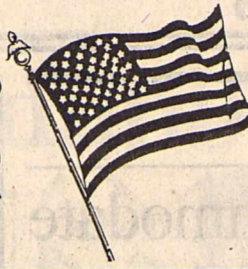


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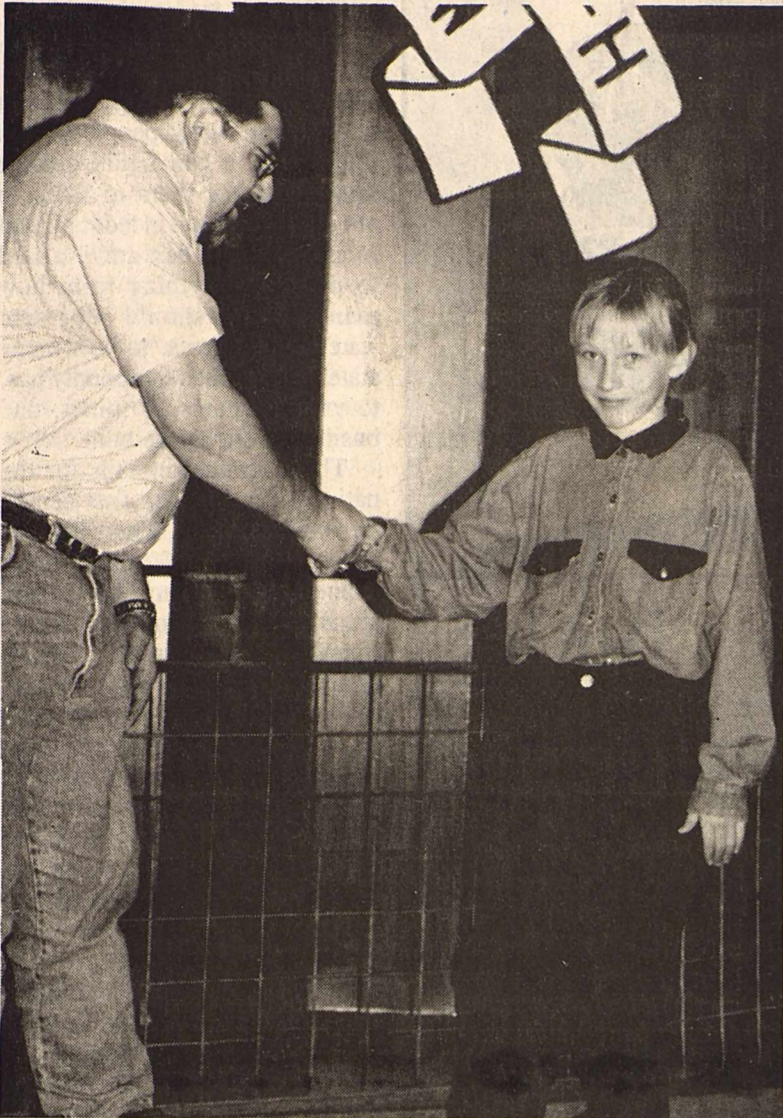
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Natasha Smith who had her Champion Swine purchased by a representative of BudCo for \$550. Photo by Candy Hobbs

Kinney County Livestock Show sale raises \$37,625

By Dottie Cruz
Staff Writer

The premium sale at the 45th Annual Kinney County FFA and 4-H Livestock show Saturday collected \$37,625 for the 78 animals that were sold. Last year the amount was \$27,875 for 63 animals.

"It's up, it lacks \$200 from being \$10,000," said County Agent Robert Elledge.

A total of 206 animals were shown at last weekend's local junior livestock show at Kinney County Civic Center. The average sale was \$482.

"We were up 30 entries from last year," said Elledge.

"The sale average is up \$40 and we sold 78 units and they were up 25 animals or units compared to last year," Elledge added.

The rainy weather didn't dampen the spirit or keep the public from attending the Livestock Show.

"Attendance was great, the Livestock was a lot better than before and the competition was much stronger," said Elledge. "Actually it was basically a perfect Stockshow."

Dietrich Davis won the Joey Key York Award, which is given to the overall showman of the Kinney County Livestock Show. He received a Special Award for Showmanship Steer and two awards in the Junior Division for Market Steer Showmanship and Angora Goat Showmanship.

2000 Champions

The following is a list of champions from the 45th Annual Kinney County FFA and 4-H Livestock Show:

Exhibitor	Breed
Dietrich Davis.....	Angora Goat Doe Kid
Natasha Smith.....	Swine
Rebecca Mann.....	Rabbit Meat Pen
Michelle Melancon.....	Rabbit Doe
Duquesa Hunt.....	Rabbit Buck
Laura Lee.....	Finewool Lamb
Jared Hobbs.....	Crossbred Lamb
Patrick Rose.....	Finewool Ewe Lamb
Elizabeth Threadgill.....	Meat Goat
Bailee Allen.....	Steer
Patrick Rose.....	3 Ewe Lambs
Pedro Pacheco.....	Most Improved Feeder

Davis also had the Champion Angora Doe, which sold for \$425 to Stop & Shop and Texas Farm Store.

Laura Lee Ballew won the Silver Shearers Award, which is based on the three highest placing lambs in the local show and a Special Award for her Showmanship Market Lamb. She showed her Reserve Champion Crossbred Finewool Lamb but it wasn't sold.

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From left: Pedro Pacheco, most improved feeder award, and County Agent Robert Elledge. Photo by Candy Hobbs

Auditor praises county officials

By Dottie Cruz
Staff Writer

With \$462,323, non-designated, in the bank at the end of the fiscal year Kinney County is in sound financial shape.

\$315,524 was a previous balance from the 98 fiscal year. The remaining \$146,799 was an 8.5 percent excess of revenues over expenditures.

"That would be your reserve that you would bring into this new budget year and that reserve represents almost a third of your annual expenditures if you look at last years expenditures," said Wayne Beyer of Beyer & Company accounting firm.

"So you had enough in your general fund at the end of last year to cover about three to four months worth of expenditures," added Beyer. "Anything really over one and a half or two months worth in reserve is considered really good so the general fund at the end of last year was in my opinion, in excellent shape."

Beyer presented the 1999 annual audit to the Kinney County

Commissioners Court at last weeks regular monthly meeting.

"On charges (Revenue) for services, you budgeted \$377,700 last year, you brought in \$473,761 so you exceeded your budget by \$96,061 same thing when you look at your fines, you budgeted \$199,000 last year; you brought in \$288,653 so you exceeded your fines by \$25,209," explained Beyer.

"You had budgeted \$1.586 million dollars worth of expenditures but you only spent \$1.5 million so you had an overall budget surplus last year in the general fund of \$86,000," said Beyer.

The Sheriff's Department, the most expensive department in the county, also had a favorable variance.

"Generally your sheriffs offices are usually over budget - for your sheriffs office, he budgeted \$480,000 worth of expenditures there, but only spent \$459,000 so you are \$21,000 under budget," said Beyer.

The Road and Bridge Fund ended the year with \$52,227 to be

carried forward.

"You had a surplus for the year (In the road and bridge fund) - your revenues exceeded your expenditures by \$20,542," said Beyer. "The Road and Bridge Fund looks fine also at the end of the year," added Beyer.

The balance at the beginning of the fiscal year for the Road and Bridge Department was \$31,685 dollars.

The grant in aid funds, which include the Elderly/Nutrition and Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) grants, had an ending balance of \$217,976.

"The FEMA Grant had \$208,639 and there was no activity in the FEMA Grant except receiving the money from the state," said Beyer.

The county's total debt at the end of the fiscal year was \$6,231.

"The county is in very good financial condition at the end of the year and you all done real well in the last three to four years getting from a deficit amount to a surplus amount," concluded Beyer.

Exemptions granted to RTHL

By Dottie Cruz
Staff Writer

Commissioners granted 25% tax exemptions to Recorded Texas Historical Landmarks in and around Kinney County.

"At what point do we decide what percentage we're thinking of," asked Commissioner Freddy Frerich. "It doesn't mention it here, it just says we may exempt part or all."

"Is it up to our discretion," asked Commissioner Pat Melancon.

"We have an option to establish at what rate it would be, at one time we established the 25% and then just stayed with it," said Frerich. "But we can lower the rate at whatever we want,"

Bill Haenn Chief Tax Appraiser and Office Manager for the Kinney County Appraisal District was called to court to answer this and other questions.

"Yes, there is no mandatory amount of deduction," answered Haenn. "And the city don't grant them because there is only one in the city," added Haenn.

Haenn sent a letter to all of the property owners letting them know they will need to apply to the commissioners court and to the school

board requesting tax deductions for their properties.

"If they don't do that, then they don't get the deduction," said Haenn.

This tax exemption applies to twenty-two houses and five markers.

Haenn pointed out to the commissioners that the Masonic Lodge was not entitled to an historic exemption.

Las Moras Masonic Lodge's building was not a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark. According to Haenn the building has a subject marker but that did not qualify it as an RTHL.

