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Sofaly named "Outstanding Citizen of the Year"

On Sunday, July 8, the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce named Louis Sofaly, resident of Fort Clark, as their Outstanding Citizen.

He was chosen for this honor by Chamber of Commerce members.

Lou was born in Pennsylvania, July 14, 1914. He moved to Florida in 1950 to pursue a career as a block mason. He resigned as a block mason and moved from Fort Myers, Florida, to Kinney County in 1979.

Right from the start, he got involved with many volunteer projects. It was through his ef-

forts that the wall at the Fort Clark Amphitheater was constructed.

His technical expertise has been called upon for many of the historical restorations both on Fort Clark and in Brackettville.

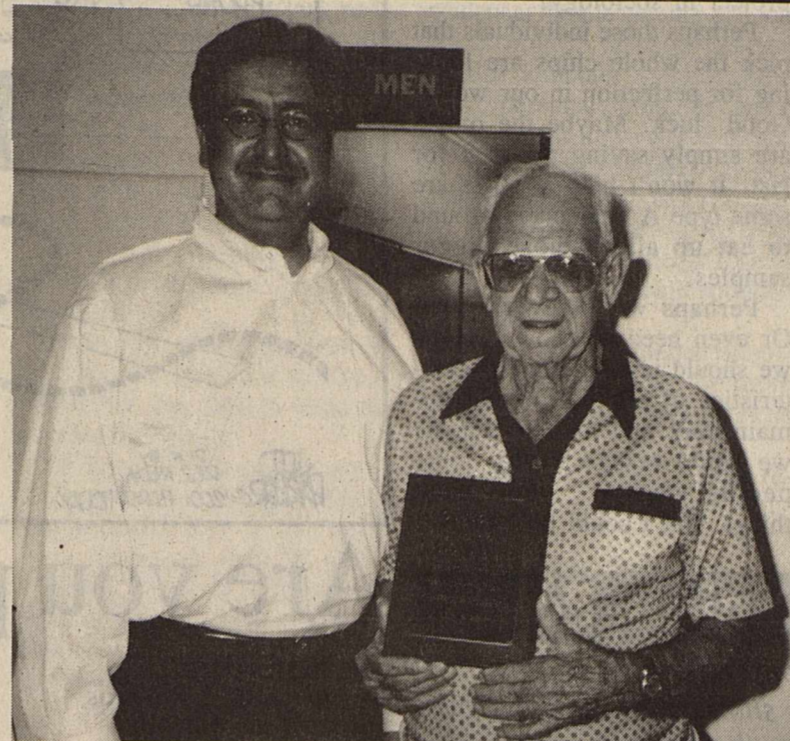
In 1981, Lou joined the Brackettville Lions Club. He has been president of the Lions for four years. As a Lion, he has been active in projects to help the Kinney County Library Restoration, and he has helped raise funds for the volunteer fire department and the Kinney County EMS.

Lou has volunteered to take local kids to the Lions Summer Camp in Kerrville. Through his

efforts with the Lions, many local students have been provided eyeglasses. He has also been instrumental in the Lions Christmas basket project.

When the City of Brackettville first started the Community Unity Project, Lou volunteered to be Santa. Although he has turned that job over, he still plays Santa for the Voices of Fort Clark and the Ladies Luncheon on Fort Clark.

Louis Sofaly is always willing and ready to help with any project that will better the Kinney County community. He loves dancing, playing cards and golfing. He greets everyone he meets with a big smile and a hello.



From left: State Representative Pete Gallego and Lou Sofaly, Outstanding Citizen of the Year. Gallego was guest speaker at the annual Chamber meeting.

The Brackett News congratulates Lou Sofaly for being the 2001 Outstanding Citizen of Kinney County.

Bonilla expresses strong opposition to ban on Mexican trucks

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

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Representative Henry Bonilla reiterated his strong opposition to a ban on cross-border trucking, last week. Mr. Bonilla's opposition came on the same day that the Senate Appropriations Committee considers the transportation spending bill. It also followed a threatened veto of the bill by the White House.

"I think people are missing a very important element in this discussion. Our nation's ban on cross-border trucking is in direct violation of the North American Free Trade Agreement. We agreed years ago that trade and commerce between our two countries should be open. The arbitration panel's decision was a long time coming for folks on the border. It would be a real shame to see seven years of hard work and international agreements thrown away for one rotten amendment," said Mr. Bonilla.

"Let's face it. The Mexican economy directly affects our country. President Bush has a keen understanding of this. He understands that opening the U.S. border to Mexican trucks will bring Mexico one step closer to acquiring a sound and stable economy. This can be a win-win solution for both countries," said Mr. Bonilla.

"We can keep our borders safe and secure - even with additional Mexican trucks. But by removing the \$88 million in this bill for safety inspections, we're

killing the safety standards that currently exist on our border," said Mr. Bonilla. "People forget that we already have thousands of Mexican trucks crossing our border on a weekly basis. If you visit my district, you'll see that cities like Laredo and Eagle Pass have hundreds of trucks conducting business every day. Without this funding, trucks will be able to come into border cities and not be faced with the standards currently in place. Trucks are not going to stop crossing the border. But without the money to provide current inspections, we are putting our citizens on the border at a great risk."

"This ban is a blatant attack on Mexico. It is nothing more than an attempt to discriminate against our southern friends who have been good trading partners. This ban is a naked ploy to stop these trucks from coming altogether," said Mr. Bonilla.

"It's a mystery to me why we constantly question and scrutinize Mexico's cross-border trucking status, but we don't pose the same questions to our northern neighbor Canada. We're paying a great injustice to our friends in Mexico," said Mr. Bonilla.

"I represent almost 800 miles of the Texas/Mexico border and I've seen some incredible opportunities come to these communities. These people want more opportunity and that's exactly what they would get by allowing these trucks to enter," said Mr. Bonilla.

Heart attack medical advice, keeping kids safe this summer

EMS Update
By Carolyn Rutherford
EMS Director

What do you do if you believe you're having a heart attack? I read about some new medical developments and studies conducted about sudden death from a heart attack that I want to share with you readers. Of course, it's important to call 911 anytime any symptom continues for more than two to three minutes. You should still call 911 if the symptoms leave and return again. Suppose you are stricken with a sudden attack of chest pain or difficulty breathing, if it lasts more than two to three minutes, call 911. While waiting for the ambulance to arrive, if you are not allergic to it, take two aspirin. Believe it or not, baby aspirin is what the American Heart Association recommends. Stop whatever you were doing and rest either lying down or sitting up. The most important thing you can do is admit you may be having a heart attack. Can you believe that the average time people wait before seeking medical attention for heart attack and stroke symptoms is six hours? You should know that with rapid transportation and diagnosis of certain

types of heart attacks and strokes, medications can be given at the emergency room that prevent further damage to the heart and brain.

EMS has to say goodbye to Mickey Romero, one of our full time employees. He has helped us out for almost 1 1/2 years now and we miss him. That leaves a full time job open here with EMS. We need a Texas Department of Health certified EMS Basic. We normally have 24 hour shifts. County employment is stable and the benefits are great. The deadline for applications is Thursday, July 19, 2001 at 5:00 p.m. Fax your resume to 563-9949, call 563-9090 or come by the office for a visit.

