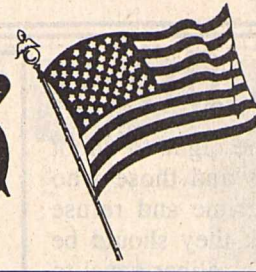


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## Murder suspect killed in high speed chase



Law enforcement officials in front of the stolen vehicle driven by murder suspect Adolfo Cano in Tuesday's high speed chase.

A high speed chase on Highway 277 ended in the third fatal accident to occur in Kinney County during a two day period. Murder suspect Adolfo Castillo Cano, 31, of Glencoe, Minnesota, lost control of the stolen 1989 Chevrolet pickup near Ranch Road 693. Cano, who had relatives in Eagle Pass, was spotted by Maverick County Sheriff's Office deputies Tuesday morning. When they attempted to stop Cano he fled north on 277. Eagle Pass Police department officers involved in the chase said speeds reached were in excess of

100 mph. Cano avoided a first spike attempt by DPS Trooper Richard Slubar at the intersection of Highway 131 and 277. While avoiding a second spike attempt by Trooper Jesse Flores at 693, Cano lost control running off the east side of the highway. The vehicle rolled and struck several large mesquite trees causing severe damage to the roof. Cano was pronounced dead at the scene, from head injuries, by Kinney County Justice of the Peace John Ford. A scoped .243 caliber lever action rifle was recovered from the

vehicle by Texas Ranger John Allen. A ballistics test, yet to be performed, will determine if it is the murder weapon. The pickup driven by Cano belonged to the murder victim. Cano was wanted in Brownwood, Texas in connection with the murder of Elias Estrada. Estrada 37, was found dead in his residence on the south side of Brownwood.

Estrada died, on or about April 20, as a result of gun shot wounds. Officials believe they were a result of an altercation with his roommate, Cano. Brownwood Police Chief Virgil Cowin said, in a press release, that while the incident ends the department's search for Cano, the investigation is still ongoing. Evidence recovered at the crash site will be returned to Brownwood for analysis. Cano will be formally identified by fingerprint comparisons.

Cowin concluded by stating that he greatly appreciated the combined efforts of all the officers that worked on the case and those officers in south Texas who were involved in the conclusion of the manhunt. Alma Hernandez, a 21 year old student, and passenger Heather Plasek, 22, both from Austin, collided head on with the DeLeon family's car while attempting to pass another vehicle. The DeLeons were returning from a softball game in Del Rio.

Arianna DeLeon and Hernandez were air lifted from the scene to University Hospital in San Antonio. Both are still in the surgical intensive care unit. Arianna was listed in serious but stable condition yesterday after-

## Head on collision kills three residents

By Wes Robinson  
Contributing Writer

Three local residents were killed in a car accident last Sunday night.

Librada "Libby" DeLeon, 41, of Brackettville, her 12 year old daughter Maria and 1 year old grandson Ramon were pronounced dead at the scene. The accident occurred at 9:40 pm, 14 1/2 miles west of Brackettville on highway 90.

Alma Hernandez, a 21 year old student, and passenger Heather Plasek, 22, both from Austin, collided head on with the DeLeon family's car while attempting to pass another vehicle. The DeLeons were returning from a softball game in Del Rio.

Arianna DeLeon and Hernandez were air lifted from the scene to University Hospital in San Antonio. Both are still in the surgical intensive care unit. Arianna was listed in serious but stable condition yesterday after-

noon. Hernandez was listed as fair but guarded.

Miguel DeLeon, 44, and granddaughter Nadia were transported to Val Verde Regional Medical Center. Miguel was listed as stable yesterday afternoon, Nadia had been released.

Plasek was taken to Wilford Hall Medical Center in San Antonio where she was listed in serious condition.

Though no charges have been filed, law enforcement officials believe alcohol was a contributing factor. The investigation into the accident is ongoing.

Visitation will be today from 1 to 9 pm at Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Brackettville. Rosary will be held at 7 pm. Funeral services will be Friday, 2 pm, at the Kinney County Civic Center. Burial will follow at the Catholic Cemetery.

The DeLeon Family Trust account has been set up for donations at Bank and Trust in Brackettville.

## Briefs ...

### Kindergarten roundup

Jones Elementary is having a "Kindergarten Roundup" for all children that will be entering kindergarten in the fall of 2001. Please come and register your child if he or she is planning to be in kindergarten. We invite you and your child to attend school on May 1, 2001 at 10:00 a.m.

Please call the elementary office 563-2491 ext. 200 for more details.

### Softball Playoff Game

Brackett vs. Yorktown at Frank Tejada Ball Park in San Antonio, is Tuesday, May 1st at 7 p.m. Admission: adults - \$3, students - \$2.

### Historic storytelling

On Saturday, April 28, there will be bilingual storytelling at Historic Fort Inge in Uvalde. "Vaqueros y Varones Valientes" is the title of the program that will feature historical tours, sheep sheering demonstrations, horsehair braiding, story telling, ballet folklórico and a cowboy sing along.

The cost is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students, or \$5 for a vehicle. There will be a barbecue at 5:15 p.m. for an additional charge. For more information please contact Bill Dillahunt at (830) 278-2016 or sahave@peppers.net.com.

### Essay contest offered

The entry deadline for the Rio Grande Electric Cooperative's essay contest is April 30. Students ages 14-18, whose parents or legal guardians are bona fide members in good standing with the coop are encouraged to enter.

Students must submit an original type-written 500 word or more essay, entitled, "What Rio Grande Electric Cooperative Means to Me." The prize is a new Dell computer system. For more information please contact Cindy Edwards, Communications Coordinator, (830) 563-2444, ext. 135.

### Boat Ramp Closes

Amistad National Recreation Area closed the Blackbrush boat ramp Monday, April 16 due to lowering lake levels. Lake Amistad stands at 1080.02 feet above sea level, about 36 feet below normal pool elevation.

Three ramps remain open: Diablo East, Rough Canyon, and Box Canyon.

Amistad National Recreation Area headquarters is located on US Highway 90W and is open daily 8am-5pm except for major holidays. For more information, visitors may call (830)-775-7491.

## Two survive plane crash in Kinney County

By Wes Robinson  
Contributing Writer

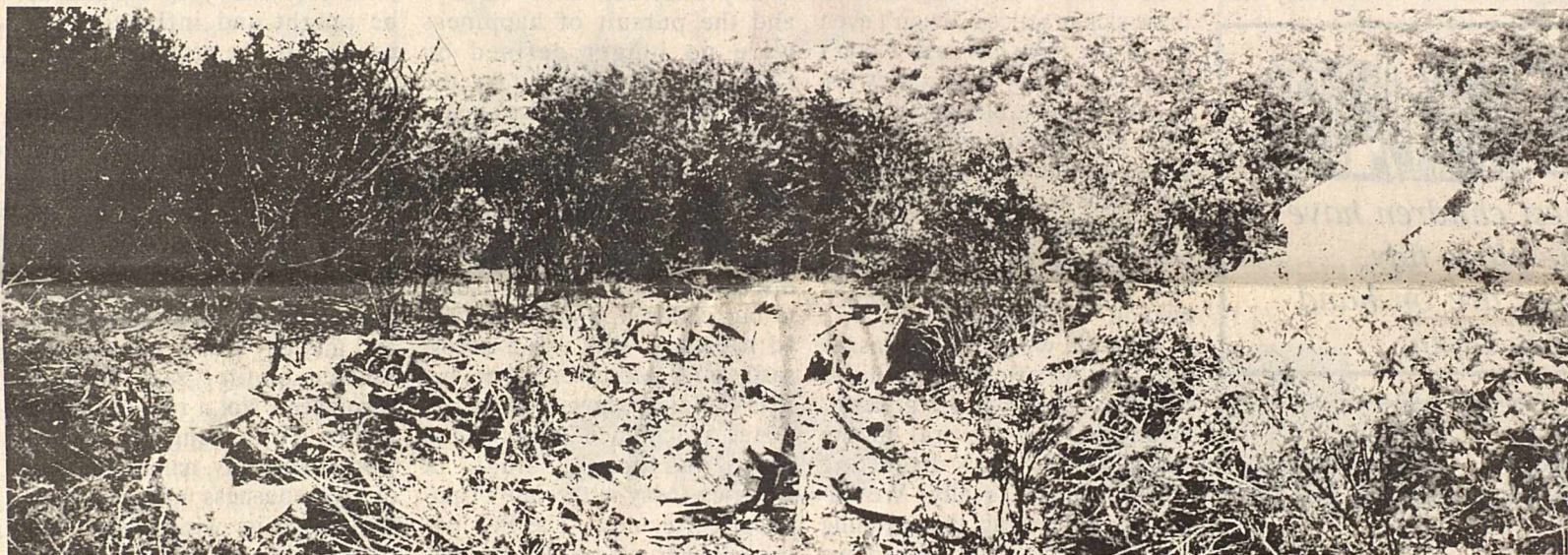
An airplane crash in a remote area of north east Kinney county claimed the lives of two people late Sunday night.

Pilot Robert Howard, 65, of Eagle Pass and 52 year old Rosa Torres were killed in the crash. Torres was manager of Ricks Furniture in Eagle Pass.

Lonnie Ricks, 48, owner of Ricks Furniture in Del Rio and his uncle, Ken Ricks, 73, owner of Ricks Furniture in Eagle Pass, survived the crash with serious injuries.

The twin-engine Piper Seneca came down on the Davis Ranch just before midnight. Although FAA officials refuse to speculate on the cause of the crash, weather was undoubtedly a factor. A squall line was over that part of Kinney County at the time of the crash.