"They were sent a letter which told them they were not eligible for that exemption," said Haenn.

"They are eligible for a 100 percent exemption as a community service club. Under a different section of the law and they have to apply for that. I did that with them and the Lions Club," added Haenn.

According to Haenn, the Lions Club was listed as a charitable organization. By definition they are a community service club and will need to apply annually for their deductions to the appraisal district.

Commissioners also approved the request by Fort Clark Springs

to receive a tax refund in the amount of \$513.13. For a portion that was decided to Fort Clark Springs Municipal Utility District by the association.

"I discovered they gave 40 acres to M.U.D. and it was never taken off the record. They have been paying taxes on it since '95," said Haenn.

"They have also applied for a refund from M.U.D. because they paid M.U.D. taxes on it," added Haenn.

Jay Johnson will not have to pay taxes on his property that was given a tax abatement in error.

The property located across from the Bank & Trust was subject to assessed taxes in the amount of \$223.78.

"We were completely led astray, by what the proper authorities were telling us we could do," said Frerich.

"It's a very complex process to establish a reinvestment zone by a taxing entity, schools cannot grant abatements, they turned him down. It was just the city and the county," said Haenn.

"The city has already gotten a similar letter that the county got," said Haenn. "The state auditor apparently told the district for the

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Appraisals won't be pulled out of hat

By Ella Chambers
Contributing Writer

Bill Haenn, former Rotarian and now of the Kinney County Appraisal District, was the speaker at the weekly Rotary luncheon meeting on January 13, 2000.

Haenn informed the Rotarians that the practice of pulling appraisals out of the hat or using a dart board has now been replaced with a better and more equal method. Many changes have taken place in the seven months that Haenn has been in office. In a very short period of time, Haenn found himself the only one in the office with certification of tax rolls due shortly along with the computation of tax rates and taxing units which is probably the most critical time of the year. Additional assistants have now been hired and thus all is coming along much more smoothly. Haenn, by his own admission, has learned a great deal "by the seat of his pants."

Haenn explained that deductive reasoning was essential for the appraisal office in order to find property that is defined as a lot with a tree in Spofford. That is the only frame of reference and eventually it is usually found.

A new program of photo-

graphing all the properties in Kinney County in order to assist the county when people come in to protest the tax rate. This includes all those buildings which are historical landmarks.

Haenn briefly explained the origins of our tax system set in Anglo-Saxon history and the tales of King John and the Sheriff of Nottingham established system of taxation. Later this was carried over to the new world by the English settlers. While all countries have different systems, ours in Texas basically took root in 1876 and everything is taxed according to its value. Personal property though taxed at one time no longer is. Now land, improvements on the land, improvements to the land, and personal property that is used for the production of income is the basis of our tax system.

Before 1981 each taxing entity did their own taxing and appraisals and there was no uniformity. It was driven by local politics and often involved paying taxes to three or four different entities. Thus the need for appraisal districts was born and uniform appraisals at or near the market value. This now provides a fair and equal treatment for all concerned.



Sometime between 9 and 10 pm Thursday, January 13th, the 1/4 inch glass in the front of the Brackettville Post Office was shattered. There was no sign of entry and nothing left to indicate what was used to break the glass.

Briefs ...

"Beyond Chance"

The October 28th, 1999, issue of The Brackett News ran a story about Bob Slate, his daughter Tracy and how she had donated a kidney to help him. Tracy is adopted, so that makes the story unique.

Lifetime Television for Women filmed the story "Beyond Chance" and it will be shown on channel 13, Monday January 24th, at 7 P.M.

Concho Valley Boy Scouts Reunion

The Concho Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America is sponsoring a Reunion for all Boy Scouts that attended the National Boy Scout Jamboree in 1950 on February 12, 2000. The reunion will be held at 2:00 p.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church located at 3636 Y.M.C.A. Road in San Angelo. All scouts and leaders that attended the Jamboree are invited to the reunion.

The reunion will be held along with the annual Council Leadership Recognition Meeting. Also the Council will celebrate the 90th Birthday of Scouting in America, and the 90th year the Council has served the youth of our Council.

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The solution is simple: The county should stagger the lunch, hours of its employees.

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Time for Little League

Little League registration will be held in front of Jones Elementary School, on each Wednesday, beginning Jan. 26th from 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm.

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Brother Joe Townsend

Frontier Baptist Church appreciates the prayers & good wishes many people from Brackettville have extended to our Pastor, Brother Joe Townsend.

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Editorial

County should accommodate citizens during lunch hours

Many times, elected officials try to run government offices like businesses. Though they should not strive to make huge profits at the expense of taxpayers, they should try to make government services readily available to the citizens they represent.

This is one area the Kinney County Commissioners Court should study.

Most businesses stay open during the lunch hour because that is when most transactions take place. If the average worker has to visit a business during the week, most will do it during their lunch hour.

That is why it makes no sense for the Kinney County Courthouse to close for lunch.

The majority of working citizens in this community cannot jump into their car and drive to the Courthouse during the day because they are at work. A number of residents would be better served if the Courthouse remained open during the noon hour.

The solution is simple: The county should stagger the lunch hours of its employees.

Each office in the Courthouse has an adequate amount of help. If one employee from each office takes their lunch break either before noon or after 1 p.m., then that employee can man the office during the noon hour.

We believe the citizens of this community deserve better service, especially during the busiest time of the day.

We think the Commissioners Court should make this issue a priority until the matter is resolved.

January 21st is National Hug Day

I could be wrong!
By Chuck Hall

What a beautiful thought. Imagine, a full day set aside, nationally, for hugging. Hug someone not only on that day, but on every day. Webster defines hug as: to press tightly in the arms, to embrace, to hold fast, to cherish.


Today, we need to show more warmth, more affection, more fondness, and more tenderness towards our fellowman.

We need less animosity, less ill will, less hostility, and less displeasure towards each other. We need more hugs.

There used to be a weatherman on one of the news stations out of San Antonio, named Jud Ashmore. He would always close his forecasts with the same line: "Hug someone. It'll make you feel good." That's my message for this week. Hug someone. Hug your kids. Hug your parents. Hug the number one love in your life. You can even hug me if there's no one else close by.

It will indeed make you feel good. But I could be wrong.


Big Mama Sez!



Old age is like a plane flying through a storm. Once you are aboard there is nothing you can do.

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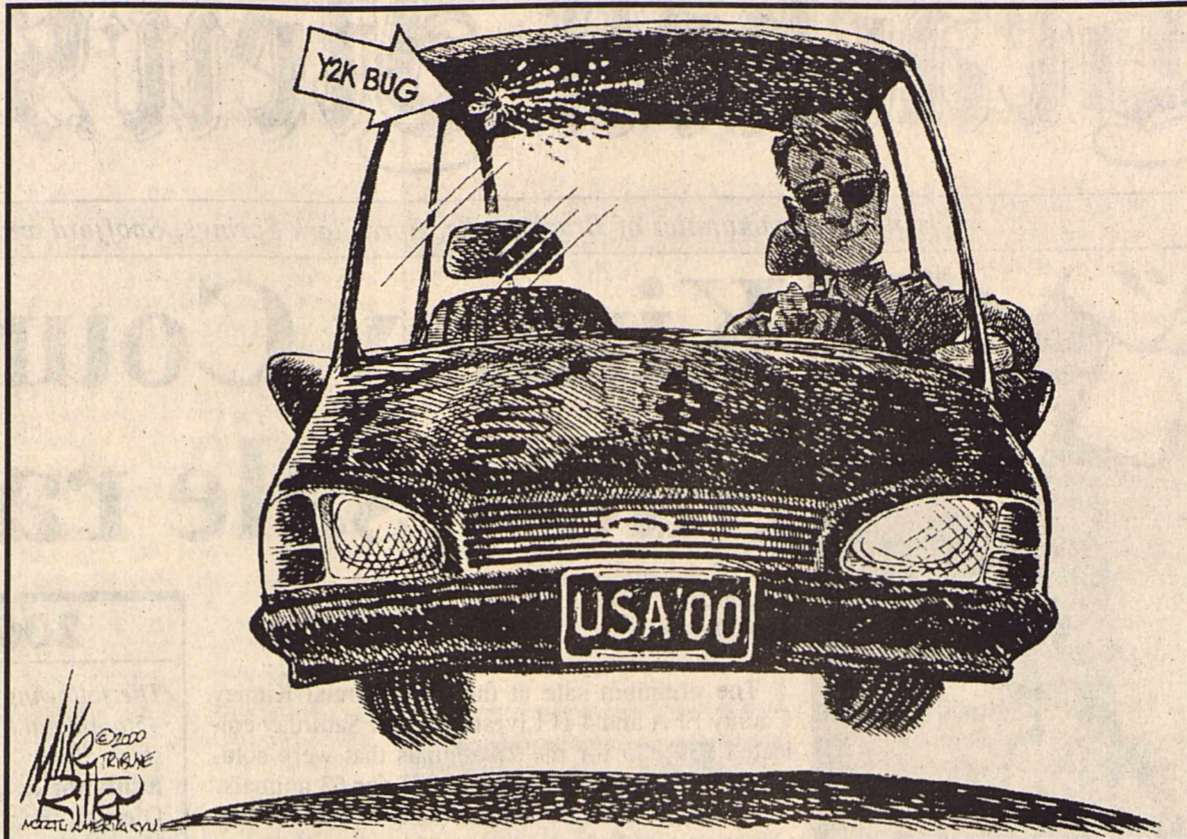
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Punishment and unruly children

The Way I See It!
By Steven R. LaMascus

I have heard so many times over the years, "I know my kid is a problem, but I just can't handle him (or her) anymore. I just don't know what to do."

