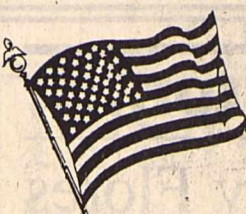


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## CiviGenics detention center update

By Ella Chambers  
Contributing Writer

Bob Prince, Southwest regional Director, CiviGenics Corporation, updated the Rotarians on the detention center planned for Brackettville at their January 20, 2000 luncheon. Prince is a retired Texas Ranger with over 35 years of criminal justice and law enforcement experience, having retired when he realized his take home pay was going to be the same regardless of whether he retired or continued to work.

While based in Houston, one of his duties was to speak before high school students concerning modern day law enforcement. After one such talk, a student asked for his autograph and then asked if he was a player or a

coach.

CiviGenics, private company, offers a wide range of professional detention, incarceration and rehabilitation services in 103 facilities in 18 states. The three fundamental principles are public safety, reduction of recidivism and system efficiencies and cost control. They are involved in jail operations and management, drug testing and offender surveillance, licensed substance abuse treatment as well as community corrections and work release programs.

In Texas, CiviGenics manages four county-owned facilities under the authority and supervision of the local sheriffs and County Commissioners Court. Over 1,400 inmates are held under intergovernmental agreements with

the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and the U.S. Marshall Service.

The Kinney County project is about a 20 million-dollar project and since it is a private company, funds are not as readily available. Once finished, the Kinney County facility will be under federal control with a staff 120-130 and designed for both male and female prisoners with slightly over 500 beds. Financial arrangements, while complicated due to private funding requirements are about completed. Projected payroll for the Kinney County facility approximately 2.5 million-dollars annually and operational costs are planned at 6 million dollars, which does not include the payment made to the County in taxes.



Pictured above left: Jim Owen Operation Manager Jail Division and Bob Prince, Southwest Regional Director of CiviGenics Corporation attended Rotary luncheon on January 20th.

## Briefs ...

### Arts Council Sponsors Blasmusik Texas

The Kinney County Arts Council is sponsoring "The Texas All-State German Band" (also known as Blasmusik Texas) in concert on February 18th and 19th. The Friday, Feb. 18th performance will be in the Brackett ISD auditorium for the school children of Brackettville. On Saturday, Feb. 19th, the concert will be presented in the Civic Center in a "German Beer Garden" setting at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 per person.

### FCS Bridge Club

Fort Clark Springs Duplicate Bridge Club met January 18th with 6 tables present.

Winners were: N/S 1. Harry Jones and Ruth Potter 2. Ella Chambers and Sara Richhart and 3. James and Flo Stafford. E/W 1. Molly Schroeder and Carol Benfield 2. Ken and Betty TeGrotenhuis and Alice Searegant and Joyce Bell.

Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club met January 25th with 6 tables playing the Mitchell Movement.

Winners were: N/S 1/ Bob Barnett and Mary Edgar 2. Fred and Nita Clayton 3. Ruth Potter and Sara Richhart. E/W 1. Mona Miller and Dena Scott 2. Betty Schlatterer and Joyce Bell 3. Laverne Schaffer and Ann Watts.

### Agents seize 93 lbs of marijuana

Del Rio, Texas- U.S. Border Patrol Agents from the Uvalde Station seized 93.4 pounds of marijuana Tuesday, January 4, 2000, while performing an immigration check at the Cline Border Patrol Checkpoint.

A total of 19 bundles of marijuana were located. The marijuana, valued at \$74,800, and the driver, were turned over to the Multi-Agency Drug Task Force in Eagle Pass.

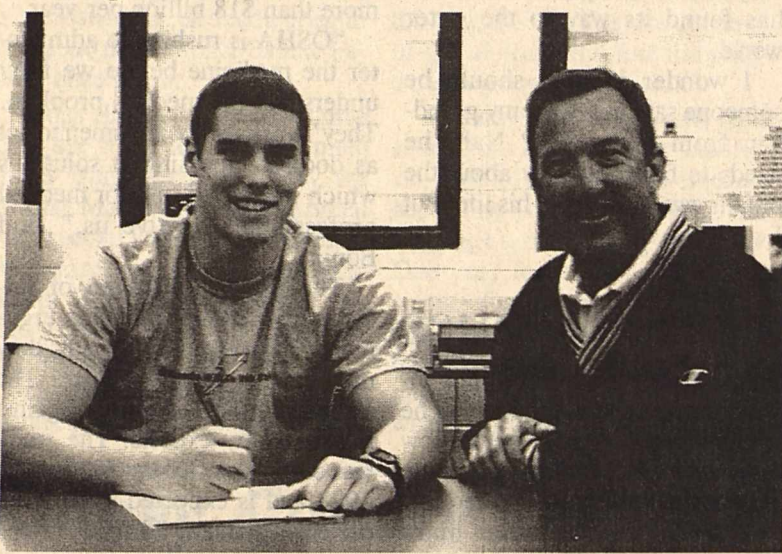
### Del Rio Sector Monthly Statistics

Del Rio-The following is a recap of the Del Rio Sector Border Patrol activities during January 2000.

Abilene-124, Brackettville-2,748, Carrizo Springs-2,729, Comstock-181, Del Rio-3,391, Eagle Pass-9,467, Llano-150, Rocksprings-238, San Angelo-199, Uvalde-1,127. Sector total-20,354 and other than Mexicans-551 (Included in above station/sector totals).

Drug seizures-Marijuana seized (pounds)-3,898.89. The value of marijuana seized was \$3,159,110.40.

## Hagler commits to Sam Houston State



Pictured above left: Steven Hagler and Coach David Yeager.

On Wednesday February 2, Steven Hagler signed a letter of intent for a full scholarship to play football and attend school at Sam

Houston State University.

This division I-AA school is located in Huntsville, Texas which is approximately 70 miles north

of Houston, Texas.

The 6'4" 225 pound offensive lineman/defensive end was a unanimous ALL-District pick his junior and senior year while also earning District 30-AA Defensive MVP in 1999. Hagler was named Honorable Mention ALL-State Defensive Lineman in 1999. He was captain for the 1999 Tigers while leading them to a 8-3 record his junior year and a 7-4 record his senior year.

In 1998 Hagler was also ALL-District offensive lineman/defensive end, named to the ALL-District Basketball team, honorable mention for Baseball, and named Male Athlete of the Year.

The SHSU football coaching staff is extremely excited about having Steven sign on with their program and look forward to his explosive play-making abilities.

## RGEC to hold blood drive

Give the gift of life. Give Blood! Come out and support the Rio Grande Electric Co-Op Blood Drive on Wednesday, February 9th from 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM.

The South Texas Blood & Tissue Center (STBTC) will be set up in the Line Man's Room. Blood donors are sweethearts! All donors will be eligible for a drawing for one night at Beauregard House B&B in San Antonio, dinner for two at Polo's at the Fairmount Hotel, 3 hours of limo service, and flowers in room to take home. South Texas is currently under desperate need for blood. Have a heart! Come out and donate!

The whole community, as well as family and friends are welcome to participate in this blood drive. Remember that donating blood makes life possible for the many patients who depend on your heroic actions of donating blood for life support. Every year the need for blood donations rises 1%,

while every year the amount of blood donations drops 1%. Anyone 17 years or older, who weighs at least 110 pounds, and is in good general health may donate blood. Blood can be donated every eight weeks as the body quickly replaces the blood that was given.

Donors should eat plenty of iron-rich foods such as fresh fruits and vegetables, and low-fat meats and drink plenty of fluids prior to donating. This will help ensure that the donor's blood iron level is at an acceptable level.

The STBTC asks all donors to present some form of identification before beginning the donation process. Proper identification should include the donor's name plus one of the following: date of birth, Social Security number, or photo identification.

For more information or to sign up to save lives, please contact Karen Bizzell at 830-563-2444.

## Firearms accidents decline

Newtown, Conn. - Accidental firearms fatalities in Texas have declined by 47 percent since 1987, according to the National Safety Council. The state's decline has helped contribute to an overall reduction in accidental fatalities, which are at their lowest since record keeping began in 1903.

Texas reported 79 fatalities in 1996, the most recent year for state accident totals available from the National Safety Council. In 1987, Texas reported 149 accidental deaths due to firearms.

Thirty-three states showed a decline in fatal firearms accidents, 14 states showed increases and three states had no change in the ten-year comparisons. Fourteen states had double-digit declines.

"The significant drop in firearms accidents underscores the importance and effectiveness of numerous firearms safety and education programs that have been in

place for many years," Bob Delfay, president and CEO of the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), an industry trade association of manufacturers, distributors and retailers that promotes firearms safety. "We should recognize the contributions of the nation's 75,000 volunteer hunter safety instructors, NRA instructors, Boy Scout and 4-H instructors, and many other volunteers who contribute their time to bring safety courses and messages to groups and individuals."

