
 Is it time for a raise? Before you approach your boss, write down the reasons you deserve a raise. Enjoy a movie with friends. With everything going on in your life, you need a fun diversion.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
 At work common sense will be more important than creativity—your supervisor doesn't take well to being upstaged. Take time to contact an old friend. You'll enjoy talking about old times.

Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
 New love may be closer than you think. Steer clear of a family argument. You don't want to be the referee in this one. A balanced checkbook may prove beneficial when you most need it.

Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21
 Take advantage of free time to enjoy a favorite hobby. An aggressive coworker could be too much to handle and may end up disrupting work this week. Take notes for clarification later.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
 A party is in your future. Maybe you should host one or just go join the fun at a friend's house. Remember to be diplomatic at work and home. You don't want to ruin a good situation.

Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
 The heat of passion could infuse an otherwise ho-hum week. Whatever you do, don't take it to work with you. Right now your supervisors are depending on your levelheadedness, and you don't want to make them reconsider.

Pisces February 19-March 20
 Financial problems you should have cleared up last year are causing you problems now. It's not a good idea to borrow money from family and friends. Help may come from a source you never would have considered.

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Thrust your roots deep and rest God's miraculous creation is ongoing

Gateway Ministries
By Pastor Charolette Corey

The leaves are off the trees, the weather is cold, wet or uncomfortable. Things look barren. Winter time is here. Even if it is for a short time, the time is needed for the roots of living things to grow deeper and for living things to rest. Even in rest, there is growth. Time is given to heal. It is a time for respect and planning ahead. It is a time to quiet the soul and ask God how he wants your life filled, however long that life may be.

Sometimes in filling your life, God will cause pruning to be done in some areas so that future growth will cause more

prosperity or abundance in production of "good fruit".

When things seem most stark, this is the time to rejoice in the things God has hidden as treasures in your life. He will cause your reward to be made manifest in due season to his glory.

This is the time to count your blessings. This is the time to be still and hear God. He is calling out to you in the midst of feelings of hopelessness, frustration, or just being plain tired. Sometimes the hustle and bustle of the holiday season creates an inertia of activity that flings us into the new year with expectations of ourselves to continue in the same speed of activity. Be still and know that he is God.

To everything there is a sea-

son. This is the season to learn from God's creation and trust in the Lord. Thrust the roots of your soul deep into the fertile ground of the Living Word of God. You will find solace there. You will find rest and restoration. (Psalm 37, Psalm 1). Nothing will happen this year that will take God by surprise. He already knows and has made a way for you to walk through whatever is being prepared. Just remember to let him be your leader. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not unto your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." (Prov 3:5-6).

Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

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

The late Harry Chapin (for those of you who don't know his music well, he was the author and singer of "Cats in the Cradle") wrote another song that wasn't a hit but touched my life. I don't remember the tune, the lyrics or the title, but I do remember the song in another way. I remember the sentiment! The story, so beautifully told with music, is about a little boy who arrives in school, for the very first time, full of enthusiasm and an open mind waiting to be filled with knowledge. An early school assignment has the children in this boy's class drawing a picture dealing in some way with nature. The boy, who is at

the center of this story, draws a beautiful picture full of flowers, grass and a clear sky.

The teacher, full of love and a desire to grow her charges into little scholars, reviews each child's picture. When she reaches the little boy, she frowns a bit and then says something like, "Roses are red not black. Green is green not orange. The sky is blue not purple." In her eagerness to help the child grow into an adult, she suggests he color his pictures in a way that corresponds to the adult perception of the world. Harry is right, we teach our children more about conformity than we do creativity.

Our society cherishes conformity. We stereotype people and

things because there seems to be security in standards. Men don't cry! Women are emotional! Religious people are all fanatics! People who don't go to church are all heathens! Black people all have rhythm! Hispanics have hot tempers! All children can get through the education system, if they just try hard! All cliches, of course. But standards do seem to imply that we prefer to give up the creative possibilities of the unknown for the security blanket of "the known" or, said in another way, the "average." Miracles can't really happen! Jesus could never have changed the water into wine (John 2:1-11) because we all know that the chemical mixture, H2O, cannot be converted into an alcoholic beverage without adding other ingredients (and a little fermenting). God cannot remove the cancer from Uncle Frank because we all know that the most skilled physicians and medical researchers haven't found a cure for cancer yet. Jesus can't help sister Sally kick her habit if the treatment center and prison couldn't get it done. God can't make my life any better! I know that the only road to happiness and peace is paved by me, through hard-work and right-living. However...