Well first, most unruly children are that way because they were not taught discipline when they were younger. Discipline begins immediately. As soon as a child is old enough to understand words and actions they should be taught discipline. If that requires physical compulsion, then that should be administered in the appropriate degree, at the appropriate time. No matter how distasteful it is, you must do whatever is necessary to maintain control of your children. This is absolutely mandatory, because it translates into self-discipline for them in later years. If you let them become unruly as children, they will never exercise self-discipline as adults, and they will be ruthless and uncaring with no respect for authority. Most of the criminals I have dealt with over the years have come from homes that for some reason or other, usually broken homes/single working parents, where they were allowed to run wild. These are the situations that are often present when you see the kids out at midnight when they are still in grade school. Rules must be present in the home and they must be enforced.

My pastor, Ray (Muleskinner) Melton, said something the other day that struck a chord. He said that very small children should not be reasoned with and "negotiated with." They are not at the age where they can or will make informed decisions based on evidence presented and possible future consequences. They live in the here and now and only react to

things that have a direct impact on them. They have very little understanding of right and wrong, sharing, compassion, guilt, and the other tenets, mores, and concepts that are the basis of our societal interactions with others. These things are learned and taught by actions to toddlers, not words.

A good example of this is the family in the restaurant with the kid that screams, beats on the table with a spoon, throws crackers at his parents, and runs all over the restaurant being obnoxious and annoying to the other diners. The mother, usually, will time after time, pick up junior and take him back to the table and tell him something like: "Now haven't we discussed this? You are bothering the other people. We shouldn't do that. I thought we had agreed that you wouldn't act that way. Mommy is very disappointed with you."

Of course nothing changes, because there are no unpleasant consequences attached to the unruly behavior, and Junior, at that age, doesn't give a hoot if Mommy is disappointed or not. Mommy has merely shown Junior that he can act like a little vandal and get away with it. What should happen is that, after the first admonishment, Junior should have had his little tail warmed in the parking lot. Then Mommy should have explained why he got the spanking. That teaches that there are boundaries, sets those boundaries, and shows that there will be unpleasant consequences for crossing those boundaries.

A parent should never, absolutely never, let a child win a confrontation. It is obviously important to discuss many things in the family. Children have opinions and ideas and those opinions and ideas should be heard, nurtured and considered by the parents. Children

are often very insightful, and if properly guided and nurtured they can add greatly to the family, and later to society. They should be encouraged to expand and explore their ideas and opinions. However, when there is a confrontation, when the child actually challenges the parent, the parent must win the confrontation. The first time the child wins a confrontation, the parent has given up part of the control of the child and the next confrontation will be even worse. This will eventually lead to a total breakdown of the family and complete rebellion on the part of the child. If you want your child to be one of the gang on the street corner, just don't pay heed to this warning.

Punishment is an inseparable part of child rearing. All children will at some point have to be disciplined. Each child has a different temperament and requires handling in a different manner. Punishment should never be taken to the point where it is abusive. Children should always know why they are being punished. Without understanding why, the child is merely being beaten, not punished. Punishment should never be done in anger. If you are angry, wait until you are not. The Bible says, "do not exasperate your children." That too is mandatory. Punish your child with love. Punish only when it is necessary, and in a degree equivalent with the infraction. Afterward discuss why the punishment was necessary. When the child matures then reason also. But never, ever negotiate.

Proverbs 3:11-12 - "My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline and do not resent his rebuke, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in."

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Do you feel like a lemon

Submitted by
U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

Looking back on the 1999 legislative year in Washington reminds me of a story. A Texas restaurant cook offered a standing \$1000 bet that he was the strongest American alive!

The cook would squeeze all the juice from a lemon and anyone who could squeeze out one more drop would win the money. All who tried failed. One day a small man entered the restaurant and said in a tiny voice "I can do it."

The cook crushed the lemon dry and gave it to the little man who then squeezed 28 more drops from the lemon rind.

The astonished cook paid the \$1000 and asked "what do you do for a living?" Counting his money, the little man replied, "I'm an IRS agent."

Well, I think around tax day on April 15, a lot of us feel like that lemon.

That is why Congress worked so hard to pass a tax refund plan this year. It would have returned to taxpayers a small amount of the projected budget surpluses without touching the surplus from the Social Security Trust Fund. Tax rates would have been reduced. The plan included my proposal to

relieve the marriage tax penalty and phase out the death tax, too.

Unfortunately, the President vetoed the plan. We couldn't override his veto.

Congress scored big this year by balancing the federal budget. We're also paying down the national debt, \$130 billion this year.

Congress also focused on important priorities such as the border, education and Medicare.

Border Security - For the fourth year in a row, Congress approved my push for funding 1,000 extra Border Patrol agents. Fellow border state senators and I also secured additional funds to help the Customs Service hire 250 more agents to strengthen border inspections.

Education - Congress provided \$220 million in extra educational funding for Texas this year, above what the President requested. My amendment boosted Hispanic - Serving Institution Programs by over 50 percent. This will permit a near doubling of eligible programs for Texas.

Health - We won a major health care and states' rights fight this year by blocking the federal government's claim on 45 percent of the state tobacco settlement money. Texas would have lost \$1.7 billion in the next two years for

Every person counts

Submitted by
U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

Every ten years, the government is supposed to count every one of us. Once the government knows how many people live in the nation, it can figure out the fairest way for them to share in about \$185 billion in federal grant money. The numbers are also used to decide everything from how many people should represent states in Congress, to how many state representatives a county has, to where schools, hospitals, and businesses should be built.

The Constitution calls for the national census. The first census was taken in 1790. That year, the census counted 3.9 million men, women, and children. Today, there are about 275 million Americans. If any one of those people doesn't return his or her form, the Census Bureau has to pay someone to go to his home. This is one time when estimating doesn't cut it.

Many people - about one third of our country last time around - don't return the census form that is mailed to them. A lot of people just don't understand why they should bother with it, or don't trust the government to keep the information a secret, especially if they're in the country illegally.

Because some people may have not been counted in previous counts, the census has become a political football. Some think that the best way to ensure an accurate count is to estimate populations in many cities. Experts don't agree on the need for an estimate, or even how an estimate would be conducted. Estimates can be manipulated for partisan political purposes. The best way to ensure an accurate count is to do our best to make sure every American is counted.

Return your family's Census form, and remind your friends to do the same. The government's spending about \$170 million on an ad campaign to try to do just that. However, there is something else you can do. You can take a part-time job with the Census Bureau, and get paid to try to make sure that everyone in your town's counted.

The Census Bureau's having a hard time finding the more than half million workers it will need to complete the census. Many of them are hired to visit the homes of people who don't return their forms. The hours can be very flexible, and much of the work's done in April.

If you are interested, you can call the Census Bureau at (888) 325-7733. The pay starts at around eight dollars an hour.

health care, education and other priorities. Congress also restored some \$1 billion in Medicare reimbursement funds to Texas' rural and teaching hospitals and homecare agencies that had been denied by health care regulators.

Strong Military - Congress also began to rebuild our military strength by increasing the defense budget. We gave troops a needed 4.8 percent pay raise. And I added legislation to improve TRICARE, the military's health care system. To ensure our military can meet large threats and not be distracted by non-critical missions, I wrote the law that requires the President to prioritize deployments and decide which commitments can be reduced. More work remains, but we made a good start.

Congress was able to do all of this because it balanced the budget while also restraining government spending. While I know more work remains to lift the heavy tax burden on all Americans - a real lemon of a policy - we protected the Social Security Trust Fund while still making good investments.

Making sure that Washington does right by Texans is an endless task. We made good progress in 1999. I am ready for 2000.

Kinney County Livestock Show dubbed a success

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Ballew showed her Champion Finewool Lamb, which was bought by Kinney County Wool & Mohair, Will and Karol Glasley and Gold Star Exterminators, for \$700. She also sold her Reserve Champion Finewool Lamb for \$700 to Ft. Stockton Feeds, Dean Sterline and Commerce Land & Title.

Beth Ballew received an award in the Junior Division for Market Lamb Showmanship.

Pedro Pacheco was the recipient of the Most Improved Feeder Award at Saturday's show.