The plane impacted on the side of a ridge, sliding approximately 300 feet, taking out numerous cedar trees. After cresting the ridge it flipped and came to rest inverted in a 20 foot deep ravine. Lonnie Ricks was thrown from



Pictured is the wreckage of a Piper Seneca that crashed Sunday night on the Davis ranch. Pilot, Robert Howard and Rosa Torres were killed in the crash, Lonnie and Ken Ricks survived.

the aircraft during the crash. He managed to pull his uncle from the wreckage, but before he could return to help the others the plane caught fire. Both survivors weathered the severe thunderstorms under parts salvaged from the wreckage.

The search for the four began early Monday morning after Ricks' family members notified

the FAA they were missing. Border Patrol and several civilian aircraft were involved in the search. For reasons unknown, the plane's emergency locator transmitter failed, making the search more difficult.

The two were found, mid morning, when Lonnie Ricks signaled a helicopter passing over the crash site. He had also flagged the

area despite several facial injuries, including a broken jaw.

Lonnie and Ken Ricks both suffered from exposure. Ken Ricks had several broken bones and a severely injured foot as well. EMS personnel were flown into the site by a Border Patrol helicopter to stabilize them as quickly as possible. Both were transported to Val Verde Regional Medical Center.

Monday evening both men were transported to Wilford Hall Medical Center in San Antonio. Ken Ricks was listed in serious but stable condition Wednesday afternoon. Lonnie Ricks was listed as stable.

Lonnie Ricks, also a licensed pilot, was not flying the plane. The four were returning from a furniture show in South Carolina.

## Aggies unite for solemn tradition EMS reminds citizens of tornado procedures

By Frank Cheaney  
Contributing Writer

Former Students of Texas A&M University gathered with their friends and family at the 3-D Ranch near Brackettville on April 21 for the annual Texas Aggie Muster.

They gathered together in remembrance of their fellow Aggies who have passed away within the past year. A group of twenty people enjoyed a barbecue dinner and socializing before the formal Muster Ceremony, which was chaired by Class of 1952 Aggie Frank Cheaney, who also delivered the Muster Address.

Aggies John Paul Schuster, Tim Ward, and Ken Currie conducted the ceremony. The Aggie Club of Brackettville has been inactive for several years, with local Aggies participating in the activities of the Del Rio club.

This year, on the initiative of recently-appointed Brackett High School Principal John Paul Schuster, the local Aggie Club sprang back to life, with the intention of continuing to have bigger and better Musters in the Brackettville area in years to come. Plans were made to include Aggie parents and potential Aggies in the festivities next year.

Cheaney was elected by the group as next year's Muster Chairman.

Texas Aggies around the world pride themselves on their undying loyalty and devotion to the University. This strong sense of self pride is embodied within all Aggies and is rooted in the traditions of Texas A&M University. The tradition of Aggie Muster is more than 100 years old and spans the world, with approximately 350 Musters held worldwide this year. Muster is much more than a solemn remembrance of those who have passed on.

Muster is a special time during the year when Aggies throughout the world unite in spirit to renew their loyalty and devotion, not only to the Aggie family, but to the endless Aggie spirit, as well.

For more information about the Texas Aggie Muster held in Brackettville, please contact Frank Cheaney at 563-2172 or by e-mail at frankcheaney@excite.com.

Additional information about Texas Aggie Muster and other Texas A&M traditions and programs can be obtained by contacting The Association of Former Students at 979-845-7514 or by visiting their website at www.AggieNetwork.com.

### EMS Update

By Carolyn Rutherford,  
EMS Director

Now that Easter is over my thoughts have turned towards seasonal emergencies. One of these emergencies, tornadoes occurs extremely rapidly with little warning. That is the reason we must prepare ourselves to survive along with our loved ones.

According to the National Weather Service, approximately 800 tornadoes are reported in the US every year, resulting in 80 deaths and more than 1,500 injuries. The most destructive tornadoes are capable of wind speeds of 250 miles per hour or more.

The hardest part of tornado damage to process is the random affects and the lack of time we have to warn people of danger. The other human element involved is that often, the environment you and I consider most secure is the last place we should be in a tornado.

Here are the recommendations of the American Red Cross for picking a safe place in your home: the safest place is underground or at least as far away from windows as possible (most deaths are from head injuries from flying debris and broken glass). Since most of

us do not have basements, we must consider an interior hallway or first floor room. Put as many walls as you can between you and the outside. Remember to make sure there are no windows or glass doors in this safe place and keep the area uncluttered at all times.

People living in mobile homes (this includes all "manufactured homes," house trailers both double and single-wide) need to remember that your home is much more vulnerable to strong winds than site-built structures. It is best for people living in mobile homes to seek other safe shelter apart from your home.

In Brackettville we have a siren system to warn residents about approaching tornadoes and other life threatening emergencies. If you hear the siren for 15 seconds to 1 minute it means "this is it... take cover immediately and listen to your radio for instructions!" When our sirens are tested, normally at lunchtime, the sirens are activated for only 15 seconds. Yes, they all work, even when it's wet outside! Let your family know what to do and when to do it. Do a home survival practice, similar to your in-home fire drills, so that your family knows how to react and where to go. Be sure to read this column in The Brackett News

for more emergency information.

Please join EMS in welcoming Edgar Guadarrama, our newest fulltime employee. Edgar is an EMT Basic from Del Rio. Edgar is a dedicated and caring EMT. Please make him feel at home. Once he completes his orientation to Kinney County EMS, we will resume the fulltime crew in the station on May 1, 2001. This means that there will be at least one full time employee on hand at the EMS building 24 hours a day.

Anyone interested in the upcoming Emergency Medical Technician Basic course call our office today! Our regular hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8:00 am until 5:00 pm Our phone number is 830-563-9090. You can leave a message when we are out of the building.

If you have an emergency, call 911. Our first ambulance out will respond with a minimum of two Texas Department of Health EMS certified people.

Ambulances that respond subsequent to the first call, while the first unit is committed to the scene, may respond with less than that TDH required staffing. Be assured that on all runs, there will be an EMS certified attendant with the patient at all times.

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## San Antonio PD's finest

But I could be wrong  
By Chuck Hall

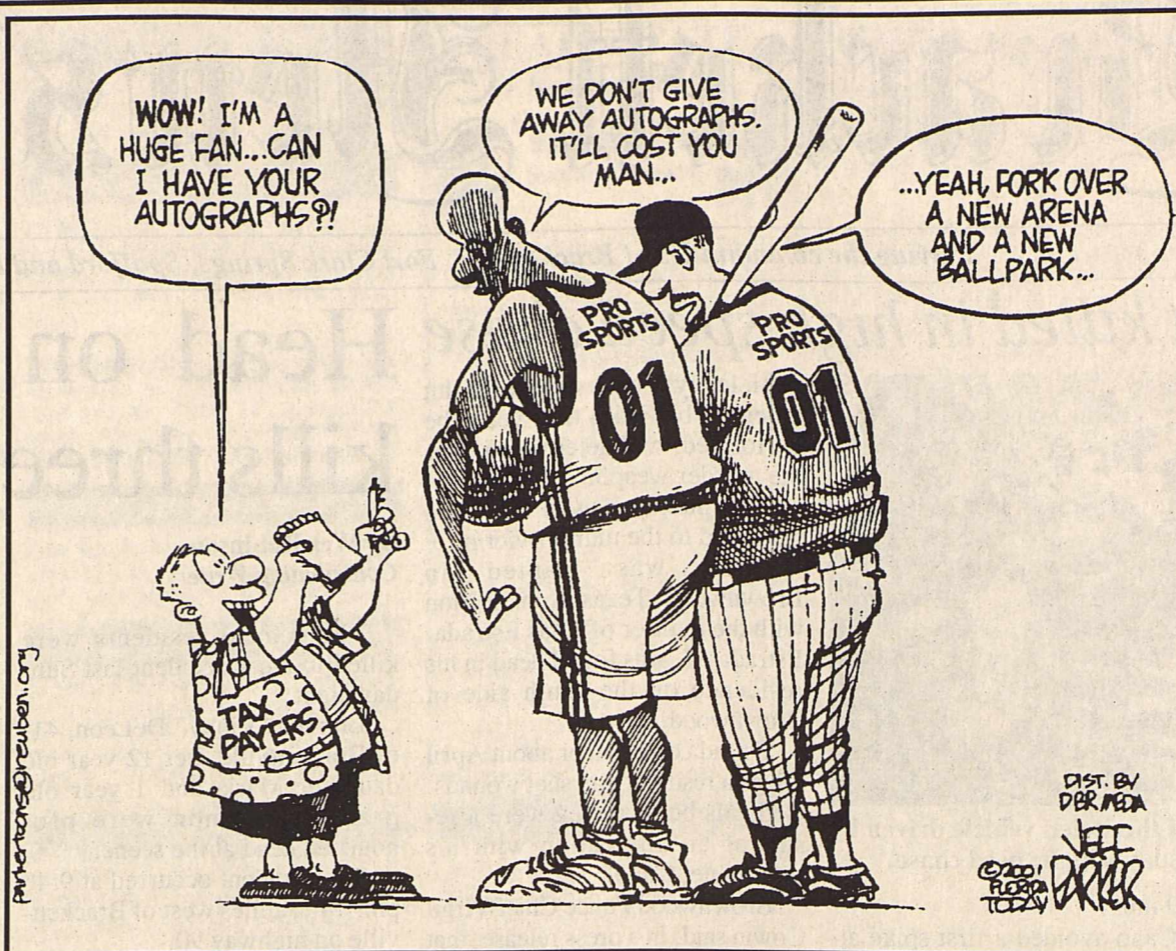
Let me begin by saying that I am the biggest supporter of law-enforcement officers that you will ever meet. I want to make it clear also that I have no desire to be a policeman. I am glad that others do.

