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### Fort celebrates its sesquicentennial

Fort Clark will host a sesquicentennial celebration this morning at 10.

The fort is celebrating 150 years since it was established in 1852.

Guest speakers will be featured at the ceremony, which will be held at the flag pole on the parade grounds, across from the fort's main office.

### Agents apprehend 169 in Brackettville

DEL RIO — U.S. Border Patrol agents made 169 apprehensions in Brackettville during the period of June 10-16, officials announced.

There were 955 total apprehensions made in the Del Rio Sector, including 305 in Eagle Pass, 172 in Carrizo Springs, 95 in Uvalde, 84 in Del Rio, 50 in Comstock, 29 in San Angelo, 21 in Abilene, 19 in Llano and 11 in Rocksprings.

Agents in the Del Rio sector seized 424.55 pounds of marijuana, valued at \$339,640.

### Border Patrol find injured man on train

DEL RIO — U.S. Border Patrol agents from the Brackettville Station were performing a freight-train check in Spofford last Friday when they discovered a man who had been injured, officials said.

The man's left foot had been severed at the ankle. Agents administered first aid until the arrival of emergency medical technicians. The man was transported by Air Life medical helicopter to a hospital in San Antonio.

### Fee-free weekend at Amistad NRA

Amistad National Recreation Area will not charge boat use or camping fees this Saturday and Sunday to celebrate President Bush's "Healthier United States" initiative.

Amistad National Recreation Area headquarters is located on U.S. Highway 90 in Del Rio and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., except holidays.

For more information, call (830) 775-7491 or visit the park's web site at www.nps.gov/amis.

## Two directors request Banner-Kerr's resignation, but lack support of board

By J.J. Guidry  
Staff Writer

Two members of the Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors asked for the immediate resignation of Maggie Banner-Kerr Saturday morning, but failed to garner the support of the other board members.

Director Tom Saylor said the "general manager has lost credibility with the membership" and made the motion to request and accept Banner-Kerr's resignation. The motion was sec-

onded by Mona Miller, but the measure failed 4-2 with board members Shirley Hadsell, Carol Miller, Jack Simpson and Glenn White opposing. Director Frank Cheaney was absent from the meeting.

Fort Clark Springs members started pointing fingers at management last month after Maintenance Department manager Bob Walker was fired and the 12 remaining Maintenance Department employees walked off the job.

A petition is circulating

among the membership to remove Cheaney, Hadsell, Simpson, White and Carol Miller from the board.

During Saturday's monthly meeting, Carol Miller said the effort was a "hostile takeover."

"Who is going to run the fort, the employees or the general manager?" she asked. "The employees were all for Maggie until she made some personnel changes. I think the changes were good."

Simpson said the membership is being exposed to a num-

ber of false rumors.

"I've had phone calls from daylight to dark with people telling me wild stories about our general manager," he said. "I've heard so many vicious rumors to where no one could survive such a beating. Because of all these rumors, I talked to the county judge in Sanderson. He couldn't believe all of these untruths."

Simpson did say that the board had reprimanded Banner-Kerr.

"Maggie has done things that

have been wrong. We've talked about it as a board. These are simple things that can be solved. We reprimanded Maggie and told her she needed to change. In my opinion, she has changed."

After the board concluded its business Saturday, Carol Miller was the first to take the floor during the member discussion portion of the meeting. She asked Saylor and Mona Miller — the two directors not included on the

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**"The Glory Road" opens tonight at Fort Clark**  
Jack Simpson (from left), Tammy Smith and Dave Wilkins are featured in the Old Quarry Society's production of "The Glory Road," which opens tonight at 8:30 at the Amphitheater on Fort Clark Springs. The original script, written by Kermit Hunter, tells the story of Fort Clark from the Indian fighting days, through the Seminole Scouts and the days of Patton and Wainwright. It also tells the story of one man's dream to build a town called "Brackett City." The play is under the direction of Lynn McNew. Tickets are available at Bank and Trust, The Brackett News, the FCS Adult Center or by calling 563-9229. They will also be sold at the door. Performances run tonight through Sunday, starting each night at 8:30.

## County toughens up on fine collections

By J.J. Guidry  
Staff Writer

Kinney County officials agreed to participate in the Failure to Appear Program in efforts to collect \$152,632.51 owed to the county in outstanding fines and fees.

Commissioners Pat Melancon, Joe Montalvo, Nat Terrazas and Francie Wylie approved the inter-local cooperation contract with the Texas Department of Public Safety Monday morning during the county's monthly meeting.

The Failure to Appear Program is a tool to assist cities and counties in the collection of Class C misdemeanors by restricting the renewal of a violator's Texas Drivers License.

The program was enacted during the 74th Legislature Session in 1995 and is now Chapter 706 of the Texas Transportation Code. The statute authorized the Department of Public Safety to contract with political subdivisions to deny renewal of

a drivers license for a failure to appear on traffic violations.

The statute was amended in 1999 to include all Class C misdemeanor offenses in which the violator is given 10 days to appear in court for prosecution. Effective September of 2001, it also includes failures to pay or satisfy judgements.

Justice of the Peace John Ford told the commissioners the agreement will help the county collect the outstanding funds owed for fines and fees.

"Many of them are people that received one ticket, put it in their glove box and don't travel all that much in these areas again," he said. "They have no other violations so it keeps on maturing. A warrant is issued, warrant letters are sent, but nothing happens."

OmniBase Services of Austin maintains the central database for the Failure to Appear Program and administers the program with those political subdivisions that contract with the

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## Brackettville officials continue to discuss cable TV agreement with Charter

By J.J. Guidry  
Staff Writer

The Brackettville City Council met with its attorney, Pat Dodson, in executive session last week to discuss its expired contract with cable service provider Charter Communications,

but local officials declined to take any action.

Charter Communications notified local citizens in March of a rate hike to \$49.95 per month for new digital services. The rate is an increase of 85 percent from the previous basic monthly rate of \$26.95.

The City of Brackettville originally entered into a cable television franchise ordinance with Falcon Telecable, which was later acquired by Charter Communications. The agreement expired on April 13.

In April, the City Council authorized Dodson to negotiate

with Charter Communications or any other cable provider, but no agreement has been reached.

Charter Communications officials previously asked City Secretary David Luna to sign a new contract, but he declined because of numerous complaints received from citizens.

"I've told people who complained that if we decide not to renew, it could be possible that they wouldn't have TV for a while," Luna said. "If we didn't have a replacement in line and Charter pulled out ... we could be temporarily without TV cable service."

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## David Mann: Outfitter is a 'travel agent for hunting'

By Frances McMaster  
Contributing Writer

Local outfitter David Mann describes his profession as being like a "travel agent for hunting."