Patrick Rose showed his Champion Pen of 3 Ewe Lambs but they weren't auctioned. He did however show his Champion Finewool Ewe Lamb which was bought by David Winters for \$525. Rose also received a Special Award for his Showmanship Fine Ewe Lamb.

Also not auctioned were the Reserve Champion Pen of 3 Ewe Lambs, which belonged to Sarah Rose.

Rose received an award in the Junior Division for Breeding Sheep Showmanship.

Natasha Smith brought in \$550 for her Champion Swine that was bought by Budwieser Company of Del Rio.

Michelle Melancon sold her Champion Breeding Rabbit Doe for \$775 to Doug Davis, David Trotter and Papco. She also showed and sold her Reserve Champion Breeding Rabbit Buck to A.J. Foyt for \$400.

Melancon received a Special Award for Showmanship Rabbit.

Duquesa Hunt had the Champion Breeding Rabbit Buck, which was sold to The Bank & Trust and Papco for \$400.

Daphne Hunt won an award in the Junior Division for Rabbit Showmanship.

Finishing out the champion rabbits was Rebecca Mann with had the Champion Meat Pen Rabbit, which was sold for \$450 to Del Rio National Bank.

Mann also sold her Reserve Champion Meat Pen Rabbit for \$375 to Rancho Dos Angeles.

Michelle Clements had the Reserve Champion Breeding Rabbit Doe, which sold for \$350 to The Bank & Trust and LaMascus Fine Photography.

For the Champion Meat Goat, Elizabeth Threadgill sold it for \$750 to HEB, Del Rio. She also had the Reserve Champion Swine, which Rancho Dos Angeles bought for \$400 and received a Special Award for Showmanship Swine.

Jared Hobbs sold his Champion Crossbred Finewool Lamb for \$650 to Cecil Atkinson Motors and Mr. & Mrs. J.P. Schuster.

Bailee Allen had the Champion Steer, which sold for \$900 to Mariposa Ranch and The Randolph Company.

The Reserve Champions were sold for an impressive amount. Zachry Davis had the Reserve Champion Steer, which sold for \$500 to Civic Genics.

Hayley Harris sold her Reserve Champion Meat Goat for \$450 to Del Rio National Bank.

Jared Harris received an award in the Junior Division for Market Swine Showmanship.

Susannah Davis sold her Reserve Champion Angora Doe for \$475 to Cecil Atkinson Motors.

Davis also received a Special Award for Showmanship Angora Kids.

Dusty Rose had the Reserve Champion Finewool Ewe Lamb, which sold for \$600 to Brown Automotive.

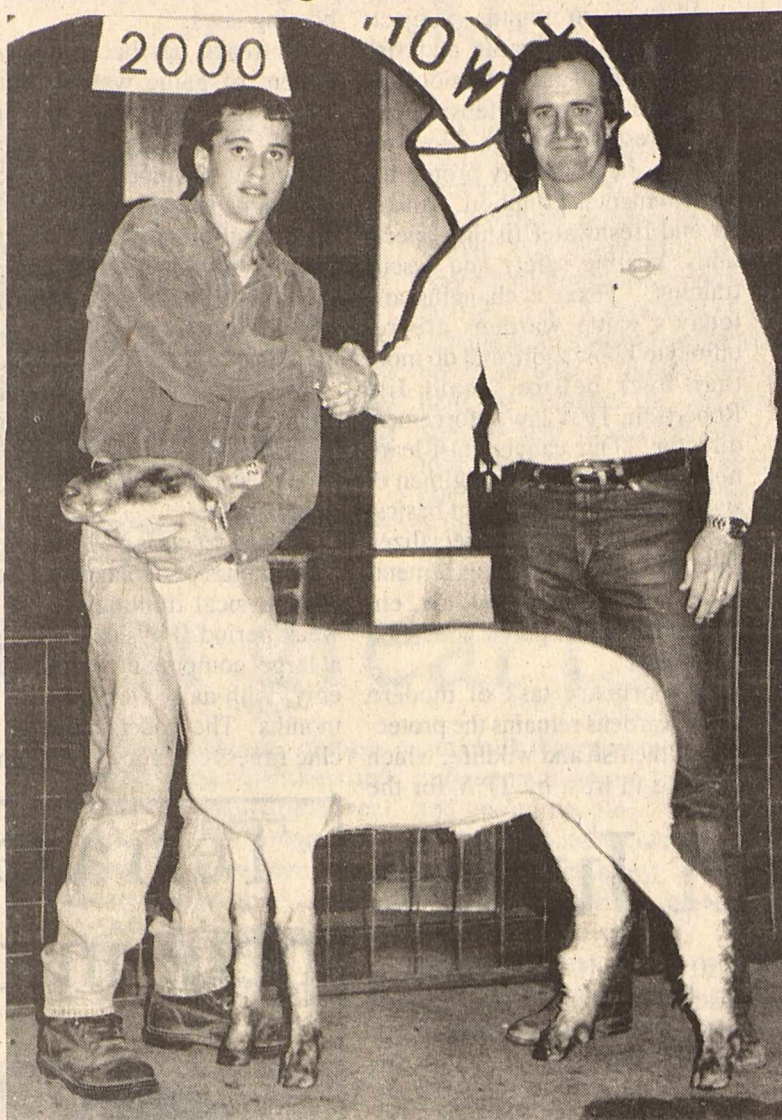
Megan McWilliams received a Special Award for Showmanship Goat.

Also awarded was Whitney Masingill for Market Goat Showmanship in the Junior Division.

"I think the Bar-B-Que went exceptionally well, we don't have the totals on how much was made but we pretty much sold out, we had very little left over," said Elledge.

"Overall I thought it was exceptional, I thought everything really went smooth," said Elledge.

Editor's Note: More stock show pictures will be included in next weeks issue of The Brackett News.



Jared Hobbs sold his Champion Cross Bred Lamb to Cecil Atkinson Motors and Mr. & Mrs. J.P. Schuster for \$650.

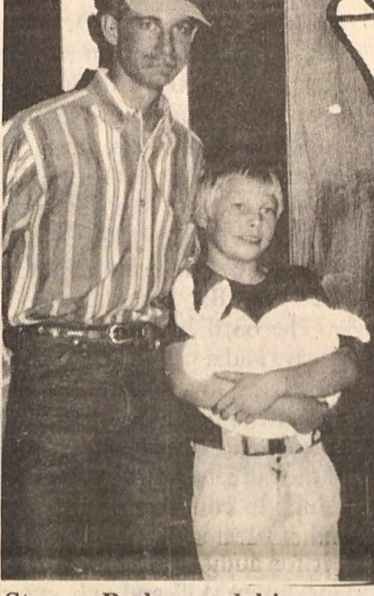
- ### Joey Key York Award
- The following is a list of winners of the Joey Key York Award, presented at the Kinney County Livestock Show:
- 1972Minot Pratt III
 - 1973Bill Ballew
 - 1974Candy Smallwood
 - 1975Kaye York
 - 1976Marcelino Valdez Jr.
 - 1977Mark A. Baxter
 - 1978Brenda Foust
 - 1979Joel J. Voss
 - 1980Doug McCarty
 - 1981Tana McCarty
 - 1982Seth A. Kaplan
 - 1983Lashawn Wardlaw
 - 1984Westley White
 - 1985Toby Frerich
 - 1986Tammy Frerich
 - 1987Kasey Lee Hall
 - 1988J.T. Will Shahan III
 - 1989Jesus Aguirre
 - 1990Stephanie Ahrens
 - 1991Jennifer Shahan
 - 1992Kimberley Ahrens
 - 1993Justin Coates
 - 1994Charlotte Rose
 - 1995Susannah Davis
 - 1996Amber N. Davis
 - 1997Savanah Massingill
 - 1998J. Wayne Ballew
 - 1999Lindsey Brotherton
 - 2000Dietrich Davis



Jesse Smith and his swine purchased by Rancho Dos Angeles, top buyer at this years stock show. Photo by Candy Hobbs



Jerry Simpkin of Del Rio National Bank (left) with Rebecca Mann and her Champion Meat Pen Rabbit. Photo by Candy Hobbs



Steven Boden and his pen of rabbits purchased by Rancho Dos Angeles. Photo by Candy Hobbs



Serenity Gammill and her rabbit purchased by Rancho Dos Angeles. Photo by Candy Hobbs

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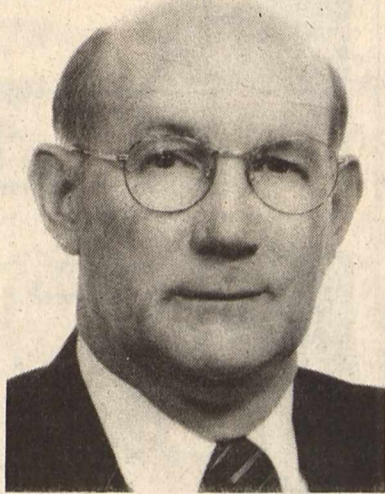
Happy Birthday!!!