The Local Emergency Planning Committee reduced its meetings to quarterly instead of monthly because of completing the reorganization phase. This committee meets next on July 30 at 6:30 p.m. It is open to the public, which is encouraged to attend. The Committee concerns itself with Hazardous Materials primarily, but is also involved in Emergency Management concerns for Kinney County. There are representatives from Ft. Clark Springs, Brackettville, elected officials, law enforcement, EMS, Fire Department,

County Roads and Bridges, Tx D.O.T., newspaper, along with other interested citizens.

As mid-summertime nears, please be safe. Wear seat belts, put those kids in appropriate safety seats when traveling anywhere. Have those precious children wear helmets when they bicycle, skateboard, dirt bike, or roller-skate. They need to wear knee and elbow pads to protect their growing bones and joints. Make sure everyone has plenty of water to drink. It takes 1 liter per hour to keep the body hydrated on hot days. It takes even more water if you are working hard or playing hard outdoors on high humidity days.

If you need EMS, call 911. Our primary (first) unit responds with a minimum of two Texas Department of Health certified personnel. Subsequent ambulances responding while the first unit is committed to patient care may be staffed with less than TDH requirements; however, there will always be at least one TDH certified person caring for the patient.

For questions about EMS or other related areas, please contact the office at 401 S. Ellen St. Monday through Friday 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. or phone us at 563-9090.

Bonilla and Stenholm stand strong for sheep and goat industry

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

Congressman Henry Bonilla and Congressman Charles Stenholm lead the effort to defeat an amendment that would have prevented the Department of Agriculture from making payments to wool and mohair producers last Thursday. The amendment to the Agriculture Appropriations bill for fiscal year 2002, was offered by Congressman Weiner of New York.

The amendment was defeated by a vote of 155 to 272, with Bonilla and Stenholm leading the debate on the House floor. Both members pointed out many incorrect statements by the Congressman from New York, who during the course of the debate admitted he has never even actually visited a warehouse or sheep and goat ranch.

"We are grateful to all the members of the Texas delegation who voted against the amendment, but especially to Bonilla and Stenholm for speaking on behalf of our industry. This is not the first time these two members have stood up for our industry and we appreciate it every time." Jule Richmond, President of Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers said.

The amendment was actually intended to prohibit payments

that were provided in the Crop Year 2001 Agricultural Economic Assistance Act, that passed the House on June 26, 2001, without a single objection. This bill provided \$16.9 million in economic assistance to wool and mohair producers.

"The economic assistance has come at a critical time for pro-

ducers. In many instances this assistance is the only thing that has kept producers in business. We have been hit by both low prices and increased feed bills due to a multi-year drought," Richmond said.

All but four members of the Texas delegation opposed the amendment.



Pictured are some of the 200 youth from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints who from July 11 to July 13, attended a youth conference in Brackettville. The youth performed services for people in the City of Brackettville, like cleaning the lawn of Agnes Vondy. They also cleaned up the streets of Brackettville. The theme of the conference was, "Stand as Witnesses, Even Unto Death."

Briefs ...

Commodities given

This month commodities distribution will be on July 23 from 9 a.m. to noon at St. John's Missionary Baptist Church 116 W. Crockett St. Brackettville, 563-3550 or 563-3032.

Meeting notice

County Executive Director Nancy Condit, Farm Service Agency will provide information about the new 2001 crop loss coverage.

All interested persons are invited to attend a producer meeting about the new program for noninsurable crops (NAP), scheduled for Wednesday, July 25th, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. at the Extension Office in the Kinney County Courthouse.

Arts and crafts show

There will be arts, crafts, and collectables on July 20th Fri. 4-8, 21st Sat. 10-7, & 22nd Sun. 11-5. Sponsored by Uvalde Animal Shelter. Air conditioned, at the Willie de Leon Civic Center. Admission is free, proceeds benefit Animal Shelter. There will be food, fun, and music. For more info. call (830)-278-2846.

Weekly Statistics

The following is a report of the apprehensions by Border Patrol agents assigned to the Del Rio Sector for the period July 2-8, 2001. The information is provided by station, and includes a sector total.

Abilene...36, Brackettville...178, Carrizo Springs...169, Comstock...16, Del Rio...211, Eagle Pass...539, Llano...5, Rocksprings...24, San Angelo...11, Uvalde...62. Sector total: 1,251, other than Mexicans...117.

Significant Drug Seizure

Border Patrol Agents from the Del Rio Station seized 48.20 pound of cocaine Wednesday, July 4, while patrolling the Del Rio River area approximately 4 miles up river from the Del Rio Port of Entry. The cocaine, valued at \$1,542,400, was turned over to the Drug Enforcement Agency Task Force office in Del Rio.

Special court meeting

Kinney County Commissioners will hold a special meeting today at 9:00 a.m. in the county courtroom.

The meeting will be followed by a budget workshop today and tomorrow at 9 a.m.

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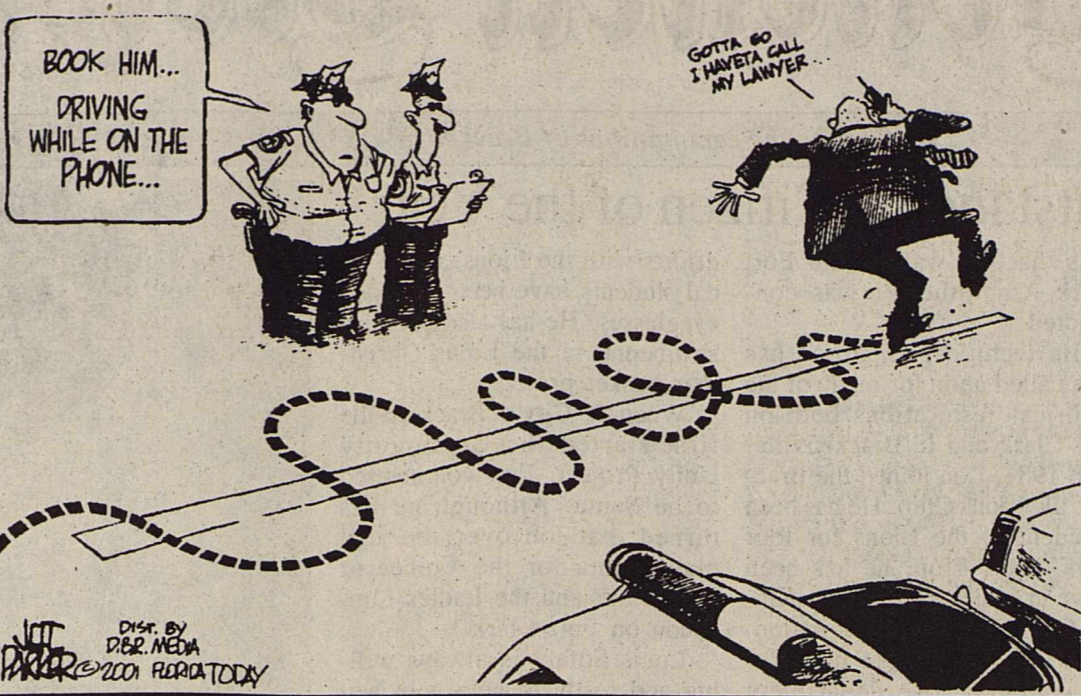
How do you eat chips?