If a person wants to go hunting, he would not likely know where to go, where to stay, where to get good food, a truck for transportation, and where to find abundant game. This is what Mann provides as a service.

Mann discussed his profession at last week's Brackettville Rotary Club meeting. He was the guest of Steve LaMascus, program chairman.

It has taken Mann several years to develop this into a smooth operation. At first, he would lease or sub-lease pastures, but he said this didn't work well for him. He now evaluates and leases the property, sets it up, often re-models the house, and generally does what is needed to meet the needs and expectations of hunters. He said new leases are never ready to go and need a lot of work.

A good lease should have the

right kind of brush, the right kind of food source for the animals, and enough game for hunting. He not only drives around the area, he flies over every piece of property before he leases it to see if it meets these requirements. Although it is expensive to do this, he considers it worth the time and money spent. He expects to lose money for the first couple of years because of the up-front expenses.

Most of the hunters come here from California, Georgia or Florida, and they spend three to five days. They hunt turkey in the spring, and white-tail deer, hogs and exotics year around.

Mann was asked whether he took hunters to Mexico, and he answered yes and described the process.

An American citizen can't take care of the paper work involved to go across the border. Mann hires a registered outfitter in Mexico. The paper work must be done at least a month in advance. Each person must have a birth certificate, a picture I.D., and fill out a form describing the



David Mann (left) is welcomed to the Brackettville Rotary Club meeting by Steve LaMascus, program chairman.

gun being used. The cartridge caliber, the make of the gun and the serial number must be correct. It costs \$50 to make a change.

The Mexican outfitter meets Mann at the bridge with a soldier whom he has picked up at his base. This man is paid too, and his job is to see that each

gun matches the paper work. Once this is accomplished, the outfitter takes Mann and his hunters to the gate of the ranch. He will also escort the hunters all the way back when they leave. Again, the paper work is checked. Every gun must be

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## Area residents to be without power

Local residents will be without electrical power tonight beginning at 11.

Rio Grande Electric Cooperative announced the temporary interruption in electrical power on Tuesday.

Member-consumers in the Brackettville, Del Rio and Fort Clark Springs areas will be affected.

It is estimated that the outage will last approximately two hours, and that power will be restored by 1 a.m. on Friday.

The planned outage is necessary in order to replace a voltage regulator and damaged lightning arrestors at the cooperative's Brackettville substation.

Additional maintenance will be conducted, as time permits, officials said.

Those using specialized medical equipment requiring electricity are advised to check alternate power sources and to have them readily available during the temporary interruption.

For more information, call the cooperative's headquarters at (830) 563-2444 or 1-800-749-1509.



## Letter to the Editor Former FCSA employee speaks out

The following is a written statement from Bob Walker, former Fort Clark Springs Maintenance Department manager:

Mr. White's letter to the editor was apparently to justify his position on recent changes at FCS, implemented by the general manager.

Obviously, he was referring to the dismissal of the Maintenance Department employees because of the refusal to accept changes.

Mr. White indicates by his letter that he does not know what

is going on with FCS employees. We faced almost daily harassments, along with micro-management and disrupted schedules and deadlines. He also stated as a fact that "employees are reluctant to relate to a new manager" and that a new manager meets a brick wall when attempting any change. This is not true. Mr. White suggests that we give our manager a chance to manage for a change. This manager has had a full year to manage, and there is more turmoil and unrest among employees and members than ever.

The changes this general manager tried to place on the Maintenance Department were not reasonable at all. The changes were for after-hour duties, not changes during the regular eight-hour workday. Had the changes been reasonable, the employees would have accepted them, as they always have in the past.

The general manager's changes affected their livelihood. These men made very little money at FCS, which forced some of them to have second jobs every day, including weekends. Some could not afford to lose their second jobs. When the second-job necessity was explained to the general manager, she told the men she didn't care about their second jobs.

The "call out" program, which was initiated by the Maintenance Department, had been in place and successful for many years.

It was disclosed later that some of our board members did not know there had ever been a call out program.

The Maintenance Department always had one employee working eight hours on Saturday, Sunday and holidays to ensure the weekend trash from our commercial areas was cleaned up and any work orders were completed.

The maintenance manager and one supervisor voluntarily rotated after-hour "call outs" at no extra cost to the association. The general manager's call out schedule would have cost the association several thousand dollars extra per year, yet not enough compensation to benefit any one employee.

Mr. White refers to constant changes in managers not being healthy. Maybe the board should check potential manager's references and do background checks more thoroughly, as well as for board candidates.

There is nothing wrong with the FCS employees. Put blame where blame belongs, rather than seeking out scapegoats.

Some of these men have been dedicated to FCS for most of their adult lives, even though they were poorly paid.

They walked away from their jobs, rather than face the unreasonable, hostile and unprofessional work ethics the general manager tried to impose upon them.

The general manager worked against them, rather than with them.

Hopefully, the actions of the board and general manager will not result in extra expenses and loss of services to the membership.