Back then, who would have guessed,
The lives this cute baby has blessed?
For ninety years-she did reach-
And people still find her-to be a rare peach.
So, friends and relatives are glad to say,
"Modgie, you're wished a very Special-Happy Birthday!"

Lee to run for 63rd District Judge

Today, I announce my candidacy in the Democratic primary for the position of District Judge for the 63rd Judicial District of Texas. As District Attorney, I had the great privilege of representing the citizens of the four counties that make up the 63rd Judicial District for over twenty two years, and during that time I have been in charge of a District Attorney's Office that has been responsible for the prosecution of more than 5,000 felony cases, as well as juvenile prosecutions, forfeitures and other civil actions involving the State of Texas. Although I have not kept count of the jury trials I have handled, I believe I have tried more than 250 jury trials, and I have appeared before the appellate courts of Texas, and made arguments on behalf of the State approximately



Tom Lee
50 times.

I am a graduate of Texas A and M University, and served in the United States Army, 5th Infantry Division from 1968 to 1970. I left the Army to attend St. Mary's University School of Law, and earned my law degree in 1973, at which time I joined the Del Rio law firm of Lowrey, Foster and Hodge. In 1978 Governor Dolph Brisco appointed me to fill the unexpired term of District Attorney Tully Shahan, and I have served continuously in the position of District Attorney since 1978.

My wife, Carol Diane Earley Lee, is the Director of Special Education for the San Felipe Del Rio Consolidated School District,

and we have been married for thirty two years. I have two children, Allyson Lee Ludington of Dover, Delaware, and Stephen Lee of Austin, Texas. My family and I have been active at St. James Episcopal Church, in the Boy Scouts of America and many other civic organizations in Del Rio and West Texas, and I am the proud recipient of the Silver Beaver Award of the Boy Scouts of America. I also take great pride in my involvement in the legal profession and have served as chairman of the 15C Grievance Committee, and I am a Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation.

The 63rd Judicial District has always had a wonderful reputation for efficiency, and the scholarly and fair application of the law in an effort to resolve the problems of the citizens of this community. I hope to continue that tradition, and if elected to the position of District Judge, I will apply all my God given skill and effort to that end.

Personal Data: Born: April 15, 1945 in Freer, Texas. Weight: 200 pounds, Height: 6'1". Health: Excellent and Married January 29, 1967 and have two children.

Education: Pleasanton High School, Pleasanton, Texas; 1963, Wharton Junior College, Wharton, Texas; A.A. 1965, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas; B.A. 1968 and St. Mary's University School of Law, San Antonio, Texas; J.D. 1973.

Military Service: United States Army, 1968 - 1970. Texas National Guard, 1971 with a Honorable Discharge in 1974.

Professional Licenses: State Bar of Texas; 1973, United States

District Court for the Western District of Texas; 1976. United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals; 1977, United States Supreme Court; 1980, Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education, Advanced Certificate; 1984.

Employment: August, 1973 to June, 1978: Lowrey, Foster and Hodge, Attorney's at Law, Del Rio National Building, Del Rio, Texas 78840.

July, 1978 to present: District Attorney, 63rd Judicial District of Texas.

As District Attorney I have been responsible for the administration of the District Attorney's Office in the four counties of the 63rd Judicial District since 1978. Those responsibilities included budgeting, business and personal management, case management, asset management, formulation of public policy and coordination of law enforcement activities in the district. It has also included an effort to insure the highest public respect for government and the Office of the District Attorney.

References: Honorable Mike McCormick, Presiding Judge, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, Austin, Texas.

Honorable C. Raymond Justice, Administrative Director of the Office of Court Administration, Austin, Texas.

Honorable Durwood Edwards, United States Magistrate, Federal Courthouse, Del Rio, Texas.

Honorable David Berchelmann, Judge of the 37th Judicial District Court of Bexar County, San Antonio, Texas.

Mr. Lee Weathersbee, Jr. Lazy Two Ranch, Comstock, Texas.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Tuesday, January 11

1:51 a.m., Border Patrol Agent Spencer reported suspecting poaching was occurring at Standard Lane. Game Warden Henry Lutz was notified and said he would go and check it out.

6:32 p.m., A civil disturbance was reported by a woman that was concerned with persons staying on the Mariposa Ranch and if they really had permission to stay there. She didn't request a deputy come out to the ranch but wanted the Sheriff to be made aware of the situation.

Wednesday, January 12
The person staying at the Mariposa Ranch came in person to the Sheriff's Department to see if they could help him get his water turned back on. He stated he had permission to stay there but the foreman had cut off the power and water. Deputy Bobby Guidry spoke with him about the problem.

7:17 p.m., Local resident reported illegals were on Highway 131 next to the Rio Grande Co-Op. Border Patrol was notified of the situation.

8:44 p.m., Local resident reported 3 to 4 illegals were walking by the High School on Ann Street. Border Patrol was called

and informed of the situation.

Thursday, January 13

An unidentified caller reported a blue and gray car went through a fence on Highway 334 about 10 miles out. Deputy Guidry drove all the way to the County line on Highway 334 and no accident was found.

5:30 p.m., A local resident requested Game Warden Henry Lutz call him. Lutz was out of town and the call was referred to Deputy Manuel Pena. Pena reported it was a civil disturbance involving hunting leases. The hunting stands being too close to the fence. Pena talked to both parties and the problem was resolved.

6:50 p.m., A 911 call reported a cane fire by the river, dispatcher called Maverick County Sheriff's Department to see if they were conducting a control burn in their county.

7:10 p.m., Uvalde Sheriff's Department called and reported a car fire one mile past the Border Patrol Checkpoint. Dispatched the Fire Department to the scene, it was within Kinney County.

7:50 p.m., A Fort Clark Springs employee asked Deputy Guidry to locate a young man and tell him he was to stay off the Fort for the rest of the night.

9:56 p.m., A local resident reported a plate glass window had been broken at the Post Office.

Deputy Guidry could not find what was used to break the window. Postmaster Juarez was notified of the damage.

Friday, January 14

7:19 p.m., A local resident requested help removing an unwanted guest at their home. Police Chief Ron Ring was dispatched. The problem was solved.

10:01 p.m., Fort Clark Security requested a deputy be sent to the Fort to remove a local young man because he had been restricted from entering and he had gone inside anyway. Deputy Karl Chism was dispatched.

Saturday, January 15

2:12 a.m., Fort Clark Security reported a possible drunk driver. Deputy Chism found the subject and determined he had not been drinking.

6:45 p.m., A local resident called and said he had locked his keys in his truck. Chief Ring went and took care of the problem.

10:15 p.m., A local resident reported the School's sprinkler system was on and setting on the road. Middle School Principal Stoney Burks was notified of the situation and said he would take

care of it.

Sunday, January 16

12:36 a.m., A parent called and said her daughter had gone out the window and she didn't know where she had gone. Deputy Chism spoke with the parent and checked around town, as of 4:00 a.m. the daughter had not been located.

6:35 p.m., A woman called and reported a kid needed help with his broken down vehicle 10 miles west of Brackett. Unit 2 was advised of the situation and reported back it was 1 mile west and that the subjects were waiting for a towing service out of San Antonio.

8:04 p.m., An unidentified caller reported 12 to 15 illegals walking along with their packs. Border Patrol was called and advised of the situation.

10:05 p.m., A local woman called and requested Unit 3 to be dispatched to her residence. Deputy Chism was advised.

10:56 p.m., A local woman requested a city employee to be dispatched to her residence on Spring Street because she was having problems with leaky pipes. City Employee Jimmy Salmon was advised of the situation and said he would go and take care of it.

7:17 p.m., Local resident reported illegals were on Highway 131 next to the Rio Grande Co-Op. Border Patrol was notified of the situation.

8:44 p.m., Local resident reported 3 to 4 illegals were walking by the High School on Ann Street. Border Patrol was called

Terrazas to compete in baby derby



Destiny Alicia Terrazas has been chosen to compete in the United Supermarkets - Huggies 2000 Baby Derby!

The crawling competition that will take place at the Texas Tech United Spirit Arena on Saturday, January 22nd, during half time at the Texas Tech vs Texas basketball game.

Dewhurst Announces Prizes for Children's Art Contest

AUSTIN - Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst today announced additional prizes for the annual Texas General Land Office "Treasures of the Texas Coast" children's art contest. This year's grand prize winner will receive four round-trip tickets from Continental Airlines to any point in the contiguous 48 states, a class party at Schlitterbahn Waterpark Resort in New Braunfels, and a water filtration pitcher from the Brita Products Company. All winners will receive two tickets to the Texas State Aquarium in Corpus Christi, two all-day passes to Schlitterbahn, a certificate of recognition from Commissioner Dewhurst, and a copy of the poster that will display the win-

ning artwork. The winners' teachers also will receive a certificate.

"I have seen the excitement of schoolchildren taking pride in cleaning our beaches," Dewhurst said. "Our beaches are Texas' number two tourist destination and a great source of pride for all Texans. By focusing their attention on beautiful beaches, our schoolchildren become part of the solution."

