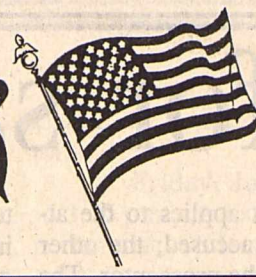


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Area ranchers want help with intruders Briefs ...

DA Tom Lee addresses their concerns at Border Patrol sponsored meeting

Brackettville was picked as the site for the first meeting between Border Patrol officials and area ranchers and the initial confrontation took place Monday night with more than 30 area residents demanding to know what can be done about the hundreds of illegal immigrants they encounter on their properties each day.

The concerns escalated after Border Patrol officials at the meeting indicated that an increase in the amount of illegal immigrants

to this area is expected to increase because enforcement is so stringent in other areas.

Among the actions being taken by the Del Rio sector in an effort to handle the expected increase in illegal immigrants is to request 250 to 500 more Border Patrol agents.

The prediction that an increase rather than a decrease in the number of illegal immigrants who will cross the border into the U.S., caused even more concern to ranchers at the meeting who demanded to know how law enforcement officials can help them deal with illegal immigrants on their property. Some expressed fear for their lives. Some said they believed Mexican nationals had more rights in this country than U.S. citizens. Some said the government in Mexico is to blame and that the new presidents in both countries need to meet to come up with a solution. The U.S. should take of its citizens and Mexico should take care of theirs, they declared. A man in the audience offered to draw up a petition to present to legislators including U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla and United States Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison to come up with legislation addressing the problem.

Also at Monday's meeting was District Attorney Tom Lee who, in response to what ranchers can do about illegal immigrants on their land, said: "There's nothing in the world that would prevent anyone from filing trespassing charges against illegal aliens that come across your land, but a lot of that is going to depend on whether Tully (Shahan), your county attorney can afford to spend the time on the many hundreds of people that are arrested on those circumstances."

Trespassing is a misdemeanor offense involving the county attorney, Lee explained. "Criminal trespass is an offense that requires a person to be off of the property, to remove himself from the property after having been given notice to depart. If they refuse to leave, for example, then that is an element that has to be proven by the prosecuting attorney. Many times that is solved by posting notices that if you're on this property, you will be trespassing and that satisfies that element, so that has to be there but on many occasions, that's not present," he said.

After several comments from members of the audience still wanting to know what can be done about trespassers, Lee answered: "I think what a lot of you are concerned about, again without getting into these matters that are pending now (i.e. Sam Blackwood case), let me tell you that our law does provide a defense, it's called justification for the commission of a use of force against an individual and I think some of you are interested in that. Let me tell you so that you'll understand what a defense is. A defense is not like somebody giving you a card that says you are now entitled to go kill somebody and I really believe that a lot of people think that. So they're mad at me, they ask, 'why are you prosecuting this person?' I'm just saying, I follow the law. The law doesn't say, 'here, here's your free Kill Somebody Card,

you can go kill somebody. A justification is a defense to prosecution that is determined by a jury of 12 good citizens that listen for the evidence. I don't get to make the decision nor does the judge nor does the grand jury, you get to make that decision."

Lee added, "We are very civi-

Agents injured in rollover

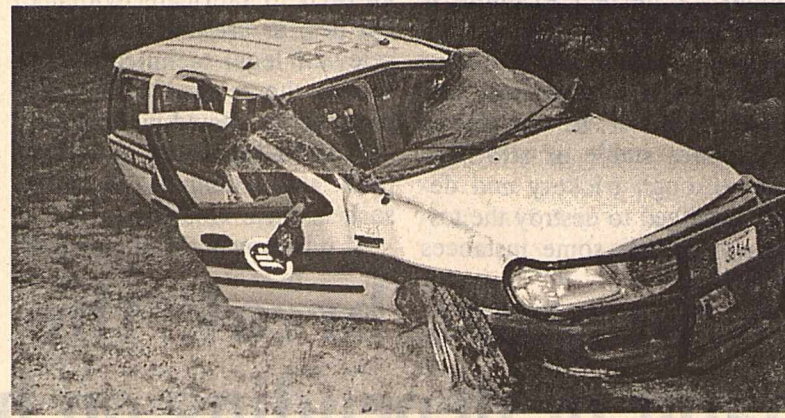
A 25-year-old Border Patrol agent trainee sustained serious injuries early Monday morning when the vehicle she was driving on Highway 131 (Spofford Road) ran off the roadway, rolled over three times, and ejected her 65 feet from the vehicle.

The trainee, Maria Carrizales, was listed in stable condition Wednesday afternoon at University Hospital in San Antonio, where she and her passenger, agent John Garrett, 31, were taken shortly after the accident.

According to a Department of Public Safety report, the Border Patrol vehicle driven by Carrizales was traveling south on Highway 131, when "the driver runs off the right side of the road upon meeting traffic."

"Driver overcorrects to the left, losing control of the vehicle. Trying to gain control, the driver turns hard to the right, running off the right side of the roadway again

and into a ditch. Driver then turns hard to left, causing the vehicle to roll about three times, ejecting the driver. The vehicle comes to rest in a ditch on the right side of the road, facing north. Ejected driver comes to rest near the fence approximately 65 feet from the vehicle."



The accident occurred about 3:50 a.m. Monday 6.7 miles south of Brackettville, on Highway 131 (Spofford Road).

Photo by Karl Chism.

lized people. Human life is held in a very precious way by these citizens of the United States. We are not cavalier about allowing citizens to use deadly force. As a result of that, our Legislature has set out a system whereby you are justified in using deadly force only if certain factors exist. And if those

factors don't exist, you're not justified in using that deadly force. There's a difference in using force and deadly force. You have to be justified in using force against the person first. For example, trespassing. Our law says you can use force to prevent somebody or terminate a person's trespass upon

your property. It does not say you can use deadly force to do that though. And so you know these signs that you see that says, 'Trespassers will be shot' is absolutely against the law in the state of Texas. You cannot shoot somebody, you can't use deadly force to prevent trespassing.

"Our law states that a person is justified in using deadly force against another if he would be justified in using force in the first place. Basically, to be justified in

using force against the person in the first place, that person has to be using force against you. If you're standing there minding your own business, and I decide to punch you in the mouth, I'm not justified in using that force. It has to be done in direct response to the amount of force being used against you. If a reasonable person in the actor's situation would not have retreated, again there's a key word that our law uses about the use of deadly force and one that is always used, a reasonable person standard has to be implied. If a person is a fool or acting unreasonably, you're not justified in using force. It always relies on what a reasonable person in that circumstance would do under those facts and if a jury looks at that and says, 'a reasonable person would never do that,' there goes the defense out the window. And again this issue on attacking the person, the person would not have retreated. There is a duty to retreat before you can use deadly force. The only exception to that is that if you're in your home and someone is in your home to commit a crime and you are using deadly force in that circumstance. Our law says you do not have to retreat under those circumstances. And then it goes on to say when and to the degree you reasonably believe the deadly force is immediate and there are many questions that we argue about in the courtroom about whether there was any immediacy involved.

"Deadly force normally comes into play whenever you're talking about combat - a mutual combat situation. Somebody pulls a knife, a gun, but a person in that fight says, 'I'm not going to engage in this fight,' and starts to walk off and they're shot, then you've lost the use of deadly force and justification because you don't have the immediate factor in there. Deadly force has to be done in response to deadly force. Lee also explained deadly force in regards to protection of property, "which is what most of you are concerned about," he added. In the penal code, "that section states that a person in lawful possession of land or tangible movable property is justified in using force against another when and to the degree the actor reasonably believes the force is immediately necessary to prevent or terminate the other's trespass on the land or unlawful interference with the property. You can use force but you cannot use deadly force. "A person is justified in using deadly force against another to protect land or tangible movable property if they would be justified in using force in the first place. And when and to the degree he reasonably believes deadly force is immediately necessary to prevent the other's imminent commission of arson, burglary, robbery, aggravated robbery, theft during the nighttime or criminal mischief during the nighttime or prevent another from fleeing from another after committing those crimes or escaping with the property and he reasonably believes that the land or the property cannot be recovered by any other means or the use of force other than deadly force to recover

Sales tax exemption holiday begins Friday

Texas' second back-to-school clothing and footwear sales tax exemption holiday will start Friday, Aug. 4 at 12:01 a.m. and end at midnight, Sunday, Aug. 6.

Approved by the 199 Texas Legislature as SB 441 (co-sponsored by Rep. Henry Cuellar, Laredo Democrat) the sales tax holiday is designed to give families a tax break as they provide their children with back-to-school clothing.

However, the sales tax holiday is not limited to children's items and also includes work clothes, uniforms, and boots, baby clothes and diapers, and underclothes and

socks.

Items not covered by the sales tax holiday include accessories, fabric jewelry, watches, backpacks and handbags, specialty sporting equipment and any item costing over \$100.

"The tax burden on working families is too high," said Rep. Cuellar.

"With this tax relief, working families will have more money to spend on their families and not on taxes."

Almost all clothing and shoes costing under \$100 per item are included in the sales tax holiday.

