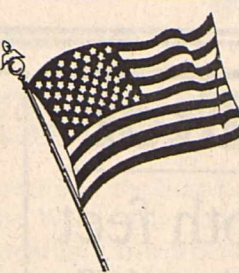


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## Wylie wins bid for commissioner

In the runoff for the Democratic Party's nomination for Precinct 1 commissioner, Francie Wylie defeated Ruben C. Martinez 123-116.

Wylie and Martinez were in the runoff after emerging as the top vote-getters from a field of five candidates.

"I'm very pleased with the election results and would like to thank all my supporters," said Wylie.

"My goal is to be as informed as I can on all issues, presented to the court, in order to make the best decisions I can for the county," added Wylie.

Wylie is virtually assured of the position, since no Republicans filed.

"The voters of Kinney County have spoken. I just want to thank the people who supported me in the primary and the runoff," said Ruben C. Martinez.

In the Democratic runoff for United States Senator, Gene Kelly defeated Charles Gandy.

In the November general election, Kelly will face Republican

### Runoff results

DEMOCRAT		
<b>United States Senator</b>		
Charles Gandy	102,315	40.8%
Gene Kelly	143,970	59.2%
<b>Precinct 1 Commissioner</b>		
Francie Wylie	123	51.5%
Ruben C. Martinez	116	48.5%
REPUBLICAN		
<b>Appeals Court, Pre. Judge</b>		
Sharon Keller	120,875	56.7%
Tom Price	99,099	43.3%
<b>Appeals Court, Place 1</b>		
Charles Holcomb	112,752	57.3%
Guy Williams	92,280	42.7%
<b>Appeals Court, Place 2</b>		
Barbara Parker Hervey	118,354	57.6%
Jim Wallace	94,235	42.4%

incumbent Kay Bailey Hutchison, who is seeking her second full term.

Kelly's final margin of victory was 59.2 percent to Gandy's 40.8 percent.

In Kinney County, Kelly had

147 votes, or 62.8 percent, and Gandy finished with 87 votes, or 37.2 percent.

Sharon Keller defeated Tom Price in the runoff for the Republican nomination for Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals.

Keller garnered 56.7 percent of the vote, compared to Price's 43.3 percent.

In the general election, Keller will face Democrat Bill Vance.

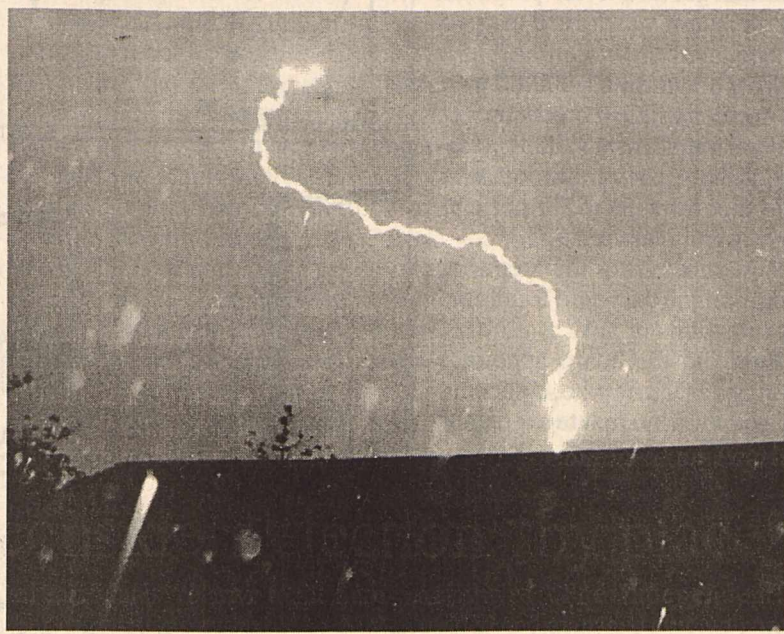
Charles Holcomb defeated Guy Williams for the Place 1 Republican nomination for the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

Holcomb, who is running unopposed in the fall election, finished with 57.3 percent of the vote and Williams had 42.7 percent.

Barbara Parker Hervey received 57.6 percent of the vote in the Place 2 runoff, topping Jim Wallace, who had 42.4 percent.

Hervey will face Democrat William R. Barr in the general election.

The votes for the Democratic runoff will be canvassed Friday at 9 AM in the district court room.



The sky over Brackettville at approximately 3:30 AM, April 12th. Reported rainfall varied from 1/2 inch to as much as 3 inches.

## Commissioners deny Adobe Eco-Systems plat approval

Last Monday, Kinney County Commissioners Court voted unanimously to deny approval of an exempt plat pertaining to Adobe Eco-Systems' Municipal Solid Waste Site.

The plat application was filed last year by John R. Moore, attorney for Adobe Eco Systems.

"We filed on June 24th of this past year an application as required by article 3 of the subdivision regulations," said Moore.

"Under the ordinance, the next step is for the Commissioners Court to act to approve the plat, for purposes of recording, and to have the Judge and County Clerk sign the original two copies of the plat," added Moore.

County Attorney Tully Shahan advised the court that the application had been filed with a \$200 check. The actual filing fee is \$500. Shahan also reminded the court of an ordinance, passed last August, stating that a solid waste land fill could not be located, in Kinney County, within a 10 mile radius, of Laughlin Airforce Base or the auxiliary airfield located south of Spofford.

"This plat is strictly based on the Rio Grande Regional Municipal Solid Waste Facility," said Shahan. "The plat provides that this lot 2 is for the use of a solid waste disposal facility, as pending in the TNRCC application. I

don't believe the commissioners court can approve this plat because its based upon a regional municipal solid waste facility."

"Their asking us to come along and approve a plat, for the purpose of this facility, in an area where you said you can't have that," added Shahan.

"I'm 100% in concurrence with the fact that we should not approve that plat, even though it is exempt," said County Judge Herb Senne.

"On the item of the check, I did get you the amount to bring it up to the \$500. I was short at first but we have caught that up so that's fully funded," said Moore.

"Your ordinance did not become effective until almost two months after the filing of that application for approval of exempt plat. Subchapter 245 of the Local Government Code of Texas now prohibits you from considering and applying that ordinance to this application," said Moore.

"Obviously, you can make the legal determination that that ordinance prohibits it. If you make that finding and say that this can not be approved on that basis, then I know what I need to go and do after that," Moore added.

"The application that you filed in June with this plat is not a complete application. We need to

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## Briefs ...

### 4-H Fashion Show

The Kinney County Fashion Show will be held this Sunday afternoon, April 16th at the Brackett Independent School District Auditorium. The theme of this years fashion show is "Sewing into Spring". The style show will begin at 4:00 p.m. and the public is invited - free of charge.

### Early Voting

Early voting by personal appearance, for the school board election will begin on Wednesday, April 19, 2000, at 8:00 a.m., to fill two expiring three-year terms. Early voting will be conducted each weekday at the Central Office, 400 Ann Street, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., and will end May 2, 2000.

Candidates running for the position of school board trustee include Albert (Abbie) Garcia, Tim Ward, Rose Mary Slubar, and Leonel G. Juarez.

The BISD Trustee election is scheduled for Saturday, May 6, 2000, in the Central Office of BISD. Polls will open early at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

### 2,553 apprehensions

DEL RIO - The following is a recap of Del Rio sector Border Patrol activities during March.

Apprehensions: Abilene-131, Brackettville-2553, Carrizo Springs-3,623, Comstock-209, Del Rio-3,703, Eagle Pass-12,286, Llano-78, Rocksprings-311, San Angelo-264, Uvalde-1,258, Sector total: 24,416, Other than Mexicans: 649.

Drug Seizures: Marijuana-9,700.72 pounds, Value of marijuana: \$7,760,574.

### Border Patrol Stats

Del Rio, Texas - The following is a report of the apprehensions by Border Patrol agents assigned to the Del Rio Sector for the period April 3-9, 2000.

Abilene- 13, Brackettville- 513, Carrizo Springs- 745, Comstock- 28, Del Rio- 604, Eagle Pass- 2,508, Llano- 48, Rocksprings- 49, San Angelo- 26, Uvalde- 174, Sector Total- 4,708. Other than Mexicans- 62.

### FCS Bridge Club

Ft. Clark Duplicate Bridge Club met April 4th with seven tables present.