The recent mess that some San Antonio cops have gotten themselves into is an embarrassment to us all. If you want to be a crook, be one. Give it all you've got until you get caught. If you want to be an officer of the law, be one. But don't take my tax dollars, declare yourself a defender of law and order and then step over on the other side.

I honestly think they should be given the death penalty. Or just put them in prison with their uniforms on. Lock them up with others that they have helped to convict and imprison. But then again I believe that lawmen

should have the right to shoot back at crooks and those who are fleeing a crime and refuse to stop. I think they should be allowed to use a caliber equal to a sewer pipe.

I know there are some policemen who break speed limits, there are those that violate game laws, there are probably some that litter our highways, but enough about the few that tarnish the badge. Let's talk about the vast majority that don't. 99.99% are the greatest public servants that we could ever hope for. To those of you who wear the shield proudly because you don't abuse it, here's to you. Lift your head high. You can be proud of what you do, and what you've done, so that many of us can sleep well at night knowing that you're out there. I'm glad to know that you are still on patrol protecting me and mine. But I could be wrong.



## Return to sender

By Henry Bonilla  
U.S. Congressman, 23rd Dist.

"Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night can stay these couriers from their appointed route." Everyone recognizes that age old promise - it is the mantra of the United States Postal Service.

This promise was made many, many years ago. Regardless of the weather, the postal service promised to deliver our bills, our birthday cards and everything else that fits in the mailbox. But today it looks like the local post office is facing a hazard much greater than the average Texas thunderstorm. This hazard is worse than the snowstorms of Minnesota. And, it's worse than the heat of Arizona. This hazard has the power to stop a company dead in its tracks. This hazard is money.

The Postal Service is losing millions of dollars every year. Since the inception of e-mail, people have become less and less dependent on what my son commonly refers to as "snail mail." Our friends at the post office have tried a few remedies to fend off competition and keep themselves afloat. We've all seen the postal stamp increase by a few cents each year. And you may have noticed that rates for packages are steadily rising. But this time, the Postal Service has gone too far.

It seems that money is threatening to do to the post office what it does to other companies every day: stop it in its tracks. I mean that literally. Earlier this month, Postmaster General William Henderson announced that his agency would attempt to save money by canceling Saturday service. Hard to believe, but true.

This announcement worries me for a variety of reasons. I represent a large rural population in West and South Texas. The Postal Service provides a valuable service for these homes and I'm certain it does the same for the rest of rural America. The local post office is the only connection most rural communities have to cities outside their own. Discontinuing weekend service could be detrimental to many of these communities. It could mean waiting an extra two days to receive their prescription drug order or to receive their social security check.

By eliminating Saturday service, the Postal Service is taking the easy way out. This defeatist attitude goes against every rule of success upon which our country was built. Let me give you an example. If you owned a business and it was being threatened by outside competition, would you simply close shop and call it quits? I hope not! Would you instead draw attention to your advantages and fight for your success? I know I would. That's exactly what the post office should do. We all know there is simply no substitute for a hand-written letter from a loved one. Nor is there a way to send a care package via email. And let's not forget the annoyance of changing an e-mail address - e-mail servers do not forward letters like the post office. These are simple advantages that could and should be promoted.

A list of strategies to save the Postal Service could go on for pages. But here's the bottom line: the Postal Service is throwing in the towel when there's still time left in the game. Rather than look toward the future and find new avenues of success, they are giving up. Unfortunately, in this scenario, I'm afraid it's the America people who will suffer from this lost game.

## How has America come to such a moral decline?

The Way I See It  
By Steven R. LaMascus

I was listening to the radio the other day and heard a story about a professor at an eastern college who was an open proponent of homosexuality. He was lauded several years ago for his open and tolerant treatment of this "alternate life-style." For the most part he was considered a quack by the mainstream public, a harmless nut, who, if ignored, would fade away. Well he is now using his college classroom as a forum to openly

promote bestiality - sex between humans and animals. And he still has his job of molding young minds through higher education!

What does this prove? It proves that these people are not going to go away. It proves the old adage that if you give an inch they will take a mile. It proves that evil is gaining control of America.

If you look at the moral health of this nation fifty years ago and compare it to today, you will see a steadily increasing slide into decadence and immorality that

almost exactly parallels the fall of the Roman Empire - except our decline is much faster. It took several hundred years for the Romans to reach a level of perversion that we have managed to attain in mere decades. It has become an accepted truism that anything that happens between "two consenting adults" is acceptable. You will find today people who are openly practicing every conceivable type of perversion, most of which you and I have never even conceived of. The Internet hosts sites for most of these sick practices. I won't even try to list them because I don't even want to say them. They are so vile as to be unthinkable, but they are becoming more accepted by society on a daily basis. There is one sight that I am aware of on the Internet that lists websites specializing in what they term "fetishes." The list thereon is sickening.

How did we get to this insane point in America? How did a country which was the greatest, strongest, most moral in the world fall to such disgusting depths? Simple, really. We began by perverting the meaning of the Constitution. When we allowed an ungodly supreme court to remove God from our government by erroneously ruling that the Constitution required a separation of church and state, and then wrongly de-

fining that separation, we opened the door to destruction. All our laws, until recently, were based on the laws of God. Then we began to interpret the freedoms guaranteed in the Constitution by "modern concepts." Those modern concepts were based on a society that no longer respected the authority of God, and rejected the limits of morality set in the Bible. They refused to accept that there were perversions that were too vile to be permitted. The "Land of the Free" came to mean something totally different. Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness were no longer defined by Christian morality, but by the vilest, most evil practices imaginable. Finally the wheel came full circle to the point where the moral majority was no longer in control. We are now told where we can pray, what we can discuss at work, what is taught to our children, and on and on, ad nauseam. This is not necessarily governed by civil law, but it is definitely governed by societal acceptance. One of the most dangerous things in America today is the rule of political correctness. The PC police are everywhere. Big Brother has turned out to be not the government, but the political activist. Want to know what I mean? Just take a look at the record of the ACLU and see when the last time was that they took on the

case of a Christian who was denied his right to religious freedom. You won't find it. But you will find them defending every other perversion you can imagine. And you will also find them in direct, open, vehement opposition to everything Christian or conservative. ACLU does not stand for American Civil Liberties Union. It stands for Anti-Christian League United, and they are only one of thousands with the same goal - the total removal of God from our society.

If you want your children to be taught and influenced by people like the professor I mentioned at the beginning of this story just set there on your self-righteous duffs and do nothing. That approach has sure worked well so far.

Malachi 4:1-3 - "Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and that day that is coming will set them on fire," says the Lord Almighty. "Not a root or branch will be left to them. But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall. Then you will trample down the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I do these things," says the Lord Almighty."

## Senate passes bill prohibiting profiting from crime

The Senate has just passed a bill that would prevent criminals from making a profit from memorabilia associated with their crimes.

Current state law requires that criminals forfeit any profit derived from the sale of their life story, but profits from the sale of items associated with the crime are not covered by existing law.

Ellis, the author of CSSB 795, said the bill would close that loophole.

"Allowing criminals to profit from their crime adds insult to injustice," Ellis said. "Under this bill, if you do the crime, you do the time - and you don't see

a dime." CSSB 795 would create an involuntary trust of the profits derived from the sale of crime memorabilia.

The Senate Criminal Justice Committee voted to send the bill to the full Senate on March 7, after hearing emotional testimony from family members of crime victims.

Among the witnesses who testified in support of the bill during the hearing was a woman whose 15-month-old daughter was killed by a nurse. The woman testified she later found letters the nurse had written from prison offered for sale on an Internet site.

Ellis said the sale of crime memorabilia has become more frequent on the Internet, creating a larger market and higher profits for the items.

"I want to see the killers of James Byrd, Jr., in Huntsville, not on eBay," Ellis said.

"It is a pretty sad commentary on our society that we even need to pass this law, but we do. This legislation will ensure criminals do not profit from their crimes and victims are not forgotten."

Byrd was an African-American who was dragged to death behind a pickup truck in a 1998 racially motivated killing in East Texas.

## Texas unemployment remains low

Austin - March's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Texas rose to 4.1 percent from a revised 3.8 percent in February the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) announced last Thursday.

"Even though the unemployment rate is up from February, it is four tenths of a percentage point lower than the March 2000 statewide rate," said TWC Chair Diane Rath. "This also is the fourth month in a row it has been lower than the national rate."

Nonagricultural employment grew by 21,700 jobs in March and added 258,000 jobs over the year.

"Mining showed tremendous strength with its highest monthly percentage gain (1.4 percent) in

the last eleven years," said Commissioner Representing Labor T.P. O'Mahoney. "This surge was due largely to 2,000 new jobs in Oil and Gas Exploration."

"Finance, Insurance and Real Estate grew by 2,400 jobs in March," said Commissioner Representing Employers Ron Lehman. "This is an encouraging development since this is the industry's largest monthly job gain in the last 21 months."

The lowest unemployment rate among the Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in March was 1.4 percent in Bryan-College Station. Austin-San Marcos was next at 2.5 percent, followed by 2.6 percent in San Angelo and 2.8 percent in Lubbock. Amarillo and Wichita

Falls tied for fifth at 3.0 percent.

The highest unemployment rate was 12.8 percent in McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, followed by 7.7 percent in Brownsville Harlingen, 7.4 percent in El Paso, 7.0 percent in Laredo and 6.9 percent in Beaumont-Port Arthur.