What if? What if the miracles of Jesus were God's simple way of showing that his creative powers are beyond our comprehension? What if God does love us - even those who don't deserve any love - so much that he went to a cross in death to show it? What if my life can get better simply by relieving myself of the burden of judging myself, and others, so harshly and leaving that responsibility to God? What if God's miraculous creation is ongoing, all the time, everywhere, but we, who have lost our sense of creativity, need only take permission to use black instead of red (isn't that a black rose), orange instead of green (isn't that a fall color), and purple instead of blue (reminds me of a sunset I once witnessed), in order to experience God's power from a more awesome, and less doubting, perspective? What if? It could change our whole way of living, and loving.

We invite you to join us at First United Methodist Church Sunday at 10:45 am as we join together with other flawed and forgetful Christians and try to find God's Word for us in every day life!

The Jesus Video Project of Texas mailing planned

The Jesus Video Project of Texas remains on target to begin mailing the Jesus Video to Texas residences the last week of March 2001 in conjunction with the Easter season. Already being called the "greatest evangelistic effort ever" in the state of Texas, the Project is set to mail over 1,000,000 videos for Easter. Two other mailings are scheduled in 2001 during the months of July and October.

"We can say with confidence that bringing the greatest news ever proclaimed to every home in Texas will have a significant impact on many lives," says Kevin Macaro, Jesus Video Project U.S. Director. "Before us is an unprecedented opportunity for the Church in the State of Texas to cooperatively offer Jesus' message of forgiveness to every man, woman, and child."

The goal of the Jesus Video Project of Texas is to mail the Jesus Video, an 83-minute movie portraying the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ,

to all 8.4 million residences and to engage churches to work together in their local communities. Almost 2,000 churches and individuals are signed up to participate.

"I feel strongly that this video is so important in helping keep families out of divorce courts," according to Robby Carson, JVPTX State Coordinator. "The moral climate of our country needs the hope this video can provide."

Last week, more than a half million Florida residents received a copy of the Jesus Video. Similar to the Texas Project, the video was distributed by a coalition of pastors, ministry leaders, and lay leaders from 220 churches, according to the ministry group Vision Orlando. Distribution was in Orange, Seminole, and Osceola counties.

"We had a vision to see our entire community uplifted by God's love," Vision Orlando President Randall Loy said. The purpose is to transform Orlando

by strengthening neighborhoods and schools and reducing crime, he said. About 1.35 million people live in the Orlando metropolitan area.

One of the most famous evangelist of our times, Dr. Billy Graham urges "every pastor to take advantage of this unique opportunity." Churches still have time to get involved in the Project. Information on getting involved and the plan for distribution can be found in detail on the Texas website at www.JesusTexas.org. Web surfers may also view the entire video at the same site.

The Jesus Video(Film) is the most widely translated film in history. It has been shown to more than 4 billion people in 233 countries in 633 languages since its inception in 1979. The Jesus Video is a ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ International. For more information, email information@jesusvptexas.org or call the Texas office at 1-877-JESUS-80.

God is in control

Frontier Baptist Church
By Dave Crowe

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St. John Missionary Church
Rev. William P. Adams, Sr.

Great peace have they who love thy law, and nothing shall offend them.

Lord, I have hoped for thy salvation, and done thy commandments.

My soul hath kept thy testimonies, and I love them exceedingly. I have kept thy precepts and thy testimonies; for all my ways are before thee.

Let my cry come near before thee, O Lord; give me understanding, according to thy word.

Let my supplication come before thee; deliver me according to thy word.

My lips shall utter praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes.

My tongue shall speak of thy word; for all thy commandments are righteousness.

Let thine hand help me: for I have chosen thy precepts.

I have longed for thy salvation, O Lord, and thy law is my delight.

Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; and let thine judgments help me.

I have gone astray like a lost sheep. Seek thy servant; for I do not forget thy commandments.

Psalms 119:165-176

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Diabetes and its potential dangers can be controlled

Diabetes. Oh, if you have it, doesn't that mean you just can't have sweets? Not too much of a problem, true?

No, not true.