N/S 1. Rozetta Pingent and Tina Bauguess; 2. Sara Richhart and Ella Chambers; 3. Choppy and Joyce Ambler

E/W 1. Rusty Richhart and Dena Scott; 2. Ann Malin and Ann Watts; 3. Nancy O'Brien and Mary Edgar

## Disabled veterans ski Great Rockies

CRESTED BUTTE, Colo. - Jerry Braun and William Braun, Army veterans from Brackettville, are at the Crested Butte Blue Mountain Resort this week, enjoying the freedom and exhilaration of skiing at the National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic.

They were among more than 325 disabled veterans from 40 states who have gathered in Crested Butte to learn or improve their skills in adaptive Alpine and Nordic skiing. All are U.S. military veterans with spinal-cord injury or disease, certain neurologi-

(downhill) ski using a bi-ski (a fiberglass shell mounted on two independently angulating skis on which a person can actually carve a downhill parallel turn). She is a beginner skier.

"I was on a mountain 21 year ago in an accident and this is my first time back. The first run was a real nail-biter but the rest has been great. What encouraged me to come out here is that I am a sports director and I'll be bringing my athletes out here. You don't do anything that they don't do. It's like I always say, mind over matter and the matter doesn't mind," she said.

William Braun, 53, a combat-wounded veteran of Vietnam, is a paraplegic and is currently treated at the VA medical facility in San Antonio. Also a beginning skier, he also will Alpine (downhill) ski using a bi-ski.

"This has been a wonderful experience and I feel wonderful. I couldn't tell you how much - this has been the most fun I've had in a long, long time. I was encouraged to come to the clinic to try something new and different and that's why we are here. I would encourage my fellow veterans to get involved in sports such as this. It is the only way you can keep going," he said.

The largest event of its kind in the world, the Clinic is sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and is hosted by the VA Medical Center in Grand Junction, Colo., with the help of the VA Rocky Mountain Network. With programs in its medical facilities nationwide, VA is a recognized leader in rehabilitative and recreational therapy. DAV is a non-profit, Congressionally chartered veterans service organization with a membership

of more than one million war-time disabled veterans. The Winter Sports Clinic is funded with the help of numerous corporations and service organizations.



Jerry Braun

## School Board considers election "by place"

The BISD Board of Trustees agreed to postpone a decision on possibly switching to election "by place" at last Monday evening board meeting.

Because any action taken could not affect the current School Board elections, the consensus of the board was to wait until after the elections.

Currently Brackett School Board members are elected "at large" or by cumulative voting. In an election were more than one position is available, all positions are voted on as one race. All voters are allowed to cast the same number of votes as the number of positions available. The number

of candidates, relative to the number of positions available, receiving the highest number of votes are elected.

According to information gathered by school officials most districts use the "at large" method.

When elections are "by place" candidates are voted on and elected for separate positions. The Education Code states that once a board of trustees orders the election of trustees "by place" neither the board or its successors may rescind the action.

The board approved allowing the Boys and Girls Club of Uvalde use of the school cafeteria and a portable building for after school

activities. The independently funded and managed club will provide activities, such as a Fine Arts program and leadership training for youths. For those interested in learning more about the Boys and Girls Club watch KLRN this Sunday at 3 PM.

The board approved the school calander for the upcoming year. Students will have holidays for Labor Day, Columbus Day, 3 days for Thanksgiving, 8 days for Christmas, 1 day for Stock Show, 1 week for Spring Break, and 2 days for Easter.

May 9th, 6:30 PM, was set to canvass the votes for the upcoming

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cal conditions, orthopedic amputations, visual impairments or other disabilities. They also are taking part in a variety of adaptive activities and sports including scuba diving, rock climbing, dog sledding, kayaking and self-defense (taught by the United States Secret Service).

Jerry Braun, 61, is a paraplegic and is currently treated at the VA medical facility in San Antonio, Texas. She will Alpine



William Braun

## April 18th deadline for filing property tax renditions

Austin - Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander today reminded Texas businesses to render their property with county appraisal districts by April 17. To render is to list the taxable property that businesses owned or managed as of January 1, 2000. Rendering allows property owners to record their opinions of their property's value. This ensures that the appraisal district sends them a notice before placing a higher value on their property.

"Property owners who render are in a better position to exercise their rights as taxpayers," Comptroller Rylander noted. "They ensure that the appraisal district has their correct address so they will receive notices of any actions that

affect their property or tax bills."

Even if the tax collector cannot deliver a tax bill because of an incorrect address, the property owner is still responsible for paying the taxes, plus late payment penalties.

Businesses annually report their inventories, furniture and fixtures, machinery and equipment and other tangible assets. Appraisal districts use the reports to set business property values. When a business owner doesn't render the business property, the chief appraiser estimates the value. While state law requires business owners and operators to render, any property owner-including homeowners, farmers and ranchers-may render their property with

county appraisal districts.

Since the regular deadline of April 15 is on a Saturday this year, property owners have until Tuesday, April 18, to render (Kinney CAD is closed Monday, April 17th in observance of San Jacinto Day).

State law requires anyone who owns or manages income-producing personal property on January 1 to render with the local appraisal district. An exception is a business that receives the freepoint exemption for managing cotton stored in a warehouse. Renditions must be notarized if they are filed by persons other than the property owner, the owner's employee or the owner's representative.

Rylander also announced that

property owners whose property was damaged by a storm, flood or fire last year may file a special decreased value report that could lower their final tax bills. Property owners have until April 17 to file the decreased value report, which indicates their property's condition on Jan. 1, 2000.

Property owners may ask the chief appraiser to extend the filing deadline to May 1 if the owner can demonstrate good cause. The chief appraiser must grant owners of property regulated by the Public Utility Commission or the Texas Railroad Commission a filing extension to May 1, and may extend the deadline another 15 days if the owners request in writing and show good cause.

If more than one appraisal district appraises a property, the property owner should render in each appraisal district office. One appraisal district may appraise a property for county tax purposes, while a neighboring appraisal district may appraise the same property for school taxes, if the school district is in both counties.

Taxpayers may contact the Kinney County Appraisal District office (830 563-2323) for rendition forms, or they may e-mail the Comptroller's property tax division at ptd.cpa@cpa.tx.state.us. Or, call the property tax hotline at 1-800-252-9121 for general property tax information. In Austin, call (512) 305-9999.

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Letters to the Editor

You shot yourself in both feet

It was rather bold of Don Parks to admit his and other board members culpability in authorizing a lawsuit without prior resolution of the Board of Directors. The suit was filed on or about February 15, 2000, a full month prior to the resolution sanctifying the action.

Had former board President Bob Burkepille's letter of resignation not been read in the board meeting, residents and "non-resident (hence uninformed and vulnerable) members" may have never known.

It gives the appearance of a board (minus the two who resigned) taking extreme measures to keep a secret from the membership.

The board did, in fact, inflict thousands of dollars in costs, on all the members, by defending itself against "frivolous, pointless and fruitless court actions" because it refused member's access

to the corporation's records. The Honorable Judge George Thurman found for the plaintiffs and the board was forced to open the books!

What about the \$5,000.00 paid to a former employee concerning a sexual harassment suit? In addition, the association has lost several other lawsuits to former employees and members.

How much have the members paid to defend the board's attitudes and violations of law?

How did the board appoint a "Parliamentarian" who, by action, has shown a complete disregard for proper procedure?

My conclusion is that, in spite of finely turned phrases, last weeks white-wash attempt was a complete failure. You have shot yourself not in one, but in both feet!

Arvel "Art" Baker

My conclusions regarding the letter by Don Parks

The following are my conclusions regarding the letter by Don Parks.

It is my understanding that the 'law suit' was a 'consensus' by the remaining 5 members of the board AFTER the suit had been filed (February 16, 2000). Perhaps Mr. Burkepille and Mr. Workman felt that this law suit was not in the best interest of all the members but only in the interest of the remaining board.

A. Overlooking an annual/residential, etc. assessment is not as serious a matter as issuing a non-sufficient funds check to the U.S. Post Office - no matter what the reason.