Utah, Hawaii and Delaware paced the nation with zero fatalities in 1996.

The safety council report provides state-by-state statistics from '96 and national statistics from 1998.

National figures at all-time low

The number of fatal firearms accidents in the nation reached an

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## Melton to continue as county chairperson for Republican Party

By Dottie Cruz  
Staff Writer

The Kinney County Civic Center will be the location for the March 14th Republican Primary where voters from all 4 precincts will cast their vote for the candidates to represent their party in the November 7th General Election.

Having all four polling places in one location is acceptable as long as they are in different locations throughout the civic center.

"We will use four different parts of the building and I have my crew all lined out, they're very experienced and they should all be in place," said Ray Melton.

Melton is the Chairperson for the Republican Party here in Kin-

ney County. He's also a rancher and the pastor of the local Church of Christ.

In December Melton expressed doubts that he would be able to continue being the party chairperson mainly because he lives so far from town and it's difficult for him to commit the time the job requires. He spoke of two potential replacements that may have been interested in taking over for him, but after speaking with the Secretary of States' Office he found he couldn't quit at this time.

"I couldn't do it because I was duly elected so I couldn't quit," Melton said. "I'm going to go all the way through with it - it's not that difficult once you have a few things lined out."

The party has one candidate

running for local office. Tully Shahan will be listed on the Republican ballot for County Attorney.

Other people inquired about running on the Republican ballot for local offices up for election, but Melton couldn't allow them in the primary.

"I had one or two ask me about it, but it was after the deadline," said Melton. "They can come in as a write in for the November general election, they have to go through the Judge's office."

Because the majority of the county votes in the democratic primary, Melton is concerned about the Republican Party being misunderstood by the voters.

"Usually it's easier to get elected here as a democrat. But, I think if people really know you're working hard for the local people, you have integrity, you do your work and you're good to people usually the people will vote for that person," explained Melton.

Republicans have had better turnouts here when state and national offices are on the ballot. Melton desires the number to increase on the local level so people will have a choice.

"As soon as the fog clears, I'll probably contribute a few things to the paper about the basic differences. A different view of how we accomplish the same goals, what the Republican Party is about," said Melton. "Once people hear that, they're probably going to find they basically agree with it more than they know."

Sometimes the party is viewed as being cold, callous and uncaring and Melton is concerned this may be effecting potential candidates from running on the Republican ticket.

"We have been accused of being against the poor, not caring

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## Foundation preparation begins on EMS building

By Dottie Cruz  
Staff Writer

Jack Hill received the notice to proceed last Friday and didn't waste any time getting started on the construction of the new EMS building.

Hill has 180 consecutive calendar days to complete the job. The projected completion date is August 8, 2000, barring any delays beyond Hill's control.

Subcontracted construction workers from Prieto & Sons Construction started laying the forms and digging the footings for the foundation on Monday. The concrete should be poured sometime next week.

"The concrete, hopefully, will be done by next week. It all depends on the weather," said Sixco Prieto, Jr.

Potential problems could be extremely cold temperatures or excessive rain.

Plumbers are due to lay the

pipes for the plumbing by the end of this week.

On November 15th 1999 Architect Carlos C. Flores, Sr., of Flores Architects, Inc was issued authorization to deliver a Notice to Proceed to the Jack Hill Construction Company when soil tests and the pad were completed.

Geo Tech from Del Rio performed soil tests and rated the soil at 100 percent compatibility, with 95 percent being the acceptable percentage.

"Geo Tech and Ira West from Hill Construction said whoever constructed the pad did a superb job, the construction and compaction were perfect," said Judge Herb Senne. "You know that was our Road and Bridge Crew, they did a great job."

There will be a ground breaking ceremony held at the site on Monday February 14th at 9:00 a.m., before Commissioners Court begins.



Pictured above are construction workers from Prieto & Sons Construction Company laying the forms and digging the footings for the foundation of the new EMS building.

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Letters to the Editor.....

Congratulations Mary Flores

I would like to congratulate Mary Flores, Kinney County Democratic Chairwoman. She has performed her duties in a professional manner as the highest ranking elected official in the county during the primary. She has a myriad of responsibilities and has attended the Secretary of State Election Law School. She works directly under the Secretary of State.

nent information. The county chair instructed everyone that came to her. She was helpful to all. She also sends them to the County Clerk whom she works closely with to file their Treasurer Report. They cannot campaign for funds etc. before filing this report.

Also, you have citizens reading bits and pieces of election law and all of a sudden they feel they are experts. Then they try to tell the County Chair what the law is. Mary Flores is well informed on what the law is. She knows that you have to read the section in its entirety to be able to grasp the interpretation of the law.

She was saddened by the fact that three of the potential candidates did not correctly fill out their petitions, therefore disqualifying themselves from running for office. Never the less, she had to go strictly by election law according to the Secretary of State.

Finally, I observed Mary Flores day after day performing her duties as county chair. Certainly Kinney County realizes what they have in this intelligent, competent woman.

As a former county chair, I know that each form has a purpose and every blank space must be filled out according to specifications. Therefore a potential candidate should get their applications and petitions from the county chair. It is part of her job to instruct them-as to how they should fill out the forms and other perti-

For the sake of the community, she really wishes that people would shake hands and work for the betterment of the community.

Lee McHugh

I did not eliminate anyone

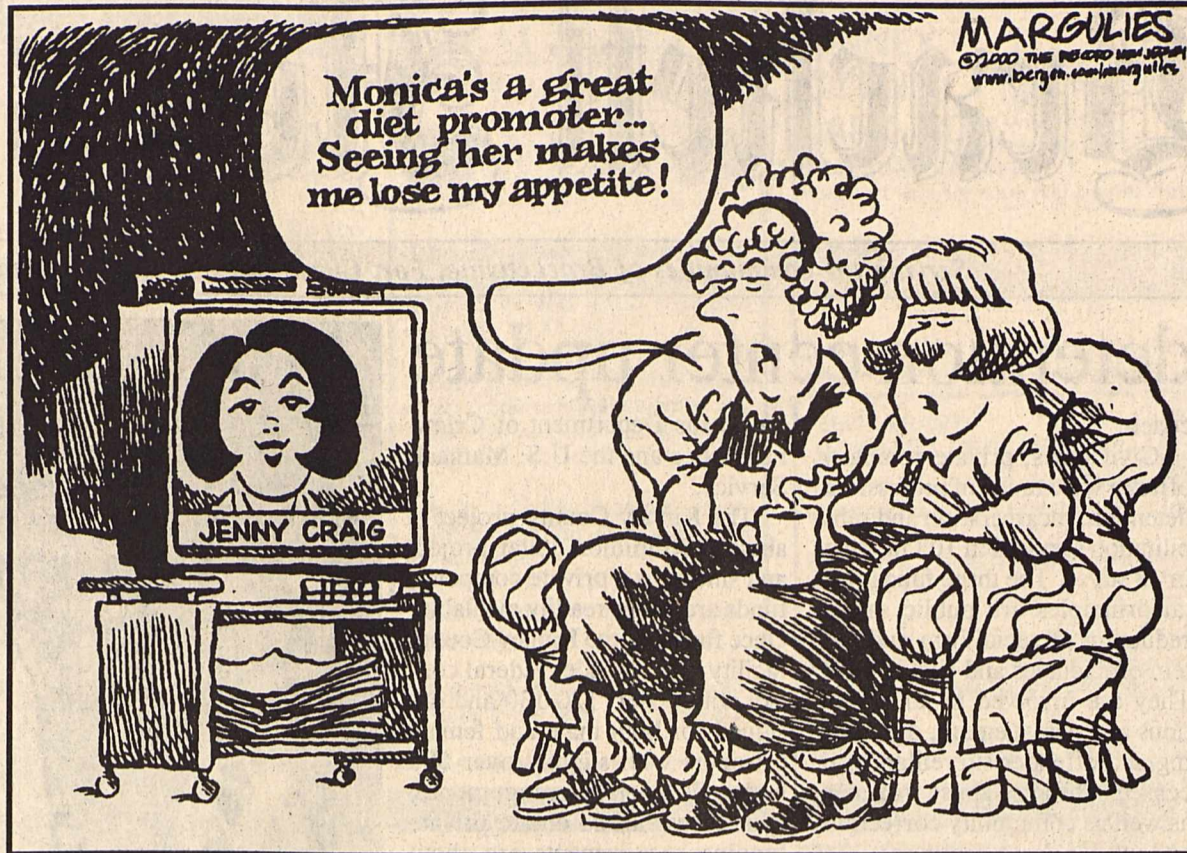
On January 13, 2000 an article was printed entitled "Primary Election turns ugly". The article stated that I, Nat Terrazas, had challenged all petitions for commissioner in Precinct 3 and was successful in eliminating one. The truth of the matter is that I did not challenge anyone of the petitions in my precinct. I was curious as to the reason why Norma Sandoval and Gregorio Juarez were being eliminated from the Primary Election.