The Texas Workforce Commission is a state agency dedicated to helping Texas employers, workers and communities prosper economically. For details on TWC and the services it offers in unison with its network of local workforce development boards, call (512) 463-8556.

The leaf and roots of the herb called comfrey contain allantoin, a protein that encourages cell division and is used in a variety of herbal cures.

**Big Mama Sez!**

By the time the youngest children have learned to keep the place tidy, the oldest grandchildren are on hand to tear it to pieces again.

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**Kinney County Sheriff's Report .....**

**Monday, April 16**  
2:46 p.m., Chief of Police Alonzo responded to a report about a vehicle parked in the wrong space at the Senior Apartments.

**Tuesday, April 17**  
12:09 a.m., A woman requested a deputy to be sent to her residence. She had a problem with her husband. Deputy Karl Chism responded to the call.

10:06 a.m., A man called the Sheriff's Office requesting a deputy out on FM 277. A man was covered up in bees. Sheriff Buddy Burgess advised the Del Rio Fire Department and EMS.

3:10 p.m., A woman reported someone had keyed her car.

5:59 p.m., On Hwy 90 east, Uvalde Police Department reported an accident, but was informed that the accident was in Uvalde County.

**Wednesday, April 18**  
8:46 a.m., Jesus Francisco Paredes, 33, from Del Rio, was arrested for DPS warrants by DPS Trooper Tony Ashley. Paredes paid his fine and was released.

2:10 p.m., Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter responded to a call from a woman having problems with her brother-in-law.

**Thursday, April 19**  
9:30 a.m., A resident of Fort Clark was having trouble with her neighbor. Deputy Fritter responded.

3:29 p.m., A ranch just off of Hwy 90 on FM 1572 was broken into. Sheriff Burgess responded to the call.

6:48 p.m., Someone reported a gold truck driving recklessly at the little league field. Deputy Fritter was advised.

**Friday, April 20**  
7:10 a.m., A Spofford resident

informed the station that the railroad crossing arms were stuck.

2:35 p.m., An elderly man was reported riding his bike in the middle of Hwy 90. DPS Trooper Richard Slubar responded.

7:24 p.m., Chief Police Alonzo reported loose cattle on Hwy 693.

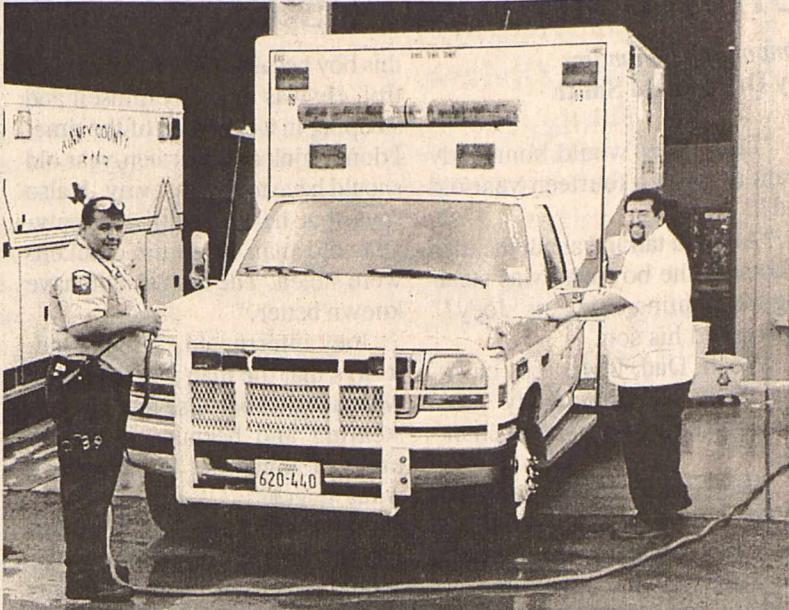
**Saturday, April 21**  
8:45 p.m., A man called to report a horse out on FM 2804 near the Kinney County Ranch Estates. The owner was notified.

**Sunday, April 22**  
5:08 a.m., A man requested a deputy at his residence, because his smoke alarm wouldn't shut off.

6:41 p.m., A local woman requested EMS to help her husband out of their vehicle.

9:39 p.m., A 911 call was received, reporting a head-on collision on Hwy 90 on the Sycamore Bridge at the Kinney County line. The EMS, Fire Department and DPS were immediately dispatched to the scene.

**Monday, April 23**  
Ruben Zavala Yanez, 24, from Acuna, Mexico, was arrested by Deputy Chism for a Val Verde County outstanding warrant. Yanez is still being held.



Pictured left is Mickey Romero, EMT Intermediate, instructing Edgar Guadarrama, EMT Basic, on the daily routine, as a part of his orientation to full time Kinney County EMS.

**Duplicate Bridge played at Fort Clark**

Duplicate Bridge was played at Fort Clark Springs in the Gorgas Room at 7 PM on Tuesday, April 17, 2001. There were 5 1/2 tables and the Mitchell Movement was used. The winners in the North/South were: 1st-Rosetta Pingent and Flo Stafford; 2nd-Sara Richhart and Ann Watts; and 3rd-

Jeanette and Blake Hinton. In the East/West, the winners were: 1st-Ruth Potter and Gertie Trautwein; 2nd-Dianna Daniels and Janie Meredith; and 3rd-Ann Legg and Evelyn Whitely. The competition was stiff for both sides, but the East/West received some good hands happily!

**Local resident stars in theatre production**

Seguin - Amanda Petrosky, a resident of Brackettville, has been chosen for the cast of the upcoming Texas Lutheran University Theatre production of "Waiting for Godot."

TLU Theatre will perform "Waiting for Godot," a tragicomedy in two acts by playwright Samuel Beckett, April 26-28.

Called "one of the true masterpieces of the century" by Clive Barnes of The New York Times, "Waiting for Godot" is the conclusion of the 2000-2001 TLU Theatre Season, which explored "The Search for Intelligent Life in the Future."

"Godot's" storyline is remarkably simple. It revolves around two seemingly homeless characters waiting for someone - or something - named Godot. Vladimir and Estragon wait near a tree on a barren stretch of road, inhabiting a drama spun from their own consciousness. Their solitary vigil is interrupted only by visits from Pozzo and Lucky, a master and slave, and messages from The Boy, a servant to Godot.

The result is a tragicomic word-play of poetry, dreamscapes and nonsense, which has been interpreted as an allegory for humanity's inexhaustible search for meaning.

Beckett's language pioneered an expressionistic minimalism that captured the existentialism of post-World War II Europe. The play remains one of the most magical and beautiful allegories of our time.

Petrosky, a sophomore at Texas Lutheran, plays the role of Lucky

in TLU'S production. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, April 26-28, with a matinee at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 29. The play will be staged at Jackson Auditorium on the west side of the campus.

Because the audience will be seated on the stage with the performers, seating is limited. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the TLU Bookstore beginning Tuesday, April 17. Seating is general admission. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$5 for seniors and non-TLU students, and free to the TLU community.

The play is directed and designed by David Legore, assistant professor of theatre at TLU.

For more information or for tickets, call the TLU Bookstore at (830)-372-8140 or Legore at (830)-372-6021.



Amanda Petrosky as "Lucky."

**Daughters of the American Revolution**

The Uvalde de las Encinas Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, met on Saturday, April 21, 2001 at the Holiday Inn. DAR is a non-profit volunteer women's organization founded over 100 years ago on the principles of service in education, patriotism, and historic preservation. It has over 170,000 members. Membership in the DAR provides a unique opportunity to establish a family's heritage and service to the nation. Any woman is eligible for membership, as long as she is at least 18 years old and can prove lineal, bloodline descent from a man or woman who aided in achieving American independence.

Historic preservation is central to the mission of the DAR. The membership is active in the restoration of historic landmarks, placing historic markers, and preserving historic documents and records.

Attending from Brackettville were Jan Chism, Janie Meredith, and Pat McKelvy. Other local members are Hawkins Huey, Woodie Hornburg, and Woodie Frances Trotter.

Later in the day, Pat McKelvy attended the annual Air Force Junior ROTC Awards Banquet at the Officers Club at Laughlin Air Force Base. The cadet winning the coveted Daughters of the American Revolution medal was Cadet Colonel Daniel Williams.

DAR actively supports schools for underprivileged children; provides scholarships to high school seniors, Native Americans, and graduate students; sponsors good citizenship activities and essays; provides educational manuals to immigrants who wish to become naturalized citizens; and gives thousands of hours of service in Veterans Administration Hospitals.

**Health care available on Saturday**

Resident's of Kinney County now have a choice for health care on Saturday!

Dr. Lynn Buchanan's Family Practice Clinic, located in the old fire station/EMS building on Fort Clark Road will now be open Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

This service is for all people of Kinney County. For non-Fort residents, a word at the security gate that you are coming to the clinic is all that is needed.

The hours are also being extended on Wednesday. As before, we will be open Wednesday morning from 9:00 to 12:00 along with an afternoon clinic from 2:00 to

5:00 p.m. Everyone in Kinney County is welcome to visit our clinic for full services of examination and treatment.

Lab, EKG's, children's health, wellness and immunizations, gentle female examinations by a female, treatment for injuries, acute illness such as infections of the sinuses, ears, throat and kidneys and chronic diseases such as hypertension, heart disease, asthma, diabetes, and arthritis are available.

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Smart children listen to parent's guidance "The Sound Of Music" to be performed in Uvalde

Empowering Families  
By Dr. Donald Smith

"Dad, why would somebody want to shoot a fourteen-year old kid?"

"Are you talking about the man who shot the boy who was stealing his fighting chickens, Joey?" Bob asked his son.