B. The two members of the board who resigned did so because they felt that the law suit was illegal.

C. 'Inflicted thousands of dollars in costs' could/would have been avoided if the previous board allowed requests to be honored in a timely manner. Refusing these requests prompted the court actions. Not 'witch hunts' as you say - just looking for accurate information which had not been forthcoming. How can a person get information about Ft. Clark

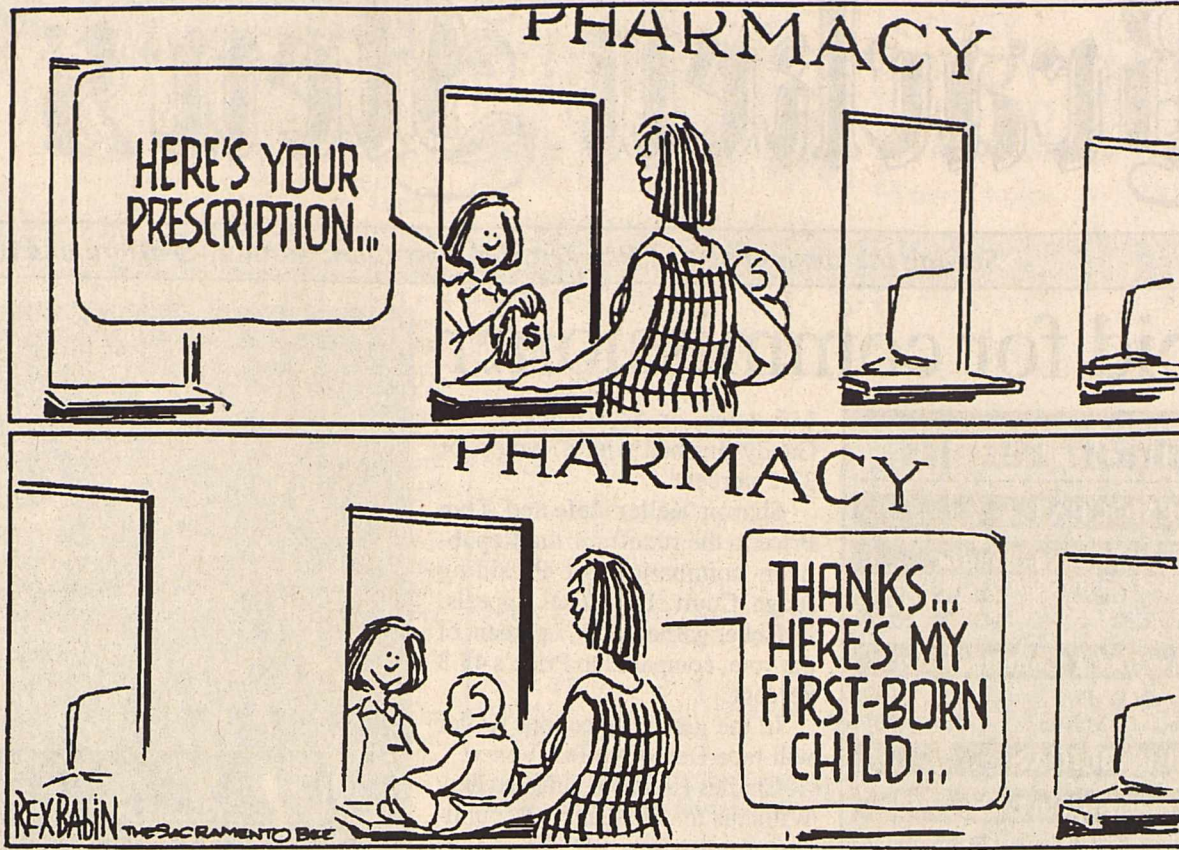
Springs if you don't ask questions? Evasive answers, or no answers, only create more questions. It only tells me that the previous board had something to hide.

D. "Spewing venomous screed against FCSA"? Come now - what are you are doing? If you are not doing the same thing please advise me. According to 'Webster' screed is "A long, monotonous harangue or piece of writing".

E. 'Stolen political advantage'? Where in the rules and regulations does it say that information cannot be sent to 'uninformed and vulnerable' nonresident members? If members running for the Board of Directors wanted to send out information to these members they could have. I see nothing wrong with it - if they tell the truth. Are you saying that the only information allowed is what the board approves? I hope not. How are the nonresident members to know what is happening at Fort Clark Springs if they do not receive any information?

In my humble opinion you have done just exactly what you accuse others of doing.

P. J. Rogers



Gun Control in Australia

The Way I See It  
By Steven R. LaMascus

Twelve months ago Australia passed far-reaching, dictatorial gun control. Legal, I repeat "legal," gun owners in Australia were forced to turn in their guns. 640, 381 legally owned personal firearms were destroyed. The cost to the Australian government was over \$500 million dollars. The Australian people, those who obeyed the law and turned in their guns, were efficiently and thoroughly disarmed. A great step was taken in making Australia a safer, kinder nation. Well, now the results are in:

Australia-wide homicides are up 3.2 percent; assaults are up 8.6 percent; armed robberies are up 44 percent. In the state of Victoria, homicides with firearms are up 300 percent, (yes, I said, three hundred percent!) There has been a dramatic increase in break-ins and assaults of the elderly.

All these statistics had been in decline for over 25 years - until 12 months ago. Then when the citizenry of Australia, the law-abiding part of the citizenry, those who thought it was their duty to obey a law that took away their personal protection, were disarmed, the statistics were suddenly and dramatically reversed.

The Australian politicians who passed the law confiscating those firearms are now wringing their hands and crying that they are at a loss to explain the figures. How can a decrease in safety be explained after such a monumental effort and expense was successfully expended in "ridding society of guns?"

Now do you think these figures are going to dissuade Bill Clinton and his liberal cronies from attempting to pass identical legislation in the United States?

Not on your life!

The liberal element of our society is not interested in facts. They are only interested in disarming you, so they can be more powerful. They are afraid of an armed populace, not because of any greater safety factor, but because they can never totally control you if you can fight back.

Here is irrefutable proof that gun control, gun confiscation, is not the solution. The problem is a problem of society. It is a problem of an abandonment of our moral foundation. It is caused by abandonment of our conservative ideals. It is caused by the intervention in our lives, schools, homes, and government of liberalism. Liberalism, the tolerance of anything except Christian, conser-

vative idealism, is simply our old enemies Socialism and Communism, wearing nice, new, clean clothes. It is the belief that the government should control all aspects of your life. It was wrong when Stalin did it; it was wrong when Mussolini did it; it was wrong when Hitler did it; and it is wrong now! It does not work!

Government cannot protect you from your evil neighbors. Police are not bodyguards. Police do not protect and serve. They merely come along and arrest the guilty party, if they can find him, after he has murdered your poor defenseless family. Police do not prevent crime; they exact retribution for crime already committed. Think about it; but don't expect to see these statistics on CNN. They don't want to advertise that what they are preaching doesn't work. They certainly don't want to confuse us with the truth!

Isaiah 6: 9-10 - You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving. For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them."

Reclaiming our energy independence

Submitted By  
U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

We are truly blessed to live in an independent country. But when it comes to the resources that fuel our economy, we need to regain our independence.

At the beginning of the Clinton Administration in 1993, we imported only 48 percent of our oil from foreign nations. Today, we import 55 percent.

We have watched U.S. Energy Secretary Bill Richardson fly hat-in-hand from one foreign oil producing nation to another, asking them to increase oil production to

keep U.S. gas prices below \$2 per gallon.

Scenes like this indicate we have no energy policy. That is not really accurate. The United States does have an energy policy: the wrong one. Our policy today is to discourage domestic exploration.

These government-added costs make wells pump less than 15 barrels a day unprofitable when oil prices drop. When oil prices fell below \$10 per barrel more than 150,000 such wells were closed. At one time, these wells added 1.4 million barrels per day to America's energy independence - roughly the same amount of oil

that we import from Saudi Arabia.

We need a long-term solution.

I have introduced a bill in the Senate that would encourage producers to bring many of these low-income wells back on line.

At the heart of my legislation is a \$3 per barrel tax credit when oil prices fall below \$14 per barrel. The credit would phase out once prices rise above \$17 per barrel. This would apply only to low-volume "marginal" wells producing less than 15 barrels of oil or less than 90,000 cubic feet of natural gas. It is estimated that, if enacted, the bill would spur the short-term reopening of approximately 75,000 domestic oil wells. More important, the bill would eliminate the boom-to-bust cycle in our domestic oil industry.

Though prices are higher today, many independent producers are reluctant to incur high costs associated with reopening low-volume wells.

You know, I have great empathy for the family farmer. So does Congress and so does the President. When prices are artificially low for agricultural products, we help them stay in business. We've passed tax relief allowing farmers to spread profits and losses over several years to offset the impact of wild price swings in their market. We know it's in all of our interest to do this. But somehow, when small oil producers are facing a similar plight, people don't think of them in the same way - even though they are just as important as farmers. That must change.

We should regain control over our own economic destiny. An energy policy that requires us to go hat-in-hand to foreign oil producers is not a short-term cure - it's an embarrassment for a superpower.