### More Control

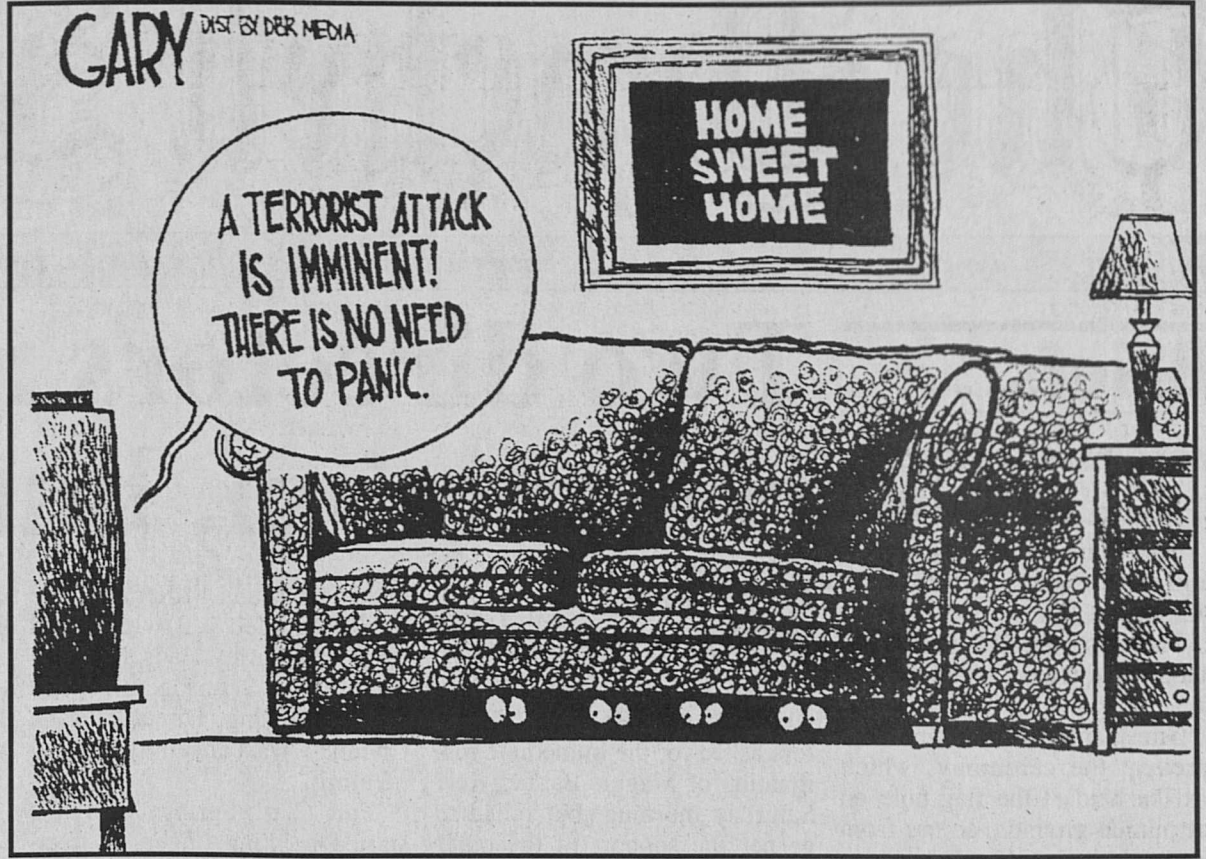
I was so shocked when I read the headline in our quiet, peaceful hometown newspaper. "Officials seek cop in school".

At first I couldn't believe this. But then on second thought, what can we expect when it's perfectly okay for students to disrespect their teachers, with sassing, disrupting classes, down right cussing while teachers are sued when they try to discipline the students and it's completely against the law to pray in school?

The liberals will stop at nothing to destroy everything that is good and replace it with evil so they can gain more control over our lives with the excuse that something must be done about the situation. They will never accept the blame for what is happening.

Roland Boysen

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## Grandma Mowery

The Way I See It  
By Steven R. LaMascus

I just returned from Oklahoma. I had the honor of being a pallbearer at my Grandmother Mowery's funeral. She was just three months short of her 99th birthday. I first remember Grandma Mowery from the time I was about five. She was a Baptist preacher's wife and the mother of five daughters and one son. She was always happy it seemed to me. She never frowned, always joked with everyone, played horseshoes and washers with the best of the men, and could catch a rooster with a straightened out clothes hanger quicker than the eye could follow. She and Grandpa Mowery always lived either on a farm or at least where Grandma could have chickens. She was also one of the best cooks the world has ever seen. By the time I was old enough to have any real interaction with the rest of the extended family Grandpa Mowery had died and the kids had moved Grandma to a little house in the Briton area

of Oklahoma City. We lived in North Texas at the time and would make the trip to Oklahoma City to visit once or twice a year. I had plenty of cousins there to entertain me and my younger brothers and sister, and it was pleasant times all around. Every summer there were trips to the zoo, to Old West City, Spring Lake Amusement Park, family reunions, and trips to various lakes and parks for picnics. There were also numerous nights spent in storm cellars waiting for tornadoes to pass; and even those were fun, as we played cards or dominoes by the light of a kerosene lantern, listening all the while for the roar of the tornado. It was really rather exciting for a kid, listening to the adults talk about other tornadoes and the places they had destroyed and the odd things that they had done in passing. Then we moved to Eagle Pass, Texas; I started to college, got married, had children of my own and time simply became, I thought, too precious to spend with far-away relatives. It was nearly twenty

years between visits. During that time the family changed. My mother lost two of her sisters and her brother Phil. The cousins married and moved away. There was divorce and sickness and hard feelings over real and imagined wrongs. But all during that time of strife and change there was one constant — Grandma Mowery. When my Uncle Burl divorced Aunt Wanda you would think that Grandma would have felt some animosity toward Burl; such was not the case. She told Burl that when he had become her son-in-law it was a permanent contract and she wasn't letting him go. Burl performed her funeral service, so apparently she was right. We didn't have much grief. There were, of course, tears at the service and at graveside, but it was, really, more of a celebration than a sad event. You see, Grandma was ready to go. In fact, she had always been ready to go.

She was one of those rare people who are totally certain of their destination and salvation. She knew she was going to a better place and was ready to go when God was ready to take her. She was also rare and precious in that she was a Christian who knew how to live a Christian life and truly enjoy every second of it. There was never any anguish or suffering. Oh, sure she and Grandpa had had hard times, and she never lived in luxury; but God always provided everything she needed and she didn't want anything she didn't need. How many people like that do you know today in our materially obsessed world? Grandma was always and at all times what I pray I could be but don't have the faith or the perseverance to become. She was a perfect role model, a loving parent, a caring human, a Christian who not only talked the talk, but who knew how to walk the walk. If there really are crowns in Heaven, awarded for how you live your life, Grandma will have to have the help of a legion of angels just to carry her's. Dear Grandma,

It was so good to see you again. You really looked great! Too bad we couldn't sit down for a dip of snuff and a long talk, like we used to have on the back porch, but we'll have to save that for another time. But for now, so long Grandma, and say hi to Jesus for me. I'll be along to see you shortly.

Love,  
Steve

Philippians 1:20-24 — "I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose?"

I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body." NIV

## Travel Texas

Capitol Comment  
By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Texas Monthly magazine recently asked about my favorite road trip growing up in Texas. The answer — driving with my family from LaMarque to visit my grandmother in Beaumont — came easily, because it's one of my fondest childhood memories. We'd sing songs the whole way, and scramble out of the car to the top of the ferry to Bolivar, so we could feel the wind and water blow on our faces.

Texans can find some of the country's greatest destinations right here. Take a stroll down the River Walk in San Antonio, our most popular destination, or journey into the past at the Alamo, the second-most visited place in the state.

Texas is rich with legends and tradition. Many hands helped shape our state and the landscape is dotted with the memories of those who forged our history. From the battlefield at San Jacinto to Spindletop in Beaumont to Nacogdoches, the "cradle of Texas liberty," Texans can learn about our storied past within a day's drive from home.