Look at the possible results of having uncontrolled diabetes - blindness, irreversible kidney failure, amputations, heart disease, stroke, complications in pregnancy. And diabetes mellitus was the sixth leading cause of death in Texas in 1998, increasing from 4,753 deaths in 1997 to 4,888 in 1998.

Diabetes is a serious disease. With it, the body either does not produce insulin (Type 1 diabetes) or does not effectively use or produce adequate amounts of insulin (Type 2 diabetes). The hormone insulin allows sugar or glucose to enter cells and be used for energy. Insulin also is needed to make protein and store fats. In uncontrolled diabetes, sugar and fats remain in the bloodstream and, with time, damage vital organs.

The Diabetes Program at the Texas Department of Health (TDH) estimates that more than 1 million Texans 18 years and older have diabetes. About 890,000 of these - 6 percent of the state's population - have been diagnosed, and the remainder are not aware they have the disease.

In Texas, African Americans, Hispanics, Asian Americans and people who are overweight are more likely than others to develop diabetes. In 1999 in Texas, 7.8 percent of African Americans, 7.1 percent of Hispanics and 5.6 percent of whites and other ethnic groups had diagnosed diabetes. A family history of diabetes, high or low blood sugar, limited physical exercise and being age 45 or older also point to those who may develop diabetes.

"Early detection, good care and education on self-management are essential for people with diabetes," said Dr. Philip Huang, chief of the TDH Bureau of Disease, Injury and Tobacco Prevention. "These steps are

especially vital to take since the incidence of this type of diabetes linked to obesity, Type 2, has jumped significantly in children and adolescents as the percentage of overweight youngsters has increased."

Once diagnosed, careful management of diabetes is vital to prevent or delay serious complications and premature death.

"There is no known cure," Huang said. "Diabetes is certainly treatable, but it is a chronic condition that people must learn to deal with daily."

Among the keys to keeping diabetes in check are to:

- Eat healthy meals and snacks that can include veggies such as carrots, celery or cucumbers; small fruits such as apples or oranges; popcorn; or a small bagel.

- Take the proper medicine.
- Monitor blood sugar and keep a daily log.

- Exercise at least three times a week for 20 minutes.
- Live a healthy life-style including no smoking, less stress, adequate sleep and avoiding excessive alcohol.

- Lose weight if overweight and then maintain recommended weight.
- Reduce and control high blood pressure.
- Adjust meal plans and exercise to keep blood sugar in the desired range.
- Check and take special care of feet and skin every day.

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•Make and keep follow-up appointments with health care providers.

Symptoms of diabetes may include blurred vision; fatigue and a lack of energy, extreme thirst or hunger, frequent urination, sudden weight change, numbness or tingling in hands or feet, slow healing sores or cuts, frequent infections or depression.

Many of these symptoms go unnoticed, so people most likely to develop diabetes should be tested. Current guidelines also recommend that everyone age 45 and older consider being tested every three years. In addition, people with diabetes should get pneumococcal and annual influenza vaccinations because they are more likely to die with complications of pneumonia and flu.

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Bus and Church information call church office at 563-2245
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AUCTIONS

AUCTION FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2001, 10 a.m., Sunshine Storage, West Spring Street, Brackettville, TX Landlords' lien Unit #22, Antonio Reyes, couch, chair, chest of drawers, T.V., mattress and box springs, misc. household items, terms - cash

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HELP WANTED

WANTED ADVERTISING SALES person call the Brackett News 1-830-563-2852 for application.

THE MIDDLE RIO Grande Development Council is looking for qualified applicants interested in the position of Financial Management Specialist I. This position will report to the Uvalde Workforce Center. Job functions and responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following: Opening and logging all Childcare billing correspondence; verifying the correctness and completeness of all incoming billing forms; matching up correct bills with appropriate folders; disseminating bills to FMS Technicians for data entry; processing and disseminating new and updated data forms; may assist in creating and updating fiscal forms. The preferred requirements for the position are as follows: Associates degree in Accounting (2 year degree) plus two years experience in accounting and/or accounts payable with at least one year experience in data entry. Additional years of work experience may be considered in lieu of college hours. This position will require limited travel in the nine county area. All qualified persons interested in applying for this position should mail a resume and application to the Middle Rio Grande Development Council; P.O. Box 1199, Carrizo Springs, TX 78834; Attention: Ramon S. Johnston - Deputy Executive Director. This position will be kept open until filled. Annual salary range for this position is \$15,539-\$17,132 and is negotiable based on experience. The Middle Rio Grande Development Council is an equal opportunity employer and auxiliary aids are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Applications are available at all Middle Rio Grande Development offices throughout the nine counties we serve. For information please call on our Voice or TDD telephone (830) 876-1260 or direct line (830) 876-1227.