The Tax Man cometh  
Submitted By  
U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

Many of you are no doubt reading this column at the breakfast table, juggling the morning paper, cup of coffee, and cereal as you try to get off to work. If your son or daughter were to ask you why you go to work, you would probably say something like, "to buy groceries, buy your clothes, and pay the bills." Fair enough. But this week we are all staring down the biggest bill of all: the federal income tax. It's a bill that costs the average American more than food, clothing, and shelter combined. The first two hours of every work day is spent making enough money to pay for your slice of the government's tax revenue pie.

It wasn't always this way.

Up until the Civil War, there was no income tax. The government had to collect taxes for a few years to pay for the war, but as soon as the war was over the Supreme Court ruled it unconstitutional. How did the American people like their flirtation with the tax? During the tax's most successful year, 276, 661 people filed tax returns. The country had about 38 million citizens at the time.

Right before World War I, the government tried the income tax again. This time it stuck, backed up by the newly passed 16th Amendment which made it constitutional.

77 years later, the tax code is out of control. It's a labyrinth with so many twist and turns that the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants has been publically saying the tax code should be simpler for more than ten years now. One of the organization's leaders, David Lifson, was quoted by the Associated Press as saying, "When over half our individual taxpayers [don't really understand] the tax system ... something is not right... The end result is erosion of voluntary compliance. It is only human to disobey a law if you do not or cannot understand the rules."

The gargantuan tax code's given birth to distrust of the government, and a hatred of the IRS that is rivaled only by fear of the agency. One magazine survey found that the most frightening words people can imagine hearing were, "This is the IRS calling."

We have a duty to make the tax code simple. We have a duty to make it fair. In short, we have a duty to end the IRS as we know it, and replace it with a simple and fair tax system.

There are several different ways the tax code could be overhauled. We could have a national sales tax instead. We could also have a flat tax, which would mean everyone would have the same percentage of the money they make go towards the federal government. Whatever the answer, all the potential solutions need to be thoroughly examined, poked and prodded by Congress and the American people. Whether you think the answer lies with a sales tax, a flat tax, or with a whole other option, we should all be able to agree on one thing: the current tax code cannot be allowed to stand.

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# Aid Association for Lutherans Kinney County EMS update

Saturday, April 8, 2000, was a big day for Aid Association for Lutherans, Branch 11061, of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, here in Brackettville.

A check was presented to Frank Cheaney, President of the Fort Clark Historical Society in the amount of \$1,457.00 by Lesley Jones, Branch Chair.

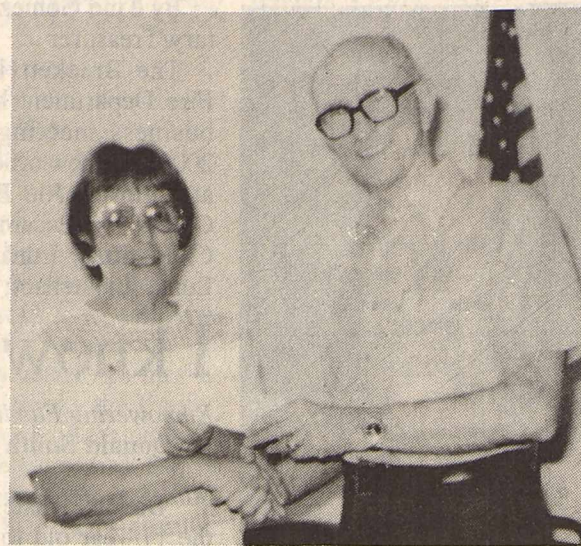
The amount is profit from the March Chicken Feed and matching funds given by AAL in Appleton, WI.

The Branch wishes to thank all participants in the Chicken Feed for helping in this endeavor.

We especially wish to thank Super S, the Nutrition Center and The Brackett News for their help.

Branch 11061 is made up of 16 members who reside on Fort Clark, Brackettville, in Uvalde and Winter Texans on the Fort.

They are always looking for non-profit groups and when disasters arise to put their energies to work in fund raising. Mr. Ken Spencer is the project chair.



From left: Lesley Jones Chair of AAL, presenting the check to FCHS President Frank Cheaney.

By Carolyn Rutherford, EMS Director  
Contributing Writer

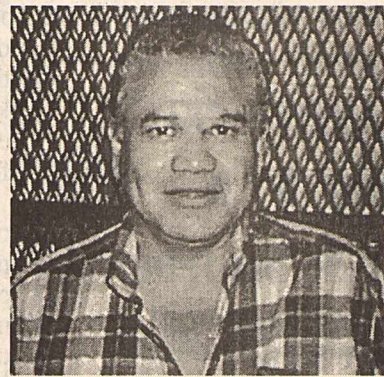
Can you believe it? Easter is almost here! How does the year go by so quickly? Your Emergency Medical Service has been very busy, as usual, between EMS calls and special events. One special event coming up is "Peter Cottontail hoppin' down the bunny trail." Michelle Rosas (the EMT-B Clerk I) and Diana Walker (Adult Center) are planning wonderful Easter activities for this Sunday, April 16 at 2 PM. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt with all kinds of prizes for kids aged 1-10 years. There is also an Easter Bonnet Contest, seeking the

creator of the Best Easter Hat in the West! The judges for this event are Carmen Berlanga, Diana Walker, and Cordelia Barlow. Special thanks go to Diana and Michelle, who have put a great deal of time and effort into this project. Donations for prizes, Easter eggs, and candy come from (this is a LONG LIST) Super S, Burger and Shake, Conrad's, C.T.'s Bike Shop, Jesse Garcia (D.J.'s music), C & L Laundramat, The Crazy Chicken, Lopez Bakery, Middle Rio Grande 911 Council, Rio Grande Electric Coop, Chamber of Commerce, H.E.B., Wal-Mart, Barbara's Table, Angie Garrett and the mothers of our local Boy Scout Troop, Ft. Clark Recreation Center employees, Kinney County employees, Kinney County Volunteer Ambulance Service, and your EMS employees. See, I was

right; it is a long list. What overwhelming support for this fun community project!

I was gently reminded this week about a part of our EMS organization that is unique to EMS and essential to our system here. We have what we call Emergency Drivers who volunteer their time to help out when we have a serious call, so we can have two "EMSers" in the back trying to save a life. They are also used when we have a crew out in the first ambulance and need a driver for the second unit. Texas Department of Health issued a variance so we can use more than one ambulance at any given time. These drivers also help out with moving heavy patients, or bringing them to the ambulance from very tight corners, second floor stairs, and small rooms. So far, during these crises, we have immediate response from county employees, Border Patrol, Ft. Clark Security and Maintenance, and the Sheriff's Office.

## Notice



Juan Manuel Lumbreres - 49 year old male - 307 W. El Paso St. Brackettville, Texas has registered with the Kinney County Sheriff's Department as a convicted sex offender. Convicted of "indecency with a child." Victim was a female child.

Notification  
Juan Miguel Lumbreres - 49 anos de edad - 307 W. El Paso St. Brackettville, Texas se a registrado con el departamento de el Sherife en el Condado de Kinney y fue convicto de una ofensa sexual. Fue convicto de "indecencia con una nina" - La victima fue una nina.

If you do NOT want to go through the training for EMS but Do feel the need and obligation to give back something to your community, why not sign up to drive for us? The training time is minimal, but you must have a valid Texas Driver's License and be able to help lift heavy patients (so you need to be in good health). I need to thank those folks who drive for us on a regular basis: Larry Walker, Rudy Luna, Albert Payne, Andrea Garcia. At any given moment I'll stand first in line to sing their "Hero Song"!

For information on becoming a driver, EMS Courses, CPR courses, Indigent Health Care, please call the office at 830-563-9090 or come by from 8 AM - 5 PM Monday through Friday. The office is located at 143 Ft. Clark Rd.

If there is an EMERGENCY, CALL 911! (Kinney County EMS' second ambulance may have less than state required staffing level on board)

## Kinney County Sheriff's Report

### Sunday, April 2

1:18 a.m., The Kinney County Sheriff's Department received a 911 call reporting a white Jeep Cherokee traveling west bound on Hwy 90 at a high rate of speed. The vehicle was subsequently stopped by a Deputy Karl Chism.

1:35 a.m., A local woman called to ask if there had been any accidents. She stated that her husband usually came home from work at 7:00 p.m. but he had not arrived. Deputy Chism was dispatched to look for stranded motorists.