Consumers receive the break on individual items, regardless of the amount they buy.

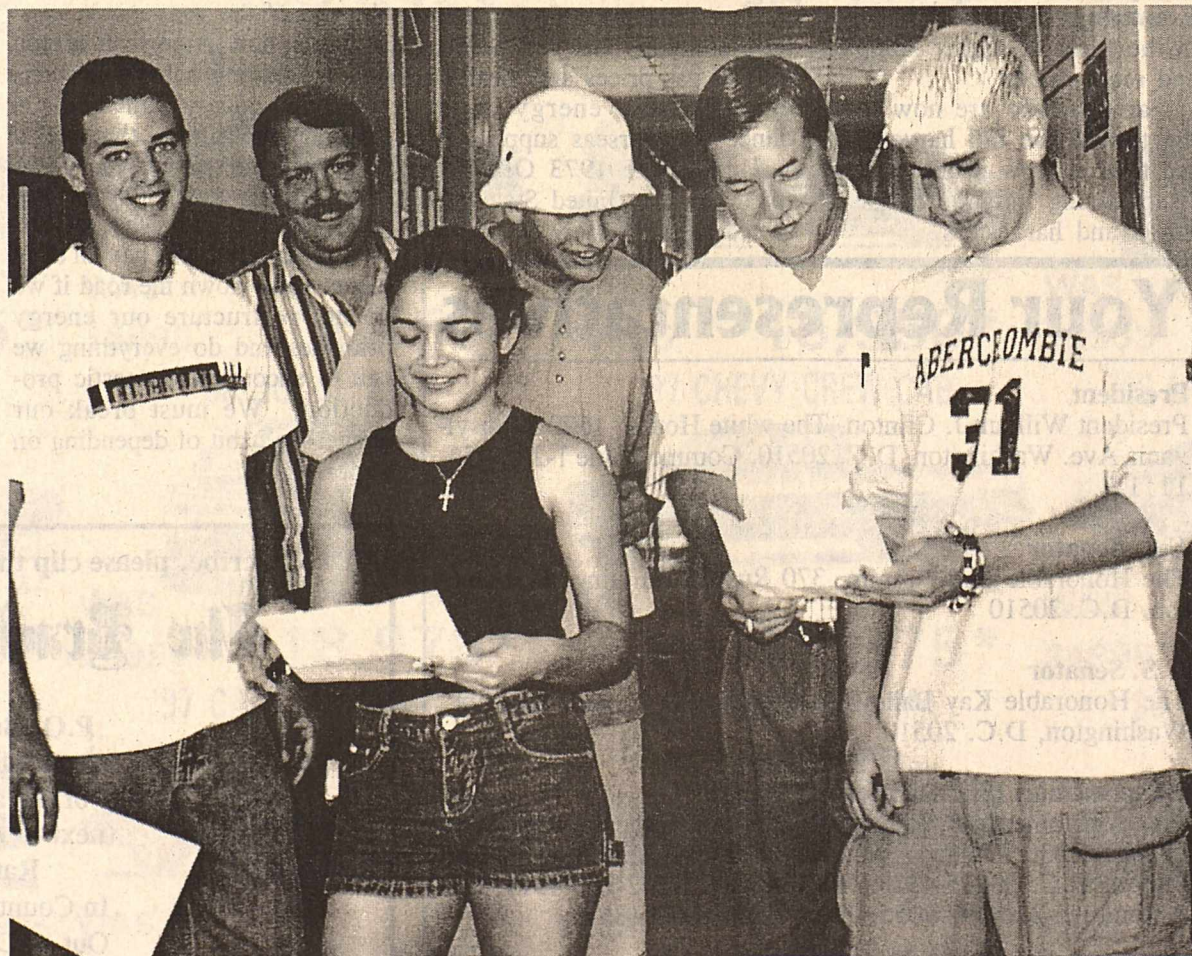
For example, sales tax is not due if a consumer buys three pairs of shoes each priced under \$100.

But the full sales tax must be paid if a pair of shoes is sold for \$110.

Last year, consumers saved more than \$25 million in state sales taxes and more than \$7 million in local taxes during the three-day tax-free weekend.

This year, the dollar amount is expected to increase slightly, officials at the State Comptroller's Office said.

Students sign-up for classes at Brackett High



Brackett High School seniors Caleb Baler, Schiller Hill, Cuddy de los Santos and Chris Petrosky look over their class schedules. Instructor William Clements, second from left, and Principal Michael D. Hall, second from right helped the students sign-up for classes. Registration at the high school continues through Monday, Aug. 7. Seniors and juniors should have registered Monday, Aug. 13. Sophomores register today, Thursday, Aug. 3, freshmen sign-up Friday, Aug. 4 and new students and transfer students enroll Aug. 7. Students who do not attend the registration will have their class schedule cancelled and will need to report to the auditorium on the morning of the first day of school for rescheduling. Principal Hall asks students who cannot register on the specified days to call the office at 563-2491 to make other arrangements. Students who have registered will report to their first period class on the first day of school, Aug. 14.

Cleanup Saturday

Fun is contagious - come to the "clean-up" and catch it!

Fort Clark Spring's Community Council sponsors a monthly project that will include activities that incorporate painting, scrubbing, trash pick-up, window washing, and general cleaning.

Volunteers are urged to meet in front of Shafter Hall Saturday, Aug. 5 at 9 a.m. Besides the gratification of doing something positive for our beautiful environment, volunteers enjoy a tasty lunch at 12 noon and happy memories of food, fun and fellowship.

Mike Murdock to speak

Nationally known motivational and wisdom speaker and best-selling author Mike Murdock will be at Grace Community Church, 709 Kings' Way in Del Rio, Saturday through Monday, Aug. 5-7.

Murdock will speak Saturday, at 7 p.m., Sunday at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., and Monday at 9 a.m. at the church.

Murdock is a noted author who has written many bestsellers including, "Wisdom for Winning" "Dream Seeds" and "The Double Diamond Principle."

If you need transportation, please call the church office at 774-5755 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and Anna or MaryKay will be blessed to help you. A nursery is also provided. *Se habla espanol.*

Spiritual poems sought

A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered in a special religious poetry contest sponsored by New Jersey Rainbow Poets, free to everyone. There are 28 prizes in all totalling over \$3,000.

To enter, send one poem only of 21 lines or less: Free Poetry Contest, PMB70, 103 N. Wood Ave., Linden, N.J. 07036. Or enter on-line www.freecontest.com.

The deadline for entering is Aug. 24.

232 apprehensions

There were 232 apprehensions in the Brackettville area between July 17 and 23, according to the Del Rio sector of the Border Patrol. The number is included in the 2,311 sector total for that period. Other apprehensions involved 23 in Abilene, 342 in Carrizo Springs, 14 in Comstock, 296 in Del Rio, 1,287 in Eagle Pass, 23 in Rocksprings, 2 in San Angelo and 92 in Uvalde. All but 47 apprehended were Mexican nationals.

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Integrity for sale – justice for hire

The Way I See It!
By Steven R. LaMascus

Did you know that there are laws, which condone if not actually allow an attorney to lie in court without penalty? When you are fulfilling your civic duties by serving on a jury, and you are listening attentively to the attorneys and the testimony to determine who is innocent and who is guilty, you are not there to dispense justice. You are there to determine whose attorney is the best actor.

In a criminal case it is a bit different. In that case there are usually two different sets of

rules. One set applies to the attorney of the accused; the other set applies to the prosecutor. The prosecutor must be truthful. He cannot fabricate evidence or intentionally misrepresent material facts. The defense attorney on the other hand is bound by no such limits. He is legally free to lie and deceive as he sees fit to convince you, the jury, that his client is not guilty. It doesn't matter one bit if the attorney knows that the defendant is as guilty as sin, he is going to tell you the guy is as innocent as a lamb and teaches Sunday school classes for orphans. His integrity, your integrity, and the in-

tegrity of the court are totally immaterial to the sad fact that the guilty have more rights than the innocent.

Today in the United States, Justice has been destroyed. There is no Justice anymore, only "due process." Now I do believe in due process. I believe that everyone deserves a fair and impartial trial when accused of a crime.

However, I also believe that all parties should be forced to play by the same rules; and those rules should be total truth. There is no possible way that Justice can be served if deceit and lies are allowed in the courtroom. The courts were designed and intended to find the truth, make the guilty pay, and absolve the innocent.

Today in the United States, Justice is for sale to the highest bidder. A perfect example is O.J. Simpson. I don't know anyone who does not believe that he murdered his wife and her friend. However, he was able to purchase a stable of attorneys who, through trickery and deceit, managed to destroy the testimony, and in some instances

the very lives and careers of the investigating officers. They were not interested in obtaining justice; they wanted notoriety and wealth. They wanted to take the focus of the trial off their client and place it upon his accusers. They knew they could not win by unvarnished truthfulness so they resorted to trickery; and they made millions. The only real loser there was Justice.

Why must this be? Why can't we change the rules of the courts to include penalties for perjury when attorneys knowingly and willfully lie? Let them give their clients the best defense possible. That is, after all, their job.