"Yeah, Dad. It was only chickens. Why would anybody shoot someone over some stupid chickens?"

"Well son," Bob responded. "You're right. Nobody should die for some chickens. Let's look at the article in the paper and get some of the details. Look son, it was a pretty bad situation. His parents and relatives had given up on

this boy because he was out of control. He was living by himself and sleeping in a car some of the time. I don't think any fourteen-year old should have to live that way. It also says that he was with a twenty-year old man when the chickens were stolen. The man should have known better."

Joey interrupted, "Look Dad, it says that the man who shot him was justified because the kid was stealing and because it was at night. I think the kid deserved what he got."

"Son, God does not plan that kind of an end for anybody. We should never wish such an unfortunate death for neither human nor beast. It is not a question of stealing chickens or of deserving such

punishment. Many centuries ago a very wise man said that it is a smart son who listens to the guidance of his father. Only the fool cannot be corrected (Proverbs 13:1). Another very wise man said; Who can feel sorry for a snake charmer bitten by a snake, or for those who take risks with savage animals? Just so for one who consorts with a sinner, and participates in his sins (Sirach 12:13,14). Joey, life, health, and happiness come to the child who follows the counsel of a godly father and who gives in to the love of his mother. This is the lesson to be learned."

This column is brought to you by the St. Henry deOsso Family Project working in Brackettville to

The Grand Opera House in Uvalde will ring with The Sound of Music, one of America's favorite musicals. The show opens on April 27, 2001 at 8 p.m. The popular Rodgers and Hammerstein musical will also be presented on April 28, May 4 and 5 at 8 o'clock with a 2:30 matinee on Sunday, May 6, 2001.

The story of Maria Rainer, the young postulant who becomes a governess to the seven von Trapp children and then marries their father, is being portrayed by Cindy Turpin. Appearing in the role of Captain Georg von Trapp is John Barnes. Portraying the von Trapp children are Sarah Medlin as Liesel; Riley Barnes as Friedrich; Amaris Alspaugh in the role of

Louisa; Isaac Waddell as Kurt; Hanna Case as Brigitta; Caroline Blades as Marta and Storey Zimmerman as the youngest of the children, Gretl. Bridgett Waddell appears as the Countess Elsa Schraeder. Jason Roe will portray Rolf Gruber and Gray Curry is Max Detweiler. Bert Thayer is Herr Zeller, and Jim Cayton is Admiral von Schreiber. Tricia Roe will be Mother Abbess; Sister Berthe is Carolyn Curry, Ella Hamilton portrays Sister Margareta and Christina Autry is Sister Sophia. Other characters of the Nonnberg Abbey will be portrayed by Rauni McClure, Margaret Thayer, Missy French, and Jeanette Underwood. Appearing as soldiers are Tommy Tovar and Jesus Hernandez. Franz, the but-

ler, is John Celesti, Frau Schmidt is portrayed by Amy Danckwart, Ursula is Susannah Baen, Baron Elberfeld is Michael Box and appearing as Baroness Elberfeld is Missy French.

Fred Brockwell is directing The Sound of Music. Brockwell directed "Annie" and "Fiddler on the Roof" previously. Other production staff members include Esther Trevino, Dean Arnall, Carol Kirkham, Bill Sheplr, Michael Box, Tony Rodriguez and Albert Martinez.

Tickets for the Uvalde Arts Council production are \$10 and \$8, children 17 and under pay \$4 and all tickets are now on sale at the Grand Opera House. All seats are reserved. For information please call 278-4184.

Texans will stop working for government on Saturday

Austin - The average Texan is still working to pay taxes to the government, even though the deadline for filing tax returns passed last week. Tax Freedom Day, the day Texans stop working for the government and start working for themselves and their families, will not come until this Saturday, April 28.

Americans today are paying the highest taxes in the nation's history. The same is true in Texas. According to the Tax Foundation, the average Texan has to work 118 days to pay their tax bill this year - that's 86 days to pay federal taxes and 32 days to pay state taxes.

"Texans have to work the first four months of the year in order to pay their taxes," said Peggy Venable, director of the 48,000 member Texas Citizens for a Sound Economy. "Put another way, one out of every three days we work goes to pay our taxes."

Texas is better off than many Americans when it comes to paying taxes. The average American will work 123 days to pay their taxes. The national Tax Freedom Day will be on May 3 this year, the latest it has ever been. In 1980 and again in 1990, Americans only had to work 110 days until they were able to keep their money.

"Since 1992," says Scott Moody, an economist with the Tax Foundation, "when Tax Freedom Day fell on April 18, the total tax burden has grown markedly, requiring two extra weeks of work from American taxpayers."

Though better off than average, Texans still face the possibility of an increased tax burden as legislation to increase the gasoline tax is receiving strong support this session and calls for a state income tax are increasing among many special interest groups.

Conservatives point to the growing tax burden as a justification for the proposed Bush tax cut.

"The most important aspect of Bush's tax cut is the long-term approach to returning surplus dollars to taxpayers," said Venable.

Liberals, on the other hand, complain about the high 'cost' of the Bush's proposal. Robert S. McIntyre, director of Citizens for Tax Justice, noted that taxpayers "may find public services and the fiscal and economic health of our nation more important than tax reductions."

However, an analysis of the data done by the Tax Foundation shows

that taxpayers and consumers do not have to choose between lower taxes and reduced services. The tax cut proposed by Bush merely slows the rate at which our tax burden would grow over the next ten years. With the Bush tax cut, Tax Freedom Day would still move ahead to May 5, compared to May 10 if no tax cut was passed.

"The facts make clear that liberals oppose cutting taxes for only one reason - they want to spend the taxpayers money as fast as they can get their hands on it," said Venable. "The truth is we need the Bush tax cut and more if we are going to reduce the excessive taxes which are slowing economic

growth and job creation."

One of the main reason why the tax burden would continue to grow even after the Bush tax cut is the progressive nature of the tax code with its multiple rates. As taxpayers earn more money, they are continually pushed up into higher brackets.

That's why groups like Citizens for a Sound Economy favor a flat tax with high personal deductions and only one or two tax rates. Ending bracket creep would also end the sleight-of-hand tax increases of the last ten years.

With a flat tax, the only way Congress could raise taxes is with a record vote.

Big Bend is for the birds

Big Bend National Park- Spring 2001 has already been a wonderful season in the natural world, from wildflowers to birds. On May 12th and 13th, Kelly Bryan will be leading a seminar for the public entitled "Birding in Big Bend" as part of the Big Bend Natural History Association's Big Bend Seminars program. The class will visit the latest birding hot spots in the park and seek out exotic migrants.

Big Bend is one of the premier birding destinations in the National Park System.

More species have been recorded here than in any other na-

tional park and spring migration is the busiest time for birders. Last fall's generous rains that brought on the spectacular wildflower display have been good for migrating birds and for human visitors to Big Bend National Park. The entire food chain is benefiting from the abundance, from plants to insects to the birds that feed on either.

Many migrant birds are insect eaters that should be pleased with the abundant food supply.

This seminar will concentrate on the lower areas of the park where birds tend to concentrate around water sources and tree-filled oases.

One day is planned for birding locations on the west side of the park from the Sam Nail Ranch to Santa Elena Canyon, and including cottonwood Campground. The other day brings visits to Dugout Wells and Rio Grande Village on the east side of the park.

Kelly Bryan is a Natural Resource Biologist for Texas Parks and Wildlife and works out of the Fort Davis regional office. He has been leading birding trips for the Big Bend Seminars program since 1997.

The seminar is conducted as part of the Big Bend Seminars program sponsored by the Big Bend Natural History Association.

Each year experts in various fields meet with small groups to offer in-depth knowledge and insight about Big Bend. Cost for the seminar is \$50 per person or \$45 for members of the Big Bend Natural History Association. The fee includes two nights' camping at the Chisos Basin group campground.

To register for the seminar or, if you would like to receive a complete catalog of seminars, please write to the Big Bend Natural History Association at P.O. Box 196, Big Bend National Park, TX 79834 or you can call 915-477-2236 or email to BBNHA@nps.gov.

Panther Cave reopens at Lake Amistad

Amistad National Recreation Area will reopen Panther Cave on Saturday, April 21. Access to the cave was closed in February after a rock fall destroyed part of the stairway leading to the cave. Park maintenance crews replaced the stairway, again allowing public access.

Panther Cave is located approximately 25 miles up the Rio Grande arm of Lake Amistad. The cave contains spectacular examples of 4,000 year-old Lower

Pecos style pictographs, or Native American rock art. Boaters are cautioned that slowly lowering lake levels expose hidden hazards such as rock and mud.

Amistad National Recreation Area headquarters is located on US Highway 90W and is open daily 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. except for major holidays. For more information, visitors may call 830-775-7491, tune in to AM 1540 near the lake, or visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/amis.

The family of Anita R. Martinez would like to express their thanks to friends and extended family for all their support and help during this difficult time. A special thanks to Julia Terrazas and Father Cashin of St. Mary Magdelene Catholic Church.

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# Students grieve over loss of student *Netters repeat as champions*

*Making A Difference*  
By Taylor Stephenson

Our school priorities changed suddenly early Monday morning as the sad news reached us of the DeLeon Family's car accident. Before 7:00 a.m., Principal Paula Renken informed me that our counselors and teachers were ready to "be there for the kids." They did just that. Counselors Mrs. Kay Qualia assisted by Mrs. Michelle Frerich were trying to help children understand what adults could not comprehend. Paula and her staff were wonderful in this time of crisis. All children were given an opportunity to seek help and counseling, if needed. John Paul and Donna Schuster sought out the family to offer help for the young men.