In early June, I had the honor of helping dedicate one of our state's newest tourist sites — the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame in Fort Worth. This incredible site honors the women of the West whom history has often overlooked. They were ranchers and businesswomen, authors and painters, and all lived their lives with grit, grace and determination that helped build Texas and the West. This joins the Fort Worth Zoo, the excellent Kimbell and Amon Carter museums and the Botanic Gardens as sites to see in Fort Worth. And just down

Interstate 30 is the Six Flags Over Texas amusement park and the Ballpark in Arlington where the Texas Rangers play all summer long.

While Texans relish our heritage and are quick to tell visitors about the six flags that have flown over our state, we can also claim space as another frontier. NASA Space Center in Clear Lake is the perfect place for young minds to wonder about the future and marvel at where our explorations will take us. Texans can enjoy the summer sun at the many beaches dotting Galveston Island, or head to Houston to take in a Broadway show at the new Hobby Center for the Performing Arts or visit the newly expanded Museum of Fine Arts.

Guadalupe Peak, one of our state's many natural wonders, is the highest spot in Texas, reaching 8,749 feet. Another gem is the 609 square-mile Laguna Madre region that separates Padre Island from the South Texas mainland.

Texans can also join the thousands of vacationers each year who boat and fish around Possum Kingdom State Park in Caddo, another great place to relax. Of course Texans are famous for kicking back. But to see how Texans can really kick up the dirt, take in one of the twice-weekly rodeos in Bandera, the "Cowboy Capital of the World."

There are hundreds of ways to make Texas your vacation destination this summer. Take joy in the natural beauty and wonder of our state and invite a friend "down" to share in the fun.

For more ideas about where to go with your family in Texas, visit our state's <http://www.TravelTex.com> website.

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# County bans outdoor burning, passes on fireworks restrictions

By J.J. Guidry  
Staff Writer

County officials passed an order prohibiting outdoor burning because of drought conditions last week during the Commissioners Court's monthly meeting.

The measure was adopted on June 10 and prohibits outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of the county for 90 days.

Commissioners Pat Melancon, Joe Montalvo, Nat Terrazas and Francie Wylie approved the measure.

The order does not prohibit burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Natural Resources Commission for fire-fighting training; public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under state law.

Officials also discussed an order prohibiting the use of fireworks in the unincorporated areas of the county, but opted not

to adopt the measure.

In other matters, the Commissioners Court:

- Voted to apply for a Texas Preservation Trust Fund Grant from the Texas Historical Commission.

- If the planning grant is awarded and later approved by the county, the \$15,000 one-to-one match grant would require \$7,500 from the county. The grant would be used to hire an architect to prepare plans to restore the county courthouse.

- Authorized the county judge to sign a one-year cellular telephone contract with U.S. Cellular for DPS troopers Tony Ashley, Tully Welch and Tom Wylie.

- The contract includes 500 minutes for \$39.95 a month, and 35 cents for each additional minute.

- "The DPS officers have never gone over the flat rate," County Judge Herb Senne said.

- Approved an extension agreement with the Texas Department of Human Services for use of the county's Annex Building.

The Department of Human Services used to pay \$300 monthly rent for the building, but the county waived the rent three years ago when officials threatened to move the office to Del Rio.

The commissioners are requesting that the Department of Human Services pay monthly rent of \$120 to help pay for insurance costs and maintenance of the building. The county currently pays \$226 annually to insure the building.

If accepted, the agreement will run from Oct. 1 through Sept. 30, 2003. The Department of Human Services currently shares the building with the Department of Public Safety.

- Agreed to adopt a special budget for the receipt and disbursement of \$84,364.04 in funds the county received from insurance proceeds due to hail damage.

- Authorized County Librarian Sarah Terrazas to submit a letter stating the county's intent to apply for a grant to open a branch library at Fort Clark Springs.

- Took no action concerning a request from Terrazas to install a three-bay carport at the library using funds bequeathed to the county.

- Waived the county portion of penalty and interest for 2001 ad valorem taxes paid by Margaret Suarez of San Antonio.

- Heard an informal presentation from Ken Graber of the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission concerning the county's potential involvement in an On-Site Sewage Presentation Program. Graber said participation in the program was not required by the state. The court took no action on the proposal.

- Took no action on the remittance of the Texas Association of Counties optional foundation dues of \$250.

- Was scheduled to hear a presentation by Sandy Watkins about the 44th County Auditors Institute, but Watkins was absent due to illness.

- Approved budget adjustments, all accounts and bills, departmental reports and minutes from meetings held in May.

## Fort Clark board member addresses letter to the editor

By J.J. Guidry  
Staff Writer

Fort Clark Springs board member Carol Miller addressed statements made in a letter to the editor Saturday during the directors' monthly meeting.

Miller was responding to a letter written by David Reinhold in the June 13 edition of *The Brackett News*.

"There's been enough going on, I would like to put a few things to rest," Miller told those in attendance.

Reinhold's letter said that "maintenance supervisor (Bob Walker) and 12 maintenance workers (were) fired."

"The maintenance supervisor was dismissed," Miller said during the members discussion portion of the meeting. "The 12 employees walked off. They had a meeting with the board. They were finally sent a letter that said: 'You must come to work Friday morning or we are assuming you are self-terminating.' They did not show up. They all signed letters that they were leaving on their own. They were not fired."

Miller also took exception to

Reinhold's statement that said: "Another maintenance worker, with 60 years of service, (was) fired. When this worker attempted to collect unemployment, that he indirectly paid into for decades, this heartless general manager fought and stopped him from collecting what he worked long and hard to earn."

"As far as Mr. Juan Avila, as your treasurer, I was presented with a check to sign for \$1,400 for insurance to cover him because he could not be covered under our regular policy because of his driver's license," she said. "I don't know where some of you work, but if you work as a driver you know it is your responsibility to keep a good driver's license."

"It says we protested his unemployment. How many of you have ever had unemployment? You know that if you were dismissed for a reason or if you resigned, you are not eligible for unemployment."

"Our unemployment insurance ... doubled from what it had been. If we don't watch our unemployment, it's going to go up again."

## Mann discusses outfitting at Rotary Club meeting

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accounted for before the party is allowed to re-enter the U.S.

Asked what was most important to him about hunters who use his services, Mann said, "They need to be able to shoot."

Some arrive with shiny new guns and all kinds of fancy equipment and can't hit the game because they haven't used the gun enough. Some simply

freeze when confronted with game. Mann charges less when the hunters don't get game, so this can be a real problem.

Members asked Mann many questions about the service he provides and were impressed with the long-range planning and care that go into his operation. Hunters are a boon to this economy, and services of this quality are valuable to the community.

## Kinney County Sheriff's Report

**Monday, June 10**  
5 p.m., Chief Deputy Sheriff Johnny Fritter and Constable Cordelia Mendeke responded to a domestic disturbance.