But their duty is also to see that Justice is done. They are officers of the court. Their first duty should be to the court, to Justice. They should not, either morally, ethically, or legally be allowed to fabricate evidence, tell lies, or use unimportant, irrelevant legal technicalities to secure the release of a guilty party. They should be bound by oath to "tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help them God!"

If it is proven that a police of-

ficer has fabricated evidence, lied about a suspect, conducted an illegal search, forced a confession, then prosecute the officer; but don't release the criminal unless he is proven innocent. Don't throw out truthful, factual evidence because it was illegally or improperly obtained, prosecute the officer who obtained it illegally. Then you will have Justice in two cases and not a pretense of Justice in one.

If Justice is not dead in this country, it is certainly ill. It is no longer a hallmark of integrity.

Justice is for sale; integrity is on the auction block; the Halls of Justice are coated with the slime of deceit and dishonor. Truth, Justice and the American way have been replaced with deceit, purchasing power, and worship of the process.

The facade of legal process has become more important than the actuality of Justice. And that is just plain truth!

Amos 5:15 - "Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts. Perhaps the Lord God Almighty will have mercy on the remnant of Joseph."

Reaching out to impoverished areas in the U.S.

Submitted by
Congressman Henry Bonilla

Congress did a tremendous thing last week and it did so without partisanship and bickering. We passed the Community Renewal and New Markets Act of 2000 to help America's most impoverished communities.

The bill combines the Congress' American Community Renewal Act with the Administration's New Market Initiative to give our nation's low income communities faith, hope and an opportunity at the American Dream.

While most of America is enjoying the economic prosperity brought upon by a balanced budget, fiscal responsibility and middle income tax cuts, some rural and inner city areas continue to be left behind. The lack of employment opportunity and economic activity continues to contribute to high crime and drug abuse rates. This poisons the American Dream. The Community Renewal and New Markets Initiative Act will change that and bring low income communities into America's prosperity through its array of incentives.


The legislation will reduce taxes and deregulate restraints in order to spur business investment and employment growth in depressed areas. It will provide 40 "renewal communities" with much-needed assistance in the form of targeted, pro-growth tax benefits, regulatory relief, savings incentives, and home ownership opportunities, as well as provide for the inclusion of faith-based organizations in local solutions such as drug and alcohol treatment.

The Community Renewal and New Market Initiative provides a \$21 billion tax cut targeted specifically to low income communities. It would make individuals and businesses within renewal communities eligible for a variety of tax incentives including: a zero capital gains rate, expensing for small businesses, wage tax credits and a 20 percent revitalization deduction for non-residential building. In addition, faith-based substance abuse treatment programs will be encouraged to enter the communities and be eligible to receive federal assistance to provide counsel and help to needed members of the communities. Home ownership will also become a reality with greater opportunities available.

The government has tried in the past to impose its own solutions on local communities, but no one can solve these problems as well as the community itself. We must enlist the entrepreneurs, community groups and faith based organizations of each community to join in the fight and make their own changes.

It is time to revitalize our nation's depressed communities and ensure that the American Dream is accessible to everyone with good work ethic. This is exactly what this legislation does and is exactly why it will work.

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Dewhurst says more than \$4.8 million earned for Texas schools

Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst announces that more than \$4.8 million was earned for the Permanent School Fund (PSF) in lease sales and land sales approved by the Texas School Land Board. Dewhurst, who chairs the board, said oil and gas firms paid more than \$4 million to lease 17,945 acres of PSF lands, and more than \$800,000 was earned from the sale of 6,802 acres of PSF lands. Dewhurst said the \$226 average bid per acre for oil and gas leases is the highest in two years. "This bonus is a welcome addition to the Permanent School Fund, which benefits the public school children of Texas," Dewhurst said. "A quality education is the birthright of all Texans, and it takes a lot of resources to do the job properly. I will continue to work hard to boost earnings from our state lands." Dewhurst said royalties earned from oil and gas produced on state lands accrue to the PSF, which earns money

for Texas public school children from kindergarten through the 12th grade. The PSF has approximately \$22 billion in assets and contributed about \$662 million to Texas public schools last year.

Sealed bids from oil and gas companies were opened at Tuesday's public meeting of the School Land Board in Austin, with Dewhurst presiding. A total of 57 tracts out of 256 offered were awarded. About \$20 million has been earned for the PSF since Dewhurst doubled lease sales to four per year in 1999.

Dewhurst said the three highest bids Tuesday were \$204,530 from Union Oil Co. of California, \$200,067 from Juneau Exploration Co., and \$196,826 from H. D. O'Neill. Dewhurst said Independent Land Services had the largest dollar amount in total bids, more than \$481,000, while Cockrell Oil & Gas had the second highest total, about \$412,000, and Michael Dixon was third highest at \$343,040.

U.S. must break the dangerous habit of depending on imported oil

Capitol Comments
By Kay Bailey Hutchison
United States Senator

Since oil was discovered at Spindletop in 1901, the fate of Texas has been closely tied to the energy industry.

A year ago thousands of oil producers were forced out of the business because of record low oil prices.

Today drivers are feeling the sharp pinch of rising prices at the pump.

Such volatility is the direct result of America's growing reliance on foreign oil.

By the first week in June, gasoline prices had increased by 50 percent over the past year.

If your summer plans include a plane trip, the price of your ticket will have increased by about \$30 for a round trip. And travelers aren't the only ones feeling the pinch.

Diesel prices are up too, costing the typical trucker an additional \$150 to \$200 to fill up. Small truckers are especially hard hit.

Those who entered into shipping contracts based on lower fuel prices now face disaster. Eventually, consumers will pay in the form of higher shipping and retail prices.

Farmers who are now looking toward the fall harvest can see their narrow profit margins disappearing into the tanks of trucks and harvesters.

American consumers need short-term, immediate relief from this situation.

Then Congress needs to roll up its sleeves and get to work on some long-term solutions that will stabilize oil prices and reassert America's energy independence.

To accomplish the first goal, I have introduced legislation that would suspend the 18.4 cents-per-gallon federal gasoline tax and the 24.4 cents-per-gallon tax on diesel fuel.

This bill has been written to ensure that the tax reduction will have maximum impact on the price of gasoline at the pump – and no impact on the Federal Highway Trust Fund (which will remain fully funded throughout the proposed suspension period).

The revenue is to be made up from surplus budget funds, \$150 billion of which Congress has already set aside for tax cuts. Suspension of the gas tax will use less than 3 percent of those funds.

This pales in comparison to the anticipated \$1.7 trillion surplus expected over the next 10 years.

Next challenge: finding long-term solutions that will stabilize oil and gas prices and wean our country from energy dependence on overseas supplies.

During the 1973 OPEC oil embargo, the United States imported approximately 36 percent

of its oil from overseas. In 1993, imports stood at 46 percent. Today, the U.S. imports 56 percent and that is projected to grow to 65 percent by 2020.

To reverse this dangerous trend, I have introduced legislation that will revitalize domestic energy production.

This bill includes a \$3 per barrel, phased tax credit that is triggered when oil prices fall to between \$14 and \$17 per barrel.

Such a credit would apply only to low-volume "marginal" oil wells producing less than 15 barrels per day. It would encourage production from existing fields as well as open new areas to exploration. And it would also apply to marginal natural gas wells, which have the potential to reduce our oil needs by 20 percent – the same amount we import from Saudi Arabia.

This legislation has been incorporated into the National Energy Security Act of 2000, the goal of which is to cut American dependence on foreign energy to 50 percent by 2010.


The Senate Majority Leader has promised a vote on it before the end of the year.

Right now American motorists are paying a high price for the failed energy policies – or absence thereof – that we've seen over the past seven years. Cutting the gasoline tax is a good, quick fix for what ails us.

But America will pay an even higher price down the road if we do not restructure our energy priorities and do everything we can to encourage domestic production. We must break our dangerous habit of depending on imported oil.

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Kinney County Sheriff's Report ...

Monday, July 24
7:36 p.m., A local rancher reported finding the body of an undocumented worker about one half mile from his ranch near Highway 277. A deputy responded to the scene.

Tuesday, July 25
9:29 a.m., A Border Patrol agent reported a vehicle had rolled over just east of the tracks near Farm to Market 1572 (Anacacho Road) and that there were no injuries. A Department of Public Safety trooper was asked to investigate.

11:34 p.m., A local resident expressed concern that a vehicle

had been parked near the high school ballpark for about an hour. A deputy went to the scene to investigate.

Wednesday, July 26
1:20 a.m., A local motorist reported that the vehicle he was driving on Highway 693 had struck a cow. He said the animal was still alive and that he had moved it off the road. He asked for help in locating the animal's owner. The owner was later contacted and went to the scene.

9:20 a.m., A local resident reported some youngsters broke some windows next door.

7:45 p.m., A local resident re-

ported that the sewer was backing up in his house. He wanted to know what city employee was on duty so that person could take care of the problem.

10:20 p.m., An out-of-town resident asked deputies if they could go by a certain house to see whether her children were all right. She said the occupant of that house was supposed to be taking care of her children. A deputy drove by the house and could not find anyone. Later, he tried phoning the occupant of the house but found out that the phone at the residence had been disconnected. After the deputy informed her of the situation, the out-of-town resi-

dent said she wanted to file a formal complaint against the occupant of the house.