Three of the DeLeon Family members did not survive the car accident. As I write, others are clinging to life. They're doing better as reports continue to be received. Maria had volunteered at the county library to help in the summer reading program for the past three summers. Sara Terrazas had lots of praise for Maria as she tearfully told of her plans to help again in 2001.

Our students were encouraged to write their feelings about the loss of Maria and her family. The children wrote their final notes to Maria and made a lasting tribute to her with personal notes placed

on the school bulletin board. I am impressed with the maturity of our young children. I was overwhelmed at the professional way that our staff was able to comfort children in this supercharged atmosphere.

This was the day before the TAAS tests. An accident like this puts all of that into perspective. What's important in life? What do we have to complain about in life? Life must go on, but we can learn from events as traumatic as this one. We can change. Maybe, we won't pressure ourselves as much about the things that are not important in life. Maybe, we won't complain as much about our own plight or about the imperfections that we so readily see in everyone but ourselves.

Our children will take the TAAS on schedule. I believe they will do their best. They have worked hard and the instructional staff has prepared them for the challenge. The change to a structured environment (TAAS) at school might help take their young minds off of this tragedy for a few hours.

In behalf of the school system, I extend our deepest love and condolences of all of us at Brackett ISD. We share your loss. Your children have been good ones in this school system. In time, we hope to help you all by an act of kindness or a word of support. In honor of this family, our flag will

fly at half mast all week long. Many of us will say lots of prayers for the DeLeons in the coming weeks. As other family members increase their responsibilities, they'll need our support.

We need to also help these folks with financial support. Alma Gutierrez, teacher at the elementary school, has indicated the need for help. I'm sure that a fund will be organized for the DeLeon Family. If you want to contribute and don't know where to send the check, call the elementary school and check to see where the checks can be sent. Thanks for helping ease the pain for the DeLeons.

Congratulations to Isela Ramon for qualifying at the Regional UIL meet for state in computer applications. This is a very capable young lady who apparently did a grand job this past weekend. The state competition is the weekend of May 5. Go get them!

Our golf team is playing in the regional meet early in the week. Tennis is up next for the next few days. Then Track will head to regionals. We're all excited about the Spring Sports this year. Baseball and Softball teams are still competitive and hope to make the playoffs.

That's about it for this week. Don't forget the school board election. You can do early voting until May 1 at the school office (by the flag pole) from 8 to 4. Come do just that! Have a great week!

The boys and girls varsity tennis teams once again claimed the district team championships in both divisions at the district 30AA meet held in Uvalde. In girls singles freshmen, Emily Petrosky and Sarah Meyer did an outstanding job. Petrosky defeated Hernandez of Poth before losing to Seals from Dilley and Self from Three Rivers. Meyer beat Self from Three Rivers and then lost to Seals from Dilley. Meyer won the silver medal and will advance to the regional contest.

Michelle Bizzell and Brittany Shewbart defeated Cervantes and Rameriz from Dilley in the girls doubles division. They played teammates Susannah Davis and Leslie Meyer for the district honors. Davis and Meyer won the match but both teams will advance.

## Davis and Meyer win gold for Varsity

Susannah Davis and Leslie Meyer won the 4th annual Pearsall Invitational Tennis Tournament in girls doubles.

They defeated Roman and Campos from Hondo and then ran up against the number one seed in the tournament from Devine. Davis and Meyer won in two sets

and went on to defeat the number two seed also from Devine. It took them 3 sets and a tie breaker, but Davis and Meyer prevailed and defeated Saathoff and Whitley who are the current girls doubles district champions in 23AAA to bring home the gold medals.

## Coaches take on the Tigers

There will be a Coaches vs. Tigers Basketball game at the new High School gym at 7 p.m. on April 30th.

Admission will be \$3 for adults, and \$2 for students. The proceeds will go towards several door prizes to be raffled during the game. This event is being held as a fundraiser for the Tigers to attend the University of Texas Basketball Camp from June 1 to 3.

Halftime entertainment will be provided by first grade students with a Fit-for-Kids Aerobic presentation.

At halftime, two roundtrip airline tickets will be given away, raffle ticket sales are now under way.

Starting at 5 p.m., camp participants will shoot 100 freethrows for the Freethrow-athon pledges

they have received. Master of Ceremonies for the event will be John Paul Schuster.

If you would like to see some old men sweat or want to support the Tiger Basketball Program, please come. If you have any questions or wish to help, please call Jimmy or Kaylia Thomas at 563-2635.

Junior High tennis meet in Brackettville

The District 30AA Junior High Tennis meet was held in Brackett on April 7 with three schools participating. Brackett did a great job winning four out of the seven district titles.

The results were: 8th grade girls singles - Jackie Duncan 1st and Shanae Simmons 3rd. 8th grade girls doubles - Whitney Hobbs and Kristin Meyer 1st,

## Brackett ISD Activity Calendar

**Thursday, April 26**  
National Volunteer Week, Secretaries Week, Tennis Reg. San Marcos, Test Day, 8th Gr. Science

**Friday, April 27**  
National Volunteer Week, Secretaries Week, Test Day, 8th Gr. Social Studies, Track VG/VB Regional @ San Marcos

**Saturday, April 28**  
Track VG/VB Regional @ San Marcos

**Monday, April 30**  
3:45 PM J.A.C., 7:00 PM Coaches vs Tigers, Fundraiser Event, New Gym, National Playground Safety Day

**Tuesday, May 1**  
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Last day for Early Voting in School Board Election, 6:30 PM 8th Gr. Parents Meeting, Cafeteria, 7:00 PM Area Softball Playoff, Brackett vs. Yorktown, Frank Tejada Ballpark, SA, \$2 Students and \$3 adults

## Tigerettes softball

The Tigerettes Softball Team are State Playoff bound once again! The Tigerettes finished the regular season with an overall record of 15 wins against only 7 losses. Their district record was 6 wins and 4 losses. They are scheduled to play Yorktown on Tuesday May 1st, at Frank Tejada Stadium in San Antonio at 7 p.m. This is the Area game with the winner going on to the Regional Quarterfinals.

## Junior High tennis meet in Brackettville

Megan King and Courtney Frerich 3rd. 8th grade boys singles Ryan Moore 2nd. 8th grade boys doubles - Tillman Davis and Kody Yeager 1st. 7th grade girls singles - Brandy Smith 3rd, Jacqueline Conoly 4th, 7th grade girls doubles - Vicky Resendez and Kalyn Perez 3rd, and 7th grade boys singles - Mason McWilliams 1st.

## Financing a college education

(ARA) - If you are the proud parent of a student who will start college soon, chances are you've been trying to figure out how the two of you are going to pay for that college degree. Fortunately, financial help is available. Financial aid can help pay for tuition, books, room and board, and many of the other costs of higher education.

Financial aid to meet a student's educational expenses is available in four basic categories: scholarships, grants, work-study and education loans. Most students finance their education through a package combining aid from several categories.

1) Scholarships are awarded based on special ability, academic achievement, religious affiliation, ethnic background or special interest and they don't have to be repaid. Scholarships come from many sources, but the student may have to do some detective work to uncover them. Most states and many colleges offer scholarships, so don't forget to inquire about them. College financial aid officers and high school guidance counselors can help direct you to resources outlining programs and requirements. The local library and Web sites are also good places to look. This information should always be free.

2) Grants are awarded based on need and, like scholarships, they don't have to be repaid. In addition to state and institutional grants, there are two federal grants for which students can apply:

- Federal Pell Grants are awarded to part-time and full-time undergraduate students who show financial need. - Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants are a supplement to Pell Grants.

3) Work-study is a federal program offering part-time jobs both on and off campus. The amount that can be earned is based on several factors, including need, other aid received and availability of school funds. Work-study funds don't have to be repaid because work is traded for hourly wages.

4) Education loans are funds borrowed from a financial institution or federal or state government. Education loans must be repaid. There are at least three types of education loans:

- Federal Perkins Loan is a federal loan program administered by colleges. It is available to both undergraduate and graduate students and based on need and the availability of government funds. The annual interest rate is 5 percent and repayment begins nine months after the student leaves school or drops below half time.

- Federal Family Education Loans/Federal Direct Loans in-

clude Federal Stafford (student) Loans and Federal PLUS (parent) Loans. They are available through financial institutions such as U.S. Bank that participates in the FFEL program or through the federal government in the direct loan program. The maximum annual interest rate on Stafford loans is 8.25 percent and 9 percent on PLUS loans.

- Financial institution (or "supplemental") loans are for students (or their parents) who attend participating colleges and graduate schools. They are not based on need. U.S. Bank, for example, offers a number of supplemental loans where students can borrow up to the entire annual cost of attendance, less financial aid received, at competitive interest rates.

So how can your son or daughter obtain financial aid? In order to receive financial aid, a student must apply each year that he or she is in college. Scholarships and grants are the best types of financial aid because the money never has to be repaid, so students should try to get them first. Check with a high school guidance counselor or the Internet to find out about organizations offering scholarships. One useful site is [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org). The site gives information about scholarships as well as other types of aid.

Next, have your son or daughter pick up and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) from the high school guidance office, college, or the U.S. Department of Education's Web site at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). The

FAFSA determines how much money a student's family must contribute each year toward college costs, as well as the types and amounts of financial aid for which he or she is eligible. (Some colleges also require their own institutional application to determine financial aid eligibility. Check with the college to verify the requirements.) The financial aid package awarded will include one or some combination of federal, state or institutional grants, scholarships, work-study, or education loans.