3:41 p.m., Uvalde Police Department called to report a '93 Chevrolet Pickup had left Uvalde 5 minutes earlier. The driver had failed to pay for his gas. DPS Trooper Slubar was notified.

7:55 p.m., A local man called 911 to ask the time of day. He was informed 911 is an emergency response line only and should only be called in emergencies.

### Tuesday, April 4

1:20 p.m., Gonzalo Guierrez, Jr. age 17 from Houston was arrested by DPS Trooper Richard Slubar for speeding, no insurance and no drivers license. He paid a fine on 4-05-00 and was released.

7:53 p.m., A local woman

called because she was upset with a man at her house. Deputy Chism responded and asked the man to go home with his brother for the night.

### Wednesday, April 5

7:00 p.m., A local lady called to see if an Emergency Protective Order could be placed against a 21 year old's mother. Judge John Ford was to meet with complainant later.

### Thursday, April 6

8:20 p.m. A local man reported a woman was driving reckless, speeding and passing cars left and right. Deputy Guidry spoke with the woman and told her not to be speeding.

8:50 p.m. Local lady reported the same lady as above had almost hit her fence and was driving reckless. Deputy Guidry spoke with the woman again and told her she would be filed on or ticketed. She left speeding 36 mph in a 30 mph zone.

10:05 p.m. Received a call from Fort Clark Security about intoxicated male in the bar. Deputy Guidry took care of situation.

10:30 p.m. Edward M. Garza 29 of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Guidry for Public In-

toxication.

11:06 p.m. Cline check point notified KCSO of a semi truck headed west bound on HWY 90 with a busted out tail light and driving all over the road. DPS Trooper Tony Ashley was notified.

### Friday, April 7

Laughlin Air Force Base reported a vehicle driving in and out on their airstrip. They asked someone to notify the driver to leave the area because it was a restricted area. Notified Border Patrol and they said they would head that way.

4:00 p.m. Received a complaint about a dog barking and trying to bite people walking by. Deputy Guidry spoke with owner and he said he would keep the dog under control.

### Saturday, April 8

12:00 a.m. Manuel Talamantez age 30 of Brackettville was arrested by Trooper Ashley for DWI 1st offense. He posted bond and was released 4-9-00.

9:10 a.m. A lady reported a window in her truck had been broken. Police Chief Ron Ring arrived at her residence and she told him who she thought did it. Officer Ring spoke with the man. He

said he did break the window but it was an accident and he would pay for the window to be replaced.

9:30 a.m. Martin Hernandez age 25 from San Antonio was arrested by DPS Trooper Tom Wylie for DWI 2nd offense. He was released 4-9-00 after posting bond.

1:35 p.m. A local lady called for a deputy to accompany her to her rent house to take pictures before the tenants left. The tenants would not give her permission to do this. She and the deputy had to leave.

10:55 p.m. A lady called 911 stating that two cars on the corner of Spring St. and 2804 were having an argument. Deputy Chism and Reserve Deputy Cordelia Mendeke responded.

### Sunday, April 9

10:55 p.m. Received a call from Pico's about some young kids getting rowdy with attendant. They left but officer Chism was given description and license number of both vehicles.

### Monday, April 10

3:30 a.m. Robert Luevanos, 26, of Leander, was arrested by Trooper Ashley for DWI, DWL and failing to secure a child. As of today he is still being held.

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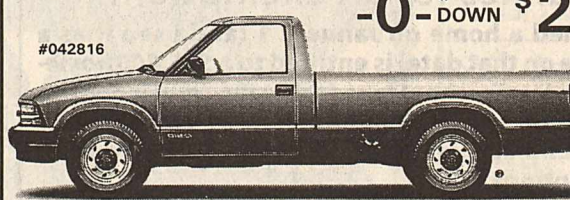


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# Berlanga speaks at Rotary Club meeting Fire Department News

By Frances McMaster  
Contributing Writer

Mayor Carmen Berlanga spoke to the Brackettville Rotary Club April 6 at its weekly meeting. Ms. Berlanga retired from Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas after 31 years as a medical technician and was elected mayor of Brackettville in May 1992.

The Mayor said the first thing she was given when elected was a handbook published by the Texas Municipal League Guidelines. The office of TML is in Austin where a staff of attorneys are available to elected officials to answer questions or go into more depth concerning laws and regulations to which they must conform.

Cities have many laws and regulations concerning what they can and can not do and what they must and must not do. "Its the musts that are the most important," Ms. Berlanga said.

The governing structures start

with federal, then state, regions and cities.

A major structure with which the city must deal is the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission. As the title denotes, the TNRCC is concerned with conservation of natural resources such as air, water, land and other environmental issues.

Under the TNRCC, the Water Department oversees drinking water, aquifer reserves, and drought conditions.

The Health Department oversees Animal control, Rabies control, and mosquito control.

The Railroad Commission requires high school diplomas or G.E.D.s of employees who may be operating heavy equipment.

The Wage and Labor Board oversees minimum wages and protects the rights of employees.

We are also governed, Berlanga noted, by the Texas Open Meetings laws and Open Records Act.

Texas cities developed in the



From left: Mayor Carmen Berlanga and Betty Gibbs, Rotary Program chairman.

early seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, and as the population increased, most of them incorporated. The city of Brackettville incorporated in July of 1928.

It had a choice between incorporating under general law or under home rule. Twenty percent of the cities chose home rule. Brackettville incorporated under general law and has an Aldermatic form of government.

The functions of a city fall into two forms: government and proprietary. The Governmental aspect must perform law enforcement, fire protection, street and traffic control, and utilities. The proprietary are the same, except they are voluntary. There are different types of city governments. Brackettville operates under general law governmental function of the Aldermatic form.

This means there is an elected mayor and five alder persons to head the major functions of city government. Place One is Fire and Police. Place Two is Housing and Administration. Place Three is Budget and Finance. Place Four is Utility Operations and City Operations. The mayor and alder persons become the City Council and direct the City Manager who has an operational staff and utilities maintenance employees.

Brackettville has now become a Council-management kind of

operation. The mayor is the highest elected city official and presides over Council meetings. Ms. Berlanga noted that she must sign all city contracts, Council minutes, and all, legal documents.

The City Charter provides that the mayor votes only in case of a tie. She may also preside as Municipal judge, and Ms. Berlanga did just that for eight months of her first year.

Berlanga mentioned that she served on many committees which meant she spent a lot of time on the road between here and surrounding cities. She laughingly said she had worn out three sets of tires in four years, but that she had loved every minute of it.

## How much have you saved?

I could be wrong!  
By Chuck Hall

Day light savings time is here again. What a joke. How do you "save" daylight? I don't believe I really saved any daylight either. I think what actually happened was I lost some night. And an hours worth of sleep too. How did this get started? Is this really the brainchild of ole Ben Franklin? I knew that guy was up to no good. Why would anybody write a book and

By Tino Gomez BVFD Secretary/Treasurer

The Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department held its annual business meeting on April 5, 2000. The new officers elected are as follows: Joe Boy Williams, Chief; Joe Escamilla, Assistant Chief; Rudy Luna, Captain; Joe Luna, Lieutenant; Tino Gomez,

Secretary/Treasurer; Ruben Buntello, Chaplain.

The members also discussed training issues and fund raisers. It was agreed to have a hot dog, hamburger & chicken BBQ on Saturday, April 15, at Shahan Park. The department will also have the dunking booth at the Cinco de Mayo celebration.

## I know you don't love me

Empowering Families  
By Donald Smith

"Daddy, I hate you," blurted the 11 year old to her father. "I hate you; I know you don't love me," she said. She had been disciplined for something which was against the rules. Her consequences including not being able to go to a valued friend's house that evening. She was angry. Dad sat on the side of the bed and gently touched her. She turned away. He touched her again and replied, "Honey, it's all right for you to be angry. I understand. I would probably be angry too. But I want to tell you how much I love you and that your being angry will never change that." He gently kissed her head through the covers and left the room.

"Mommy, here is a note from my teacher," said the 7-year old as he handed his mother a folded piece of paper. "How could you be so stupid?" blurted mother as she threw the paper on the table. "Now I have to buy you some

more pencils. Can't you keep track of anything? The child turned away crying. "I can't do anything right," he said.

Words can bring comfort or anger. They can heal or they can cut. The writer of Proverbs said, "Like golden apples in silver settings are words spoken at the proper time (25:11)." "A mild answer calms wrath but a harsh word stirs up anger (Prov. 15:1)." A wise Jewish Sage said, "For a father's blessing gives a family firm root, but a mother's curse uproots the growing plant (Ecclesiasticus 3:9)."