Thursday, July 27
12:45 a.m., Vandals caused damage to a local church. Deputies said that several rocks were thrown at the front of the church, and that the door and a pillar were damaged. An investigation is underway.

5 p.m., A Fort Clark Springs resident said he had loaned a jack to a motorist who needed to change a tire, but the jack was not sufficient. He asked whether someone else could help the motorist. A deputy went to investigate but could not locate the mo-

torist.

Friday, July 28
3:25 p.m., A local resident reported that, while she was out of town, someone had attempted to steal the air conditioner unit from her home and had tried to enter her home. A deputy went to the scene to investigate.

9:06 p.m., A local resident reported that a vehicle would be parked near a local business until someone could repair the brakes.

Saturday, July 29
11:55 a.m., A local resident asked for EMS' help in tending to a man who needed medical attention. EMS responded and went to the man's house.

3:02 p.m., A deputy radioed in that the driver of an 18-wheeler was driving recklessly. A Department of Public Safety trooper was notified.

3:56 p.m., A local resident reported that a motorist was speeding. Deputies went to investigate.

Sunday, July 30
5:45 p.m., A local resident complained that loud music was coming from city park. Chief of Police Ron Ring went to investigate and the volume of the music was reduced.

8:08 p.m., A deputy was sent to help a motorist who had accidentally left the keys inside his locked car.

Outdoors

New fishing and hunting licenses on sale Aug. 7

A Little on the Wildlife Side
By Henry Lutz

AUSTIN — Texas hunters and anglers are reminded that current hunting and fishing licenses expire at the end of August.

New licenses for 2000-2001 will be available beginning Aug. 7 at more than 3,000 outlets statewide. Texas Parks and Wildlife issues about 3.5 million hunting and fishing licenses annually through its 28 field offices, more than 100 state parks and hundreds of retailers across Texas.

In addition to license vendor outlets, sportsmen can purchase licenses by phone using a toll-free license service at (800) 895-4248 that serves both Texans and non-residents.

This allows hunters and anglers to buy licenses over the phone using a major credit card 24 hours a day.

A license confirmation number is issued at the time of purchase and the physical license mailed separately. Confirmation numbers will verify that a license has been

purchased, but will not allow hunters to take fish or wildlife that requires a tag.

Anyone planning to hunt migratory game birds such as dove and waterfowl this year must be certified under the Harvest Information Program.

HIP certification will automatically be printed on the license at the time of purchase after a brief series of questions have been answered. Those who must be HIP-certified are encouraged to verify that HIP certification is printed on their licenses.

Lifetime license holders must also be HIP-certified to hunt migratory birds. Annual resident hunting and fishing licenses cost \$19 each, \$32 for a combination hunting and fishing license.

For the avid outdoorsman, the Super Combo license includes a resident combination hunting and fishing license plus all seven state hunting and fishing stamps for \$49. Sold separately, the face value of the Super Combo package is \$82.

New this year for senior sports-

men is the \$25 Senior Super Combo license and a \$10 senior combination hunting and fishing license.

"We've offered a special resident fishing license to seniors since 1996 and wanted a companion package to our regular combination and Super Combo license packages," explained Jayna Burgdorf, TPW's license program director.

"For our senior customers who are avid hunters and anglers, the Senior Super Combo offers substantial savings."

A reciprocal fishing license agreement with Oklahoma has been re-established effective Sept. 1.

The agreement removes licensing requirements for Texas residents 65 years of age or older when fishing in Oklahoma and for Oklahoma residents 64 years of age or older when fishing in Texas.

New this year is a change in mule deer tags. In an effort to more accurately estimate the number of mule deer harvested, mule

deer tags will be optional on all hunting licenses. At the time of purchase, hunters will be asked if they plan to hunt mule deer this season.

By issuing tags to only those who hunt mule deer, a better sampling base may be used for harvest surveys. If mule tags are not issued at the time of purchase, hunters may add the tags at a later time at any location that sells licenses.

Texas saltwater sportfishermen will be stepping up this fall to fund temporarily a program designed to reduce commercial fishing effort in the bays.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission adopted a \$3 increase to the Saltwater Sportfishing Stamp fee (from \$7 to \$10) projected to generate about \$7 million over the next five years.

The revenue will retire commercial licenses for inshore shrimp, finfish and crabs. All three fisheries have been identified as currently being overfished, over-capitalized (too many vessels), fully exploited, or a com-

bination of the three.

Only about 15 percent of the shrimp licenses have been retired through the buyback effort. The agency hopes to achieve a 50 percent reduction.

The surcharge will be removed after five years, and the commission has instructed TPW coastal fisheries staff to provide annual progress reports on the buyback effort.

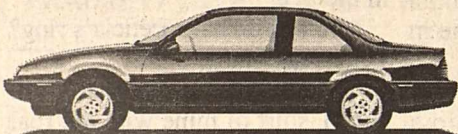

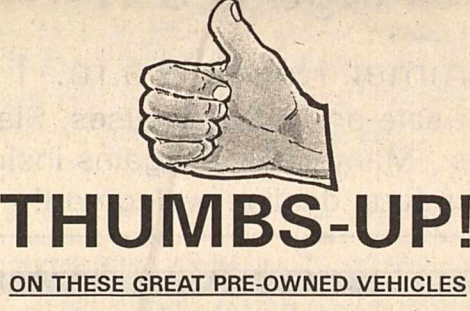
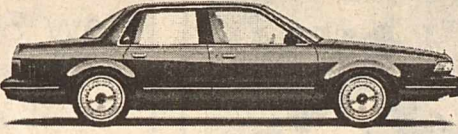

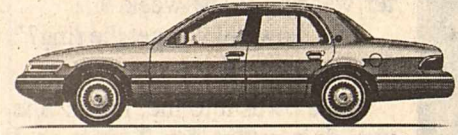
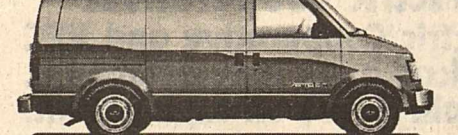




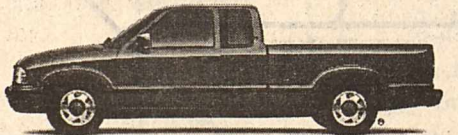
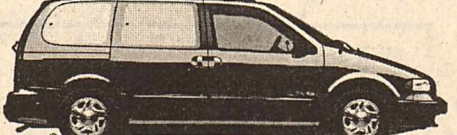



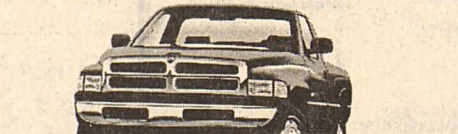

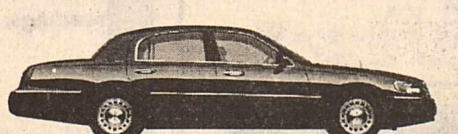

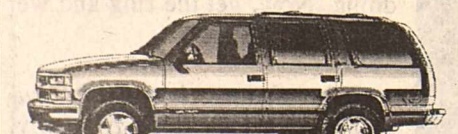


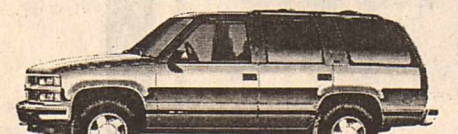

In addition to hunting and fishing licenses and stamps, several other items can be bought wherever licenses are sold, including Annual Public Hunt (APH) Permits and entries in Big Time Texas Hunt drawings.

The Big Time Texas Hunts program offers the opportunity to win one or more dream hunts with proceeds dedicated to TPW public hunting and wildlife management programs. In addition to the Grand Slam — a once-in-a-lifetime package containing our separate hunts for bighorn sheep, white-tailed deer, pronghorn antelope and mule deer — the Big Time Texas Hunts categories include the Texas

Exotic Safari, Texas Whitetail Bonanza, Texas Waterfowl Adventure and Texas Big Time Bird Hunt. Entries for the Big Time Texas Hunt drawings are \$10 each.

There is no limit to the number of entries that an individual may purchase, and entries may be purchased as gifts for others. Individuals must be 17 years of age or older to purchase an entry. Current employees of Texas Parks and Wildlife and Transactive Corporation are not eligible to apply in the Big Time Texas Hunts.

The \$40 APH Permit, which allows hunters access to 48,000 acres of public dove leases in addition to more than 1.2 million acres of other public hunting lands, may also be purchased at all license sales outlets. A map booklet and supplement of dove lease maps will be mailed to purchasers of the APH permit; however, by purchasing the APH permit at a TPW law enforcement office, the map booklet and supplement can be obtained immediately.

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Ranchers want answers

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the land and the property would expose the actor or another to a substantial risk of death or bodily injury. You have to be justified you can't just shoot a man."

Lee said illegal immigrants who come across property "tend to commit pretty much the same kinds of crimes." Those would include unauthorized use of motor vehicles and burglaries of various types, and theft.