**Tuesday, June 11**  
12:20 p.m., A woman reported a gun under a car. Deputy Sheriff Bobby Guidry was advised and reported it was a toy gun.

**Wednesday, June 12**  
4:30 p.m., Deputy Guidry responded to a two-vehicle accident.

6:30 p.m., A 911 call was received. A man reported a loose cow on Highway 277 south.

8:04 p.m., A woman reported three illegal aliens on Highway 674. Border Patrol Agent Tony Molinar was notified.

9:15 p.m., A dispatcher from the Val Verde Sheriff's Office reported a loose bull on Highway 90 west and F.M. 3008. Deputy Sheriff Manuel Pena was advised.

9:46 p.m., A motorist reported loose cattle on Highway 90 west by Pinto Creek. The owner of the cattle was advised.

9:50 p.m., Deputy Pena responded to a confrontation to a minor.

10:52 p.m., A Border Patrol agent reported loose goats on Highway 674.

**Thursday, June 13**  
8:40 a.m., Mario Granados Guia, 29, from Irving, was arrested by DPS Trooper Tully Welch for driving while license

suspended.

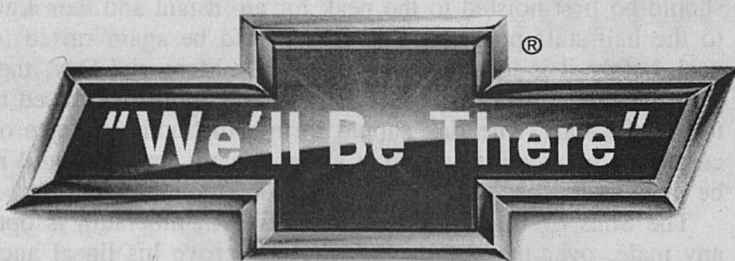
**Saturday, June 15**  
4:28 p.m., Deputy Sheriff Manuel Pena Sr. reported an open door at a residence. The owners were out of town.

**Sunday, June 16**  
4:26 a.m., A dispatcher from the Val Verde Sheriff's Office reported a vehicle was having car problems coming into town.

11:30 a.m., Deputy Guidry and Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism were dispatched and responded to a civil matter.

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# Haenn discusses new book

By Frances McMaster  
Contributing Writer

Bill Haenn discussed his new book, "Fort Clark and Brackettville, Texas; Land of Heroes," during a recent Brackettville Rotary Club meeting.

It is being published by Arcadia Books, Images of America Series and will be available in the fall, perhaps sooner. Haenn had a mock-up of the book to show the audience.

Haenn is well known to this area as a historian, and he has the special talent for making history come alive when he speaks about it.

The book won't consist merely of a lot of words, however, Haenn has carefully researched and found photographs that cover his subject from the time the fort came into

existence to the day it was deactivated.

Haenn explained that he fell in love with Fort Clark the first time he crossed over the Las Moras Creek bridge, and that he never intends to leave here. Fortunately, he had neighbors whose interests in the fort were as avid as his own. Charles Downing, Ben Pingent and Don Swanson lived close by, and their energy, interest and knowledge fed his own. All three are no longer here, but their spirit undoubtedly lives on in Haenn.

The book features 220 photographs, many of which have never been published. The photos are drawn from the vast collections of Zach Davis, Virginia Shahan, William Warrior and Chris Hale, who now owns Pingent's collection. Haenn

remarked that each photograph was carefully chosen for its ability to tell the story. Each caption fully explains its picture.

The book is divided into nine chapters.

The first chapter is about the spring — it was the reason for the selection of the site for the fort and is responsible for the existence of Brackettville. As Haenn puts it, "The spring is the source. Water is the life blood of human existence."

Other chapters include one on the Buffalo Soldiers, the first and the second World War, and the quiet time in between.

Two Rotarians are among those pictured in the book — Allen Krieger and James T. "Happy" Shahan.

Krieger, now deceased, was the first sergeant of the Military Band.

After his Army service, Krieger settled in Brackettville, married Mary Helen Hunt and became a prominent citizen of the town. He joined the newly formed Rotary Club shortly after returning from World War II.

Rotarians are proud of the fact that Shahan, the icon of the Texas film industry, was a charter member of the Brackettville Rotary Club, founded almost 60 years ago.

He created Alamo Village after John Wayne filmed "The Alamo" on the Shahan ranch. Shahan's accomplishments are too vast to list.

The governor of the state of Texas declared April 12, 1995 as Happy Shahan Day. Pictures of Shahan and other photos from the archives of Alamo Village are in the book.

## Briefs ...

### DAR installs McKelvy as chapter's regent

Pat McKelvy of Brackettville was recently installed as the 24th regent of Uvalde de las Encinas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The installing officer was Becky Danchak of Canyon Lake.

Other officers installed were Janie Van Hoozer, vice regent; B. E. Carmichael, chaplain; Betty Lawrence, recording secretary; Phyllis Janes, corresponding secretary; Edith Frazell, treasurer; Joan Davis, registrar, Louise Stone, also from Brackettville, historian; Shirley Cabada, librarian; and Charlotte Alcala, curator.

Pasty Edwards, retiring regent, was appointed parliamentarian. Committee chairmen appointed by the newly elected regent were: June Smith, American Heritage; Jan Chism of Brackettville, Chapter Achievement Award; Billie Jean Davis, DAR Good Citizen; Alice Hicks, DAR Schools; Joan Davis, Genealogical Records; Billie Franklin, Membership; Freida Rogers, National Defense; and Janie Van Hoozer, Programs.

The Uvalde chapter will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in September. The Daughters of the American Revolution is open to any female over the age of 18 years who can prove that her lineal ancestor contributed to or fought for the cause of America's freedom in the War of Rebellion. The local area chapter meetings are held September through May.



Pat McKelvy

### Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Reauthorized In New Farm Bill

With the passage of the 2002 Farm Bill, farmers and ranchers now have the opportunity to install needed conservation practices on their property with assistance from EQIP. Producers who request assistance will be able to use programs funds in the first year of the conservation contract. Further the program increases total payment amounts to \$450,000 per individual for the life of the new Farm Bill at 75% cost share.

Of benefit to many producers is the cost share incentive for defined limited resource or beginning farmers and ranchers. These qualified producers may be eligible for up to 90% cost share for needed conservation practices. Final rules for qualified producers are pending.

Interested landowners should contact their local representative for NRCS located in their county USDA Service Center. Applications for the 2002 funding pe-

riod are now being accepted through June 28, 2002. Kinney County producers should contact the Uvalde FSA office for initial sign up at (830) 278-9197.

Additional information is available on the USDA web site at <http://www.usda.gov/farmbill>.