I was told the reasons why and that one of my opponents had made similar mistakes as those who were being eliminated.

So in conclusion, I did not attempt to (challenge) eliminate anyone of my opponents for commissioner of precinct 3 like the article stated.

Nat Terrazas

Editors Note: The information used in the aforementioned article was obtained from the Democratic County Chairperson.



Who Invents These Things?

I could be wrong!  
By Chuck Hall

I guess it's because my grandson is growing up that I find myself looking at things he might use while wandering the isles of stores and pondering about the practicality of toys and gadgets useful to babies. But a couple of these items have really caught my attention.

The first one is a device that had to have been devised by someone who truly hated kids. I don't know what you call it but it's designed to help babies go from the sucking stage of their young lives

to the drinking era. It resembles a cup with a lopsided funnel attached to the top containing holes in the end.

Now that'll definitely break a kid from sucking. The first time he draws on that sucker he'll likely choke to death.

Then when he progresses past that cruel contraption, we have another waiting for him. One that will surely warp his personality forever and cause his mother many hours of anguish and torment. This one is called a "Tommy-Tippee". Oh, yes. This clever apparatus is

a cup with a rounded, hemisphere bottom.

There is no way it can possibly remain in an upright position for any length of time. Once touched, it has to spill its contents. It will always return to a plumb post, but only after the liquid it contained has found its way to the outer world.

I wonder if there should be someone safe guarding my grandson from such evils? Nah, he needs to find out early about the pitfalls awaiting him in his life. But I could be wrong.

Tax bill cultivates farm and ranch tax priorities

Submitted by  
Kay Bailey Hutchison

Beloved American writer E.B. White, author of Charlotte's Web, lived on a farm in North Brooklin, Maine. Some years ago he observed that, "Farming is about 20 percent agriculture and 80 percent mending something that got busted." The same could be said of the federal tax code.

Several "busted" parts of the tax code have a particularly adverse affect on farmers and ranchers. The taxpayer refund bill approved by Congress earlier this month and sent to the President for his signature would provide farmers and ranchers with tools they can use to manage the extreme, year-to-year fluctuations in income that are a hallmark of agriculture.

Risk Management: Prime among the provisions aimed at agriculture is the creation of Farm and Ranch Risk Management (FARRM) accounts that can be used to even out the extreme, year-to-year fluctuations in income that are a hallmark of agriculture.

Setting aside funds for unprofitable years is difficult for agriculture producers because farm income is needed for operating expenses and to purchase supplies for the next production cycle. Under the FARRM provision of the tax bill, farmers and ranchers could reserve 20 percent of their net farm income in a tax-deferred FARRM account. Funds could be left in the account for up to five years, a risk management strategy that would help ease some of the pain caused by weather or market-related disasters.

Combined with last year's legislation allowing permanent income averaging for agriculture producers when they prepare their federal tax returns, FARRM accounts provide another tool to help farmers and ranchers.

Phase out of death tax: Another element of the tax bill that would be of great benefit to farmers and ranchers is its phasing out of the death tax (estate tax) by the year 2009. According to the Farm Bureau, individuals, family partnerships or family corporations own 99 percent of U.S. Farms. But the death tax can wipe out a family business - destroying a lifetime's worth of work - because taxes due at death often force the sale of farm and ranch assets. This drains capital from a business that is no longer viable, and these kinds of assets are hard to sell quickly, bringing only fire-sale prices.

Deductibility of health insur-

ance costs: Most farmers and ranchers are self-employed, and have to buy health insurance out of their own pockets. Because of high costs and low profit margins, many cannot afford high quality coverage or simply go without insurance. Current law allows the self employed to deduct only 60 percent of their health insurance premiums, although corporations that provide their employees' health insurance can deduct 100 percent of the cost. The taxpayer refund bill extends 100 percent deductibility to the self-employed next year.

Capital gains tax lowered: The taxpayer refund bill reduces the tax rate on capital gains to 18 percent and indexes assets for inflation. Agriculture is capital intensive. It requires a hefty investment in land, equipment and buildings to continue to produce what America and the rest of the world want to consume. Farmers and ranchers pay punitive capital gains taxes on inflationary - rather than real -

increases in the value of their investments, especially land. The taxpayer refund bill would allow farmers and ranchers to keep more of the money they've earned and reinvest it in ways that make American agriculture even more productive.

Agriculture plays a key role in the Texas economy. The taxpayer refund bill addresses some of agriculture's most pressing concerns, and would remove some of the largest roadblocks to stability and growth that are embedded in current law.

Thank you

The family of Edwin Leo Frerich would like to thank all of you for your prayers and kindness at the loss of Edwin, your sympathy and concern meant a great deal to us. All the beautiful flowers, cards, and food were greatly appreciated.

An Investment in a Better Texas

Submitted by  
Lt. Gov. Rick Perry

A robust Texas economy and visionary leadership have cleared the way for a series of tax credits that take effect at the beginning of the New Year.

Two new tax credits recognize the challenges that many working Texas families face in ensuring their young children are receiving adequate day care and appropriate supervision when school lets out.

Earlier this year the Texas Legislature passed, and Governor Bush signed, the after-school and day care tax credits for corporate and private citizens who contribute to after-school and day care programs.

Starting January 1, the benefit for corporations is that they can receive a tax credit on 30 percent of their contribution to an after-school program as long as it doesn't exceed 50 percent of their total franchise tax liability.

Private entities that make donations to after-school programs enable more children to receive the extra tutoring and mentoring they need. They also mean that parents can feel better about having to work at a job that requires them to stay at the office after school ends for the day.

But the benefits go far beyond friendly tax incentives. Corporations who contribute to after-

school programs are ensuring a better learning environment for our children, and an alternative to bad influences that seek to lead them into a life of crime, drugs and hopelessness. In essence, they are investing in brighter futures for their future employees.

State leaders also created a new day care tax credit enabling participating companies to claim 50 percent of their qualifying expenditure up to a maximum of \$50,000 or 90 percent of their franchise tax liability, whichever is less. This is an important investment for companies to consider making in their employees. They will have workers with peace of mind at the office who are more productive because they don't have to leave work or miss a day when their child is sick.

Three other new tax credits encourage continued investment in the jobs of the future based on technology and digital advances.

The research and development, job creation and investment tax credits were passed into law because state leaders recognize that a key component to continued growth and job creation in Texas is the lowering of tax barriers. Companies that spend in excess of current levels on research and development will qualify for a four percent credit in the year 2000 on those excess expenditures, and a five percent credit in the years fol-

OSHA deadline extended to March 2nd

Submitted by  
U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla, R-Texas, welcomed the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's decision today to wait a little longer before letting its ergonomics proposal become law. The deadline for public comment, originally slated for Tuesday, will be extended to March 2.

"A longer extension is really needed for a regulation of this magnitude, but I am pleased to see that OSHA has listened to the concerns of many of us both here in Congress and in the small business community," said Bonilla. "It is ridiculous to claim that 60 days is adequate time for small business owners to thoroughly review this 1000 page regulation."

Ergonomics refers to injuries caused by repeated motions. Under OSHA's proposal, about 1.6 million companies that employ workers in very physical jobs, such as production or manufacturing, would have to have a basic ergonomics program. While OSHA claims the regulation would cost around \$4 billion, the Small Business Administration estimates more than \$18 billion per year.

"OSHA is rushing to administer the medicine before we fully understand the medical problem. They're asking businessmen to act as doctors, guessing at solutions which we should wait for medical professionals to give us," said Bonilla.

The National Academy of Sciences is currently studying ergonomic injuries and any link they may have to the workplace. The administration has fought against this study by experts. The study was commissioned by Congress in 1998 and is expected to be completed in January 2001.

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U.S. Border Patrol Canine Instructor Senior Littering is unAWful  
Agent Victor Saucedo speaks at luncheon

By Frances McMaster  
Contributing Writer

The Brackettville Rotary Club met for lunch Thursday, January 28th and Senior Patrol Agent Victor Saucedo, Canine Instructor with the U.S. Border Patrol, spoke about his duties and about the dogs who are chosen to work in the Canine Units.