"If they're committing burglary of a building, that is a state jail felony under our law, which is punishable by confinement in a state jail facility, not the penitentiary system.

"Perhaps more important is the one we try hard to stop and are pretty severe on - burglaries of a habitation.

"If we catch undocumented aliens in homes, you can rest assured they're on the way to the Texas penitentiary because that's exactly what we've been doing for 22 years. If we can't do anything else, we are hopeful that we get

that word back to Mexico, that if you're coming over here and you choose to commit a crime, you certainly don't want to commit that crime, breaking into someone's home."

Lee added, "There are rare occasions when the aliens themselves become the victims of crime.

"I know there are matters going on in this area and I don't want to get into those issues because those cases are pending, but I can only tell you that in 22 years I've been prosecuting as district attorney, this is the first time I've ever seen this happen.

"And all of a sudden, we have four (other shootings of illegal aliens), all at the same time, so it's extremely rare for us to have to deal with these, but it's part of our job.

"We have no choice, we have to do that. The most serious thing that happens when you talk about undocumented aliens in this part of the country is on rare occasions, murders are committed by illegal



Mrs. James Edward Heath

Linda Carol Dunevant of Eden, N.C., and James Edward Heath of Fort Clark Springs, Brackettville, were united in marriage on July 29, 2000 at Frontier Baptist Church in Brackettville.

Mr. Dave Crowe of Brackettville performed the ceremony. The bride is a registered nurse and the daughter of Ms. Dora Martin Crabtree of Mebane, N.C. and the late Mr. Vance Harding Crabtree.

The groom is General Manager of Fort Clark Springs and the son of the late Wayne E. Heath and Leah Gibson Heath of San Antonio. The bride is a graduate of Angelo State University where she received an associate degree in science and nursing.

The groom is a graduate of Baylor University where he received a B.B.A. degree. Maid of honor was Augusta Higgins of San Angelo. Best man was Frank Cheaney of Brackettville. Ushers were Jevin Griffin (grandson) and Don Parks. Flower Girls were Paige Griffin (granddaughter) and Courtney Vacker (grand niece). Ringbearers were Kye White (grandson) and Daniel Bunch (grand nephew).

A reception was held in the Calvary Ballroom of the Las Moras Restaurant, Fort Clark Springs.

Following the reception, the couple left for a trip to San Antonio. They will reside at Fort Clark Springs, Brackettville.

Mohair Council of America schedules summer meeting Aug. 16-17 in Kerrville

The Mohair Council of America plans its Summer Meeting Aug. 16-17 at Inn of the Hills in Kerrville.

The event will begin with a meeting of the Texas Mohair Producers Board at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16.

The Mohair Council Executive Committee will meet at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16. The Executive Committee will receive the audit report for the fiscal year ended June 30 and will discuss ongoing projects of the Council.

Mohair Council Directors will convene at 9 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 17.

What's wrong with kids?

I Could Be Wrong
By Chuck Hall

I always hear people ask "What's wrong with kids today?" "Why do the young people act the way they do?"

Statistics show that we have more juveniles in trouble with the law than ever before in the history of our nation.

Teenaged pregnancies are on a constant rise.

Alcohol and drug use is increasing at an alarming rate. What indeed is wrong with kids today?

My answer is the same today as it was when I first started teaching. What's wrong with kids? Not that much.

Kids are kids. They do lots of things that are immoral, dishonest, inappropriate, wicked, immoral and just plain bad. Always

have, always will. My father tells of the time he turned over an "out-house" with his uncle inside.

We often forget the things we did as kids. More often than not, we even deny to ourselves that we did those deeds. We judge young people by adult standards.

They too will grow up. They will put away childish things.

And someday they will ask what is wrong with the kids of their day. Just like adults do now.

Oh, and one more thing. The kids aren't the primary drug traffickers.

Our young men and young women don't print the pornography. They aren't the major source of overcrowded prisons.

Let's clean up our own generation before we cast that first stone.

But I could be wrong.

Conoly entertains Rotarians

Submitted by
Frances McMaster

Brackettville Rotary Club usually features a speaker at its meetings, but the July 27 luncheon meeting was different.

Due to a misunderstanding, a speaker was not presented. Program Chairman Frances McMaster, announced that each person would be asked to tell a joke, talk about their profession, or something going on in their life.

Stan Conoly took the prize for telling that his family is welcoming a new baby around Christmas, and that this event was occupying their thoughts at this time. Mrs. Conoly, Lisa, has been replaced in her teaching job so that she can

focus on caring for the family and the new baby. No one could top Stan's contribution, but Jim Heath received a lot of good natured teasing about his wedding, which would take place on July 29.

Stan Conoly reported from a committee charged with raising money for the Scholarship Fund. A meal will be served at noon, Sunday, Aug. 27, at Shahan Park. Tables and chairs will be placed in shaded areas or the meal may be taken home.

An adult ticket will be \$5 and children under ten will cost \$2.50. Members of Rotary will provide the food. Please mark that date on your calendar and plan to eat with us for the benefit of the Scholarship Fund.

Living the Christian life means obeying the 10 commandments

Empowering Families
By Dr. Donald Smith

"Mom, I'm home," yelled thirteen-year old Sabrina from the front door.

"Before you go to your room, I need to talk to you," Juanita called to her daughter. "Come in here and sit down."

"What's up mom?" Sabrina asked nervously as she sat across from her mother at the kitchen table.

"Leticia's mom called today. She asked about a ring that you had taken from Leticia and not returned. Would you like to tell me about it?"

"How did she know?" Sabrina asked without looking her mother in the eye.

"So you do have Leticia's ring? Tell me about it."

"Mom, you know that light blue T-shirt of mine with the real pretty flowers on it?"

"Yes, what about it?"

"Well, I loaned it to Leticia. When I asked for it back, she said she didn't have it. I know she does have it because I saw her little sister wearing it last week."

"So, how did you get the ring?" Juanita pressed.

"She owes it to me, mom. She wouldn't return my T-shirt so I borrowed her ring. I told her I would give it back when she returned my T-shirt. Now we aren't speaking."

"Did she give you permission to borrow her ring?"

"No."

"Sabrina, it is never right to take something belonging to someone else. No matter what your motivation, it was stealing not borrowing. You have been taught to live the Christian life. That means, among other things, that you obey the Ten Commandments. God says, 'You shall not steal (Deut 5:19).'"

"But mom," Sabrina persisted, "Leticia stole my T-shirt."

"God doesn't allow us the freedom to steal and call it borrowing or to use others as an excuse. In Romans 2:21 it says that you cannot be an example to Leticia when you do what you accused her of doing. Now, get the ring and we will visit Leticia."

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

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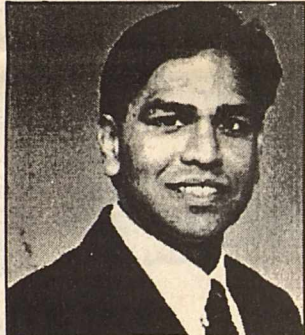
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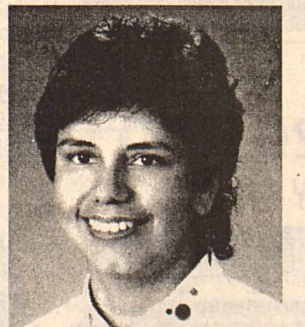
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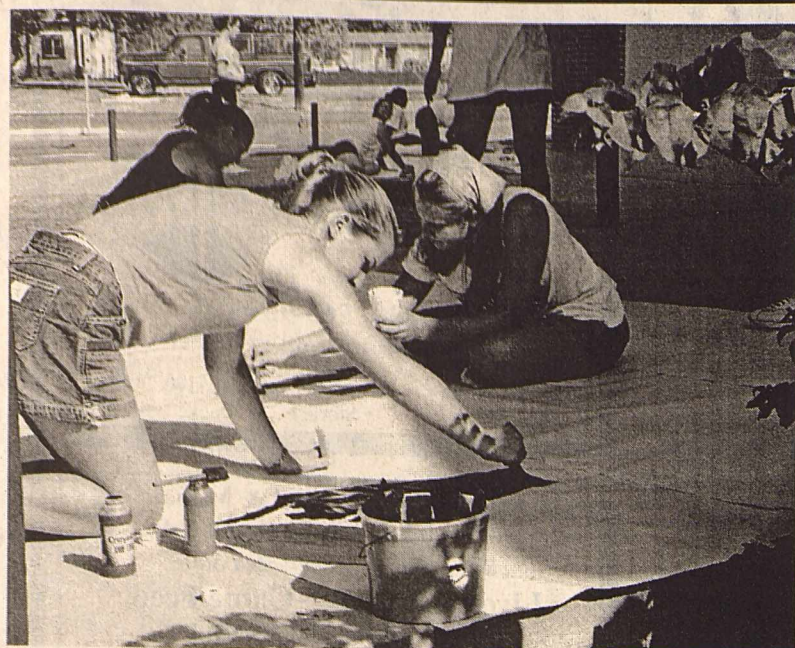
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Brackett High School students Michelle Bizzell and Brittany Shewbart were among cheerleaders who painted banners that will be displayed around campus welcoming students back to school on Aug. 14. Photo by Diana Gonzales

Teachers report to work Aug. 9; students return Aug. 14

Making A Difference
By Taylor Stephenson

Activity at Brackett Independent School District is quickening as we move toward the first day of school!