I could be wrong
By Chuck Hall

I need some help figuring something out. I've watched many people eat over the years and some of their habits amaze me. Especially when they are eating chips or pretzels. Some folks take the big, whole, nearly perfect ones first and save the little bits for last. Others seem to prefer the lesser ones early, those that are broken and imperfect. Only when there remains nothing in the bowl but great big chips will they be consumed. I have often wondered why these habits are formed. What part of their psychological profile guides them toward their selections? There has to be some component of their inner-

most being that I would like to know about. Please share your thoughts with me next time you see me. I know it would make an interesting study. Any one out there looking for a doctoral project in sociology? Perhaps those individuals that pick the whole chips are looking for perfection in our world. Good luck. Maybe the others are simply saving the best for last. It won't help if there are some type A munchers around to eat up all of those bigger samples. Perhaps we'll never know. Or even need to know. Maybe we should just let some characteristics of our fellow-man remain dark and hidden. Maybe we could research why some people wonder about such things. But I could be wrong.

MEANWHILE, IN NEW YORK...



Protecting the Stars and Stripes

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

This symbol inspires our soldiers in the midst of battle and provides the direction and morale they need to protect our freedom. It unifies our citizens in times of trouble and gives us reason to reflect on and celebrate our freedom. It is, of course, our American flag and it is perhaps the ultimate symbol of our freedom. This week, the U.S. House of Representatives will begin debate on an amendment that would protect the American flag from desecration. I'm a co-sponsor of this legislation and feel very strongly about it.

Throughout American history, our flag has always held the value and meaning of what it means to be an American. The Stars and Stripes continues to command respect and admiration around the world.

Freedom is America's greatest and most recognized attribute. Freedom is symbolized by our flag and the treatment of our flag is the ultimate expression of the honor we bestow upon this symbol. If we afford the flag our deepest respect, we are cherishing our freedom. When we fail to recognize the significance of our flag, we fail to recognize the significance of our freedom...that it does not come without sacrifice. Many men and women have sacrificed themselves for our freedom.

We, as a nation, must recognize the thoughtful objections of our opponents and their concern that such an amendment that changes First Amendment freedoms. However, protecting the flag is imperative because it is our greatest symbol of the freedom for which we strive. Moreover, passing a constitutional amendment allows us to protect the flag and uphold the Constitution.

We cannot take our freedom for granted. We must teach our children and our future leaders the importance of our freedom and the American flag. We cannot forget the courage and sacrifice of those who have fought to guarantee our nation's freedom. They fought to strengthen and preserve the values that America holds and that the flag represents.

It is time for the value we hold in the American flag to be reflected in our laws. By doing so, we are formally addressing the significance of the flag. More importantly, we are formally addressing the significance of our freedom.

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Big Mama Sez!
Life is made up of sobs, sniffles and smiles, with sniffles predominately.

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Are you politically correct?

The Way I See It
By Steven R. LaMascus

Are you a Refuse Retrieval Engineer, or an Automechanical Specialist, or maybe a Foundation Excavation Technician?

I am so tired of wondering what the next descriptive is that will be replaced because it has become politically unacceptable. Why do we worry so much about words?

Words are wonderful things. They are intended to convey our thoughts to others in as precise and simple a manner as possible, or at least that is the way it once was. Today I'm not so sure that the purpose of language has not been lost. We are no longer interested in conveying an idea in a precise and understandable manner. Oh no, that is too easy and too cruel. Now we are more interested in not saying anything that will embarrass, degrade, anger, or describe in an unacceptable manner, any person, place, or thing.

Under today's warm and fuzzy attitudes a person who has a physical disability is not handicapped, he is ambulatorily challenged. A person who is balding is now follically challenged. A short person is now vertically challenged. I'm not fat; I have an eating disorder. Hogwash! Where does it all end?

The checks are in the mail

Capitol Comment
Senator Kay Baily Hutchison

Beginning July 23, every tax-paying American will be receiving a tax refund check from the U.S. Treasury. The checks are for as much as \$300 for single taxpayers, \$500 for heads of households and up to \$600 for married couples.

This will come as welcome news to families who need to pay their electric bills, fill up their cars for a vacation trip, shop for school clothes for the kids or write that college tuition check.

In June, Congress passed and President Bush signed into law the Tax Relief Act of 2001. It provides substantial, long-term tax relief to those who pay federal taxes - and immediate tax relief in the form of rebates on the incomes taxes Americans have already paid in 2001, before their rates were reduced. This landmark legislation provides for the largest federal tax cut in two decades. In fact, since World War II, this has been accomplished only twice: President Kennedy's tax cut in the 1960s and President Reagan's in the 1980s. It is an initial payment on Congress' commitment, and the President's, to return the federal budget surplus to the people who earned it.

The U.S. Treasury is only able to send out 11 million checks a week, so the Treasury will issue the checks in 10 separate mailings over 10 weeks, according to the last two digits of the taxpayer's Social Security number. Why the last two digits? The first numbers of our

Pretty soon we won't have any good descriptive words left. If we want to say that we have been on a "wild goose chase" we will have to utter something like "I have been participating in the rapid and unsuccessful pursuit of undomesticated migratory waterfowl." Because, for Pete's sake, we certainly can't call a goose a goose - it might not like that particular noun. And to say that it was wild would be to cast aspersions on its character and demeanor. No, it's best to be vague and safe.

I try not to be rude. I do, however, try to be clear and concise in what I say. That is, in my opinion, the most efficient way to communicate and to avoid misunderstandings. I do not want to hurt anyone's feelings. But if they are so sensitive about what they do for a living that they are ashamed for it to be called what it really is, then they should look for other employment.

I have been a ditch digger and I never called myself a foundation excavation technician. I have been a cowboy and have not referred to it as bovine husbandry specialist. I have fed hogs and not said I was a swine nutrition dietician. I am fat - overweight! I do not have an eating disorder; I am not fluffy, big-boned, portly, statuesque, husky, or any or the other po-

litically correct half-truths that are intended to convey the message without uttering the words. If I am sensitive about my obesity I can diet. If I don't like digging ditches I can go to school and become a writer (although I think digging ditches is probably a more honorable and honest profession).

I again don't intend to offend anyone, but if a person is so sensitive about some disability that they don't want to hear about it they need to talk to someone about life and reality. A person without sight is blind. "Blind" is only a word that describes the problem. Changing the word does not change the malady. You can say he is visually impaired, or sight challenged, but he is still just as blind.

I think our sudden interest in politically correct language comes from a misplaced sense of guilt. We see people who are less fortunate than we are and want to lessen their pain. That is natural. But instead of making up new and inventive ways to not say something let's do something worthwhile. Let's all chip in and donate to a favorite charity, or spend time working with the handicapped, or something else that actually produces results, instead of spending our time making up a new word for superannuated overweight writers that won't hurt their feelings.

Social Security number correspond to the state where we were born, the last numbers are randomly assigned. This means that the checks are being issued in no particular geographical order, in as even-handed a manner as possible.

If the last two digits of your Social Security number are between, you will receive your check the week of:
00-09 July 23
10-19 July 30
20-29 August 6
30-39 August 13
40-49 August 20
50-59 August 27
60-69 September 3
70-79 September 10
80-89 September 17
90-99 September 24

Taxpayers don't need to do anything to receive the checks. Those who have moved should file a change of address form with the U.S. Postal Service to ensure their checks go to the right address. They also may notify the IRS directly by filing Form 8822, "Change of Address."

In addition to their tax rebates, Americans also will see a phase-in over 10 years of relief from the marriage tax penalty, elimination of the death tax and across-the-board income tax relief. In addition, we have doubled the child tax credit to \$1,000 and expanded education savings accounts.