At the end of his talk, Agent Saucedo brought in his dog, Sonia, to meet the Rotarians. She was obviously delighted to accompany her trainer, and Saucedo brought some toys for her. One was (of all things) a PVC pipe, and one was an ordinary ball. The agent also showed us a portable water dish made of blue water proof material which unfolded to become a container.

Agent Saucedo came here from the El Centro Sector in California two years ago, but he came originally from Houston. To become a dog handler he had to take a five week course and pass a test. To become an instructor, he had to take a more intensive course of ten weeks and pass that test. Now, as an instructor, Saucedo goes to El Paso to the National Canine Facility once a year.

Dogs that serve in the Canine Unit are imported to the United States from Germany. They are Belgian Malinois, a working breed with special ability to track and to recognize scents. Saucedo said Sonia is tri-lingual since she knows commands in German, English and Spanish.

The Belgian Malinois is rather squarely built and has short,

straight hair. The breed is closely related to the Belgian Sheep Dog.

The dogs are first taught to recognize two drugs. More are introduced later, Saucedo believes a dog trained so intensely will carry the memory of those scents all of its life, but no chances are taken. Every two weeks the dogs are given refresher training.

The duties of the dog are the same as an agent in that they are taught to sign-cut and track on open ground and through brush. They are also used for other tasks such as finding people who are lost.

They regularly work at border crossings where their ability to find hidden narcotics is invaluable. The scent of drugs can not be disguised or hidden. A car in which marijuana has been smoked will retain the scent in the upholstery even when no longer exposed to it. Special compartments are sometimes built into cars or trucks to transport drugs across the border illegally, but even ones that are "air tight" can be found by the dogs. Smugglers sometimes use other odiferous substances thinking this will disguise the scent of illegal drugs and fool the drug-detecting dog, to no avail.

The dogs work the same eight to ten hour day that their handlers do, and it is hard work. Because the work is so demanding, the dogs age more quickly than pets. One year for a pet equals about seven of a human's. A working dog's year is nine or ten to one human year. Sometimes, the dogs must retire at four to six years of work. Ordinarily they work ten



Pictured above: (left) Senior Patrol Agent Victor Saucedo, Canine Instructor with the U.S. Border Patrol and his partner Sonia, a Belgian Malinois Canine.

years before retiring which gives them some years to enjoy retirement. Most handlers keep their retired dogs.

The Canine Unit consists of hard working, highly skilled, intelligent animals which are sometimes injured and even killed in the line of duty. Their service to the country is outstanding. We are indebted to these canines just as we are to the human Agents who patrol our borders.

Reminder From the Police Chief  
By Ron Ring

We have all seen the signs along the highways in Texas and for good reason. Imagine, if you will, driving along the road and everyone throwing their trash out of their car windows and letting it fall where it may.

Imagine people just driving out to the highway and stopping and throwing out a week's worth of household trash on the road in front of you. Imagine that this practice happens several times a day, now the road is completely blocked because of the trash littering it. Now imagine that along with regular old household trash, people begin to throw out old unwanted furniture, worn out automobile tires, animal skins and dead animals. Imagine what a mess that would be!

Well, you don't have to imagine any of the above mentioned atrocities, all you have to do is get in your car and drive over to the west side of town to an area commonly known as Coyote Hill and you can see all of this first hand. There are empty lots that have so much trash on them they

look like public dumps. There are even streets that are completely blocked off by trash thrown on them. To say the least, this type of behavior is disgraceful.

This trash dumping cannot be allowed to continue. Not only is it disgusting and helps create a health hazard, it is illegal. Did you know that you could be fined up to \$2000 for littering? That is a fact and if you are caught dumping trash illegally, you will be fined that amount.

The city owns and operates a trash collection site located just west of town behind the city annex building on Highway 90. Please take all of your trash to the collection site and dispose of it in the proper manner. By continuing to dump in unauthorized places you will only end up costing yourself more money. Sooner or later, all of the trash dumped along side of the road or on an empty lot will have to be cleaned up. That means tax dollars for all of us.

Like most things in life, it is so much simpler to follow the rules. I can promise you that you really don't want to get caught dumping illegally. Until next week.

Red Cross brings classes to area

Many times the first few moments of a medical emergency are the most critical and can make the difference between panic and hope, even life and death. A Spanish-language Adult CPR class teaches participants to help anyone age 9 and over in a choking, breathing or cardiac emergency. The class costs \$20. Participants who demonstrate the necessary skills and pass one written quiz will receive Adult CPR and first aid certificates. This four-hour class is scheduled for Saturday, February 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Also, on Saturday, February 12, a class teaching CPR for the Professional Rescuer will be offered from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. This nine hour class includes one- and two-rescuer skills with pocket

and bag-valve masks. Participants who pass written quizzes and skills checks will be issued a CPR for the Professional Rescuer Certificate. The \$30 fee includes the text and a pocket mask.

CPR and First Aid Training

Many times the first few moments of a medical emergency are the most critical and can make the difference between panic and hope, even life and death. First Aid with Adult, children and infant CPR teaches participants to help all ages during a medical emergency.

This nine-hour class, which meets state children licensing requirements, costs \$30.

Participants who demonstrate the necessary skills and pass writ-

Contact your local Red Cross at (830) 775-8626 for locations. Please wear comfortable clothing for CPR and first aid practices. Preregistration and prepayment is required.

ten quizzes will receive CPR and first aid cards. The nine-hour class is scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, February 8, 9, 10 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. each day. Also, the class can be taken on Saturday, February 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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Kinney County Sheriff's Report .....

Wednesday, January 26  
10:30 a.m., Mike Rozelle from Brackettville was arrested by Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter for public intoxication. Rozelle was released January 29th for time served.

7:05 p.m., Border Patrol Agent reported detaining a possible intoxicated driver who had an outstanding warrant at the checkpoint. Trooper Wylie went to take care of the problem.

9:00 p.m., Merle Jay Mott, 47 from Quemado was arrested by Trooper Wylie for driving while his license was suspended and for an outstanding warrant from Williamson County. Mott posted bond on January 27th. \$1500 for the DWLS and \$500 for the outstanding warrant.

Thursday, January 27  
8:05 a.m., Local resident reported a telephone pole on fire located on Hwy 334 - 18 miles this side of West Prong. Rio Grande Co-Op Crew was working in the area and took care of the problem.

5:00 p.m., Luis Angel Pacheco, 21 from Brackettville was arrested by Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter for theft. Released the same day on a P.R. bond.

11:35 p.m., U. S. Border Patrol agent reported a possible drunk driver driving a blue station wagon driving East on Standard Lane. Deputy Guidry and Robinson reported the vehicle had passed their patrol car on Hwy 131. They stopped the vehicle for a broken tail light. When they saw the driver had a mixed drink setting next to her in the car Trooper Wylie was called to the scene. Wylie administered sobriety tests and Jane Vega, 40 from Brackettville was arrested by Trooper Wylie for DWI 3rd offense. Vega was transferred to Uvalde County Jail.

Friday, January 28  
7:48 a.m., Trooper Ashley was dispatched to FM 674 next to Harwood Hill to assist with traffic control while the driver of an 18 wheeler could get his truck running again.

5:00 p.m., Brackett ISD official reported an elderly woman was riding around with a juvenile and were showing kids a bottle or can of Freon. Deputy Guidry located the woman and she stated she wasn't doing anything.

10:22 p.m., A Fort Clark resi-

dent reported someone was throwing rocks at her car. Deputy Karl Chism went to their residence and they reported hearing either rocks or balls being thrown on the side of their house. Chism was unable to locate any subjects.

Saturday, January 29  
1:00 a.m., Juan Pablo Siller, 27 from Del Rio was arrested by Deputy Wylie for no drivers license and no insurance along with an unrestrained 3 year old. Siller was released the same day after paying the fine.

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## The Texas State Historical Association Continues Rich Tradition with 104th Annual Meeting

Austin-The 104th Annual Meeting of the Texas State Historical Association will be in Austin this March. The annual event has been held without fail during the Association's long history, and is equally popular with professional and lay historians. Since its inception in 1897, the meeting has grown to contain more than forty sessions on a variety of topics. Panels, auctions, book exhibits, book signings, receptions, and banquets provide something for everyone interested in Texas history, geography, and culture. The event will be March 2-4 at the Renaissance Hotel. To register, call 512-471-1525.

This year's program reflects many of the exciting developments that have occurred in Texas history during the past year. There will be sessions on La Salle's ill-fated colony, black cowboys, and continuing interest in Texas politics: John Nance Garner, Lyndon B. Johnson, and others. Panels will discuss what Texas was like in A.D. 1000 and what it will be like during the 21st century. Roundtables on Afro-Texan and Tejana history attempt to look to-

ward the future, as do programs on preservation of the documentary record, both traditional and electronic.