Football and volleyball practices begin Monday, Aug. 7. New teachers report on Aug. 8. Staff development for all teachers will be held on Aug. 9 and 10. Friday, Aug. 10 is a work day for all

staff. The first day of school is Monday, Aug. 14.

The staff is complete and buildings will be finished this week. The new tiled hallways at Jones Elementary are almost all finished and will be done soon. Gym air conditioning work will begin on Aug. 7 and will be completed within two or three weeks.

Questions about registration or school enrollment may be directed to the campus offices or to the

central office secretary. Susan Esparza can direct you to the campus level where you can get answers to your questions.

Work is progressing on the budget and tax information for the 2000-2001 school year.

Dixie Brown, business manager, directs our work on the budget. She is assisted by Marla Madrid, who works in the payroll and benefits section. They are working on this project. We're excited about next year's budget and will have more information before the end of the month of August.

Word has been received that Don Sims has a new job as counselor in the New Mexico schools. Don will do a good job in the position.

Richard Terrazas, maintenance

director, assisted by Manuel Madrid and Amanda Sanchez and the custodial staff have done a great job this summer getting the buildings and grounds ready. We're proud of the work the staff has done.

How about our summer softball girls' team? Can you believe they did so well? Their coaches, parents and especially, the players, are to be commended.

Parents, encourage your kids to be in football, volleyball, cross-country, band, FFA and church activities. For years, research done by state associations has shown student activities have a very strong correlation with student achievement. It's not too late to join. Talk to the teachers and directors today.

Have a great week!

Girls' team undefeated

The first ever Southwest Texas Girl's Summer Basketball League was this summer. High school girls from Brackettville, Knippa, Rocksprings and Nueces Canyon participated. There were four tournaments in which each team played two games. The Brackettville girls ended the summer with an undefeated record of 8 wins and 0 losses. The 11 girls who played on the team were Beth Ballew, Amanda Davis, Ashley Smith, Sarah Meyer, Allison

LaMascus, April Martinez, Tammy Smith, Duquesa Hunt, Maria Martinez, Shonte Ward and Sarah West. Coaches were Lindy LaMascus, Tina Meek and helping out was Duke Meek. Many thanks to BISD for allowing the girls to practice in the school gym, the parents for their support and encouragement, and to the girls for their enthusiasm and dedication. Good luck to the girls in the upcoming school year and next summer.

Obituary

John Anderson Camp

John Anderson Camp, age 65, of Park Falls, Wisconsin, died Saturday, July 29, 2000 at the Veterans Hospital in Iron Mountain, Michigan. He was born December 21, 1934 in Draper, Wisconsin, the son of Louis and Lillian (Gould) Camp. He attended school in Draper until the family moved to Maynard, Arizona. He then entered the U.S. Navy, serving for 21 years until retiring in 1972. He married Jeanette Stutzman. They later divorced and he moved to Park Falls. In 1977, he married Agnes (Hovancz) Rose. The couple then spent their summers in Park Falls and their winters in Brackettville. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans, the Loretta-Draper American Legion and the Fleet Reserve.

He is survived by his wife, Agnes, of Park Falls, Wisconsin and Brackettville; four children, Cynthia (Charles) Spain of

Hillsboro, Oregon, Jeffrey Camp of Orlando, Florida, Brenda (Dan) Price of Kingsland, Georgia, and Teresa Hood of Orlando, Florida; one stepdaughter, Lisa (LeRoy) Hegwood of Silverdale, Washington; nine grandchildren and one great-grandson; one sister, LaVetta Beal of Linden, Michigan; one brother, Carroll Camp of Rockledge, Florida; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 2, 2000 at 10 a.m. at the Novitzke Funeral Home Chapel in Park Falls with Rev. Henry Boynton officiating. Burial followed at the Loretta-Draper Cemetery with military rites under the auspices of the Loretta-Draper American Legion Post.

Services were under the direction of Novitzke Funeral Home in Park Falls, Wisconsin.

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2000 Property Tax Rates in City of Brackettville

This notice concerns 2000 property tax rates for City of Brackettville. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$150,864
Last year's debt taxes	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$150,864
Last year's tax base	\$19,456,281
Last year's total tax rate	0.7754 /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$150,403
/ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$19,604,284
= This year's effective tax rate	0.7671 /\$100
This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function)	\$150,403
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$19,604,284
= This year's effective operating rate	0.7671 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.8284 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.0000 /\$100
= This year's rollback rate	0.8284 /\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If City of Brackettville adopts a 2000 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.7671 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 1999 taxes by \$5,143.

Schedule A

Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Schedule B	
2000 Debt Service	
The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).	
Total required for 2000 debt service	\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A	\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources	\$0
- Excess collections last year	\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2000	\$0
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 88.00% of its taxes in 2000	\$0
= Total debt levy	\$0

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 412 S Ann St, Brackettville, TX 78832.

Name of person preparing this notice: WILLIAM F. HAENN
Title: CHIEF APPRAISER
Date prepared: July 31, 2000

2000 Property Tax Rates in City of Spofford

This notice concerns 2000 property tax rates for City of Spofford. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$4,041
Last year's debt taxes	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$4,041
Last year's tax base	\$1,119,391
Last year's total tax rate	0.3610 /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$4,016
/ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$1,093,723
= This year's effective tax rate	0.3671 /\$100
This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function)	\$4,016
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$1,093,723
= This year's effective operating rate	0.3671 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.3964 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.0000 /\$100
= This year's rollback rate	0.3964 /\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If City of Spofford adopts a 2000 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.3671 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 1999 taxes by \$103.

Schedule A

Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Schedule B	
2000 Debt Service	
The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).	
Total required for 2000 debt service	\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A	\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources	\$0
- Excess collections last year	\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2000	\$0
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 75.00% of its taxes in 2000	\$0
= Total debt levy	\$0

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 412 S Ann St., Brackettville, TX 78832.

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Title: CHIEF APPRAISER
Date prepared: July 31, 2000

2000 Property Tax Rates in Kinney County

This notice concerns 2000 property tax rates for Kinney County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund
Last year's operating taxes	\$729,316	\$22,182
Last year's debt taxes	\$0	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$729,316	\$22,182
Last year's tax base	\$104,247,570	\$103,172,093
Last year's total tax rate	0.6996 /\$100	0.0215 /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:		
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$723,445	\$21,998
/ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$103,461,377	\$102,385,872
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	0.6992 /\$100	0.0214 /\$100
Total effective tax rate	0.7206 /\$100	
This year's rollback tax rate:		
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and including taxes for state criminal justice mandate)	\$754,371	\$21,998
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$103,461,377	\$102,385,872
= This year's effective operating rate	0.7291 /\$100	0.0214 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.7874 /\$100	0.0231 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.0000 /\$100	0.0000 /\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	0.7874 /\$100	0.0231 /\$100
This year's total rollback rate	0.8105 /\$100	
- Sales tax adjustment rate	0.0290 /\$100	
= Rollback tax rate	0.7815 /\$100	
+ Additional rate for enhanced indigent health care expenditures	0.0399 /\$100	
= Rollback tax rate	0.8214 /\$100	

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Kinney County adopts a 2000 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.7206 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 1999 taxes by \$18,544.

Schedule A: General Fund

Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Schedule B: General Fund	
2000 Debt Service	
The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).	
Total required for 2000 debt service	\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A	\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources	\$0
- Excess collections last year	\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2000	\$0
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 96.00% of its taxes in 2000	\$0
= Total debt levy	\$0

Schedule A: Farm to Market/Flood Control Fund

Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Schedule B: Farm to Market/Flood Control Fund	
2000 Debt Service	
The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).	
Total required for 2000 debt service	\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A	\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources	\$0
- Excess collections last year	\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2000	\$0
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 96.00% of its taxes in 2000	\$0
= Total debt levy	\$0

Schedule C: Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$0 in additional sales and use tax revenues. The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenues.