The four major provisions of the legislation will save Texans \$62.7 billion through rate reductions and estate tax relief, \$12 billion in expanded child tax credits and \$4.5 billion for marriage tax penalty relief, for a

total of \$79.1 billion over the next 10 years.

Nationwide, 100 million individuals and families will participate in this tax cut; 14 million elderly Americans will receive a tax reduction, resulting in 12 million paying less tax on their Social Security benefits. More than 40 million couples will get marriage tax penalty relief and 3 million couples will no longer have to itemize deductions as a result of an increase in the standard deduction.

This is the most significant legislation Congress has passed since I was elected to the Senate. I have worked for four years for marriage tax penalty relief - over 10 years, we will get that...and more.

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Looking for a few good people

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We support all of our local community projects through the profits of the Lions Club Thrift Store. When you make a donation to the Lions Club Thrift Store, you are helping your community. When you make a purchase from the Lions Club Store, you are helping your community. You not only help your own community, you also help others outside our community.

The excess donations that we are unable to use, we distribute to the very poor in Mexico through a non-denominational Mission, located on the river in Del Rio.

Last year we moved more than twenty tons of shoes, clothing and toys through the Mission. If you have a donation please call Tom at 563-3382, Norma at 563-2072 or Peter at 563-9281.

We also accept furniture and appliances that are in good condition and in working order. If it is broken or will not work, please dispose of it elsewhere.

We will come pick up if you

have no way of getting your donation to the Store. We also provide certificates that may be used for tax purposes.

The credo of the Lions is: "We Serve." We are here to help others, all others, without regard to race, faith, or station in life. Because we operate with limited funds we try to help those who need our help the most.

If you would like to have the good feeling that comes from helping others and seeing the appreciation and deep gratitude in their eyes, then come join us. Unless you have ever given of yourself freely and without expecting something in return, you have no idea the feeling you get deep in your being from helping others. Contact any of the officers or directors listed above for an application. All we ask is that you come with a true heart, if you have a personal political agenda or are looking to fill your resume, then look elsewhere. As the Marines say, "We are looking for a few good people!"

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Monday, July 9
9:52 p.m., Deputy Karl Chism, responded to a fight near Hwy 90.
10:23 p.m., Karen Ann Fairfield, 43, from Brackettville, was arrested for Probation Violation by Deputy Chism. Fairfield was sent to Wackenhut the next day.
11:25 p.m., Deputy Chism responded to a family disturbance.
Tuesday, July 10
12:40 a.m., Rodrigo Perez, 17, from Brackettville, was arrested by Chief of Police Arnulfo Alonzo for criminal trespassing and mischief. Perez was released the next day on a PR Bond.
6:01 p.m., Reserve Deputy Larry Robinson, responded to a call about a live wire. CP&L was advised.
8:30 p.m., A United States Border Patrol Agent, reported a cow that was tied to a fence.
Wednesday, July 11
12:22 p.m., Deputy Robinson responded to a report about loud music being played.
7:48 p.m., A man reported his residence was broken into and his dog was poisoned. Deputy Manuel Pena Jr. and a city employee were advised.
8:34 p.m., A Fort Clark resident reported problems that she had with her neighbor. Deputy Pena responded.
9:00 p.m., A local woman wanted to verify the contract she made with a house remodeling agent. Deputy Pena responded.
10:30 p.m., Deputy Pena responded to a call about a computer that was found.
10:56 p.m., A woman reported that kids in a black car were harassing her son. Deputy Pena responded to the call.
11:30 p.m., There was a report of a possible disturbance. Deputy Pena was advised.
Thursday, July 12
12:33 a.m., A woman requested Deputy Pena to keep a look out for her daughter and granddaughter.
12:50 a.m., A man reported a

truck ran into a telephone pole on Ann Street. Deputy Pena and ABC Wrecker were notified.
2:34 p.m., Sheriff Buddy Burgess responded to a minor vehicle accident at the Elementary School.
5:20 p.m., A Spofford resident found a computer monitor, keyboard, personal computer, and a mouse. These items were turned into the Sheriff's Office.
9:00 p.m., Two goats were stolen. Fingerprints were lifted from the fence, and the owner will press charges. Deputy Pena responded to the call.
9:16 p.m., A stranded motorist was reported three or more miles east of town. Deputy Pena was notified.
11:30 p.m., Deputy Pena responded to a problem with a juvenile.
Friday, July 13
8:30 p.m., Linda Esperanza Ramirez, 30, from Brackettville, was arrested for theft by check by Sheriff Burgess. Ramirez was released the same night on a P.R. Bond.
9:00 p.m., Ryan Patrick Steadman, 20, from Conroe, TX, was arrested by DPS Trooper Richard Slubar for tampering with identification on private property. Steadman posted bond the next day.
Saturday, July 14
12:45 a.m., A man reported a dead bull. Deputy Pena responded.
9:45 p.m., Reynaldo Ramirez, 38, from LaCoste, TX, was arrested for driving while license suspended by Trooper Slubar. Ramirez posted bond.
Sunday, July 15
5:00 p.m., Edgar Montano, 26, from Mexico, was arrested for a warrant out of Bexar County by Deputy Pena.
10:00 p.m., Trooper Slubar and Deputy Chism responded to a family disturbance.

Health

Treating people with mental retardation and mental illness

Kerrville - All individuals desire to have the elements of good mental health, emotional well-being and rewarding social and interpersonal relationships. This fact of life is true of persons with mental retardation and developmental disabilities, just as it is true of individuals who do not have these disabilities.

In the past, mental illness was looked upon as an untreatable by-product of a person's mental retardation. Today, while a person's mental illness still tends to be overshadowed by a primary diagnosis of mental retardation, the two are considered as separate. A dual diagnosis presents a unique challenge to service providers. Treatments for mental illness include psychopharmacology (medication), counseling/psychotherapy, cognitive therapy, behavior management, social skills, and activity therapy.

Since the early 1990s, the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation (TXMHMR), community MHMR centers, state facilities, and Medicaid programs have worked to develop appropriate services and supports to address the needs of individuals affected by a dual diagnosis of mental retardation and mental illness. These efforts include specialized medication and diagnostic clinics, therapy programs, specialized residential services, and utilization of rehabilitation services.

Mental illness in individuals with mental retardation is believed to be caused by various biological and psychological factors.

Some disorders may be entirely or mostly caused by biochemical and structural abnormalities in the brain. Other disorders may be rooted in psychological factors, such as prolonged exposure to negative social conditions.

A person may develop a mental illness as a means of 'coping' with the negative public attitudes that he or she, as an individual with mental retardation, encounters on a regular basis. Just as there are more than 200 known causes of mental retardation, there are many causes of mental illness.

The most common types of a mental illness seen in individuals with mental retardation include personality disorder (long-term problems in adjustment), psychotic disorders (gross deterioration in behavior from previous levels), affective disorders (disturbance in mood), anxiety disorders (excessive fears), severe behavior problems (chronic aggression or antisocial or self-injurious behavior), avoidant disorder (avoiding peers for fear of rejection), and paranoid personality disorder (suspicion of others).

Mental illness in persons with mental retardation is much more prevalent in adults than in children aged 10 and under.

Demand for the mental health services for persons with mental retardation is highest among adolescents and young adults aged 15 to 30.

Linda J. Parker, Executive Director of the Hill Country Community MHMR Center explains: "Individuals with mental retardation can also have mental illness, and, with proper treatment, they can enjoy rich and fulfilling emotional lives."