KINDERGARTEN INSTRUCTIONAL AIDE Length of Position: present to May 25th. Application Procedure: Application/Job Description may be requested by contacting the BIRD Central Office, P.O. Box 586, 400 Ann Street, Brackettville, TX, 78832, or telephone (830) 563-2491, fax (830) 563-9264. Applications accepted until the position is filled. Direct questions to Principal Paula Renken. Brackett ISD is an equal opportunity employer.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF HEARING: SOAH Docket No. 582-97-1547, TNRC Docket No. 1997-0807-MSW Application: Adobe Eco-System, Ltd., 609 W 10th Street, Austin, Texas 78701, has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRC) for a permit (Proposed Permit No. MSW 2253), to authorize a Type 1 (landfill) municipal solid waste management facility. The permittee will be authorized to store, process and dispose of municipal solid waste resulting from or incidental to municipal, community, commercial, institutional and recreation activities; municipal solid waste resulting from construction and demolition projects; and Class 1, Class 2, and Class 3 nonhazardous industrial solid waste and special wastes. The acceptance of Class 1, Class 2, and Class 3 nonhazardous industrial solid waste and/or special wastes is contingent upon such waste being handled and disposed of in accordance with 30 TAC Sections 330.136 and 330.137, and in accordance with the listed and described procedures in the permit application, subject to the limitations and special provisions provided herein. Solid Waste will be initially accepted for disposal at this site at a rate of 223,000 tons per year, and upon construction of the railcar unloading facility, a rate of 5,000 tons per day may be accepted. The rate of waste acceptance is not limited to these amounts. The rate of acceptance of Class 1 nonhazardous industrial solid waste shall not be limited. The volume of Class 1 nonhazardous industrial solid waste shall be limited to twenty percent (20%), or 3.94 million in-place cubic yards (waste capacity plus daily and intermediate cover), of the total available waste disposal capacity of the landfill (19.7 million in-place cubic yards). The facility will be authorized to operate 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., seven days a week. The Rio Grande Regional Municipal Solid Waste Facility is located on 424 acres, approximately 1/2 mile south of the City of Spofford and is abutted by State Highway 131 and FM 1572 in Kinney County, Texas (latitude 29°9'30" north, longitude 100°24'40" west). The TNRC Executive Director has prepared a draft permit which, if approved, would establish the parameters and limitations within which the facility must operate. Contested Case Hearing. The State Office of Administrative Hearings ("SOAH") will conduct a formal contested case hearing on this application at: 10:00 a.m. - February 13, 2001, Kinney County Civic Center, 200 E. Spring Street, Brackettville, Texas 78832. The contested case hearing will be a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with Chapter 2001, Texas Government Code; Chapter 361 of the Texas Health and Safety Code; TNRC rules, including 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 330; and the procedural rules of the TNRC and SOAH, including 30 TAC Chapter 80 and 1 TAC Chapter 155. To participate in the hearing as a party, you must attend the hearing and show you would be affected by the application in a way not common to members of the general public. Information: For information concerning the hearing process, contact the Public Interest Counsel, MC 103, TNRC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For additional information, individual members of the general public may contact the Office of Public Assistance at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TNRC can be found at our web site at www.tnrc.state.tx.us. Persons with disabilities who need special accommodations at the hearing should call the Office of Public Assistance at the number above or 1-800-Relay-TX (TDD) at least one week prior to the hearing. Issued January 2, 2001 LaDonna Castanuela, Chief Clerk Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP Topic: Discussion of rules and requirements for submitting projects, nominations for the Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program. When: Thursday, February, 22, 2001, in Laredo and Friday, February, 23, 2001, in Eagle Pass. Where: Laredo - Texas Dept. of Transportation, District Office, Meeting Room, 1817 Bob Bullock Loop, Laredo. Eagle Pass - Eagle Pass City Hall, Planning Room, 100 S. Monroe, Eagle Pass. Times: Meeting begins at 3:00 p.m. in Laredo, Meeting begins at 10 a.m. in Eagle Pass. The Texas Department of Transportation is pleased to announce the 2000 program call for candidate projects for the Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program. This program dedicates funding for important non-traditional, transportation-related activities. TxDOT's goal for the program is to encourage diverse modes of travel, increase the community benefits to transportation investment. Strengthen partnerships between State and local government and promote citizen involvement in transportation decisions. The call for the submissions of candidate enhancement projects will begin on January 8, 2001, and end at 5:00 p.m. on June 18, 2001. Information and forms regarding the 2000 program call are available at the following TxDOT offices beginning on January 8, 2001: Laredo District Office: 1817 Bob Bullock Loop, Carrizo Springs Area: 2001 North 1st St., Del Rio Area: 319 East Gibbs St., Freer Maintenance: 1106 South Norton, Eagle Pass Maintenance: 2440 Main St., Cotulla Maintenance: 900 FM 468, La Pryor Maintenance: Corner of US 57 and US 83, Brackettville Maintenance: HWY 90 East. If you have any questions or comments please contact Jo Ann Garcia, P.E., Director of Transportation Planning and Development at (956) 712-7442.