### Directors seek GM's resignation

Continued from Page 1  
petition to be removed from the board — if they had signed the petition and if they were actively recruiting members' signatures.

"Yes, I have signed the petition and yes, I have asked others if they wish to sign," Mona Miller said.

"I did this because I believe the Board of Directors has been derelict in its duties to represent the members of the association who elected them.

"As far as I know, Fort Clark

### To Tanner With Love

But I could be wrong  
By Chuck Hall

I built my second cradle for a grandchild. It will house my third grandchild, Tanner. His arrival is expected in late July. I know Charlie and Terry are going to cherish him.

When I finished it and stood

back and cried.

I guess I'm just too sentimental. But I know with any luck at all, those two trundle beds will last for many generations. I made it out of oak. I like to use oak for interior building projects. It's hard and will last for years.

Long after my time in this world is gone, there will be something around to remind my descendants of one of their ancestors.

I was so proud of what I had built that I ask several people to come look at it before I took it to my daughter's home. Many suggested that I put my name on the crib somewhere. And date it. I don't want to.

I guess I'm crazy, but if Tanner, and those that follow to use his bed, don't ask often enough about its origin, then my signature won't mean anything any way.

I hope that he'll want to know who made the cradle. But if he doesn't it won't matter. Somebody, sometime, is bound to forget who I was. And that's OK. I made it as much for me as I did for him. But I could be wrong.

### Goodies from G.G.

Please! No longer think "Just a potato"! They work wonders. Huh?

1. Too much salt in your soup?

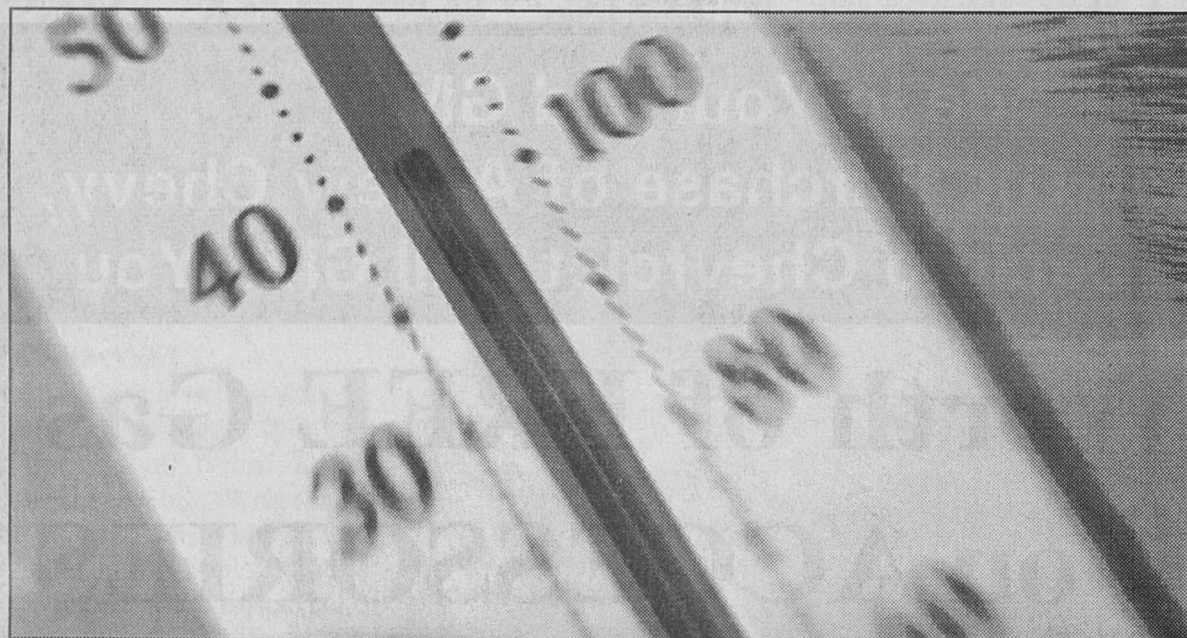
Add potato "Chunks" (cut differently than other wise in use), simmer 30 min. Discard them and serve soup.

2. Cold potato slices will cause fat that's swimming on top of soup or gravy to cling to it.

3. Ever burned or scorched your potatoes?

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May God bless each of you  
Helen Smith and Family

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# BISD changes fiscal year Briefs ...

*Making a Difference*  
By Taylor Stephenson

Brackett ISD has changed its fiscal year to July 1 through June 30. This is a major change from Sept. 1 through Aug. 31. As a result, our budget has to be prepared and put into place before July 1.

Dixie Brown, assisted by office personnel, has been very busy the past few weeks preparing for this major change.

The public budget hearing will be held Monday night at 6 in the boardroom.

Changes in the fiscal year will allow BISD to align all fiscal years to include federal programs.

For years, there have been problems with federal programs ending June 30. The budget year of 2002-03 will correct this problem. We're excited about the change.

### Roofing Underway

Roofing is going full blast at BISD. The first buildings to be roofed were the auditorium and

the high school annex. Built up roofing with gravel will be on this roof. The round section of the gyms will be metal.

Also to be roofed is the school administration building and Jones Elementary. Later in the summer, we'll put together a roofing package for the new high school, technology building, school library and some of the other smaller buildings. We're anxious to get this project completed.

### Hot and Dry

It's hot and dry in Brackettville. I suspect that the summer months always are. We need moisture. We're doing better than San Antonio, which has had only one-tenth of an inch in June. Rain can't be too far off.

### Summer School

Summer school and the cafeteria summer program will end at the end of next week. We've had good attendance. The lunchroom is open for breakfast and lunch.

Our county library has had superb programs all summer

long. I'm pleased with the program given to the children of Brackettville.

### FCS Sesquicentennial

I have received word of the 150th anniversary celebration at Fort Clark Springs. This is the sesquicentennial celebration of Fort Clark, from 1852 to 2002.

Congratulations to Fort Clark Springs for maintaining the historical buildings of Fort Clark for the years following the closing of the fort.

Teachers new to the area continue to love what they see at Fort Clark. There is a statewide shortage of teachers, and we can use all the help that we can get.

I hope someday to see a fort where the complaining ends, and we can work together to solve problems.

### "The Glory Road"

I urge you to support the production of "The Glory Road" this weekend. These folks have been rehearsing for months. I know it will be a great show. Have a great week!

## Basketball camp is set for July 15-19

The 2002 Brackett Tiger basketball camp will be from 9 a.m. to noon on July 15-19 at the high school gym. The camp is open to boys entering the fifth through ninth grades.