For further information, please

call (830)-792-3300 or (512)-558-2000, or visit the website at: www.hillcountry.org

Caption for five (5) bw/pics: Johnny Cureton, Consumer of Hill Country Community MHMR Center has a Dual Diagnosis of Mental Retardation and Mental Illness.

Signs of skin cancer

Dermatologist Barbara A. Gilchrest, MD, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Dermatology at Boston University reminds individuals: "If you find any changes in the size, color, shape or texture of a mole, the development of an odd-looking mole or any other unusual changes in the skin, you should see a dermatologist immediately. Follow the simple ABCD rule which outlines the warning signs of melanoma."

The ABCD rule is as follows:

- Asymmetry - One half of the mole does not match the other half.
- Border irregularity - The edges of the mole are ragged, notched or blurred.
- Color - The pigment of a changing mole is not uniform and may include shades of tan, brown, black and even red, white or blue.
- Diameter - A mole larger than six millimeters, about the size of a pencil eraser, should be of concern.

Individuals are encouraged to

take advantage of the AAD's free skin cancer screenings. For the nearest skin cancer screening location or for information about how to do a skin self-examination, visit the AAD's web site, www.aad.org. For more information about skin cancer detection and prevention, contact the AAD at (888) 462-DERM.



Pictured is Lito Sandoval with the new Rubbermaid cooler he won in the Summertime Fun contest sponsored by Super S.



On Sunday, July 15, Codi April Maxwell, daughter of Robert and Sandi Maxwell was crowned first runner up in the Little Miss Hawaiian Tropic Swimsuit competition at Splashtown in San Antonio. In addition to winning the first runner up trophy and tiara, Codi won Miss Photogenic and Best Swimsuit Model. Codi has advanced to the state pageant in Dallas on September 29. Her sponsor was Apollo Safety Training of San Antonio.

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Empowering Families
By Dr. Donald Smith

"Where's your mind Sharon? What are you thinking? We've been friends for a long time. Haven't you learned anything?"
"Look, Julie," Sharon shot back, "it's no big deal any more. Living with somebody is just like being married except you're not handcuffed together with a piece of paper. I know Hal is not the perfect man but inside he has good qualities."
"But what about your two kids? What will it do to them? You've already disrupted their little lives too much. You divorced their dad, and I don't fault you for that. He was a purebred louse. But then you ran off with someone else and left your

kids with your mom. Then you moved back with your ex. Then you left him again. Now you're going to take them to live with another man. What do you think this does to them? They need you."
"Get off it Julie." Sharon was getting angry. "I know you mean well but I have to live my own life. Believe me, it will work this time."
Julie would not give up. "What kind of moral example are you modeling for your kids? You're telling them by your example that it's all right for two people to shack up. When they grow up, you can expect them to follow your example." Taking Sharon by the hand, Julie continued. "I'm going to be your friend no matter how this

turns out, and I'm going to pray for you every day. When things turn bad, look to God. He loves you more than any man could. There's just one thing I must tell you. You and the kids are welcome at my house anytime. But, my kids and I can't visit you as long as you're living with Hal. A very wise man said long ago that lust indulged starves the soul. Those who commit adultery are fools and they destroy themselves (Proverbs 13:19 & 6:32).

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

Protecting animal health during an outbreak

An effective anthrax vaccine can be purchased through private veterinary practitioners, feed stores or animal health product distributors. The injection can be administered by private veterinary practitioners or ranchers and is recommended for:

- livestock residing in or near an outbreak
 - animals that will be moved into the area, such as horses transported to trail rides.
- When administering the vaccine, wear a long-sleeved shirt and use latex or work gloves to prevent skin contamination with this "live" vaccine. Consult your physician for treatment if you suffer a "needle stick," splash vaccine in cuts or scratches, or if you develop a sore after handling vaccine or livestock.

During an outbreak, white-tailed deer often suffer the most from the disease, as they cannot be "rounded up" and handled like domestic or farmed exotic livestock. Furthermore, the anthrax vaccine has not been approved for use in deer.

Carcass Disposal
To prevent contaminating the ground with the anthrax spores or organisms, TAHC regula-

tions require that property or livestock owners thoroughly burn carcasses of animals that may have died from anthrax.
Wear long sleeves and protect your hands with gloves, and do not move or open bloated carcasses, as this could release bacteria into the air, causing further disease spread. Do not salvage hides, horns, antlers or any other tissue from the carcasses.
If the animal was housed in a barn, burn the animal's bedding, manure and the surrounding soil. To disinfect panels, trailers or equipment, use an ammonia-based disinfectant, labeled as effective for anthrax. Follow label directions to prevent respiratory irritation!
Pastures cannot be disinfected with chemicals. Only burning ensures that anthrax bacteria has been killed.

Due to environmental concerns, do not use heavy oils or tires to burn carcasses!
Fuels permitted by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) include gasoline, diesel or wood. Care should be taken to keep fires from "getting out of hand."
In counties under a burn ban, burning must be coordinated with local fire authorities.
Vaccinate healthy livestock and move the animals away from the carcasses, to clean pastures, if possible.

Other Safety Precautions
Wash your hands thoroughly after handling livestock. Ranchers can contract a skin form of anthrax that requires specific antibiotic treatment. See your physician if you develop a sore or lesions after handling vaccine or livestock or burning carcasses.

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Homeowners Beware: Are They About To Increase Your Prices?

"I still have trouble believing how much my client was overpaying." This comment comes from James Dixon, a leading national authority on insurance costs. "Like most people he was convinced he had a pretty good deal," says James Dixon, an independent insurance advisor, who provides consumers with a free report on how to save money on their life insurance.
"He bought a new home a few years ago and had purchased a life insurance policy to cover the mortgage. It turns out that he was paying more than double what he should have, if he had shopped around. My report saved him a lot of cash," boasts James Dixon. "The bottom line is that most busy people

buy a policy, throw it in a drawer, and forget about it", James Dixon points out. "They're not paying attention to those price increases."
James Dixon's report includes a computer-generated price comparison, which monitors over 186 life insurance companies and he provides this service at no cost. This report is designed to help consumers save money by competitively shopping their coverage. The report explains that most people make two costly mistakes when buying life insurance:

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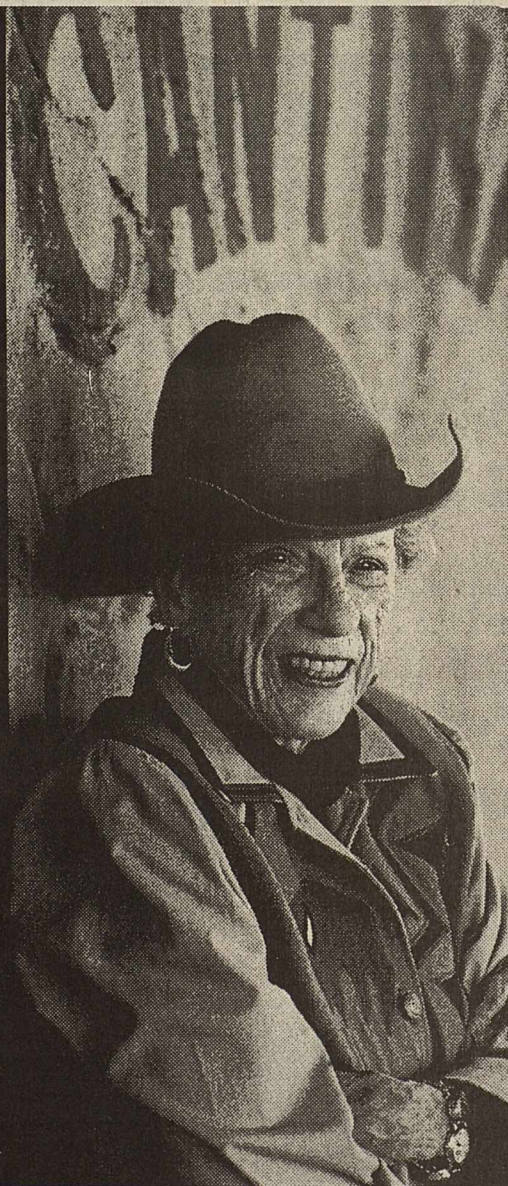
All that Virginia Shahan and her husband "Happy" knew about movies was the price of tickets when John Wayne asked to make a movie on their ranch. After *The Alamo* was released in 1960, the Shahans found themselves proprietors of a tourist attraction and movie set. More than twenty films have been shot 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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What is Anthrax...and what causes it?

By mid-July of this year, seven ranches in Val Verde, Uvalde and Edwards had laboratory confirmed cases of anthrax in deer and livestock. Private veterinary practitioners and ranchers in these counties and Real, Kinney and western Ban-

dera Counties also had reported losses due to the disease. A "significant" white-tailed deer death loss was reported along in southeast Edwards and southwest Real Counties.

Anthrax is a naturally occurring disease with world-

wide distribution. It is caused by *Bacillus anthracis*, a spore-forming bacteria that can remain alive, but dormant in the soil for many years. The bacteria can "bloom" and contaminate surface soil and grass after periods of wet, cool weather, followed by several weeks of hot, dry conditions.

Grazing animals—such as cattle, sheep, goats, exotic and domestic deer, and horses—ingest anthrax bacteria when they consume contaminated grass. By the time an animal displays signs of disease, including staggering, trembling, convulsions, or bleeding from body openings, death usually follows.

Domestic and wild swine are fairly resistant to anthrax and although they may become ill, some of these animals recover fully.

Anthrax outbreaks depend on two factors working together: the presence of the spores in the soil...and suitable weather conditions. Outbreaks usually end when cool weather arrives and the bacteria becomes dormant.

An outbreak may occur one year, but not the next. Death loss may occur in one pasture, while animals nearby remain healthy.

Anthrax can occur anywhere, but in Texas, cases most often are confined to a triangular area bounded by the towns of Uvalde, Ozona and Eagle Pass. This area, designated below, includes portions of Crockett, Val Verde, Sutton, Edwards, Kinney and Maverick Counties. In these counties, many livestock producers routinely vaccinate livestock against the disease.

When anthrax outbreak begins, veterinarians will have the initial cases confirmed through laboratory tests conducted at the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory in College Station. Subsequent cases in an outbreak are to be expected and may be diagnosed clinically, based on disease signs and sudden death loss.

Anthrax is a reportable disease, and the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) is to be notified of confirmed and suspected cases. Reports can be made to TAHC area offices, or to the TAHC headquarters at 1-800-550-8242, where a veterinarian is on call 24 hours a day.

Board adopts longer shorts, skirts dress code

Brackett Exes award scholarships

Making A Difference
By Taylor Stephenson

The School Board made some significant changes in the Dress Code for the new school year. Parents that have begun to shop for school clothes should be aware of these changes. The code is for students and staff at all schools in Brackettville. For many years, "stylish shorts" worn by some BISD students have been getting shorter and shorter. Last year, the required minimum length was a 5" in-seam. The school administration and faculty felt as if this measurement should be changed to a measurement above the top of the knee. No one felt comfortable measuring an in-seam. The high school faculty recommended that shorts not be worn

to school because of the loss of instructional time by staff, administration, and students dealing with district dress codes. The Board weighed all options from leaving the measurement the same to doing away with shorts at school, except in Gym type activity classes. The length of dresses and skirts was also a factor to be studied and a standard set for BISD. The Board and School Administration concluded that it was time to change the dress code. The Dress Code adopted by the school board for next year will address these problems. Major changes are:

1. Shorts, dresses and skirts must have a minimum length of 3" from the top of the knee while standing, or 6" from the floor while kneeling. Parents and teachers in determining

whether the shorts, dress or skirt will be the minimum length could use a 3x5" card. Students who do not meet the required 3" minimum will be sent to the school office and the principal will then ask students to change to clothing that meets the dress code.

2. Sleeveless shirts are permitted as long as the arms are fitted and the shirt meets the minimum requirement of 2 1/2" width for shoulder straps.

3. The wearing of thongs or flip-flops is not permitted. Shorts may not be worn by teachers in the classroom. Exceptions would be in the gyms and for field days.

The first school day is Wednesday, August 15. New teachers will meet a week earlier on August 7. All faculty will

report to work on August 8. The faculty will have three staff development days and two work-days before the student's report.

The first football game is Sept. 7 at Sabinal. This will be followed by a Sept. 14 home game with Rocksprings.

We're making progress in the remodeling of the school annex (auditorium, halls and biology lab). Work on the football bleachers has begun. All should be ready by the first day of school. We'll be short auditorium seats (about Nov. 1) and some new science equipment that should be here in mid-September.

That's it for this week. Remember the birds and animals with water and food. It's very hot. The baby deer are everywhere. Have a great week!



From left, Ruben Martinez, Leslie Meyer and Debora Cortes.

Leslie Meyer, Debora Cortes and Stephanie Samaniego were each awarded \$500.00 scholarships by the Brackett Exes Classes of 1948 - 1968. Leslie, daughter of Phyllis

and Les Meyer will attend Angelo State University and will major in business.

Debora, daughter of Caroline Harris will attend Texas A&M in Kingsville and major in marketing and advertising.

Stephanie, daughter of Paula and Danny Samaniego will attend Southwest Texas Junior College and major in nursing.

Debora also received a \$200.00 scholarship from the Fort Clark Men's Golf Club.

Debora was a member of the Girls District Champion Golf Team.

Congratulations to these young ladies from the Brackett Exes and Fort Clark Men's Golf Club.

Presenting checks is Ruben C. Martinez Class of 1958 and a Men's Golf Club member.

Stephanie was not available for presentation.

TAAS II Investigative Report : Will Texas get it right?

By Don M. Fisher, Iconoclast Staff Writer
Contributing Writer

It was the best of tests, it was the worst of tests.

There was a test in Illinois that was designed by small groups of teachers nominated by every school district in the state that "kept the state education agency's participation to a minimum." There was a test in Massachusetts born of a political movement spearheaded by a controversial political figure and dictated by a central agency that ignored input from local school districts.

There was a test in Illinois that measured school performance, set up special programs and funding for schools where students did poorly and left the treatment of students who failed up to the local district. There was a test in Massachusetts that punished failing students with threats that they would not graduate. There was a test in Illinois that was hardly noticed outside the school system. There was a test in Massachusetts that generated lawsuits, political organizations to battle against and a protest by approximately 300 honor students who refused to take it.