When you speak to your children, mirror the words of the Father. "God so loved," says the Apostle (John 3:16). Children learn the love of God from the love of parents. Speak the words of blessing, calm the already troubled heart.

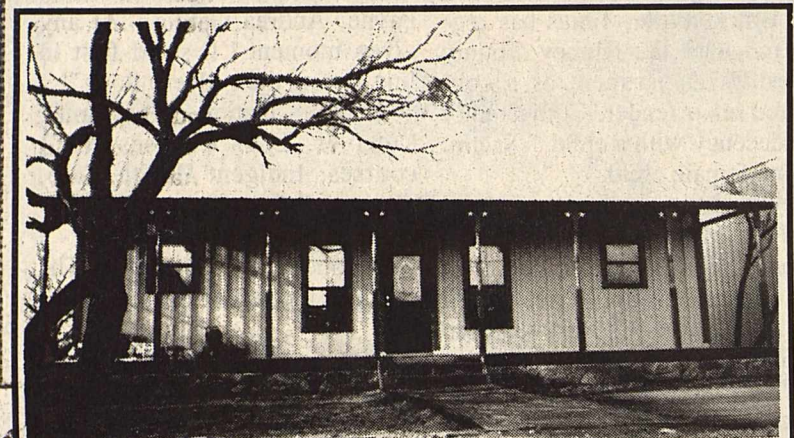
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call it someone else's almanac? And the hour of sunshine that we supposedly saved? We'll just lose it next fall. And I'll never regain that hour of slumber. Some how I'll lose the daylight and the sleep. Funny how these things work out.

Several autumns ago, I was discussing daylight savings time changes with someone who shall remain nameless. Let's just say that she was blonde and let it go at that. Any way she remarked that

the government shouldn't fool around with time changes. I was agreeing with her so far. But I over stepped my boundaries and asked why she thought so. Her answer astounded me. She said that the poor little bunnies and birds had no way of knowing that it was going to get dark an hour sooner than usual. How do you argue with that? I suppose she's right. Let's help us all and leave the time alone. But I could be wrong.

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A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering its taxable value. If your home is valued at \$50,000 and you receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth \$35,000.

**Who qualifies for an exemption?**  
Anyone who owned a home on January 1 (and used it as a primary residence on that date) is entitled to a \$15,000 homestead exemption to lower school taxes this year...and it doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. (Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.)

**Are other exemptions available?**  
If you're disabled—or if you're 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the over-65 exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The ceiling does not apply to county or city property taxes, and those entities may offer other exemptions.) The over-65 homeowner's exemptions and school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. Over-65 homeowners also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's over-65 school tax ceiling, to a new home.

**Do I have to apply each year?**  
No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 1999, you won't need to reapply for 2000 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 2000. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the over-65 exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled during 1999, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

**When and where should I file?**  
File applications by May 1 at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact us at:  
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**¿Quién califica para una exención?**  
Cualquier dueño de una residencia principal el día 1 de enero tiene derecho a una exención de residencia de \$15,000 este año para rebajar sus impuestos escolares... y no importa si la residencia es casa, condominio o casa móvil. (Los condados, municipios y distritos especiales de impuestos también pueden ofrecer exenciones de residencia.)

**¿Hay otras exenciones?**  
Si Ud. es incapacitado—o si tiene 65 años o más—tiene derecho a una exención adicional de \$10,000 en sus impuestos escolares de propiedad. Y si Ud. califica para la exención para los que ya cumplieron 65 años, también tiene derecho a un "cielo máximo" permanente en sus impuestos escolares de residencia. (El cielo máximo no tiene que ver con impuestos de propiedad de los condados o municipios, y esas entidades pueden ofrecer otras exenciones.) La exención para los que ya cumplieron 65 años y el cielo máximo se pueden transferir al esposo/esposa sobreviviente si el o ella tiene 55 ó más años de edad y es dueño/duena de la casa en donde vive. También el dueño de una casa nueva que tiene más de 65 años puede trasladar un porcentaje de cielo máximo del los impuestos escolares que le tocaron en su domicilio vieja.

**¿Debo solicitarla cada año?**  
No. Si Ud. recibió una exención de residencia en 1999, no hay necesidad de solicitarla de nuevo en 2000—al menos que se lo pida su jefe de valoraciones. Sin embargo, si no ha recibido una exención en su residencia actual—o si ha cambiado de domicilio tendrá que solicitar una exención para 2000. Si Ud. cumplirá los 65 años durante este año, tiene hasta un año de esa fecha para solicitar una nueva exención. Y si cumplió los 65 años o resultó incapacitado en 1999, tendrá que solicitar las exenciones adicionales.

**¿Dónde y cuando debo solicitar mis exenciones?**  
Su solicitud debe llegar en su oficina local del distrito de valoraciones antes del día 1 de mayo. Si necesita más tiempo, favor de ponerse en contacto con nosotros antes:  
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# Two local students awarded Carr Academic Scholarships

Two high school seniors from Brackettville have been awarded Carr Academic Scholarships at Angelo State University for 2000-2001.

The students are Tiffany P. Eckenrod and Jacob A. Hughes from Brackett High School.

Carr Academic Scholarships are being awarded for 2000-2001, ranging in value from \$1,500 to \$6,000, to qualified undergraduates. During the current year over 1,000 students from throughout Texas and the nation, as well as numerous foreign countries are attending Angelo State University on Carr Academic Scholarships.

As a general rule, entering

freshmen must rank in the top 15 percent of their high school class and present either a combined math and verbal score of 1140 on the SAT 1 or a composite score of 25 on the ACT.

Supported by a growing multi-million dollar trust established by the late Robert G. Carr and Nona K. Carr of San Angelo, the undergraduate scholarships may be renewed annually by the University for students who maintain the required academic record. During a four-year course of undergraduate study at ASU, Carr Academic Scholarships can be worth from \$6,000 to \$24,000.

## Tiger Band receives highest rating in four years

*Making a Difference*  
By Taylor Stephenson

You must be a proud Superintendent! These were the words of greeting that made my day this last Saturday spoken by Gracie Escamilla at the Taco Express. Gracie was talking about the achievements of Brackettville students in the past few weeks. We're winning in everything!

I'll name a few. In academic competition, our preliminary TAAS scores for Brackett High School are very high. We'll have final scores in the near future. The UIL academics have received more emphasis, and we have competed well. Last week's Brackett News was full of stories and pictures about successful students and teachers.

The Tiger Band received the highest ratings that it has registered in the past four years. We scored Division II in concert and Division II in sight reading. There were many schools with more band members who represented schools with larger enrollments. The Tigers went to the contest to win and they did just that.

Our Track teams have fine athletes and will be well represented at Regional competition. In District Tennis, we won both boys and girls high school and Junior High competition. I believe that baseball and softball will both make the playoffs this year.

The elementary school memory book is beautiful. The books are in and will be distributed soon.

This week, our Junior High and Elementary students will try hard

to score high on the criterion referenced TAAS tests. I have confidence that they will get that job done right.

You can not believe the compliments that we receive almost daily from folks who come to apply to work at our school in Brackettville. Folks see clean buildings, well-behaved and courteous students, and students and staff who care about each other.

We have some of the usual growing up problems with students and adults. I am eternally optimistic that those will become fewer and fewer as we put our students into a higher competitive arena. In other words, I think fine bands, winning athletic teams, and high scoring academics help keep students focused and help keep them out of trouble. If this premise is true, we should be turning the corner soon on some of the prob-

lems that have plagued us all for years. Students who are busy working to get better will in fact get better in academics, music, athletics and in academic extra-curricular activities.

I believe that our schools are working at Brackett ISD. I hope that your child is busy with school activities and is part of the improvement that we're talking about here today. If you want to get some better results, get your child involved in a group activity at school or at your church. I believe that you will be pleased with the positive change.

That's about it. I am a proud superintendent! Each day, we try to improve our educational program at Brackett ISD. (Some days, we don't get it all right, but we do a great job most days). Thanks for your support. Have a great week!

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make sure that's understood. Mr. Moore came down here, he went into the clerk's office himself and copied all the subdivision regulations, my clerks did not do that," said Shahan.

"The application that was sent in on June was not a complete application because it did not have all the application fee with it," added Shahan.

"From a common sense standpoint Mr. Moore, its very obvious that commissioners court is on record, in opposition, to any activities that are in support of a land fill site eventually going there," said Senne.

"Anything along those lines that Adobe presents to this court for approval, I'll be the first one to make a motion in opposition," added Senne.