Military history lovers will enjoy sessions on Texas and the Civil War, the Mexican War, the Texas Rangers, and fascinating archaeological finds of the Texas Revolution. A session on Davy Crockett and the de la Peña diary will present excerpts from an upcoming documentary film by Brian Huberman, and will include discussion on the controversial information provided in the diary.

"Folk Music of the Rio Grande Valley," "Galveston and the 1900 Storm," "Tejano Land Loss in Texas," and "Food and Texas History" are additional session topics. Ten sessions are sponsored jointly with other historical organizations including the Texas Catholic Historical Society, Texas Commission on the Arts, and the Texas Folklore Society.

The popular annual silent and live auctions will offer rare Texas books, maps, artwork, and artifacts. More book exhibitors will be present than ever before-including rare book dealers and the

leading publishers of Texana. Five TSHA authors will be on hand on Friday, March 3, to sign their books: Ralph A. Wooster, *Civil War Texas: A History and a Guide*; Kenneth B. Ragsdale, foreword to W. D. Smithers, *Chronicles of the Big Bend: A Photographic Memoir of Life on the Border*; James C. Martin and Robert Sidney Martin, *Maps of Texas and the Southwest, 1513-1900*; and Ty Smith, *The Old Army in Texas: A Research Guide to the U.S. Army in Nineteenth-Century Texas*.

Several receptions and banquets will be held throughout the meeting. The Women and Texas History Luncheon will be at noon on Thursday, March 2. It will feature the presentation of the Liz Carpenter Award for Research in the History of Women. In addition, Judith N. McArthur, with the University of Houston-Victoria, will speak about Texas suffragists. That evening, a Presidential Reception honoring the outgoing and incoming presidents, Norman D. Brown and Al Lowman, will be held at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center.

The Friday luncheon will feature the presentation of several awards, as well as a talk by noted Western history author Robert M.

Utley about the Texas Rangers. Utley has written twelve books about the American West. Nine of his books have been selections of the History Book Club, and seven have been chosen by the Book of the Month Club. Utley has received numerous prizes and honors for his publications, including awards from the Western History Association, the Western Writers of America, and the Society for Military History.

The dinner Friday evening will feature a presentation by outgoing president Norman D. Brown, "Garnering Votes for 'Cactus Jack.'" Like the other functions highlighted above, Saturday's Fellows' Luncheon is open to all attendees who choose to purchase a ticket. New Fellows of the Association will be inducted and Fellow Light Cummins of Austin College will share some of his ongoing research about early collegiate education in Texas.

The Texas State Historical Association is housed on the University of Texas at Austin campus. We have been preserving and sharing the rich history of Texas through publications and programs since 1897. For more information about the Association itself, visit our web site at [www.tsha.utexas.edu](http://www.tsha.utexas.edu).

## Writers and ranchers hold forth at Big Bend Pioneer Reunion

Big Bend National Park - Etta Koch came to writing late in life, but her first book, *Lizards on the Mantle, Burros by the Door*, not only has a catchy title, but also a page turning account of raising her children in Big Bend National Park. One of the said children, June Price, is the coauthor of *Lizards*. Both women are scheduled to appear at the Eleventh Annual Big Bend Pioneer Reunion on February 5.

The area's ranching heritage has always been featured at the Reunion and this year will be no different. Dadie Potter, daughter of rancher and Reunion instigator Hallie Stillwell, will speak as will Billy Pat McKinney, Sr. Betty Baker, who for many years has provided musical accompaniment for the gathering, will add her voice and stories to her organ playing in 2000.

Margaret Francois will speak at the Reunion for the first time this year. Her grandparents ranched in Big Bend and she is connected to the Big Bend National History Association further through her husband, Jim, who serves on the Board of Directors. Representing the National Park Service will be Big Bend's new Superintendent, Frank Deckert. Mike Boren, Executive Director of the Big Bend National History

Association will moderate the proceedings.

The \$20 fee for attending includes a lunch and camping in Rio Grande Village. In addition to the lunch, the registration fee entitles people to a chance at winning the many door prizes. These will be given away throughout the program, which usually concludes by 4 p.m.

The Big Bend Natural History Association is the nonprofit cooperating association that operates the bookstores in Big Bend National Park and Amistad National Recreation Area. It also publishes various guides and maps of Big Bend. All proceeds from book sales and seminars go towards the Association's support of the activities of the parks' divisions of interpretation and visitor services.

The Big Bend Reunion is the first of the 2000 Big Bend Seminars, a series of 25 events scheduled in Big Bend National Park and Amistad National Recreation Area throughout the year. To register or to receive a complete catalog of 2000 seminars, write to the Big Bend Natural History Association at P.O. Box 196, Big Bend National Park, TX 79834 or call 915-477-2236 or email to [BBNHA@nps.gov](mailto:BBNHA@nps.gov). Association members receive a 10 percent discount on registration fees.

## Border Patrol Agents apprehend 20,354 illegals

Del Rio-U.S. Border Patrol Agents with the Del Rio Sector were extremely busy during January 2000, apprehending 20,354 illegal immigrants and seizing more than \$3 million in marijuana.

Apprehensions of illegal immigrants by Del Rio Sector Agents hit an all-time high for January for the fifth year in a row. January 2000 apprehensions were the third highest apprehensions for a single month on record.

The all-time record high apprehensions for a single month were set in March 1999 with 25,009 illegal immigrants apprehended.

"The increases we are presently seeing are the result of Border Patrol successes in El Paso, San Diego and McAllen Sectors, as well as, the efforts presently underway in the Tucson Sector," according to Del Rio Sector Chief Patrol Agent Paul M. Berg.

"We are presently halfway into our 10 year strategy to take back control of the Southwest Border," he continued. "As we cut off the access routes through San Diego and McAllen Sectors, and begin making it tougher to enter through the Tucson Sector, those persons who refuse to use the legal meth-

ods to immigrate look for the next easiest places to enter illegally. Presently, that is through the Del Rio Sector. Our agents, however are going to make it as difficult as possible."

Del Rio Sector is presently apprehending 11 percent of all apprehensions along the Southwest Border. That compares to 38 percent for the Tucson Sector.

In addition to increases in total apprehensions, the Del Rio Sector is seeing increases in apprehensions of other than Mexican (OTM) nationals. During January 2000, OTM apprehensions totaled

551.

"The increase in OTM apprehensions is a crucial indicator that the Patrol strategy is working. Networks to smuggle non-Mexican nationals into the U.S. require special infrastructure. When these organizations relocate their operations, it indicates we are beginning to take back control of our border."

The cost of being smuggled into the U.S. from outside Mexico is presently running from \$10,000 to \$50,000 depending on where the individual is traveling from and where they are going.

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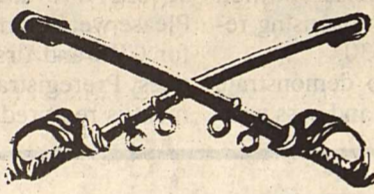


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## Birding classic raises awareness and money

*A Little on the Wildlife Side*  
By Henry Lutz

AUSTIN, Texas — The Great Texas Birding Classic, April 7-16, on the Texas Gulf Coast as millions of birds pass through on their way to summer habitat across central and eastern North America.

As dozens of teams and thousands of non-competing birders from across the United States, Canada and Europe arrive for the spring bird migration, they will find coastal marshes, estuaries, islands and brushy woods in better condition as a direct result of the Birding Classic. Since the event began in 1997, winning teams have directed \$150,000 in prize money to buy, protect or improve bird habitat along the 624-mile Texas coast.

The impact of the Birding Classic, the longest competitive birding event in the United States, is far-reaching because birds migrating through Texas spread out to the Central, Mississippi and Atlantic flyways. The species include many neotropical migratory songbirds, which migrate long distances between South and Central America and North America.

Birding Classic prize money has been used to buy more than 1,000 acres of intertidal coastal wetlands, expand bird sanctuaries, revegetate landscapes with native brush, repay loans used to buy habitat and fund long-term monitoring of high-priority migratory birds.