Jeremy Taylor said the state of Massachusetts was playing him for a sucker. "I felt like the system was breathing down my neck," he said, trying to force him to make them look good. So he and 27 other honor students at suburban Arlington High School refused last year to take the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment (MCAS) test their junior year. The MCAS is a high-stakes, content-driven test much like Texas' planned TAAS II, both scheduled to go into effect in 2003. It was largely the brainchild of John Silber, a native Texan who became president of Boston University.

Contentious Texan
Once Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences who pushed for integration of the University of Texas and first chairman of the Texas Society to Abolish Capital Punishment, he lost his job as dean in 1970 in what some critics describe as a power struggle when the administration created a new division of his college. The University says he resigned; he claims he was fired. According to The Boston Globe archives, conservative Gov. William Weld, a favorite of then-House Speaker Newt

Gingrich, created a three-man board to dictate educational policy of it, giving broad powers to its chairman, John Silber. The board's agenda included a for-profit education initiative, a voucher program for Massachusetts' massive parochial school system, and creation of unlimited charter schools.

Much of that system has run into trouble and been diluted by the legislature or subsequent administrations. Silber, who also writes a confrontational newspaper column about educational and political issues, "steam-rolled" any educational ideas other than their own, according to Nancy Murray, head of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) committee that filed suit against the state over MCAS. Silber's confrontational style made it impossible for parents and local educators to negotiate any compromise in the way MCAS was developed, she said.

Low-Cost Protest
Taylor and his Arlington High companions were among more than 300 students statewide who refused to take MCAS during the first year. The Arlington students' protest cost them a three-day suspension, but little else. First, their scores would not have counted for or against them. Failing the MCAS did not prevent Massachusetts students from graduating until this year.

Most of Taylor's cohorts had already been accepted into prestigious East Coast colleges based high on Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or on their portfolios, collections of their works in all disciplines during their entire educations.

"I don't think any of us would have had any trouble passing it," Taylor said. That was the problem.

Their scores were to be "benchmarked," used to set a standard for setting the level at which future students would have to pass. Taylor said he and the other students did not want to contribute to a process they felt punished students for the education system's failings.

"They haven't really changed anything," he said. "We still have rich and poor schools. They don't need to fund new programs or do anything about class size. They can just give a test," he said.

He argued that the value of MCAS is diminished because the test keeps changing, results are reported as much as six months after the test, and some

items on the test are from subjects students haven't studied since the sixth grade. Taylor was not alone in his assessment of MCAS's shortcomings.

Reluctant Adversary

Aside from the ACLU, at least three organizations were formed to challenge the MCAS, and the state teacher's union has mounted an advertising campaign against it. The Boston City Council voted this year 9-4 to ask for postponement in making MCAS a graduation requirement. Even Education Commissioner David P. Driscoll has suggested that those who fail MCAS still be allowed to graduate, but rather than diplomas, they would receive certificates that show they passed their courses, but failed the test. Pundits refer to the proposal as "MCAS Light." Further controversy was stirred recently when schools reported that several test answers were incorrect on this year's test, and that the test items contained several factual errors.

But one of Taylor's primary supporters was the man who suspended him for refusing to take the test, Arlington High School Principal Charles McCarthy.

"This was a difficult decision to make," he said. "These were nice kids and very good students."

He said state law mandates schools take punitive action against protestors, and that left him no choice "even though I agree almost 100 percent. The MCAS is unfair, and it does discriminate against many students." He said Massachusetts education consists of 365 political entities, and support for the schools, and therefore resources available to teachers "varies considerably from community to community. It depends entirely on the diligence of school and school board."

"Only a fraction of them are going to be able to answer," he said. "And the state is waging guerrilla warfare on social studies," he said, by contending that students should know "facts" such as chronological events rather than being able to interpret those events' meanings.

He said the state had forced teachers to change not just the content, but even the order of their instruction. The test, he said, is given in late April. Pre-

viously right angle geometry was taught during the last weeks of the year because it better prepared students for the next year. Arlington's scores improved only because they began teaching that unit earlier in the year, McCarthy said. He also said the state has made the 17-hour test far more difficult than necessary and that arbitrary changes in grading and administration have made it frustrating for students. He said after the traditional school assembly and free breakfast before the English and language arts section, no students at Arlington could finish the rough and final drafts in the allotted time. Student morale plummeted, he said.

"This thing was put together by a lot of people in state offices who know nothing about a classroom. They know a lot about making tests, and they know nothing about testing kids," McCarthy said.

Damage Control

Massachusetts department of education officials did not return calls requesting interviews for this story, but the department's web site reflects efforts to correct the issues protestors complain about. There are dozens of on-line documents available designed to help schools pass the test, such as writing samples by students who failed, sample questions and tests, test objectives, and last year's writing prompts.

NCS-Pearson, producer of the MCAS and TAAS II, has provided, at additional cost, a series of compact discs called "NCS Mentor" designed to instruct teachers on how to teach their stu-dents to pass.

TAAS II vs. MCAS

MCAS is not the same as TAAS II, although they have similar characteristics. MCAS was created by a board; TAAS II by an order from the legislature. MCAS is much smaller than TAAS II. Texas tests as many students in one of its six classes as take all the MCAS exams combined. Both attempt to measure content, such as science and social studies, in addition to reading, writing and math skills. Both are expensive programs: About \$40 million per year in Texas and around \$12 million annually in Massachusetts. Both are products of NCS-Pearson, a recently merged

educational conglomerate that has assembled lucrative contracts from some of the nation's biggest states and school districts. NCS-Pearson has declined comment when asked for an interview. Teacher input in Massachusetts was minimal; teachers were asked to comment on the Texas Educational Knowledge System (TEKS), and a select number of teachers were invited to advise the state and NCS-Pearson about the test; although there is disagreement on how much attention the state paid

Almost \$10 million earned for Texas public school children

AUSTIN-Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst today announced the most successful lease sale since 1998. More than \$9.9 million was paid by oil and gas firms at Tuesday's lease sale for 41,303 acres of Permanent School Fund (PSF) lands dedicated to help fund public education.

"This sale is the largest since April 1998," Dewhurst said. "I appreciate the men and women at the Land Office encouraging companies to lease Permanent School Fund tracts, with the result that more money is earned for public education. It's a win-win for our children and the taxpayers of Texas, as well as our energy companies."

Dewhurst said royalties earned from oil and gas produced on state lands are deposited into the PSF, which earns money for Texas public school children from kindergarten through the 12th grade. The PSF has about \$20 billion in assets, and about \$698 million of income generated by the PSF went to Texas public schools last year.

Sealed bids from oil and gas companies were opened at the Tuesday, July 10 public meet-

ing of the School Land Board in Austin.

A total of 108 leases were awarded. About \$43 million has been earned for the PSF since Dewhurst increased lease sales to four per year in January 1999.

Dewhurst said the highest single bid submitted for a PSF tract at the lease sale was \$324,720 from Robert W. Pell & Associates. Dewhurst said BNP Oil & Gas Properties, Inc. had the largest dollar amount in total bids, amounting to \$4,321,990. Two other companies spending more than \$1 million were TransTexas Gas Corporation with \$1,381,970, and The Houston Exploration Company with \$1,047,510.

In addition, the sale generated more than \$1.2 million for several state agencies by leasing 5,462 acres belonging to them.

"I'm a product of Texas public schools, and I want the children of this great state to have the same or better educational opportunities we all enjoyed," Dewhurst said.

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ROARING TWENTIES
 In the grid below, twenty words can be found that fit the category for today. Circle each word that you find and list it in the space provided at the right of the grid. Words can be found in all directions— forwards, backwards, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?