## School Board continues to withhold final payment on New High School Building

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ing school board election. The regular board meeting was rescheduled for May 15th.

Superintendent Taylor Stephenson reported that progress was being made towards finishing several items concerning the

new High School Building. However, a few items, such as exhaust fans were not complete.

The board, once again, unanimously agreed to withhold final payment until the project was completed, as per the contract.

## Tigers rack up another win: 4-2 in district play

By Ricky Creel  
Contributing Writer

Senior, left-hander Tommy Sandoval of Brackett continued his outstanding pitching by winning his 6th game 14-4 against Center Point in District 30-2A action Friday afternoon on the Pirates diamond.

Sandoval allowed only two hits, single by Mahler in the fifth inning and a double by Moore in the fifth; struck out seven and walked eight. Only six Pirates hit the ball to the outfield, and in the fifth they scored three runs. In the third, they scored one run and had a chance to score more, but Sandoval picked the runner off at first to end the inning. It was Sandoval's second 4 run game in a 6-1 season, but more importantly the Tigers boosted their district record to 4-2 and dropped Center Point to 1-5. It was also the Tiger's second victory over the Pirates this season.

Losing pitcher Meadar allowed three hits, nine walks and seven earned runs. The three hits came in the third and fourth innings on a RBI single by Zach Davis in the third, and a three run homerun by Jaime Ortiz in the fourth. Brandon Moore also had a two RBI single in the fourth to make the score 7-1 at the end of the fourth inning. The Pirates put Jay on the mound in the fifth inning and the Tigers scored seven more runs. Jaime Ortiz hit his second homerun in the top of the fifth, Zach Davis had a two run double, Javier DeLeon had a two run single, and J.J. Rivas had a RBI triple. "We struggled to get control of the game in the first three innings, but we broke it open in the fourth to take command of the game." Tigers coach Ricky Creel said. The final score was Tigers 14 and Pirates 4.

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5. Sheep-herding tribe of the Southwest
9. Crow
13. Pre-Soviet ruler
14. Chips portrayer
15. Orphan who loved Rochester
16. \_\_\_ we go again!
17. \_\_\_ Gay
18. Banshee's cry
19. Indicate
21. Pork cuts
23. Treasurer's collection
24. Window frame
25. College gps.
27. Granted
30. I have: Fr.
31. Hackneyed
33. Trait carriers
35. Sated
37. Otto \_\_\_ Bismarck
38. Hat stand
39. Prepare for knighthood
41. Throws in a chip
44. Demure
45. Delinquent
47. Like a cad's promises
49. \_\_\_ soup yet? (2 wds.)

**DOWN**

1. Ultimate degree
2. Pre-owned, in car lingo
3. Foal's parent
4. Dale Messick's heroine
5. Whets
6. Lennon's widow
7. O'Hara's Joey, e.g.
8. Slanted type
9. Throw into confusion
10. A Bridge Too Far author Cornelius
11. Onassis et al.
12. Thicken
14. Loathe

20. Pop flies, usually
22. Couturier Cassini
24. Smell
25. Flora and \_\_\_
26. In a snit
27. Abandoned
28. Portray
29. Sitting duck?
30. Before LBJ
32. Stop!, nautically
34. Light or write start
36. Do a magician's trick
40. In case
42. More spine-tingling
43. Contentedly self-confident
46. Those responding to an alarm
48. Tin alloy
50. Chirp
51. Naturalist John
52. Soon, poetically
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**Aries March 21- April 20**  
People are depending on you to find a happy medium in an uncomfortable situation. Turn inward to help work through this situation. Rely on the comfort of friends when the going gets tough. Your energy can be used positively.

**Taurus April 21-May 21**  
Find new physical and emotional outlets to help you combat the stress you've been under recently. As you take on a new attitude concerning your stress, you'll find you can win over adversity. Keep in mind the number nine.

**Gemini May 22-June 21**  
As the week progresses, you'll find that you need more emotional contact with others. Their support will be vital to your progress. You may need to rely on your sense of humor to help get you through a family situation in one piece.

**Cancer June 22-July 22**  
Spend some time with someone who really matters to you. You need to laugh about how funny life can be, and this is the person who can help you do that. The colors of a sunset will inspire you to solve a nagging problem.

**Leo July 23-August 23**  
Confidence is the word of the week. You will have the confidence to face an old, trying problem. You will gain the confidence to ask for what you thought was an impossible task. You will have the confidence to say "No!"

**Virgo August 24-Sept. 22**  
Back off from your old routine and try to get your personal life in order. Think things through before you act. You have been wanting to make changes to improve your outlook on life, and now is the time to prove to yourself that you can do it.

**Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23**  
Your concern for marital or partnership issues is well deserved. The relationship can be saved, but it will take some hard work. Don't make all the effort; it's a two-way street. But remember, your word is not always final.

**Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22**  
Take time to consider someone else's feelings and be aware of his/her emotional insecurities. You have been wrapped up in yourself recently, and your single-mindedness is starting to grate on another person's nerves.

**Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21**  
Draw on the ideas of some liberal-minded people to boost your creativity. You can succeed at something you love and break away from your trying, boring occupation. Before you make any long-term plans, talk them through with your partner.

**Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20**  
Your consideration and sincerity will be very much appreciated this week. A friend is facing a tough situation, and you can be there for him/her. Take time to remember the good things. Don't listen to another person's ridicules.

**Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18**  
You will find yourself surrounded by the color purple. Draw upon it to help you through some tough situations. Your independent spirit may get you in trouble with someone you thought you were close to. Rethink the relationship.

**Pisces Feb. 19-March 20**  
Problems will arise, but you can handle them methodically, without panicking. Others will be counting on you. If you have to explain yourself, don't become defensive. But make sure to bring all the facts to the table.

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Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous ordinance.

Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

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

My soul hath kept thy testimonies; and I love them exceedingly.

I have kept thy precepts and thy testimonies: for all my ways are before thee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; and let thy ordinances help me.

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

Psalms 119: 161-176, Amen.

**True friends are the greatest treasures a person can have**

St. Mary Magdalene  
By Lynn McNew

I was very fortunate while in the Dallas area over the weekend to get to spend some time with a very old and dear friend. We have been friends for over twenty years and it is the kind of friendship that seems to never end. It almost seems as if we can pick up the conversation where we left off the last time and that may have been a year ago.

Charlotte was the first person I met when we moved to Lubbock with three children under the age of four and a husband who traveled all the time. We seemed to have a lot in common and hit it off immediately. Over the years, people have seen us together and thought we were sisters. We are sisters of the heart. The only thing I regret is that we don't get to see each other as often as we would like.

Why is this important? Next to family, true friends are the greatest treasures a person can have. Someone once said: "A friend is someone who knows all your faults and loves you anyhow." This is the kind of friends Char-

lotte and I have always been. She doesn't care if I am grumpy or over tired; I don't care if she is having a bad day; I don't have to put on my best clothes to visit her; she isn't worried if her make-up is perfect.

I hope that each of you has had the privilege of having an earthly friend like this. We all are fortunate to have a Heavenly Friend who knows all our faults and loves us anyhow. Jesus is that Friend. He doesn't care if we are grumpy or having a bad day. In fact that is when He wants to reach out to us, if we will let Him. We come before Him with all our imperfections and He loves us just the way we are.

When Charlotte and I parted in Dallas on Sunday, we both promised to keep in closer contact with each other. We always promise this and then our busy lives seem to keep us from writing and calling like we should. I am really going to try to do better at keeping this promise—at communicating better.

During these weeks of Lent, I know I have not always lived up to the promises I made on Ash Wednesday. My Friend doesn't

care—He just wants me to keep trying. As the glorious day of Easter rapidly approaches, I will attempt again to keep my promises to my Friend. I will also spend more time communicating with this Friend through prayer.

You are welcome to worship with us anytime at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. There will be many special services during Easter week. God Bless You.

**We must let God's word must be the "last word"**

Gateway Ministries  
By Pastor Charolette Corey

God's law and God's grace play an important part in our lives today. We can only implement fair laws by using the word of God as our guide. At all times we must let God's word be the "last word" in our choices, even when our flesh, our inclination, or personal desire is to hand out revenge (I Peter 3: 10-11, Eph 2:2-10).

You may say "God's word says, 'An eye for an eye'".