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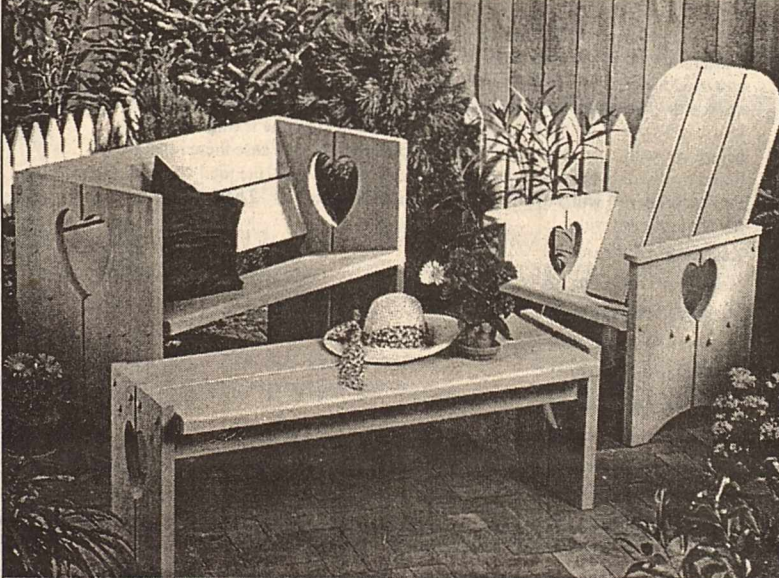
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 - Caroline, to John
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 - "...have you wool?"
 - Pour clumsily
 - Machine accessory
 - Claim to be true
 - 1932 Garbo role
 - Hold session
 - Mrs. in Mex.
 - Saint in Spain
 - Work hard
 - Llama's home
 - Andrew and Edward, to Wills
 - Indian and others
 - Sidestep
 - ...-eyed
 - Spice's feature
 - Downfall follower, to a bard
 - Org. for Dr. Spock
 - 1929 Gershwin-Kahn song
 - Innocents
 - Bartholomew, e.g.
 - Asian subcontinent
 - Without Women (Hemingway)
 - Lyrical David
 - Competence
 - Long-distance dialing start
 - Navy off.
 - Tugs at sharply
- DOWN**
- Lily, in Lille
 - Telepathy: abbr.
 - Eastern
 - Sign on a door
 - Some are hard
 - Oval Office jellybean fan
 - ...one's time (wait)
 - Actress Claire
 - Old Scratch
 - Unmoving
 - Damascus' country
 - Aspects
 - Use a pencil end
 - Trio after R
 - Process or progress ending
 - Not sweet
 - Peruvian pack animals
 - Fawning one
 - Eddie's "Green Acres" costar
 - 1992 Disney blockbuster
 - "Fifi" or "Pierre"
 - Bobby Shaftoe's destination
 - Mutiny members
 - Crockett's mission
 - Become mature
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 - Like a schoolyard at recess
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HOROSCOPES

- Aries March 21- April 20**
Make sure projects get done correctly. In order to do that, you'll probably have to take care of them yourself. If you're running short on cash, don't turn to a friend, even though he/she seems willing. It's too easy to ruin a friendship because of money.
- Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23**
Considering a job change? Check out the market. See what kind of skills are needed in today's workplace. If you are lacking, now is the time to sign up for those workshops or classes. Or see if a friend can bring you up to speed.
- Taurus April 21-May 21**
Someone at work is playing on your emotions. Do your best to not let him/her get to you, especially in front of your boss. Watch out for the home improvement project you just started. It may cost more money than you expected.
- Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22**
Don't allow a friend to make you feel guilty this week. You have done your best to help him/her; it's not your fault everything didn't work out the way he/she planned. Learn a lesson from this situation and stay away from them in the future.
- Gemini May 22-June 21**
Be open to training suggestions from your supervisor. Don't be defensive about it because you'll find it will look very good for you when it is time for your review. Renew a long-distance relationship with a phone call to show you care.
- Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21**
Making long-range financial plans? Don't depend on an amateur's advice. Turn to a professional financial adviser. One short meeting could end up being very beneficial to you. Look for ways to delegate some of your workload.
- Cancer June 22-July 22**
Whatever you do, don't put your partner in a difficult position this week. It's just not worth the trouble and hurt you could cause. Instead, choose to get away with him/her and leave the worries behind. A trip to a beach would be a great idea.
- Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20**
Be on the lookout for a great opportunity headed your way. Don't let your stubbornness get in its way. You need to forget about your social calendar for a while and take care of a pressing problem at home before it hurts your family deeply.
- Leo July 23-August 23**
Keep away from disagreements or arguments at work this week. What seems like a small thing may end up being a big issue down the road. This might not be the week to have a group of friends or family over for a party or dinner.
- Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18**
Friends, relatives and your partner are all vying for your time this week. Don't let them all pull you in different directions because there won't be a sane moment left for you. Escape to a special place like the park, beach or zoo.
- Virgo August 24-Sept. 22**
You are not required to live by other people's rules. Stand up for yourself, defend yourself. Someone close to you has been taking advantage of you, and you continue to let it happen. Stop it now before it gets any further out of hand.
- Pisces Feb. 19-March 20**
If something doesn't turn out as good as it first seemed, don't be surprised. You were warned that it may be too good to be true. Learn from this experience, and before you take a big step next time, look into the ideas and problems.

'Is it life if there is nothing to eat?'

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

Fasting was both experienced (Luke 4:2) and taught (Matthew 6:16-18) by Jesus. I can only offer an educated guess as to the purpose Jesus saw in fasting. I think it must have been to allow one to be more intimately concentrated on one's relationship with God. If one gave up food and drink, then one would eventually see that God's presence was more valuable than anything, even things known to be as fundamental a requirement of life as the air we breathe. I must say that my only brush with "fasting" was as a youth when our church youth group participated in a day-long "fast" leading up to a meager meal of lentil soup and bread so that we might better appreciate the plight of the hungry around the world. My clearest impression of that "sacrifice" was the terrible taste of lentils. I don't remember being "hungry." I also don't remember feeling any closer to God!

In John 6:24-35, we read of

thousand who followed Jesus from the mountainside where they were fed with five barley loaves and two fish. Jesus senses their rationale for following him is to be fed once again (v. 26) and suggests that they should be seeking the "bread of life" instead. Though not wanting to argue with Jesus' words, I would like to explore the motives of "the crowd." These people seem to have been following Jesus for reasons which were not necessarily bad or selfish. They had seen him heal the sick (John 6:2), feed a large crowd with very little (6:11-12), decided he was a significant prophet (v. 14) and even thought he would make a good king because he cared for people (v. 15). Now, it doesn't specifically state this, but I expect that "the crowd" was constituted by the very poor who couldn't afford the "doctoring" they needed to heal their physical difficulties or the meals they required to nourish them. If my supposition is correct, the

people whom Jesus fed were struggling to survive each and every day. So, how surprising is it that they looked to Jesus for another meal of bread and fish? And what about the "bread of life" offered instead? I can only imagine that when the stomachs of those destitute and impoverished people were aching for anything (even lentil soup) from which nourishment would provide a few hours or days more of survival, it is hard to understand the promise of a food that does not perish but "endures to eternal life" (v. 27). I can imagine if I was in their condition, I would be thinking, "Jesus, give me the barley loaf and fish and I'll listen while you tell me all about that special bread." It occurs to me that "fasting" to try and be closer to God can only be done by those who have the food to return to at the end of the experience. Starving poses a different perspective on relating to God. Join us at First United Methodist Church this Sunday at 10:45 am as we ask "Is it life if there is nothing to

The joy of family: always a time to celebrate

St. Mary Magdalene Church
By Lynn McNew

We have a niece who is being married this weekend. This is a joyful time for all our family. A new branch of our family tree is forming. And we have an opportunity to all get together and celebrate. My family (brothers and sister) is all quite scattered around the country. And our children are even more scattered from Georgia to California, from Texas to Washington State. This means that we are not able to get together as often as

we would like. We talk on the phone and send e-mail back and forth, but the real face-to-face celebrations don't happen very much any more. And unfortunately, it seems when we do get together, it is for a funeral. So it is a real joy for us to be together on a joyous occasion. I am the second child in a family of four—I have an older sister and two younger brothers. We grew up in a good Catholic family, with not much money and lots of love. There was always music and games to play. I have a cousin who is an only child—she

always thought I was lucky because I had brothers and sister to share things with. Sometimes I wasn't so sure I was so lucky.

When we get together for this wedding, the focus will be on the next generation. This will not prevent us from spending time talking, laughing, and yes, even singing. We will also enjoy watching our children renew relationships with cousins they haven't seen for a long time. If your family lives close to each other, you are very fortunate. Enjoy it while you can. I some-

times feel a little jealous of people who are able to spend much time with their siblings. But maybe if we were together all the time, we wouldn't appreciate each other as much. So this week, please remember my family in your prayers—both the new family that is forming and all of us "old ones" who are enjoying time together. I am thankful for my parish family and friends. You are welcome to worship with us anytime at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. God Bless You!

The Lord welcomes you with open arms

Gateway Ministries
By Pastor Charollette Corey

Walking into a room one day, I went over to hug a person who had worked heavily outside all day and was covered in dirt and sweat. Neither their body odor nor their personal hygiene made any difference to me because I just wanted them to know that God and I loved them unconditionally. The person responded in the same way that we often respond to God. "No, you can't touch me because I stink and I'm

dirty." It didn't make any difference to me, and it surely doesn't make any difference to God. It never does. God is always ready to "hug you" or "love on you spiritually" no matter what condition you are in. The heart of the father is to see you covered, not in sweat and dirt, but in the blood of his only begotten son, Jesus Christ.