Campers will learn the fundamentals of basketball — dribbling, passing and shooting — basic defensive techniques and will participate in games. The cost of the camp is \$30, and late registration is \$35. All participants will receive a camp T-shirt.

To ensure that campers receive a T-shirt, they are encouraged to register by July 8. Checks should be made out to Ricky Creel and can be sent to Creel at P.O. Box 1843, Brackettville, TX 78832.

## Annual volleyball camp begins July 1

The Fifth Annual Tigerette Volleyball Camp for students in fifth through ninth grades is on July 1-4 from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

There is a \$25 fee, which includes a T-shirt. Campers will learn passing, setting and spiking techniques, offense and defense, and how to have fun playing volleyball. Registration is due by June 28. For more information, call Dusty Brotherton at 563-3303.

## Brackett ISD Activity Calendar

Thursday, June 20  
ESL DEC Visit, Tennis Camp, Session 1: 5-7:00 PM, Session 2: 7-9:00 PM  
Monday, June 24  
6:00 PM Budget Public Hearing/Special Mtg., Board of Trustees

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# Praise "Shake off the devil" Shelter in the Storm

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By Pastor Charlotte Corey

St. John's Missionary Church  
By Rev. William P. Adams Sr.

Praise ye the Lord, Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power. Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness. Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp. Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs. Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals. Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord. Psalms 150.

Can you take the heat? Vipers can't. When Paul was on the island Malta, Paul put a bundle of sticks on a fire and a viper came out of the wood because of the heat and fastened on his hand. This was the kind of viper whose venomous bite you would die from in just a few seconds. The others with him quickly judged him and determined that Paul was receiving justice for something he had done wrong. But Paul did what we need to do when attacked by Satan, "He shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm." (Acts 28:5)

When we "shake off the devil", we do it by using the word of God. Paul overcame because: 1) Paul was being obedient to where God wanted him to be [Acts 27:23-26] 2) He was doing what God wanted him to do. [Acts 27:21] 3) Paul stayed in a constant state of self-examination and repentance of sin. [Romans 8:12-18, 2: 3-6, 7:19] 4) Paul trusted in the power of Jesus living inside him [Colosians 1:13-14, Romans 10:17, Mark 16:18] 5) Paul trusted the power of God's word. [Luke 4:4, Ephesians 6:1, Hebrews 4:12] 6) Paul did not fear death. [Acts 21:13, Romans 8:35-

39, 2 Timothy 2: 8-9, 11-12, Rev. 1:18]. So, when the devil tries to take hold of you and take your life, "Shake Him Off". "Resist the devil and he will flee from you. (James 4:7), but remember to submit to God. "Shake off the devil" when he tries to lie to you. (John 8:44) "Shake off the devil" when he comes to destroy you, (John 10:10, Matthew 10:28, 1 John 5:4, Romans 8:37) "Shake off the devil" by using the full armor of God (Ephesians 6:11-19). You can take the heat because "No weapon formed against you shall prosper." (Isaiah 54:17). Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

By Rev. Brother J  
Contributing Writer

air conditioner was still keeping us cool, and the windows kept the dust and, soon the mud, from getting us dirty. It was a picture of the way God sometimes warns us to keep out of storms, (Exodus 20:3-17) but then other times we are put into a storm with His protection and His eye on us the whole time. (Psalm 46:1-3 & II Samuel 22:2,3) If there are storms in your life, make sure to get out of it if it is one you were warned about. If it is one you were put into without choice look for God's protection and peace. See you in church Sunday.

## It's your choice

Empowering Families  
By Dr. Donald Smith

don't want to hear it." "Just listen please," Yvette continued. "You are old enough to make the decision about which parent you want to live with. If you decide to go live with your Dad, I'll allow it on one condition; that you come here to visit me at least two weekends a month, more often if you wish. It's your choice. I realize that I'm being selfish by not allowing you to go and I've justified it by saying that it's for your own good. Your dad and I disagree on many things but I know he loves you just as much as I do. Down deep in my heart I want you to love your dad. I'm going to support your decision in every way that I can. This column is brought to you by the St. Henry deOsso Family Project working in Brackettville to strengthen family, faith and education.

"Why can't I go live with Dad? I'm old enough to make my own decision." Janet yelled. Yvette got up from the table and left the room knowing she couldn't continue the fight. "We'll talk in a little while," said Yvette, trying to stay calm and hide her emotions. "I've got to think and pray," she said to herself. She decided to pray at the church for a while. She remembered how peaceful it was when nobody was there but herself and God. At home later, she walked into Janet's room. Janet looked away and then turned up the stereo. Yvette pulled the plug out of the wall and calmly sat down beside her defiant daughter. "I've given this a lot of thought, Honey," she began. "Mom," Janet yelled, "I

## The Heroes of 2001 Stamp Unveiling Ceremony

The United States Post Office and the Daughters of the Republic of Texas combined their efforts in honoring The Heroes of 2001 in an impressive Stamp Unveiling Ceremony held Friday, June 7, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. in front of the Alamo Shrine in San Antonio. Representing Caddell-Smith chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, were Priscilla Montgomery and Pat McKelvy. Master of Ceremonies Manny Arguello, postmaster of the San Antonio post office, gave the Welcoming Address. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Ronnie Adams of the San Antonio Fire Department. Posting of the Colors was by the San Antonio Police Department Honor Guard.

Virginia Van Cleave, President General Daughters of the Republic of Texas, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. Valerie Ramos sang the National Anthem. The Heroes of 2001 stamp shows the now well known photograph of the firefighters hoisting the flag atop the rubble of the World Trade Center towers in New York City. The Heroes of 2001 semipostal stamp honors the American heroes who responded to the terrorist attacks of September 11. It offers a way to provide assistance to the families of emergency relief personnel who died or were permanently disabled in the line of duty. The price of the semipostal

stamp is 45 cents. The net proceeds from the surcharge (the amount in excess of the current First-Class letter rate) will be transferred to the Federal Emergency Management Agency in accordance with the 9/11 Heroes Stamp Act of 2001. The community of San Antonio and the neighboring areas united in spirit to celebrate and honor our local modern day heroes. It was felt fitting that those heroes be recognized at the Shrine of Texas Liberty, the Alamo. Area fire fighters, EMS technicians, police, and law enforcement officers put their lives on the line daily as they strive to make our communities a safer place to live. This stamp is a tribute to our present heroes and

serves as a reminder of the relentless spirit and resolve of our protectors. This is the second U.S. semipostal postage stamp. The first was issued in 1998 to benefit breast cancer research, and has raised more than \$25.6 million to date. The Heroes stamp will remain on sale until December 31, 2004. Unveiling of Heroes of 2001 Stamp was done by Manny Arguello, postmaster; Albert Ortiz, San Antonio chief of police; and Rodney Hitzfelder, deputy chief of the San Antonio Fire Department. Each of the three spoke briefly prior to the unveiling. Following the ceremonies refreshments were served in the Calvary Courtyard of the Alamo Complex.