Finally, if grants, scholarships, work-study, and government loans don't cover expenses, students may apply for a low-interest private education loan from a financial institution such as U.S. Bank. It offers a number of non-federal or supplemental education loans for students who attend participating colleges and graduate schools. This type of loan can be used as a supplement or replacement for federal loans. More information on the U.S. Bank's supplemental education loans can be found on the Web at [usbank.com/studentloans](http://usbank.com/studentloans) or by phone at 1-800-242-1200.

Luckily, virtually any student who wants to go to college can go, regardless of family income. The key is to apply for as many scholarships and grants as possible and apply for financial aid as early as possible, since most financial aid is awarded on a first-come first-serve basis. One last thing - even if you think the student in your family won't qualify for financial aid, he or she should try anyway. There may be more options than you think.

## School employee insurance legislation introduced

Austin - Amarillo Sen. Teel Bivins announced on Monday the filing of legislation to provide a state-funded health insurance program for public school teachers and employees.

School districts, Regional Education Service Centers and Open Enrollment Charter Schools would be able to participate in the optional plan. Active teachers and employees as well as retirees would be eligible for coverage.

Bivins said the Senate Education Committee has done extensive work on school employee health insurance, hearing testimony from numerous groups to come up with a proposal.

"What I've tried to do is get the cumulative work of the last two months reflected in a bill, Senate Bill 10, that four Republicans and four Democrats on the committee have co-sponsored," said Bivins, the chair of the committee. "I'm

pleased with the bi-partisan support. I think that it reflects a bi-partisan commitment on the part of the Senate to begin the process of funding a public school district employee health insurance plan."

Senate Bill (SB) 10 would include at least five tiers of coverage. Teachers and employees would have the option of selecting their plan or could waive coverage altogether.

The State of Texas would contribute approximately \$1 billion a year to the plan, Bivins said. If the state's portion is not enough to fund at least the basic coverage level, the school district must make up the difference.

"We don't get all the way home," Bivins said. "On the other hand, we've gotten a long way down the road if we were to adopt this plan. As I've said many times before, I think this plan represents a Chevrolet, not a Cadillac."

*"You don't have to sit on a cactus to learn how to jump."*

All that Virginia Shahan and her husband "Happy" knew about movies was the price of tickets when John Wayne asked to make a movie on their ranch. After *The Alamo* was released in 1960, the Shahans found themselves proprietors of a tourist attraction and movie set. More than twenty films have been shot at Alamo Village and 20,000 people visit a year. Happy passed on in '96, but Virginia still manages the property, when she's not spending time at her ranch house with her eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Virginia counts on co-op power for her home and business. She belongs to a Smart Choice cooperative. What's "Smart Choice?" We're a coalition of Texas co-ops committed to making the right decision on electric deregulation.

Deregulation is a thorny issue and no one has a crystal ball to view its impact. Like many other Texas cooperatives, Smart Choice co-ops believe the wisest course is to "wait and see." Before deciding, Smart Choice co-ops want to know if deregulation has raised or lowered rates for other Texas power customers, particularly in rural areas.

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**This Sunday, make no excuses** Let the Holy Spirit comfort you in your grief

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

I found the following in the church newsletter of a friend. It's called, "No Excuse Sunday." By Father Thomas E. Langer

To make it possible for everyone to attend church we are going to have a special "No Excuse Sunday."

Cots will be placed in the vestibule for those who say, "Sunday is my only day to sleep in." We will have steel helmets for those who say, "The roof would cave in if I ever came back to church." Blankets will be fur-

nished for those who think the church is too cold; fans for those who say it's too hot. We will have hearing aids for those who say the pastor speaks too softly, and cotton for those who say he preaches too loudly. Score cards will be available for those who like to list all the hypocrites. A few unattached relatives will be in attendance for those who like to visit on Sundays. And one section will be landscaped with real shrubbery and astroturf for those who find God in nature (or sports) on Sunday mornings. Finally, the sanctuary will be decorated with both Christmas poinsettias and East-

ter lilies for those who have never seen the church without them.

It's No Excuse Sunday! See you in Church!

And just one more excuse overcome: for those who say the music is not to their liking, First United Methodist Church is proud to feature the music of The Borderline Singers this Sunday for our Fifth Sunday HymnFest. Join us at 10:45 am, as we seek to understand better the story of God's relationship with humanity and lift our voices in musical thanks for all God has provided.

**Sow good seeds to reap a good harvest**

Frontier Baptist Church  
By Dave Crowe

Scientists tell us "that for every action, there must be an equal and opposite reaction."

If a pendulum is to swing, it must swing both ways, with an equal force.

What goes up must come down. What goes around will come around.

With this in mind, we must accept that everything in our lives, right and wrong, good and bad, must be the reaction or result of some previous action.

We are told in the Bible, "we will reap, what we have sown."

Good things, for the most part, happen to and for good people, caring people. This must be because of whom they choose to associate with, the things that they are involved in and the places they frequent.

Healthy, worthwhile activities. They are loving, giving, generous people. Doing the kind of things that God would have them to do. Giving to life, rather than taking from it.

Bad things, I truly believe happen to bad people, a lot, and for obvious reasons. Who they hang out with, the places they go and the things they do.

They may say "it can't be helped, I was just born bad, I didn't have a chance."

What a cop out! It can be helped, they can be helped. They can change any time they want to!

Like the rest of us, they were born innocent, with a clean slate.

We choose, how we want to live, who we want to be, what we believe in and stand for.

Who, we want for our friends, where we want to go and what we want to do.

Right or wrong, good or bad, it is our choice, our doing, our

decision.

If, we are unhappy with the decisions we've made. If, we're unhappy with our lives and the road that we are traveling down.

Stop! Look around, listen, the life you save may be your own.

All of us can live happier, healthier, more productive and rewarding lives.

Life is like a bank account. We can only get out of it, what we have put in it.

You may be one of those people, that don't know, that they are filled with good seeds waiting to be sown. Look inside, you'll find'em. We need to start planting our seeds, today, everywhere. The sooner we start, the sooner we'll see the harvest - the fruits of our labor.

The world is full of starving people, people desperately needing our kind words, our warm smiles and our words of

encouragement.

Give and it will be given to you. This new road is not without a pot hole, here and there, but it is smoother and straighter.

You'll find the getting through life will be a trip worth taking and an adventure worth living, give it a try.

If I can help you in any way, page me at (888)-745-6914 and I'll return your call.

**Seek ye the Lord, he shall comfort thee**

St. Johns Missionary Church  
By Rev. William P. Adams, Sr.

Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged.

Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sara that bare

Gateway Ministries  
By Charolette Corey

Grief is an expected consequence of the death of a friend or loved one. It is part of the healing process as well as weeping or mourning over the loss of that person's life and the manner in which it touched your own life. Even Jesus wept at the death of Lazarus before he raised Lazarus from the dead. (John 11:35)

It is said, "No man is an island unto himself." This is true. Whether you know it or not, everything you choose to do or say has consequences which effect others around you either in a negative or positive way. This is why the word of God admonishes you that whatever you do or say, do it all in the name of the Lord. (Col. 3:17)

Grief is only one phase of the healing process. Letting that person go, releasing that person from being present in your life is another step. This is not to say that you don't remember the good things about them. It means admitting that the person is gone and there is nothing you

can do about it. Turn that person over to God and his eternal wisdom. Release them. If the loved one was a Christian, then you, as a fellow Christian, have the hope of seeing them again in heaven.

Forgiveness is another step to wholeness. Forgiving the person for leaving you, forgiving the wrong choices made by the person, forgiving and not blaming God for the person's life having ended are some of the issues which you may have to face. Forgiving also includes forgiving others who may have been involved with the loss of that person.

Isaiah 51 & 1-3

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Finally, set your eyes on two things. First, keep your eyes set on God, his kingdom, his righteousness, and his unconditional love. Second, share the love of Jesus Christ with the Living. Let them feel the love of Jesus through the hugs from your own heart. Everyone can use a hug, even if it means letting them cry a little while on your shoulder.

If you are grieving, let the Holy Spirit of God be your comforter. If you know those who are grieving, lend a hand or a shoulder.

Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

**You are not alone**

St. Mary Magdalene Church  
By Lynn McNew

Do you ever wake up "hohum" bored, "poor-me" lonely or "cruel-world" unhappy? If you do, consider the little mood-lifter passed along to me by a friend.

"You aren't alone, you know," she reminded me when I expressed being less than happy with my lot. I thought she would go on to remind me that I have good friends, a loving family and to count my blessings.

Instead, she surprised me and said something quite different:

"Meaning that you have a lot of company! We all have those downers. Know what I do when one threatens? I have a card tucked away in a drawer that reads: 'I Will Postpone All Negative Feelings For Twenty-four Hours.' I pull that card out and prop it up in plain sight so that if I start to backslide, I am bound to be reminded to shift my thinking."

Well, I never did get around to actually printing those words on a card, but I prayed about the matter. "Please, Father," I said, "don't let me be negative today." When I began to make an active effort to turn my thoughts around; I became increasingly aware of the many blessings in my life. And at the end of those twenty-four hours, I found I had gotten along so nicely that I might just as well coast through the next twenty-four hours in the same way.

Now, if you are feeling down today, try letting go of all the negatives in your life. Use a card as my friend does if you want to, but either way, be sure to shift your thoughts into a positive channel, and see if something wonderful doesn't happen inside you!

Lord, let me think as You want me to be!

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

**Outdoors**

**Dove season to have rule changes**

A Little on the Wildlife Side  
Contributed by Henry Lutz

Austin, Texas — Which is of greater value, three more birds in the hand or 10 more days in the bush? Among this year's proposed changes to Texas migratory game bird hunting regulations, dove hunters are being asked to choose between more days to harvest birds or more birds to harvest per day.