With the blood of Jesus covering you, you are totally acceptable to him. It is his desire to love you and his plans for your future are for good, and not for evil. For some of us, if we had to wait until we were "all cleaned up" before our father could "hug" us, we would never receive a hug. Thank God, He is God and not us. His mercy and grace flows over us like a blanket around a new born baby and we are gathered into his arms as his child. Some of us struggle like a child who thinks that the world revolves around him. Others are so downtrodden that they feel like an orphan child whom no one wants to adopt. Well, God wants to adopt you and bring you into his eternal family through Christ Jesus. Humble your heart and ask him in. God tells us there is no one without sin and that is why we must have Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Once you invite him into your heart, you are grafted into God's family and have all the opportunities for choices that can permanently change your life. Trials and temptations will continue, but as his children, you will have the power through the Name of Jesus, the Blood of Jesus, the Living Word of God

and the Holy Spirit to overcome sin. By choosing Jesus, you place yourself in a position to inherit the kingdom of God and its many blessings. So, don't worry about the dirt, God will help you get cleaned up later. Just run to him with open arms. He is already waiting to give you his "agape" (unconditional love). Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

Three very special people to speak at First Baptist Church on Sunday

Sunday morning worship service will be a special time at First Baptist Church. There will be three very special guest speakers.

Cherrise Ward will share highlights about the two weeks she spent in Brisbane, Australia. Cherrise joined a group of 125 people who were part of Texas Baptist Partnership. The group spoke in churches and schools and were available where ever they were needed. She is a 1998 graduate of Brackett High School and will be attending Mary Hardin Baylor in the fall. Tim and Debbie Ward of Brackettville are her parents. Lynn Floyd has spent the last two years in Lawrenceville, Georgia as a U.S.C.-2 missionary. He helped to start a new church and worked with the youth during his stay in Georgia. Lynn will talk about some of his experiences.

Lynn's parents are Janis Floyd and Harrell Floyd of Brackettville. He graduated from Brackett High School in 1993 and Howard Payne University in 1998. He will be leaving Brackett for a church in Portland, Texas. Lee Floyd, who has been in the ministry for ten years, will also speak on Sunday. He is the director of the Baptist Student Union at Alvin Community College and Bridgeport College. He graduated in 1989 from Brackett. In 1993 he graduated from Texas A&M at Corpus Christi with a degree in sociology and in 1998 Lee graduated from Southwestern Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. He is married and has two children. He is the son of Janis Floyd and Harrell Floyd. The First Baptist Church invites everyone to come and hear these young people speak about their experiences of serving the Lord.

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Flanders, Barry, M.D.	278-6251
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Guajardo, Frank, D.O.	278-1494
Family Practice/OB	
Lewis, J. Brandon M.D.	278-4426
Family Practice	
Lutton, Richard B., M.D.	278-4453
Family Practice/OB	
Mazloun, Bassem W., M.D.	278-8096
Internal Medicine & Gastroenterology	
Preddy, John, D.O.	278-7101
Family Practice/OB	
Shah, Jayesh B., M.D.	591-1955
Internal Medicine	
Shudde, John L., M.D.	278-3118
Family Practice	
Sosa, Isaac, M.D.	278-6265
Internal Medicine	
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HELP WANTED

The Middle Rio Grande Futuro Communities Inc., Development Council is seeking Certified Instructors for each of its Community Technology Centers (CTC) located in Eagle Pass, Uvalde, Carrizo Springs, Crystal City and Cotulla. As part of the CTC program, we will be implementing technology skills training in various areas such as PC and Windows basics, Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point, Database Management and advanced topics of Programming, Networking, and some special classes in Spanish such as Introduction a Computadoras and Computer Rebuild Techniques. The CTC instructor should be available on a per class basis and/or as a package to include two or more training classes. The CTCs will need to hold classes every two weeks (one in each CTC) over a ten-week period to complete. The CTC program has the right to cancel if attendance is not adequate. For more information, persons should contact Mary Jane Salgado, CTC Program Coordinator, 330 North Getty, Uvalde, TX, e-mail: mjmsal@hilconet.com. The Middle Rio Grande Futuro Communities, Inc., is an equal opportunity employer and auxiliary aids and services may be made available upon request to individuals with disabilities. The Futuro CTC program is a non-profit whose mission is "To enable a creation of a quality workforce for the Futuro Region and the preparation of youth and adults for lifelong learning, leadership, citizenship and career success through technology." For information, please contact our VOICE telephone number (830) 278-6817 or TDD telephone number (830) 876-1260.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE, COUNTY of Kinney, Texas Community Development Program - The County of Kinney will hold a public hearing at 5:05 p.m. on Tuesday, August 8th at the Kinney County Courthouse in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TCDP funding available, all eligible TCDP activities, and the use of past TCDP funds. The county encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TCDP application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to the Honorable Herb Senne, Kinney County Judge at the Kinney County Courthouse. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact the Kinney County Courthouse for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the Kinney County Courthouse at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Herb Senne, Kinney County Judge, Kinney County, Texas.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE, COUNTY of Kinney, Texas Community Development Program - The County of Kinney has completed the Kinney County Emergency Medical Service Facility Project. This project was 100 percent funded by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Texas Community Development Program Contract No. 718349. The project consisted of constructing a 3,800 square foot facility consisting of three bays, office rooms, training room, men's and women's bathrooms, decontamination shower, men's and women's bunk rooms, and storage. A final public hearing to review and receive comments on the program performance including the actual use of funds will be held at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday, August 8, 2000 at the Kinney County Courthouse. All citizens and interested groups are invited to attend and comment on this matter. Those persons unable to attend the public hearing may submit their views to the Honorable Herb Senne, Kinney County Judge, Kinney County Courthouse, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday or mail them to: Honorable Herb Senne, Kinney County Judge, P.O. Box 348, Brackettville, Texas 78832. Accommodations will be made available for handicapped persons and an interpreter will be provided for non-English speaking persons by contacting (830) 563-2401, prior to the meeting.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION of Kimble Electric Cooperative Inc., for transfer of Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to Pedernales Electric Cooperative, Inc. On June 21, 2000, Kimble Electric Cooperative Inc. (KEC), an electric cooperative headquartered in Junction, Texas, filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas an application to transfer its service area Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to Pedernales Electric Cooperative, Inc. (PEC), an electric cooperative headquartered in Johnson City, Texas. A copy of the application is available for review during normal business hours at KEC's office at 702 Pecan Street, Junction, Texas 76849. Persons with questions about the application should contact Hubert D'Spain or Duwan Ruff at (915) 446-2625. Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon action sought should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas at P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326 or call the Public Utility Commission's Office of Customer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll free) 1-800-735-2989. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is September 11, 2000 and a letter requesting intervention should be received by the Commission by that date. The case has been assigned Docket No. 22697. This application results from a transaction being entered into by KEC and PEC whereby PEC will acquire substantially all assets and all liabilities of KEC, and KEC members will become members of PEC, with their former KEC patronage capital transferred to PEC. On the date the transaction closes, each KEC rate class will be rolled into a PEC rate class consisting of a rate that is, on that date, no higher than that of the previously corresponding KEC class.

REQUEST FOR BIDS

KINNEY COUNTY Commissioners' Court is currently accepting proposals for construction of ADA compliant walkways and ramps (sidewalks) for the Kinney County EMS Building. Specifications are available at the Kinney County Judge's Office located at 501 S. Amm St. in Brackettville, TX. Deadline for accepting proposals is August 11, 2000 at 3:00 P.M. Kinney County reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals. Kinney County is an equal opportunity employer.

THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE Development Council (MRGDC) is requesting proposals from qualified vendors for Infant/Toddler and General Early Childhood Development Resources Supplies. The deadline for submission of this RFD is Friday, August 25, 2000 at 10:00 A.M., CST, at the following address: Middle Rio Grande Development Council, 307 West Nopal, P.O. Box 1199, Carrizo Springs, TX 78834. Proposal packets may be obtained by contacting Raul D. Diaz, CPM Department at VOICE telephone number (830) 876-3533 or TDD telephone number (830) 876-1260. The Middle Rio Grande Development Council is an equal opportunity employer and auxiliary aids and services may be made available upon request to individuals with disabilities. The Middle Rio Grande Development Council reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

BRACKETT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT is seeking bids on a ton, 12 passenger van with the following specifications: V-8 gas engine, automatic transmission, dual AC, tinted glass, rubber floor liner, AM-FM radio, color white. Sealed bids will be accepted until August 7, 2000 at 4:00 p.m. when all bids will be opened in the District Central Office. Inquiries should be directed to the District Central Office, 400 Ann Street, PO Box 586, Brackettville, TX. For information, call 830-563-2491, ext. 113. Brackett ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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Do you know a senior citizen or disabled person that is struggling with debt and receiving threatening or harassing phone calls? If so information in the new "Debt Relief Kit" from Financial Assistance Network in Washington, D.C. may help.

Using the Debt Relief Kit, consumers fill out a simple creditor listing sheet and send it back for processing. "Everyone's bills are different, so consumers will receive their own personal debt reduction proposal," says Paul Navestad.

The preparation of the personal debt reduction proposal is free of charge. Consumers can receive a debt relief kit by sending \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Financial Assistance Network - Debt Relief Kit Offer - Dept. DRK-SRO428 - P.O. Box 60944, Washington, D.C. 20039-0944. appear eligible and assist them in the enrollment process.

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