"The Great Texas Birding Classic is a model to raise money and awareness for bird conservation that is attracting international attention, and we're proud of that," said Dr. Gary Graham, Texas Parks and Wildlife director of wildlife. "Events like this

one help local communities see that birding means tourism dollars, thus motivating communities to protect their nearby wildlife habitat."

birding from across the United States come to Texas for the classic each year. With them come thousands of non-competing birders looking for additions to their life lists. Texas has 618 bird species, more than any other state. For those who don't care to compete, but want to savor the spring migration experience in Texas, more than a dozen Texas coastal communities stage birding festivals and events during spring migration and throughout the year. These are listed in a migration calendar published in April by TPW, the organizing sponsor of the Birding Classic. Birding has become a huge industry and according to Bird Conservation magazine generated more than \$155 million in Texas retail sales in 1991 and more than \$5 billion nationwide. At the same time, bird numbers and the habitat that sustains them are steadily declining, and the classic aims to make these facts known while raising money to conserve bird habitat. The Birding Classic also channels corporate money to bird conservation by linking private sponsors with individual teams of competitors. Last year's event raised \$50,000 for avian habitat conservation in Texas from 25 corporations, 15 local communities and tournament entry fees. Last year's sponsors included Compaq Computer Corp., Central and South West Company/Central Power and Light, Alcoa, Phillips Petroleum Co., and Anheuser-Busch, among others.

The classic is trying to attract more youth teams and non-com-

peting birders. Last April, a total of 39 teams, both professional and amateur, including eight youth teams, came from all over the world to see who could count the number more than 130, representing 10 U.S. states and five countries. A total of 352 species were spotted during the three days of competition along the Texas coast that stretches 624 miles from Orange to Brownsville. The winning team, sponsored by WildBird magazine, tallied 312 species to claim the top prize.

The Great Texas Birding Classic 2000 begins with an opening ceremony April 7 in Brownsville. Tournament competition begins April 9 on the Lower Texas Coast, moves to the Central Texas Coast on April 12, and concludes on the Upper Texas Coast on April 15. Port Aransas will host a VIP Birding Tour and Community Appreciation dinner April 13. Birding Classic winners will be announced at an awards banquet April 16 in Texas City.

## Black Brush Boat Ramp reopens

Black Brush boat ramp on Lake Amistad is now open, the National Park Service announced January 27, 2000. The ramp is located east of the Diablo East recreation area just off US 90 West. Lake levels have been slowly rising over the past few months, so the ramp will remain open as long as levels and conditions permit safe launching. Park Superintendent William Sontag said, "Now that we've reopened the ramp, we recommend visitors not launch large vessels. If the lake level rises more, the ramp should accommodate any size boat."

Reservoir levels normally begin decreasing in early spring due

to irrigation water demand in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. If the lake does not receive more water, Black Brush ramp will have to re-close for safety reasons as soon as the lake level begins to drop. Boaters may contact Amistad National Recreation Area for ramp status updates.

Amistad National Recreation Area headquarters is located on US Highway 90 West and is open daily 8am-5pm except for major holidays. For more information, visitors may call 830-775-7491, tune in to AM 1540 near the lake, or visit the park's web site at [www.nps.gov/amis](http://www.nps.gov/amis).

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# Host Families needed

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive very soon for academic semester and year program homestays, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families.

According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) Executive Director, John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families. P.I.E. currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from a semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local high schools.

P.I.E. area representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and life-styles through an informal in-

home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the perfect match. As there are no "typical" host families, P.I.E. can fit a student into just about any situation, whether it be a single parent, a childless couple, a retired couple or a large family.

Families who host for P.I.E. are also eligible to claim a \$50.00 per month charitable contribution deduction on their itemized tax returns for each month they host a sponsored student.

For the upcoming programs, P.I.E. has students from Spain, Germany, Latvia, the Former Soviet Union, Finland, Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Paraguay, Australia, Sweden, Yugoslavia, China, Belgium, Vietnam and many other countries. P.I.E. has also been invited to participate in a special government-funded program to bring scholarship students

from the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union to the United States. P.I.E. is a nonprofit educational organization that has sponsored more than 18,000 students from 40 countries since its founding in 1975. The organization is designated by the United States Information Agency and is listed by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET), certifying that the organization complies with the standards set forth in CSIET's Standards for International Educational Travel Programs.

Doty encourages families to contact the program immediately, as it will allow the proper time for the students and hosts to get to know one another before they actually meet for the first time.

Brackettville area families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community representative may call P.I.E., toll-free, at 1-800-631-1818. The agency also has travel/study program opportunities available for American high school students as well as possibilities for community volunteers to assist and work with area host families, students and schools.

# Economics students study the stock market

Making a Difference  
By Taylor Stephenson

Cold weather blew into Kinney County this past weekend and gave us a taste of Winter. As I write, I don't know what the ground hog will do on February 2. I suspect that we will not have six weeks more of Winter. In the past few years, February has been a month filled with warm temperatures and premature signs of Spring (budding flowers & trees). The Northern half of the USA has been hard hit with cold, snow and ice in the past couple of weeks. It's nice to live right here in Kinney County where we have the best Winter weather in the country.

The Borderline Singers add a touch of fun and class to our area. The group of six fellows who sing and play instruments are worth listening to. Sunday, I heard them sing and play gospel music. It was inspirational, and we had a standing room only crowd at church. It's nice to see busy folks that still share their talents.

Parents, I see a need to continue to teach your children about sexual harassment. The law requires school districts to treat sexual harassment as a serious offense. Unsolicited remarks whether written or verbal with a sexual connotation can get a student or adult into lots of trouble. Tell the kids, "don't go there!"

I also hope that parents will continue to talk to their children about drug abuse. Parents must be proactive in the fight to keep kids drug free. This week, we're revisiting the drug curriculum at BISD and hoping to provide more education to parents and students. The District Advisory Committee is studying the curriculum and will make recommendations to school personnel this week.

District play in basketball is in the second half of the season. The BHS Tiger boys team ended the first half of district with five wins

and one loss. The game with Jourdan was fun to watch. If you haven't seen our basketball teams play, come out and watch and cheer us on.

Congratulations to Jeffrey Tipps for making the All-District Band on bass clarinet. Jeffrey is a fine musician who loves music. This past week, he practiced with area musicians and presented a concert in San Antonio. Hector Jimenez accompanied Jeffrey to the practices and concert. Way to go, Jeffrey!

Our Economics students are studying the stock market. They had an assignment to invest and learn about the stock market. The market hit the skids this past week, and the students learned some good economics lessons. Internet trading is very large in stocks and mutual funds. One of the lessons that most of us were not taught is how to invest and manage money. In my day, if you could pay bills you were considered successful. Today, our young ones must learn about investing. The stock market has been a vital part of life in the US for many years. There are lots of folks locally who have had great experience in the managing of stocks and bonds. School systems need to use these resource folks to help teach our young.

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# 7th grade Tigerettes finish season

By Julie Bruce  
Contributing Writer

The 7th grade Tigerettes Basketball team finished their season Monday night. They showed great improvement from the beginning of the season. Their highlight of the season was placing 3rd at the Comstock Tournament.

Members: Juliann Ashbranner, Courtney Frerich, Whitney Hobbs, Stephanie Bonner, Clarise Aguirre, Valerie Terrazas, Stephanie Deleon, Kristen Meyer and Celina Terrazas.

# Bollinger receives recognition

Forrest Bollinger has been recognized for academic achievement for the 2000 fall semester at Western Texas College.

Bollinger was named to the Merit List. The Merit List is com-

prised of students enrolled for more than eight semester hours but fewer than 12 semester hours who earn a Grade Point Average of at least 3.5.

# Republican primary will be held

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about the elderly, being controlled by what is called 'Right Wing' and when you start talking to people basically you find out most people have the same integrity and moral value," explained Melton.

"Somehow we have been painted as the party that doesn't care, the party of big business and the people who don't care about race relationships and the whole gambit of accusations," added

Melton.

Melton wants to change the reputation of the Republican Party. For instance their position on taxes and how they are levied.

"We don't believe the people that take all the risks in society, in business, ranching, farming whatever they do, should be penalized by excessive taxes. Really what has happened, the more you make, the more you have taken away from you," Melton said.

"And what it does basically, stifles the creativity, independence and the want to succeed."

Melton will remain the Republican Chairperson for two more years, if at that time he decides not to accept the nomination as party chair then the party will need to find someone who will.

If he accomplishes the goals he has set for the Republican Party, it may not be as hard to find someone to take over.

# Texas decline in firearms accidents reflects national trend

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all-time low of 900 in 1998 - the fewest fatalities since record keeping began in 1903.

Accidental fatalities have been declining for many years and this is the first time the national total has dropped below one thousand, according to the safety council's data.

The 900 fatal accidents reported for '98 represent a decline of 18 percent from the previous year, a decline of 40 percent for the ten-year period 1989 to 1998,

and a decline of 64 percent in the last 25 years, or from 1974 when 2,513 fatal firearms accidents occurred.

The safety council tracks unintentional-injury deaths due to a variety of causes, including motor vehicle accidents, falls, drowning, fires, choking, and poisoning. Firearm accidents rank lowest among all these categories. The 900 accidental firearms related fatalities reported by NSC for 1998 compares with 41,200 deaths related to motor vehicle accidents,

16,600 in falls, 4,100 in drowning, 3,700 due to fires or burns, 3,200 due to choking, and 9,000 due to poisoning.