Under federal framework approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Texas has the option of keeping the current 60-day mourning dove season and 15-bird daily bag limit or adopting a 70-day season and a 12-bird daily bag. Because neither set of parameters carries a

biological impact to the resource, Texas Parks and Wildlife officials are looking to the hunters to help decide the format.

Since TPW statistics reveal the average dove hunter bags only about four birds in an outing, the difference between a 12 and 15-bird limit may seem irrelevant. But, for some South Texas hunters, an extended hunting season for doves in January could provide additional opportunity, particularly in tandem with quail hunting.

Wildlife officials also have the flexibility to implement either framework in any or all of Texas' three dove hunting zones. The TPW Commission will consider public comment on

the options when making its final decision on the 2001-2002 Migratory-Game Bird Proclamation on May 31. Regardless of the final options, officials are proposing that the mourning dove season retain the traditional Sept. 1 opening date in the North and Central Zones and begin Sept. 21 in the South Zone.

If South Zone hunters prefer the longer season, the commission has proposed that the additional 10 days be added to the end of the winter season segment (Dec. 26 - Jan. 19). Also on the slate for public input are proposals affecting sandhill crane and waterfowl hunting. All proposals relating to migratory game bird hunting are contingent upon federal approval this summer.

Anyone wishing to comment on these proposed changes can write to Hunting Information at TPW, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744, or call (800) 792-1112, Menu 5, Selection 1, or (512) 389-4505, or on the Internet at <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us>.

Comments may also be made at the public hearing to be held at the Commissioners Hearing Room, Texas Parks and Wildlife headquarters, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, on May 31, 2001, at about 9 a.m.

The rules, if approved by the commission, will be tentative until the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service sets the federal regulations in late June.

If approved by the commission and USFWS, the proposed changes would go into effect Sept. 1, 2001.

**Obituaries...**

**Anita Martinez**

Anita R. Martinez of Brackettville passed away April 20, 2001, at the Methodist Hospital in San Antonio.

Mrs. Martinez, age 79, was born in Quemado Valley on October 21, 1921, and raised in Spofford.

She is preceded in death by her husband Rumaldo Martinez. Survivors include 3 daughters: Thelma and husband David Green of San Antonio, Terry Martinez of Miami, Florida, Anna Martinez of Boynton Beach, Florida, and one son, Jesus Boya Martinez of Brackettville. Also several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Rosary was recited on Saturday April 21st at 7 pm, at Don's Funeral Chapel in Brackettville.

Services were held on Sunday at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Brackettville. Interment followed at the Kinney County Cemetery.

**Librada DeLeon**

Librada "Libby" DeLeon, 41, of Brackettville, passed away on Sunday, April 22, 2001. She is survived by her mother Ignacia Vela; husband, Miguel Angel DeLeon; children, Arianna DeLeon, Miguel Angel DeLeon, Jr., Jose Arturo DeLeon; granchild, Nadia

Dennise DeLeon; sisters Maria Eresmi Aguirre, Irma Soto, Lucia Vela; brothers Demetrio Vela, Jose Vela, Henaro Montoya and Reyes Montoya and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

**Maria DeLeon**

Maria DeLeon, 12, of Brackettville, passed away on Sunday, April 22, 2001. She is survived by her father, Miguel Angel DeLeon; brothers Miguel Angel DeLeon Jr., Jose Arturo DeLeon; sister Arianna DeLeon; niece Nadia Dennise DeLeon and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.


**Ramon DeLeon**

Ramon Eduardo DeLeon, 1, of Brackettville, passed away on Sunday, April 22, 2001. He is survived by his mother Arianna DeLeon; grandfather, Miguel Angel DeLeon; uncles, Miguel Angel DeLeon, Jr., Jose Arturo DeLeon and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Visitation for the DeLeon family will be today from 1 to 9 pm at Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Brackettville. Rosary will be held at 7 pm. Funeral services will be Friday, 2 pm, at the Kinney County Civic Center.

Burial will follow at the Catholic Cemetery.

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GARAGE SALES

BACK YARD SALE, 110 W. El Paso St., 9 AM till 4 PM Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat. 9 AM till 1 PM. Tools, adult clothes, single bed w/ box & matt, double bed and box, lots of misc., curtains and drapes.

HELP WANTED

THE FOLLOWING POSITION is open at BISD: Industrial Arts Teacher application procedure: Applicant/Job Description can be picked up at the Brackett ISD Central Office, 400 Ann Street, or request by mail, Brackett ISD, PO Box 586, Brackettville, TX 78832. For information call Central Office at (830)-563-2491, fax (830)-563-9264. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. Direct inquiries to Taylor Stephenson, Superintendent, taylor@brackett.k12.tx.us. Brackett ISD is an equal opportunity employer.

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1999 PALM HARBOR home 3/2. New G.E. appliances, improvements. Setting on 3 lots, (3rd lot optional) at F.C.S. unit 27. \$74,900, 563-9533.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE BRACKETTVILLE HOUSING Authority will hold a public hearing and take comments concerning the annual agency plan on June 11, 2001 at 9 a.m. at the Housing Authority office 205 S. Sweeney. The draft plan will be available for public inspection from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Housing Authority Office up until the public hearing date.

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that Byron H. & Donna J. Pfantz, Marshalltown, IA, have filed an application in File No. BNPTTL-20000831AJS for a construction permit for a Low Power Television Station on Channel 56 proposing to serve communities in the vicinity of Brackettville, TX, and surrounding areas. The requested construction permit authorizes a transmitter located at 29 degrees, 19 minutes and 25 seconds North Latitude and 100 degrees, 23 minutes and 33 seconds West Longitude, operating at a power of 999 watts ERP. Individuals who wish to advise the FCC of facts relating to the application may contact the FCC, 445 - 12th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20554.

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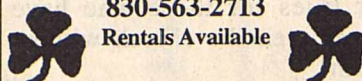
PRICE REDUCED - 2.84 acres choice highway frontage Hwy 90 & 131 Brackettville. \$50,000 firm. 830-774-5084.

160 ACRES, WEST Texas Brush Country, electricity. Near Highway 90 in Dryden. Whitetail, some mule deer, javelina, quail, dove. \$150/acre, low down, owner terms. 1-210-697-0168.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

KINNEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS are currently accepting bid proposal(s) with the intent to purchase one (1) used Ferguson Model 46A Steel Drum Roller and one (1) new or used fourteen (14) yard Dump Truck. Bid specifications are available at the office of the Kinney County Judge. Acceptance of bids close at 5:00 P.M., May 11, 2001. All bids will be opened May 14, 2001 after 9:00 A.M. during the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Kinney County Commissioners Court. Bid proposals may be hand delivered to the office of the County Judge located at 501 S. Ann Street, Brackettville, Texas or mailed to Judge Herb Senne, P.O. Box 348, Brackettville, Texas 78832. Terms: Three (3) to seven (7) year payout. One annual installment paid by April 15th, each year. No down payment with first installment due April 15, 2002. Annual percentage rates must be specified. Warranty - must be disclosed. Bonding - not required. Kinney County reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals.

COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS for Construction Services will be received by the Brackett Independent School District at the School Administration Office Board Room located at 400 Ann Street, Brackettville, Texas at 3:00 p.m. on May 8, 2001 for Additions and Renovations for the Brackett Independent School District. Proposals shall include the information requested in the Contractors Qualification Statement Form. Proposals will be publicly opened and amounts read aloud. The District will evaluate and rank each proposal in relation to selection criteria in proposal within 30 days. Contract Documents may be examined and obtained with deposit of \$100.00 at the following locations: Office of Taylor Stephenson Superintendent 400 Ann St. Brackettville, Texas 78832 or John S. Graves & Associates, Inc. Architects 202 Hornby Place Uvalde, Texas 78801. The Owner reserves the right to waive formalities, reject any or all proposals, and award the contract for the most advantageous proposal. Each proposal shall include a Certified Check or Bid Bond of a satisfactory Surety Company in the amount of Five Percent (5%) of proposal. 100% Performance and Payment Bonds will be required.

Sell it fast in the classifieds, 563-2852

Kinney County Sheriff's Department
P.O. Box 1200
Brackettville, Texas 78832
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PUBLIC AUCTION
ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLES
BY KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION SEIZED AND FORFEITED VEHICLES

DATE: APRIL 28, 2001
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
LOCATION: KINNEY COUNTY CIVIC CENTER
200 EAST SPRING STREET
BRACKETTVILLE, TEXAS 78832

- 1. 1982 CHEV PK
2. 1989 2-DOOR CADI CP
3. 1993 FORD F-250 XLT PK

Terms of Sale:
Cash/Cashiers Check/Money Order

Vehicles will be sold AS IS with no guarantees of any kind.
For information contact: Kinney County Sheriff's Office (830) 563-2788

Signed this 19th day of April 2000
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Historic home in Brackett for rent.

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- BRACKETTVILLE - Ideal location! Three bedroom, one bath home, CHA, fenced yard, one car garage.
FORT CLARK - Beautiful 1999 Fleetwood 28' X 48', 3/2, fireplace, isolated master bedroom with glamour tub, spacious kitchen with island center, stone skirting, shed. Must see to appreciate! \$55,000.
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Salvage Property Sale

The Kinney County Commissioners Court will auction by competitive bid office equipment, Crew Cab Pickup, regular size Pickup, automobile and many other artifacts and treasures on May 12, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. Auction will be held at the Civic Center, Brackettville, Texas.
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Adult/Youth/Children Discipleship Training 6 p.m.
Evening Service 7 p.m.
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