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Home Energy Bills: Are You Being Fuelish?

Talking About Money
By Jim Larranaga

(ARA) - According to the Department of Energy, the average family spends close to \$1,300 a year on home utility bills and anywhere from 10% to 50% of that expense is unnecessary.

With cold weather approaching, it's time to make your home more energy-efficient and comfortable. These eight tips could save you thousands of dollars in years to come.

- Hot water heater
If you have a gas water heater, make sure the flame is blue; if it's yellow, your unit needs servicing. Lower the water heater setting to 120 degrees F. Insulate your water-heater tank if it feels warm to the touch. An insulating blanket will pay for itself in one year or less! Insulate hot water pipes where they're reachable. Drain a quart of water from the water-heater tank four times a year to remove sediment.

- Furnace
Lower the thermostat on your furnace. Experts estimate you can save 2 percent of your energy bill for every degree that you lower your thermostat. Try maintaining a temperature of 65 degrees during the day, but lower it slightly at bedtime. Better yet, install a clock thermostat to set the temperature back automatically. Replace or clean air filters monthly. Check for open fireplace dampers. Insulate heating ducts that leak heated air and move furniture off floor vents.
- Appliances
Clean the coils on your kitchen refrigerator and unplug that extra refrigerator in the garage - during winter, the ambient temperature in northern climates is low enough to keep foods cold. In your washing machine, rinse with cold water and use hot water only to clean heavily soiled clothes.
- Windows and doors
Heat loss through and around windows accounts for 10% to 25% of your heating bill. Caulk, seal

- and weather-strip all seams, cracks and openings to the outside.
- Lighting
Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs. Compact fluorescent bulbs last up to 10 times longer, use 1/4 the energy and produce 90% less heat, while producing more light.
 - Bathroom
Buy low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators. A family of four, each showering for five minutes a day, uses 700 gallons of water a week. You can cut that amount in half.
 - Attic
If you have less than 7 inches of fiberglass or rock wool or 6 inches of cellulose insulation in your attic, you could probably benefit by adding more.
 - Landscaping
Deciduous trees planted on the south and west sides of a home will allow the sun to shine in the windows in the winter and help keep the home cool in the summer.

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SAN ANTONIO SYMPHONY OPENS 2001 WITH CONCERT IN EAGLE PASS' C.C. WINN AUDITORIUM ON JANUARY 20

Inaugurating the new millennium in style, the Eagle Pass Arts Council will bring the San Antonio Symphony to their city on Saturday, January 20, 2001, for a 7:30 p.m. performance at the Eagle Pass High School's new C.C. Winn campus auditorium stage.

Conducted by Allastar Willis, the San Antonio Symphony is scheduled to perform selections by Mozart and other well known composers in their concert in Eagle Pass.

Pre-sale tickets are now on sale at the Eagle Pass Chamber of Commerce and Western Communications in Eagle Pass for only \$15 per adult and \$6 per child. Those wishing to buy tickets should buy them soon. The last performance by the Symphony in Eagle Pass was sold out and the Arts Council of Eagle Pass expects the same crowd again this year. Tickets at the door will go up to \$18 per adult and \$7 per student.

Call 830-773-2885, 773-8570 or 773-3559 for information on special prices for groups and other information.

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