Of the total number of accidental fatalities attributed to firearms in 1998, 700 of these occurred in the home, a decline of 12.5 percent from the previous year, and 200 occurred in public places, a decline of 33 percent.

"This very positive report again recognizes the tremendous contributions of volunteer instructors and encourages all of us to redouble our efforts in these proven accident reduction initiatives," said Delfay.

# Early childhood intervention program

A child's future is shaped in the first three years of life. It is a time of discovery. And it is a time of learning basic skills which last a lifetime - like walking, talking or understanding others.

But not all children grow and learn at the same pace. Sometimes children with disabilities or significant delays in their development need to learn alternative skills or learn in different ways to master basic skills. Homespun Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) provides early intervention services to children, from birth to age 3, who have disabilities or delays in their development.

Every year, children are born who would benefit from early intervention services. Poor prenatal care, genetic anomalies and premature births often result in developmental delays and disabilities. Other children may develop disabilities or delays through injury, accident, or prenatal exposure to alcohol or narcotics. And in some cases, the cause of a child's developmental delay or disability is unknown.

Young children with disabilities or delays, as well as their families, can receive home-based education and therapy services through the Homespun ECI Pro-

gram at no cost. These services promote normal development, prevent diagnosed conditions from becoming more disabling, and improve children's overall functioning.

All children, under the age of three, who have disabilities or delays in their development are eligible for early intervention services. Children and their families receive services tailored to their needs, such as Speech-Language Pathology, Occupational and Physical Therapy, Assistive Technology, Service Coordination, Vision and Hearing Services, Family Education, and more. The specific services a child receives is based on a custom-tailored plan for that child. The family plays a key role in working with staff to create this plan.

Referrals to FCI come from families, friends, day care providers, physicians, and others. For additional information on Homespun ECI services, or to make a referral, call 512-396-9503 or 830-997-9503. Collect calls are accepted.

Funding for Homespun ECI services is provided by the Texas ECI Council, Hill Country Community MHMR, and contributions from each local community.

# BISD Activity Calendar

- Thursday, February 3**  
9:00 a.m., 4th Grade Practice  
TAAS Writing
- Friday, February 4**  
5:00 p.m., Basketball JVG/VG/  
VB District, in Natalia.  
Boys High School Golf, Del Rio Invitational
- Saturday, February 5**  
Boys High School Golf, Del Rio Invitational  
2-4:00 p.m., Family Library  
Time-School Library.
- Monday, February 7**  
Girls Golf, Tivy Invitational in Kerrville.
- Tuesday, February 8**  
5:00 p.m., Basketball JVB/VG/  
VB here at home competing  
against Dilley.
- Wednesday, February 9**  
Science Fair

# BISD Cafeteria Menu

Parents Welcome To Join Their Children At Breakfast Or Lunch  
Three Choices For Breakfast:  
1. Printed Menu 2. Cereal&Toast  
3. Two Toast.

## Breakfast Menu

**Friday, February 4**  
Biscuit & Sausage/Gravy  
Fruit or Juice

**Monday, February 7**  
Breakfast Pizza  
Fruit or Juice

**Tuesday, February 8**  
Pancakes/Syrup  
Fruit or Juice

**Wednesday, February 9**  
Taqitos/Picante Sauce  
Fruit or Juice

**Thursday, February 10**  
Waffles w/Syrup  
Fruit or Juice

Milk is offered with every meal along with fruit or juice.

## Lunch Menu

**Friday, February 4**  
Pepperoni Pizza  
Salad w/Dressing/Fruit

**Monday, February 7**  
Corn Dog/Oven Fries  
Salad/Fresh Fruit

**Tuesday, February 8**  
Baked Chicken/Potatoes  
Seasoned Vegetable/Rolls

**Wednesday, February 9**  
Tacos/Pinto Beans  
Spanish Rice/Salad

**Thursday, February 10**  
Hamburger/Oven Fries  
Burger Salad/Fruit

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Feb. 9.....Mrs. Roy Hutchman
Feb. 9.....Samantha Payne

# Adams to preach at Methodist Church

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

Think carefully. Does the name Carter G. Woodson mean anything to you? A hint: The month of February is special (in one way) because of the efforts of Mr. Woodson. Got it now? No, Valentine's Day isn't it! Another hint: Because of Mr. Woodson's work, the Kennedy Center, The Phillips Collection (which claims to be the first American museum of modern art) and the Smithsonian are planning special programs during the month of February. Got it now?

Carter G. Woodson, in 1915, founded what is now the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History and proposed that "Negro History Week" be celebrated, and in the same month as the birthdays of Frederick

Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. By 1976 Negro History Week had become Black History Month. And by the year 2000, First United Methodist Church will be celebrating Black History Month, beginning Sunday, February 6th.

Saul of Tarsus, under the pseudonym of "Paul," wrote nearly two thousand years ago, "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Jesus Christ" (Galatians 3:28). Paul was arguing for full equality of all people in Jesus Christ. So why should we make a big deal about "Black History Month"? I think Paul would be the first to tell us, as he did the apostles and the church in Jerusalem, that Gentiles (African-Americans) need not give up their uniqueness and their life story to become exactly like the Jews (the

rest of us), rather the "oneness in Christ" is exhibited in the way each of us treats the individuality and history of the other. This month we are pleased to embrace Black History.

At 10:45 am on Sunday, Feb-

ruary 6, Rev. William P. Adams, Jr. of St. John's Missionary Baptist Church will be preaching at First United Methodist Church as we begin examining the many contributions of African-Americans to the culture and life we all share.

# Leave them a love for life and each other

Mary Magdalene Catholic Church  
By Lynn McNew

What do we leave our children? When we die and move on to a greater glory, what do we leave behind for those who follow us? I hope each of you has written a will so that the financial and material legacies are taken care of. But what I am talking about is what of ourselves we leave our children.

When our children get together, they often talk about their grandparents who have died. They like to say, "Remember when. . ." or "Remember the time. . ." Then they laugh and another good memory is shared.

I recently found a delightful book, a journal really, which I purchased for my grandson who will be ten years old this year. The book is called "Grandmother's Gift, A Memory Book for My Grandchild." In this book, I have the opportunity to write about my family, my childhood and growing up years, the years when his father was a child and the hopes and dreams I have for my grand-

son. I hope this will become a treasured gift for him, but it has definitely become a treasure for me to write. I plan to give one of these books to each of my grandchildren on their tenth birthday.

So now, back to my original question—what do we leave our children? What would I like to leave for mine? Well, of course, I wish I could leave them financially sound for the rest of their lives (won't happen). But more importantly, I want to leave them a love for life and each other. I want them to have a good religious foundation, a strong belief in and love for God. I want to leave them memories.

I plan to be around for a long time to continue to build memories with my children and grandchildren. I plan to laugh with them, cry with them and pray with them. And when I am gone, I want them to get together and say, "Remember the time Mom. . ."

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

# God wants you to wake up!

Gateway Ministries  
By Pastor Charlotte Corey

Do you dwell in a house of rebellion? Before you start blaming your children, your parents, or your spouse, take the following test:

1. When you see God's Word do you believe it?
2. When you read God's Word do you understand it?
3. Do you hear God's Word?
4. When you hear God's Word, do you understand it?

If you have answered "No" to any of the questions above, then God wants you to wake up and receive eyes to see and understand, and ears to hear and believe.

Your first "house" is that which "houses" the Holy Spirit of God... your own heart. God's word says "Apply thine heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge." Prov 23:12

The Apostle Paul wrote "May . . . the Father of glory . . . grant unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him; The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the

saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come" Eph.1:17-21.

When we refuse to try to understand, when we refuse to hear God's voice, when we refuse the leading of the Holy Spirit, we place "rebellion" on the throne in our "house". You know what God says about rebellion don't you? "Rebellion is the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. . ." 1 Sam. 15:23.

Do "house cleaning" now. Choose to seek after the things of God. Lean not unto your own understanding. Ask God for His wisdom and he will give it to you. Seek, see, and hear through the power of the Holy Spirit and thus build a "house" upon the "Rock", Jesus Christ, a House free of rebellion. Stand in faith; rest in hope; walk in love, doing Gods work.

# Obituaries .....

## Edwin J. Cook

Edwin J. Cook, 81 a resident of Fort Clark passed away January 12, 2000 in San Antonio.

He was born August 10, 1918 in Junction City, Kansas. He was preceded in death by his wife Gladys E. Cook.

Mr. Cook retired after 20 years of service in the U.S. Air Force and he also served in World War II.