Entries must be received at the Land Office by midnight, February 1. Details on the contest, along with parental release forms and winning artwork from the past three years, may be found at the Land Office web site, www.glo.state.tx.us. For information, call 1-800-85-BEACH.

Thank You

The Family of Ruby Jewell Rutledge Would like to Thank all of you for your prayers & kindness, at the loss of our Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, & Sister. Your sympathy, concern, laughter & tears gave us much needed strength to deal with our loss. All the beautiful flowers, cards, & food were deeply appreciated. She will be missed!!!

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Tony Molinar looks on as Chris Campos takes a shot in last Tuesday's JV Basketball game against the Natalia Mustangs.

Tigers knock off Comfort and Natalia to take District lead at 2-0

The Brackett Tigers have opened district with two straight wins at home. The Tigers defeated the Comfort Bobcats 40-39 last Friday. The Tigers led most of the way but trailed by six in the fourth quarter. The Tigers rallied with defensive pressure to tie the game up at 39 with a minute left and held the ball for the last shot. Schiller Hill shot a lay-up with four seconds and it went in and out but an offensive rebound and a foul put Steven Hagler on the line for two shots with 1.8 seconds left.

Hagler made the first, and intentionally missed the second giving the Tigers a 1 point win. Schiller Hill led the Tigers with 14, Damian Toms with 11, Hagler 6, Hernandez 5, Williams and Hobbs with 2. Tiger Coach Jimmy Thomas stated, "This was a big win for us. Defensively we played a great game, but offensively we struggled. We showed some fortitude by coming back in the fourth quarter to win. We are having fun and we believe in ourselves."

Tuesday night the Tigers defeated the Natalia Mustangs 65-39. The Tigers started off slow and trailed at half by 3. "We did not play well offensively or defensively in the first half," said Coach Thomas. The Tigers came out after the half and outscored the Mustangs 40-11, scoring 29 points in the fourth quarter. The Tigers were led by Damian Toms with 18, Jared Hobbs with 13, Daniel Hernandez 11, Hagler 9, Hughes 6, Hill and Williams 4. "We got in foul trouble and we

had people step up and deliver. It was a true team effort, we played better all the way around and dominated the second half. I am proud of our players and their determination. We are starting to believe that we are going to win every time we play. Right now we still have an eight game 'dogfight' ahead of us," stated Coach Thomas. The Tigers are 11-6, and 2-0 in district play. They will play at Dilley tomorrow night for sole possession of first place.

We have a great community Time to sign up for Little League

Making a Difference
By Taylor Stephenson

How lucky we are to live in Brackettville! Who knows how or why folks end up living where they are living? Some go there because that's where their families heritage is. Others move in to fill our good jobs. Some come be-

cause of good schools, climate, inexpensive living conditions and who knows how many other reasons might exist for living here? The bottom line is we have a great community with a good climate, good schools, and outstanding recreational facilities.

We're fortunate to have a community where it is safe to live. You

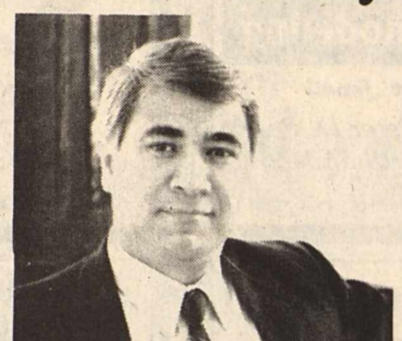
can chalk that one up to good law enforcement, sound government, and caring people. Our children are learning and growing and will make mistakes along the way. I urge you to believe in them, to help them find the way, and to realize that they learn some lessons from stumbling and falling. The solution to these problems is teaching strong values with adult guidance in the homes.

town and on the Fort enjoy riding bikes, fishing and playing outdoors, I know that this is the best place in the world for kids to live.

This week, my mother-in-law, Abbie, broke her leg (femur). Within a matter of minutes after calling 911, the ambulance was on the way to an emergency room in Uvalde. She was sent on to San Antonio to St. Luke's Baptist Hospital and surgery was done the next night. This morning, she was sitting up and recovery had begun. Folks, she had excellent care from EMS, Uvalde Hospital and the fine San Antonio hospital.

Hernandez announces candidacy for District Attorney

It is with great excitement and enthusiasm that I announce my candidacy in the Democratic primary for the office of District Attorney for the 63rd Judicial District of Texas. As many of you know, our present District Attorney, Mr. Thomas F. Lee decided not to seek re-election to the office of District Attorney. I have decided to run to fill this position.



Fred Hernandez

I'm proud of the medical services that are available here. Dr. Luz and our fine clinic staff care about those that they serve. They are courteous and competent in helping us with our problems. The expanded services of Warm Springs Rehabilitation have given us rehabilitation therapy that is high quality. The EMS ambulance services are staffed by folks who know what they are doing and who care about those that they transport.

As I watch the young folks in town and on the Fort enjoy riding bikes, fishing and playing outdoors, I know that this is the best place in the world for kids to live.

Open positions for officers, being that of Vice-president, Secretary, and Safety Officer were filled through nominations and a majority vote by the parents present. Following is a list of Officers and Board Members for Kinney County Little League, the terms shall be two years, not to exceed three years.

Having served approximately five years as an Assistant District Attorney for the people that comprise the 63rd Judicial District, it has been an honor and a privilege to work in the District Attorney's Office. The 63rd Judicial District Attorney's Office contains four counties, which include Val Verde, Terrell, Edwards and Kinney County. In the capacity as Assistant District Attorney, my duties and responsibilities include prosecuting felony cases, preparing and arguing appellate cases before the 4th Court of Appeals, actions involving juvenile delinquents, as well as carrying out felony jury trials. This has enabled me to gain the knowledge and experience needed to run for the office of District Attorney in a qualified professional manner.

I graduated from Del Rio High School in 1981. My college career was spent at the University of Texas in Austin where I earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Finance and International Business as well as Bachelor of Arts in Economics. Upon completing my undergraduate work, I continued my academic career at the University of Texas School of Law where I obtained my law degree in 1988. Upon graduating from Law School, I began my legal career

in Austin, Texas where I served as Special Counsel to the Texas Senate Natural Resources Committee at the Legislature. After having spent two years at the Texas Legislature, I decided to return home and accepted a position with the Law Office of Victor Roberto Garcia. I work. My career then took me to the office of the Attorney General where I worked with the Child Support Litigation Division. Having found a niche in the Courtroom, I decided to accept a position with the Office of the District Attorney of the 63rd Judicial District where I found myself spending a considerable amount of time in the Courtroom. I have spent almost five years with the District Attorney's Office here in Del Rio, Texas.

That is the reason for once again reflecting on community and our strengths. If we haven't fixed it, we're working on it in Brackettville. I'm proud of our community. In times of need, my bet is that Brackettville will take care of the problem. Have a great week!

President Ana Cano, Vice-president Tommy Castillo, Treasurer Alma Gutierrez, Secretary Kerilynn Queen, Safety Officer Vincent Garcia, Equipment Officer Hector Villareal. Also, board members, not holding an officer position will be, Joel Del Bosque,

My parents are Federico Hernandez of San Antonio, and Juanita Mauricio, formerly Juanita Hernandez who has been a lifelong resident of Del Rio, Texas. Being a native resident of Del Rio, I have enjoyed my return home and am looking forward to serving my community with much enthusiasm and promise to carry out the duties and functions of the District Attorney with fairness and justice.

Brackett ISD Honor Roll

Honor Roll as provided by BISD:

- Jones Elementary All A Honor Roll**
 - **Sixth grade:** Dana Bonner, Kalani Glass, Steven Jackson, Katie Lott, Sara Nickerson, Tabitha Silver, Brand Wylie.
 - **Fifth grade:** Dolores Cano, Robert Davis, Allison Delbosque, Alonso Delgado, Laura Meyer, Joshua O'Neill, Ivan Pinales, Austin Shewbart, Michael Stephenson, Kara Yeager.
 - **Fourth grade:** Bailee Allen, Jesus Balderas, Kevin Bonner, Travis Bonner, Meghann Davis, Israel DeHoyos, Doolie Fernandez, Alberto Flores, Vanessa Garcia, Kristen Housum, Daphne Hunt, Maria Juarez, Mandy King, Joshua Kluzek, Lane Nowlin, Eduardo Pena, Gustavo Resendez, Maria Sanchez, Ashley Stephenson, Bianca Stewart, Kara Thomas, Anolda Watkins.
 - **Third grade:** Laura Adams, Natalie Aguirre, Summer Allen, Brooke Bowlin, Sergio Calvillo, Seth Clements, Valerie Davis, Jonathan Estrada, William Ferraro, Joshua Garrett, Jessica Garza, Cristiana Gomez, Moises Gonzales, Roy Harris, Diana Honstein, Alvin Jennings, Rebecca Mann, Bianca Martinez, Daniel Nickerson, Tasha Pinkall, Ashley Resendez, Johnathan Rios, Graciela Rocha, April Samora, Jose Sanchez, Desarea Swindle.
 - **Second grade:** Kyle Bailey, John Blake, Cynthia Bland, Alexis Buecher, Bryan Chacon, Cody Clark, Brianna Escamilla, Amanda Flores, Emily Fuentes, Ivy Garcia, Ramon Gutierrez, Justin Kesteloot, Nancy Martinez, Daniel Molinar, Elidia Molinar, Pablo Novel, Jesus Pena, Adan Pinales, Krystal Rangel, Adolfo Reyes, Raul Rivas, Claudia Rocha, Dulce Rodriguez, Lawrence Salazar, Miranda Salmon, Crystal Swindle, Alejandra Talamantes, Isaac Talamantes, Nydia Talamantes, Lilianna Valdez, Marcia Villarreal, Katie Yeager, Eduardo Zamora.