God's word also says "Vengeance is mine saith the Lord". (Matt. 5:38, read also verse 39; Rom. 12:17-21) It is the job of those who God has allowed to be in legal authority to decide what punishment or what mercy is to be dealt out. We must honor those who are in authority over us and pray for them even if you do not agree with them. In our country you also have the right to vote them out of office or vote out of office the person who placed them in a position of authority. (I Tim. 2:1-2; 1:8-11) As a child of God,

you can also pray for God to "change their boundaries" so that their judgment flows according to God's plan (even as the change in the banks of a stream or river will change the course or direction of the water).

First and foremost, we must honor God, forgive those who have hurt us, and pray for those who persecute us. (Matt 5:43-44, 6:12-15) . If you get on the side of the devil as an "accuser" (outside our courts of law), then you have invited yourself with the army of the devil and will suffer along with him in his reward, that is, eternally burning in the lake of fire. (Rev. 19:20, 20:10-15). If you let bitterness rule you, it will eventually destroy and, therefore, punish you, not the person you are directing your bitterness toward. (Eph. 4:32-32; Heb. 12:14-17)

(Next week Part 2: Ambassadors of Peace) Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

**How was it that these people changed their minds about Jesus?**

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

It must have been a pretty day in early Spring. I can imagine that there was a slight breeze which took the heat out of the air but didn't kick up any dust. There in the distance a small band of travelers were making their way by foot up to the gate of the city. Before they actually arrived, a few of them came running ahead. When they were seen again, they were leading a Jenny and her colt from the city back to their friends. Perhaps one was injured, or tired. Or perhaps one of the women was

with child and needed to be transported in less discomfort.

Someone placed a cloak upon the donkey and then a man seated himself there. He didn't look particularly tired, or frail. In fact, there was something very special in his demeanor. Soon many people were gathering at the gate. Some were waving at friends in the vagabond group and speaking excitedly to those at their side. As the rider entered the gate of the city, the commotion grew. People were laying their garments on the ground for the donkey to walk on as others cut branches from the nearby trees and began waving them as if they were receiving royalty. There were shouts of joy and faces engraved with awe. The volume of their tribute grew beyond understanding.

What was witnessed that day was a spontaneous outburst of admiration and belief in the rabbi from Nazareth named Jesus, a prophet come to the center of faith for the Holy Days of Passover. It is possible that most of those there had a glimpse of the man who would be indelibly engraved on their lives forever. And they were receiving him as if he was their hope. Yet, in less than a week, many who had been shouting, "Hosanna" were gathered again, but their cry was no longer, "Hosanna," instead, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" How was it that these people had changed their minds about Jesus so quickly? Come join us at First United Methodist Church on Sunday at 10:45 a.m. as we talk about, "Fair weather friends."

**Church Alliance**

By Rev. Ken F. Sellers Jr.  
Contributing Writer

On Easter, April 23rd, Christians everywhere will be celebrating their salvation experienced through Jesus' rise from death. On the first Easter Sunday, Cleopas and a friend were walking to a village named Emmaus about seven miles from Jerusalem. As they were talking about the trial and execution of the Friday just passed, they were joined by another whom they did not recognize. The stranger joined their conversation and began to explain the scriptures regarding Jesus, the Messiah, to them. When reaching their destination, they invited the stranger to join them for the evening meal. In breaking and sharing of the bread, their eyes were opened. Their companion vanished, yet they knew they had

been in the presence of the risen Christ. And then ... they immediately left to journey the seven miles back to Jerusalem to share with the other disciples the knowledge that Jesus lived.

The Church Alliance of Brackettville and The Voices Of Fort Clark invite each of you, our neighbors, to come and hear the story of resurrection and salvation presented at the Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. at the Old Quarry Amphitheater on April 23rd. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Thank You**

For all those sharing in our loss, we appreciate your thoughtfulness.

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**Obituary**

Celestino Martinez Jr., age 40, passed away April 2, 2000 in Galveston, Texas. He was born April 26, 1959 in Del Rio, Texas. He is preceded in death by his father Celestino Martinez Sr.

He is survived by the following, Mother: Juliana Martinez of Brackettville, Texas; Brothers: Guadalupe Martinez of Salt Lake City, Utah; Javier Martinez of Big Lake, Texas; Francisco Martinez and Alejandro Martinez of Lubbock, Texas; Gilberto Martinez, Severo Martinez, Marcos Martinez and Jose Angel Martinez all of Brackettville, Texas; Sisters: Patricia Leal and Yolanda Pesina of Del Rio, Texas; Gloriana Rodriguez and Angelica Sandoval of Lubbock, Texas; Sylvia Lopez and Juanita Gladys Martinez of Houston, Texas.

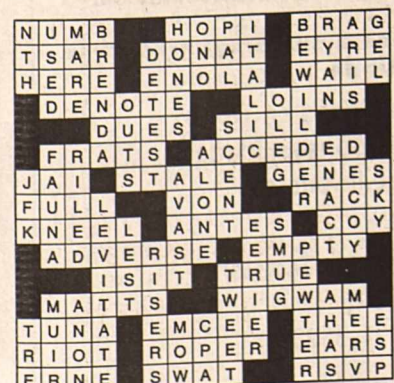
Visitation was held Thursday, April 6, 2000 at the Brackettville Funeral Home. A rosary was recited that evening.

A mass of Christian Burial was held Friday, April 7 at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. Burial followed at the Catholic Cemetery.

**Thank You**

I want to thank my family and friends who called, sent cards, flowers, food, and said prayers for me during my recent illness. I also want to thank the ladies at the Aging Service for preparing and delivering our noon meal.

Mary Seaver



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH INVITES YOU TO JOIN US AS WE JOURNEY WITH JESUS THROUGH HOLY WEEK, APRIL 16-23**

In order to better experience the fullness of Easter, we are going to become followers of Jesus as he enters Jerusalem in preparation for the Passover feast. We will be looking at the scriptures through the eyes of those in His company who did not know what was to come. It promises to be an eye-opening journey. Each day, the Scripture study will be presented twice.

- April 16 Palm Sunday - 10:45 a.m., A PALM PROCESSION to begin worship. 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., Scripture study - Mark 11:1-11; IT'S SUNDAY. JESUS ENTERS JERUSALEM, THE CITY THAT KILLS PROPHETS.
- April 17 Noon and 5:30 p.m., Scripture study - Matthew 21:18-27, 22:15-23:39; IT'S MONDAY. JESUS CONFRONTS HIS CRITICS.
- April 18 Noon and 5:30 p.m., Scripture study - Mark 14:1-9; IT'S TUESDAY; JESUS IS ANOINTED BY A STRANGER WHOSE NAME IS FORGOTTEN, BUT NOT HER DEED.
- April 19 Noon and 5:30 p.m., Scripture study - Luke 21:10-22:6; IT'S WEDNESDAY. JESUS SPEAKS OF THE FUTURE AND JUDAS CUTS A DEAL.
- April 20 Noon and 5:00 p.m., Scripture study - John 13:1-17 and 31B-35; IT'S THURSDAY, THE DAY OF THE PASSOVER FEAST. JESUS WASHES THE FEET OF THE DISCIPLES AND SPEAKS OF A NEW COMMANDMENT. 6:00 p.m., Maundy Thursday worship service, EXPERIENCING THE LAST SUPPER.
- April 21 Noon and 5:00 p.m. "THE LAST WORDS OF JESUS," a study of Jesus' words from the cross. 6 p.m., Good Friday, TENEBRAE worship service.
- April 23 7:00 a.m., Community Sunrise Worship Service presented by The Church Alliance of Brackettville at the Amphitheater in Fort Clark Springs. 10:45 a.m., "SONRISE" worship service for Easter Sunday.

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Pastor: R. D. Holloway

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**FAIR HOUSING IT'S** The Law. This year marks the thirty-second (32nd) Anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law. To promote fair housing practices, the City of Spofford, City of Brackettville, and Kinney County encourages potential homeowners and renters to be aware of their rights. Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap, familial status or national origin in the sale or rental of units in the housing market. For more information on fair housing or to report possible fair housing discrimination, call the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's toll-free hotline at 1-800-669-9777.

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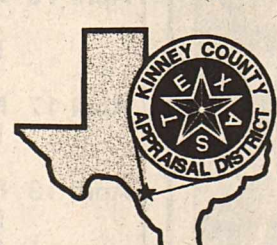
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**When is the application deadline?**  
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**Do you need to reapply annually?**  
If your land already receives agricultural or timber productivity appraisal, you normally don't need to reapply unless the chief appraiser requires you to do so. If a new application is required, the appraisal district will notify you by mail.

For more information, call or come by:



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**¿Cual es la hora del cierre?**  
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**¿Debo solicitarla cada año?**  
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