He is survived by his children: Daughters Carol Ann Waldron

Fort Worth and Margaret J. Bononami of Junction City, Kansas; son Edwin Arthur Cook of Fort Worth and sister Georgia Mullen. He is also survived by 8 Grandchildren and 2 Great Grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Saturday, January 15, 2000 at the Kinney County Cemetery under the direction of the Del Rio Funeral Home, DBA Brackettville Funeral Home.

## Dr. James F. Harber, Sr.

Dr. James Franklin Harber, Sr. passed away Wednesday, January 26, 2000 at the age of 81. He was born March 5, 1918 in Knox County, Texas and was raised in Munday, Texas.

Dr. Harber received his undergraduate degree from the University of Texas and then his D.D.S. from Baylor Dental College. He practiced dentistry in Pecos and Odessa until his retirement in 1976. He then moved to Brackettville where he came out of retirement, donated his dental equipment and was instrumental in establishing a state funded children's dental clinic in Kinney County. He retired again in 1984.

Dr. Harber served in the Army during World War II and continued to serve in the Army Reserve thereafter, attaining the rank of Lt. Colonel. He also served as Direc-

tor of Civil Defense for the West Texas sector. He contributed many hours to civic and community endeavors and was a recipient of numerous awards and honors. He was very active in the local Masonic Lodge where he was a Past Master.

He is survived by his loving children, James Harber, Jr., Tom White and Lori Harmon; his daughter-in-law Jodie Harber and son-in-law Danny Harmon; and his precious granddaughter Halani Harber.

Doc was loved by his family, friends, patients and community and will be sorely missed by all.

Services were held Wednesday, February 2, 2000 at the Methodist Church in Brackettville followed by burial in the Masonic Cemetery.

## Go in the path of thy commandments

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

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes, and I shall keep it unto the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for there in do I delight.

Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.

Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity, and revive thou me in thy way.

Establish thy word unto thy servant, who is devoted to thy fear.

Turn away my reproach which I fear; for thine ordinances are good.

Behold, I have longed after thy precepts; give me life in thy righteousness.

Let thy mercies come also unto me, O Lord, even thy salvation, according to thy word.

So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me; for I trust in thy word.

And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in thine ordinances.

So shall I keep thy law continually forever and ever.

And I will walk in liberty; for I seek thy precepts.

I will speak of thy testimonies also before Kings, and will not be ashamed.

And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved.

My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; and I will meditate in thy statutes.

Psalms 119: 34-48.

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## FEBRUARY OUT-PATIENT CLINIC CALENDAR

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<p><b>ACTIVE STAFF SPECIALISTS</b> Regular office hours.</p> <p>Bezerra, Herninio, M.D. 278-7105 Internal Medicine</p> <p>Bitar, Jamil, M.D. 591-1294 Internal Medicine &amp; Cardiology</p> <p>Box, Gloria G., M.D. 278-2292 Orthopedic Surgeon</p> <p>Carpinteyro, Ralph, M.D. 278-6681 Internal Medicine</p> <p>Flanders, Barry, M.D. 278-6251 Radiologist</p> <p>Gaitonde, G.V., M.D. 278-4568 Surgery</p> <p>Garza, Steve R., M.D. 278-4453 Family Practice/OB</p> <p>Guajardo, Frank, D.O. 278-1494 Family Practice</p> <p>Lewis, Brandon J., M.D. 278-4426 Family Practice</p> <p>Lutton, Richard B., M.D. 278-4453 Family Practice/OB</p> <p>Mazloum, Bassam W., M.D. 278-8096 Internal Medicine &amp; Gastroenterology</p> <p>Preddy, John, D.O. 278-7101 Family Practice/OB</p> <p>Shah, Jayesh B., M.D. 591-1955 Internal Medicine</p> <p>Shudde, John L., M.D. 278-3118 Family Practice</p> <p>Sosa, Isaac, M.D. 278-6265 Internal Medicine</p> <p>Utterback, Carl, M.D. 278-4588 Family Practice/OB</p> <p>Watkins, Harry O., M.D. 278-3213 Surgery</p> <p><b>OTHER SPECIALISTS</b> 1042 GARNER FIELD ROAD</p> <p>Dr. Arlo Terry - (Every Tues.) (830) 278-9465 Ophthalmologist</p> <p>Dr. Christine Truitt - (2/10, 2/24) (210) 614-3959 Neurologist</p> <p>Dr. Matthew Mossbacher - (2/3) (210) 690-8067 Rheumatologist</p> <p>Dr. Rodolfo Molina - (2/24) (210) 690-8067 Rheumatologist</p> <p>Dr. Joshua Goldman - Every Mon. (830)-773-5358 Neurologist</p> <p>Novacare - (2/10, 2/24) (210) 227-2471 Orthotics/Prosthetics</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Dr. Sanjiv Kumar OPHTHAMOLOGIST (830) 278-2020</p> <p><b>7</b></p> <p>Dr. Sammy Vick UROLOGIST (830) 278-6251, Ext. 1430</p> <p>Dr. Hjalmar Contreras PODIATRIST (830) 278-6251, Ext. 1430</p> <p><b>14</b></p> <p>Dr. Sammy Vick UROLOGIST (830) 278-6251, Ext. 1430</p> <p>Dr. Hjalmar Contreras PODIATRIST (830) 278-6251, Ext. 1430</p> <p><b>21</b></p> <p>Dr. Sammy Vick UROLOGIST (830) 278-6251, Ext. 1430</p> <p>Dr. Catherine Rezendes PODIATRIST (830) 278-6251, Ext. 1430</p> <p><b>28</b></p> <p>Dr. Sammy Vick UROLOGIST (830) 278-6251, Ext. 1430</p> <p>Dr. James Simpson PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGIST 1-800-242-0008</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Dr. Stephen Miller DERMATOLOGIST (830)-278-6251, Ext. 1430</p> <p>Dr. Elizabeth Parten PSYCHIATRIST (830) 816-2251</p> <p>Dr. Fernando Triana CARDIOLOGIST (210) 614-5400</p> <p><b>9</b></p> <p>Dr. Moises Bucay CARDIOLOGIST (210) 614-5400</p> <p><b>15</b></p> <p>Dr. Sanjiv Kumar OPHTHAMOLOGIST (830) 278-2020</p> <p>Dr. Jerry Kruse UROLOGIST (830)-278-6251, Ext. 1430</p> <p><b>22</b></p> <p>Dr. Sanjiv Kumar OPHTHAMOLOGIST (830) 278-2020</p> <p>Dr. Catherine Rezendes PODIATRIST (830) 278-6251, Ext. 1430</p> <p><b>29</b></p> <p>Dr. Sanjiv Kumar OPHTHAMOLOGIST (830) 278-2020</p> <p>Dr. Catherine Rezendes PODIATRIST (830) 278-6251, Ext. 1430</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Dr. George Swanson OTOLARYNGOLOGIST (830) 278-6251, Ext. 1430</p> <p>Dr. Margarita Ontiveros CARDIOLOGIST (830) 278-6251, Ext. 1430</p> <p><b>10</b></p> <p>Dr. Mark Weinstein DERMATOLOGIST (830) 278-6251 Ext. 1430</p> <p>Dr.L. Prasad Vemulapalli CARDIOLOGIST (830) 278-6251 Ext. 1430</p> <p><b>17</b></p> <p>Dr. George Swanson OTOLARYNGOLOGIST (830) 278-6251, Ext. 1430</p> <p>Dr. Margarita Ontiveros CARDIOLOGIST (830) 278-6251, Ext. 1430</p> <p><b>24</b></p> <p>Dr. Mark Weinstein DERMATOLOGIST (830) 278-6251 Ext. 1430</p> <p>Dr.L. Prasad Vemulapalli CARDIOLOGIST (830) 278-6251 Ext. 1430</p> <p>Dr. Bob James PEDIATRIC DENTIST (830)-278-6251 ext 1430</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Dr. Sanjiv Kumar OPHTHAMOLOGIST (830) 278-2020</p> <p>Dr. David Dean NEUROSURGEON (830) 278-6251, Ext. 1430</p> <p><b>11</b></p> <p>Dr. Sanjiv Kumar OPHTHAMOLOGIST (830) 278-2020</p> <p>Dr. Teresa A. Hospers PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGIST 1-800-697-7008</p> <p><b>18</b></p> <p>Dr. Sanjiv Kumar OPHTHAMOLOGIST (830) 278-2020</p> <p>Dr. David Dean NEUROSURGEON (830) 278-6251, Ext. 1430</p> <p><b>25</b></p> <p>Dr. Sanjiv Kumar OPHTHAMOLOGIST (830) 278-2020</p>

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