- Lily Hernandez, Krissy Linton, Tanya Molinar, Travis Nowlin, Yasmin Pena, Kaylynn Perez, Megan Reinhold, Tres Rueda, Eric Samaniego, Soraida Talamantes.
- **Fifth grade:** Adan Aguirre, Stanford Conoly, James Conrad, Cesar DeLeon, Jay Duncan, Alvaro Duran, Joaquin Fernandez, Seth Frerich, Normando Martinez, Lorena Mendoza, Lisa Morgan, Jaime Muniz, Cesar Ortiz, Juan Rivas, Adam Sandoval, Ryan Swindle, Abel Talamantes, Marisela Talamantes, Monica Talamantes, Nadine Terrazas, Emily Valenzuela, Justin Ward.
- **Fourth grade:** Amber Castilla, Julie Castillo, Lisa Gass, Marlene Gloria, Whitney Gum, Hayley Harris, Ashley Herrera, Anabel Perez, Justin Perez, Jessica Rodriguez, Manolo Rosas, Jennifer Samora, Bellalynra Talamantes.
- **Third grade:** Ray Aguilar, Jeannette Rodriguez, Jesus Rodriguez, Luis Rodriguez, Veronica Talamantes.
- **Second grade:** Jose Aguilar, Crystal Bartlett, Janillie Cortez, Amanda Delbosque, Joe Flores, Salina Flores, Valeria Garza, Gino Gonzalez, Marc Gonzalez, Ana Martinez, Jesus Martinez, Maria Del Ro Martinez, Elena Molinar, Gerardo Pacheco, Rolando Rivas, Maria Samora, Dan Villarreal.

- Kluzek, Robert Looney, Whitney Massingill, Kristin Meyer, Valentino Morin, Cassandra Rios, Gabriel Talamantes, Kody Yeager.
- High School All A Honor Roll**
 - **Seniors:** Jamie Bader, Laura Ballew, James Burks, Zachry Davis, Tiffany Eckenrod, Jerriit Meeks.
 - **Juniors:** April Crumley, Schiller Hill, Brittany Shewbart.
 - **Sophomores:** Susannah Davis, Levi Duncan, Duquesa Hunt, Rodolfo Ramirez, Theodore Smith.
 - **Freshmen:** Maria Martinez, Tammy Smith.
- A-B Honor Roll**
 - **Seniors:** Michelle Clements, Carissa De Los Santos, Tara Eckenrod, Steven Hagler, Daniel Hernandez, Jacob Hughes, Sunni Jones, Seth Moore, Donald Page, Samantha Payne, Tricia Robin-

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

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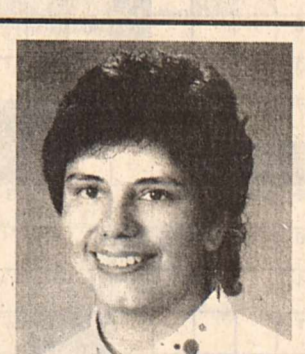
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Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
 Your tendency to be headstrong when faced with a confusing situation needs to be curbed. Instead of demanding answers, do some investigating on your own.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
 The divine Bovine would do well to be less accepting and a little more demanding in a romantic situation. What you hear may not be the full story. Get the facts.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
 Gemini needs to come down to earth this week. Floating above your problems in the hope they'll go away just won't do it. You may be surprised at how easily things work out once you decide to tackle them.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
 That funny feeling you have about a "too-good-to-be-true" offer is a clue to how you should deal with it. It may have hidden problems. Follow your instincts.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
 That person who makes you feel uneasy about yourself shouldn't be allowed to get away with it. Don't be such a pussy. A little Leone roaring on your behalf will make that person look at you in a new light.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
 You like things in black and white. But too many evasions will turn a particular situation into a shade of gray. You're going to have to work harder to get the cooperation you're looking for.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
 Money matters take an unexpectedly confusing turn this week. The problem won't last, but until it's worked out, be careful about what you plan to spend.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
 There will be attempts to flatter you into agreeing with someone's viewpoint. Ask yourself why this person is trying so hard to get you to go along.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
 A career challenge forces you into a decision-making mode. Know all the facts before deciding. You have a friend who can offer advice, but it's your choice to make the final choice.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
 You have many more admirers than you realize. People are pulling for you to succeed. Keep that in mind as you face that decision you'll soon have to make.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
 Your well-known tendency to put yourself out for others is repaid, and then some. An ally appears from an unexpected source.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
 A friend will need your compassionate concern. Give it wholeheartedly. In your career, prepare for a change. That job you want will soon become available.

YOU WERE BORN THIS WEEK!
 The watchword is challenge! You will be asked to assume certain responsibilities for which you think you're not ready. But once you discard the fear and face the facts, you may well change your mind.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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Jan. 22.....Avain Pacheco	Jan. 24.....Fern Dyer

We're doing our best to continue Blessed are they that keep his testimonies

Frontier Baptist Church
By Frank Cheaney

The members and friends of Frontier Baptist Church appreciate the prayers and good wishes of many people from our Brackettville community during the extended illness of our Pastor, Brother Joe Townsend.

Brother Joe has been very ill since late November and has been in the hospital in Del Rio during most of the time. He has now progressed to the point that he can be cared for adequately outside the hospital, and he is in La Vida Serena Nursing Home in Del Rio, where he is convalescing. We pray that the Lord will see fit to heal Brother Joe's various ailments and return him to service in our community. We solicit the prayers of all his friends. In the meantime, Frontier Baptist Church is alive and well and continuing to try to carry out God's will.

During most of Brother Joe's illness, Brother Frank Eckenroth has filled in as our preacher and has brought us many challenging and inspiring sermons. Since Brother Frank can't be with us every Sunday, we have been privileged to have Brother Dave Crowe

(The Marshall at Alamo Village) as our speaker twice this month, and he will be speaking to us often in the future. Brother Dave brings to the pulpit a directness and sincerity which has resonated with our congregation and should also be appealing to other members of our community who don't normally attend Frontier Baptist Church. Visitors and newcomers are always welcome. Brother Dave spoke last Sunday on the topic of "Faith." His sermon next Sunday will be on "Hope," and he plans to complete the three-part series on Sunday, February 13, the day before Valentine's Day, with a sermon on "Love." Brother Dave is deeply appreciative of the support and encouragement of his many friends as he undertakes this mission for the Lord at Frontier Baptist Church. Come and hear him! You'll be glad you did!

On January 30, Jim Heath, the Fort Clark General Manager, will bring a message entitled "man's Treatment of Man, under God," a message which should be of benefit and interest to all of us. On February 6, Frank Eckenroth will fill our pulpit on the Sunday when we also have our monthly fellowship luncheon following the ser-

vice. Everybody is welcome to stay for lunch. Bring a dish of food if you can, but plan to stay for the meal and fellowship, in any case, so we can get to know you better. We miss Brother Joe terribly and long for his return, but we're doing our best to continue the ministry he has ably carried out for so many years. Come and help us!

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

Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.

They also do no iniquity; they

walk in his ways.

Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently.

Oh, that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!

Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all the Commandments.

I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous Judgements.

I will keep thy statutes; Oh, forsake me not utterly.

Where with all shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed there to according to the word.

With my whole heart have I sought thee; Oh, let me not wander from thy commandants.

Thy word have I hidden in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Blessed art thou, O Lord; teach me thy statutes.

With my lips have I declared all the ordinances of thy mouth.

I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches.

I will meditate in the precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.

I will delight myself in thy statutes; I will not forget thy word.

Psalms 119: 1- 16.

Praise the Lord. Every Friday morning 10 a.m. services at St. John's Missionary Church. Also 12 Noon meals every Friday. Stop by and have lunch with us.

The art of listening

St. Mary Magdalene
By Lynn McNew

This week we celebrate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King. This week we returned from a visit to our children and grandchildren in Georgia. What do these two events have in common? One thing—listening.

Everyone who heard Martin Luther King would agree that he was a great speaker, but many people do not realize that he was an even greater listener. It is said that Martin Luther King gained the respect of Civil Rights leaders who disagreed with him because he listened so intently to everything they had to say. Because he listened to others so intently, they extended

him the same courtesy and listened carefully to what he had to say. That way each side knew what the other's thinking and planning was.