## Local Border Patrol Agents capture national

Monday, June 10, Border Patrol Agents from the Carrizo Springs Station recovered the body of a deceased Mexican National. Wednesday, June 12, agents from the Brackettville Station apprehended a national of Mexico on Highway 131 about 25 miles south of Brackettville, Texas. The individual reported he had been traveling with two others when one of the men was bitten by a snake. Agents searched the area where the two were left, with support from Del Rio Sector Air Operations, but, were unable to find the subject. Thursday, June 13, agents from the Brackettville Station performing freight train check

observed an unidentified male jump from the top container of a stack of two containers. The individual was found to have a broken ankle. Local emergency medical technicians were called, and transported the man to an area hospital. Also Thursday, agents from the Del Rio Station at the Highway 277 checkpoint performing an immigration check of passengers of a northbound bus detained a Legal Resident Alien who had an outstanding arrest warrant for failure to appear on a felony driving while intoxicated charge. Individual was turned over to local law enforcement authorities for extradition. Friday, June 14, agents from the Del Rio Sta-

tion at the Highway 277 checkpoint detained a woman who had an outstanding arrest warrant from the Department of Public Safety. She was turned over to local law enforcement authorities for extradition. Sunday, June 16, agents from the Brackettville Station patrolling Highway 90 one mile west of Brackettville provided assistance to a stranded motorist. When one of the vehicle occupants complained of chest

pains, agents called the local emergency medical service. The individual was transported to an area hospital for treatment. Also Sunday, agents from the Del Rio Station encountered three individuals walking on FM 2523 near Del Rio. One of the individuals complained of stomach cramps and asked for medical assistance. Emergency medical service personnel responded and transported the individual to an area hospital for treatment.

## County agrees to program

Continued from Page 1 state to participate in the program. By restricting a violator's ability to renew their drivers license, the political subdivision has an effective tool to enforce their Class C violations. "As soon as OmniBase gets notification, they contact DPS and DPS puts in their data-bank that the person is driving while their license is invalid," Ford said. "If this person is still not picked up on the highway, they will not be able to renew their license until their warrants are taken care of. "The counties and the municipalities have problems collecting. They are essentially a collection agency for municipalities and counties. When we write a ticket, it doesn't go in the state data-bank. We have to rely on our own checks and balances. "No matter where they go to renew their license, they won't be able to. The state is kicking in to help counties and municipalities take care of these warrants," he added. A violator is charged \$30, which includes \$20 for the state, \$6 for OmniBase and \$4 for the county. "There is no cost to us, except to install the software program," Ford said. "We get the program for nothing from OmniBase, so it doesn't cost us anything." There are currently 425 cities and 125 counties participating in the Failure to Appear Program. Since the program began in late 1996, more than 1.4 million offenses have been entered into the database administered by OmniBase Ser-

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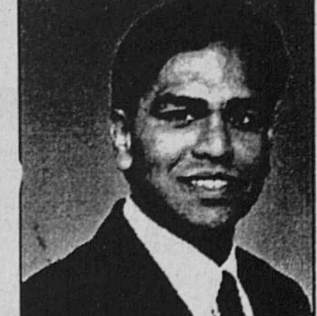
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Tuesday, September 10, 2002 in Laredo  
WHERE: Laredo, TX: Texas Department of Transportation, District Office  
District Meeting Room  
1817 Bob Bullock Loop  
Laredo, TX 78043  
TIMES: Both Meetings begin at 2:00pm in Laredo  
The Texas Department of Transportation is holding this workshop to discuss the Public Transportation Section 5310 Grants. This grant is for the provision of transportation services meeting the special needs of the elderly and persons with disabilities. TxDOT's goal is to promote the availability of professional, cost-effective, efficient, and coordinated passenger transportation services to elderly and disabled persons using the most efficient combination of financial and other resources. Interested candidates for this grant in Val Verde, Dimmit, Maverick, Kinney, Zavala, La Salle, Duval and Webb County should contact Mr. Omar Cantu, Public Transportation Coordinator, by telephone at 956-712-7438, by E-Mail at oacantu1@dot.state.tx.us or in writing at Texas Department of Transportation, Public Transportation, 1817 Bob Bullock Loop, Laredo, Texas 78043. Applications will be made available at TxDOT's Laredo District Office, 1817 Bob Bullock Loop, Laredo, Texas 78043. Applications will be accepted beginning May 31, 2002 through August 2, 2002.  
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1817 Bob Bullock Loop  
Laredo, TX 78043  
TIEMPO: Las dos juntas en Laredo comienza ha las 2:00pm  
El Departamento de Transportation de Texas (TxDOT) esta organizando una reunion para discutir acerca de la concesion de fondos de Transportation Publica Seccion 5310. Esta concesion economica es para proveer servicios de Transportation necesarias para personas de edad avanzada asi como tambien para personas desahilitadas. El objetivo de TxDOT es promover la disponibilidad de servicios profesionales, eficientes, economicos y organizados de servicios de transportation de pasajeros de edad avanzada y personas desahilitadas usando la mas eficiente combinacion de recursos y financiera. Candidatos interesados para fondos en los condados de Val Verde, Dimmit, Maverick, Kinney, Zavala, La Salle, Duval y Webb deben de llamar al 956-712-7438 con el Sr. Omar Cantu, Coordinador de Transporte Publico, para mayor informacion o por E-Mail al oacantu1@dot.State.tx.us, o en escrito al: Departamento de Transporte de Texas, Transporte Publico, 1817 Bob Bullock Loop, Laredo, Texas 78043. Attn: Sr. Omar Cantu. Se puede obtener la aplicacion en la oficina del Departamento de Transportes de Laredo, 1817 Bob Bullock Loop, Laredo, Texas 78043. Las solicitudes seran aceptada empezando el dia 31 de Mayo ano 2002 hasta el dia 2 de Agosto del ano 2002.  
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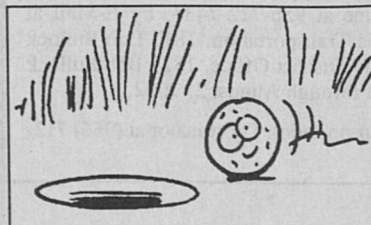
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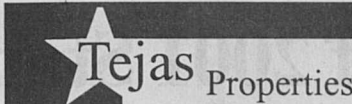


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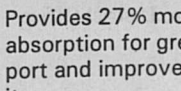
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