Spending time with our family requires us to be listeners, also. I remember when our children were young and we would gather at the end of a long day. Everyone had stories to tell and experiences to relate. I often would try to listen with one ear while concentrating on dinner preparation or some problem from my day. Suddenly, someone would say, "Mom, you're not listening."

Listening to grandchildren is a whole different experience. The older ones were in school while we were there and they would come home full of stories and new things they had learned. I would listen to them talking all at once and would think, "Thank you, Lord, for giving me the opportunity to hear this."

When I think back to when I would listen to my children, I remember mentally tapping my foot and thinking, "Get on with it" when a story became long and drawn-out. Being a grandparent has instilled in me the gift of patience. I can listen to silly stories and made-up jokes and real problems for hours on end. I can listen to a two-year-old who loves to talk. And I believe that when I listen to them, I am teaching them the value of listening to others.

Hopefully, this can carry over to other areas in my life. When someone begins talking to me in the grocery store, even if I am in a hurry, I hope I can take that moment to listen to that stranger. When a friend calls me on the phone and the conversation goes on and on, I hope I will be involved enough to understand the need or appreciate the joy my friend is expressing. I will stop what I am doing and listen to what my husband has to say.

I thank God for the gift of good listening. I thank Him that I can hear a beautiful symphony, a grandbaby giggle and my husband say, "I love you."

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

Know the word of God

Gateway Ministries
By Pastor Charolette Corey

Some things are good and some things seem good, the difference being... "Does it line up with the Living Word of God?" This is why it is so important to know the word of God for yourself. If you know someone who can't read, then help them get the Bible on cassette tape or CD. Listen to it, familiarize yourself with it and memorize the word.

The word becomes your sword when it is yours + word = your... (s)+word = sword.

Just any word will not bring you victory. It must be the Living Word of God. It must be the word of God that glorifies and lifts up the name of Jesus. It must show that the name of Jesus is above all names. It must show that the blood of Jesus pays for all sin. It must show that he is the only begotten son of God. It must show that he was born of a virgin, was sinless, died on the cross for all sin, was raised from the dead on the third day into a new, "glorified" body, and that all those on earth will see him return again to the same place he left. It must show that we are saved by faith through grace and that through becoming a "new creature" in Christ, that the Holy Spirit within us begins to comfort, teach, guide and cause us to choose to produce "good fruit" in Jesus' name to glorify the Heavenly Father.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight. (Prov. 3:5-6).

Prov. 14:12 says, "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."

Check it out! "Every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God and this is that spirit of the antichrist". (1 John 4:3)

In this way you will be cautious to not accept the forerunners of

those things which will put you in bondage to the antichrist, even if it seems like a good thing. Whether it be chip implants in your hands, forehead, or arms, etc., you will see what is coming and be able to make the right choice. (Rev. 13:14-18, 14:9-13, 15:1-4, 19:19-21, 20:1-6).

By using God's word as your sword, you will defeat the antichrist and any spirit of antichrist that may try to attack you. Remember "Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world." (1 John 4:4). God's word is always good. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

Obituary

Edwin Leo Frerich

Edwin Leo Frerich, a lifelong resident of Kinney County, died January 12, 2000 at his ranch home at the age of 62.

He was born December 29, 1937 in Del Rio and married Lindel Cummings on February 16, 1959 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Uvalde.

He was a 1956 graduate of Brackettville High School and received his A. A. degree from Southwest Texas Junior College in Uvalde. He then attended Sul Ross State University in Alpine and received his B.A. degree there. He was a member of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by his son Alan and wife Liz along with their three children Ryan, Courtney and Seth

Frerich; one brother Raymond Frerich and wife Gaylene; one sister Jean Frerich Householder and husband Jim; sister-in-law Patsy Cummings McKelvy and husband Hubert, all of Brackettville. Also surviving are nephews Mark and Mitch Frerich, Joel Stephens, Keith McKelvy and nieces Dee Ann Frerich, Jaye Stephens Ford, and Kay McKelvy Culverhouse.

He was preceded in death by his wife Lin and his parents Leo and Emma Frerich.

The rosary was said on Friday January 14 at 7 p.m. and a Mass of resurrection was celebrated Saturday January 15 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Brackettville. Interment was at the church cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation.

Ruby Jewell Rutledge

Ruby Jewell Rutledge, 71 of Del Rio, Texas, died January 8, 2000 at Val Verde Regional Medical Center in Del Rio.

Ruby was born November 17, 1928 in Marathon, Texas.

She is survived by three sons, John Morey of Uvalde, Chris Morey of San Angelo and James Howard of Brackettville, four daughters, Dorothy Roberts of Brackettville, Carolyn Huddleston of Mississippi, Sandra Vance of Louisiana and Donna Morey of San Antonio; two sisters, Billie June Gonzales of Vidor, Texas and Elizabeth Osborn of California; two brothers, James Rutledge of

New Mexico and Kenneth Rutledge of Mexia, Texas; 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 12, 2000 at noon in the Rushing Estes-Knowles Chapel in Uvalde, Texas with Robert Kussenberger officiating.

Interment was in Knippa Cemetery, Knippa, Texas. Serving as pallbearers were Greg Montgomery, Clay Wiebush, Joseph Stale, Robert Kussenberger Jr., Joseph Kussenberger and Buck Lanning. Honorary pallbearers were Chubby Roberts and Dewayne Mayes.

Historical exemptions

Continued from Page 1

past three years, that property cannot be abated because there is no reinvestment zone," added Haenn.

"I don't think we need to go and back assess," said Frerich. "We were misled and that was part of his reason for buying the property."

"That was part of the business deal, we had an influence on him buying the property by what we were going to do about the tax abatement. We did it in good faith and he did it in good faith. I don't think we need to go back for \$223.78," added Frerich.

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To schedule an appointment with any of the above physicians call (830) 703-1730. All physicians see patients at the Val Verde Regional Medical Center, 801 Bedell Ave., Del Rio, Texas (new wing of the hospital). Easy access through South entrance of the building.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of ESTEVAN URESTE, Deceased, were issued on January 14, 2000, in Cause No. 959, pending in the County Court of Kinney County, Texas, to Kenneth Wayne Ureste. The residence of the Independent Administrator is 3814 North Shadywood, Apt. No. 125, Midwest City, Oklahoma 73110; the post office address is: Kenneth Wayne Ureste c/o Tully Shahan-Attorney at Law, Post Office Box 367 Brackettville, Texas 78832-0367.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated the 14 day of January, 2000. Tully Shahan, Attorney at Law, Post Office Box 367, 401 South Ann Brackettville, Texas 78832. Telephone: 830/563-2462 - Facsimile: 830/563-9240. By: Tully Shahan, Attorney at Law for the Estate - State Bar No: 18087500.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS

REQUEST FOR BIDS ON Texas Highway Construction. Sealed proposals for 322.953 mi of seal coat at various locations on IH 35, RM 693, US 277, FM 481, SH 131, US 90, FM 190, FM 1436, FM 117, FM 624, RM 1024, US 377, RM 1024, FM1908, SH 44, and FM 2295 covered by CPM 18-3-36, CPM 18-4-39, CPM 18-4-40, CPM 18-3-37, CPM 876-1-13, CPM 299-2-25, CPM 1590-3-12, CPM 375-3-12, CPM 299-3-41, CPM 299-4-51, CPM 22-8-18, CPM 22-9-44, CPM 963-1-22, CPM 37-14-7, CPM 236-2-11, CPM 652-4-42, CPM 2373-1-12, CPM 1280-2-14, CPM 201-1-11, CPM 1280-1-12, CPM 1814-2-12, CPM 237-3-21, CPM 37-12-9 and CPM 2170-1-9 in Webb, Kinney, Maverick, Val Verde, Dimmit, Zavala, LaSalle and Duval Counties, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, 200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 P.M., February 2, 2000, and then publicly opened and read. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the sealed proposal arrives at the above location and is in the hands of the letting official, by the specified deadline regardless of the method chosen by the bidder for delivery. Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Gregg Howard, Area Engineer, Carrizo Springs, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

The Texas Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will insure that bidders will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color, sex or national origin, in having full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and in consideration for an award. Usual rights reserved. 22-D-22118 22-76-0018-03-036, et.

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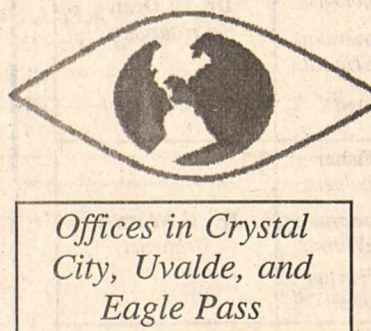
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Applicable specifications relative to the Contract are available for inspection at the Office of: Rosa E. Trevino, P.E. Director of Maintenance 1817 Bob Bullock Loop Laredo, Texas 78043

The estimated cost for this Project is \$122,500.
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