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Trivia Time by Walter Branch

- Which two continents are separated by the Bering Strait?
- What civil war general was noted for supplying troops with prostitutes in 1864?
- What British musical departed from normal tradition by touring the U.S. before opening on Broadway in 1971?
- Whom did the British defeat at the Plains of Abraham in 1759 to claim Quebec?
- What month is named after the two-headed Roman god of doors and gateways?
- What was founded in Omaha under the slogan, "There is no such thing as a bad boy"?
- Who became the world's first female golfer in 1952?
- Whose picture on the cover of Rolling Stone wearing nothing but beads, appeared after she died of an overdose in 1970?
- Who became a German citizen on February 25, 1932?

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HOROSCOPES
 by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
 Although you're reluctant to do so, this is the week to crow about your accomplishments. A little self-promotion goes a long way. Over the weekend, relaxation reigns.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
 Your creative juices are flowing. This is particularly true in the area of the written word. Perhaps it's time to start writing that novel.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
 This isn't the time to plunge into any expensive renovation projects for the home. Just make little dZcor changes. These will be entirely satisfactory for the time being.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
 Avoid the temptation to overspend this week. Even if a sale seems too good to pass up, control yourself. After all, there's nothing you really have to have.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
 You find yourself on the losing end of an argument. Although tempted, don't press your case. Your adversary isn't listening anyway.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
 Singles find romance in the most unexpected place. That person you thought was just a friend has romantic feelings. If you feel the same way, it's time to declare yourself.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
 You move effortlessly from task to task this week. Be sure, though, you're not overly exerting yourself. This weekend, take time to rest and recharge your batteries.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
 Bigwigs are in no mood this week to listen to your proposals. Keep these in check for now. Over the weekend, happy news arrives by mail.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
 A relationship has fallen into a bit of a boring pattern. Look for ways to spice it up. Perhaps a romantic weekend getaway is in order.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
 You are always one to push the boundaries. However, this isn't the week for it. Stick to tried and true methods at work.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
 Your intuition is off this week. Rely on facts, not feelings. A domestic problem is settled over the weekend.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
 A co-worker's lack of skill has you in a snit. It's not your place, though, to address this. Leave this up to superiors.

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Roaring Twenties Solution:

1. Blake	11. Longfellow
2. Browning	12. Millay
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Do not pursue the things of this world When you follow Jesus, He will guide you

Gateway Ministries Pastor Charolette Corey

The Hebrew word "radaph" means to pursue, to follow, to chase after to press toward, etc. To pursue a goal, a characteristic, a person, is to follow it, seek it out, press toward it, hunt it down. It is an aggressive action that shows dedication and commitment. What you pursue will determine your reward.

Some pursue food and drink. Some pursue familiar spirits and wizards. Some pursue fame. Some pursue riches. So then, what does God have to say about the best choices of pursuit? Let us look at his word.

"Seek not what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. For all

these things do the nations of the world seek after; and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. But rather seek ye the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added unto you. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom...For where your treasure is, there will heart be also." (Luke 12:29-32,34) "Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the Lord your God." (Lev. 19:31) "Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it." Psalm 34:14. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and these things shall be added unto you. Take no thought for the morrow; for the

morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." (Matt. 6:33-34).

"When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek." (Ps. 27:8).

"Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified." (Ps. 70:4)

So then, seek out, chase down, pursue the things of God, not the things of this world. Go after it until it is in your grasp and never let it go. Stand your ground and God be with you.

Get it? "Got it." Good!! Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

Frontier Baptist Church By Dave Crowe

If you have not made a personal, conscious commitment to follow God's Son Jesus Christ, why haven't you?

Do you not believe in God? Or perhaps it's God's word that you reject? Or perhaps it's because you feel that you have no need of a personal savior?

Are you among those who feel that they are not worthy of God? Or his love and forgiveness? Every day of Jesus' life, He sought out the lost, the needy sinners. He gave all who would accept - new lives. Lives which contained meaning and direction and purpose. Lives that were fulfilling. If we allow God to, he will use us and our lives in glorious ways.

Saul as a persecutor of every day Christians was a murderer and loved his work. After meeting Jesus on the road to Damascus, Saul became Paul, one of the greatest apostles of all time. You'll never know what God can do for you, with you or through you until you let him. Until you give him free reign with you and your life.

King David's great, great grandmother Rehab was a harlot, a prostitute who found re-

demption, when she gave her heart to God. Joshua orders that when Jericho falls, all it's inhabitants are to be put to death, except for Rehab and her entire family. God spared them.

The Holy Bible is filled with the stories of ordinary men and women, just like you and I, whose lives were transformed by the love of God.

Noah was a righteous man, but was he a master ship builder? No! Noah was a man of the soil, a farmer. With God's guidance, he became one and he and his family were the only ones to survive.

A shepherd boy, Joseph was hated by his own brothers. They wanted to kill him, but instead sold him to traveling merchants. Joseph loved God, so God protected him. He prospered, married, had children of his own. In Egypt, he became the governor of the land. Second only to the Pharaoh, himself.

A Levite child named Moses became the son of the Pharaoh's daughter. Pharaoh tried to kill Moses, but God had other plans for him. In exile, this former prince became a shepherd of sheep. God, in the form of a burning bush, called Moses and he accepted God and through Moses, God delivered the Isra-

elites out of Egyptian bondage.

God can deliver you from the bondage of sin, if you, like Moses, will only answer the call. Like David, God has loved you too, from birth. God decided that David would replace Saul as king, while David was yet a small boy.

Could David have defeated Goliath without the power of God? Of course not! David loved God! But was he perfect? Of course not! But he had faith and courage and was always willing to admit his failures to God and to repent his sins, which even included adultery and murder.

The power of God can be yours as well. Admit your failures to God and repent of your sins, whatever they may be. You are a child of the king.

Like Shadrack, Meshach and Abednego, God will send his angels to protect you from the fiery furnaces of hell. Like Daniel, as a child of God, you would be safe in a den of hungry lions. Jesus promises, "Ask and it will be given to you. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; He who seeks, finds; and him who knocks, the door will be opened.

The Holy Spirit gives us ears to hear

St. Mary Magdalene By Lynn McNev

The Holy Spirit is an equal partner in the Trinity—He has an effect in our lives. We can call on Him to guide us and guard us. The celebration of Pentecost marks the coming of the Spirit—the beginning of the second half of the church year. This is another in the series of articles on the Holy Spirit, His gifts and what He means in our daily lives.

It was the first thing the crowd in the Jerusalem streets noticed about these Christians on whom the Spirit had fallen. They made sense! These people speaking with such conviction about Jesus were, most of them, from Galilee. Yet their hearers—speakers of Aramaic, Greek, Latin Persian, all of that diverse throng—heard them "Yet each of us hears them speaking in his own tongue about the marvels God has accomplished" (Acts 2:11).

Whether the miracle occurred in the mouths of the

speakers or in the ears of the hearers, scholars debate to this day. Perhaps it was a miracle both of speaking and of hearing... the miracle that occurs every time two people communicate. Every time we hear, really hear, what someone else is saying. Every time we get across what we mean, leaping out of our isolation to touch soul to soul.

It's most dramatic when the leap is made, as it was on that day of Pentecost, across foreign cultures. But it's no less marvelous when a bridge is built across generations or social custom...to the teenager at the breakfast table, or the woman at the office.

How often I forget to ask the Spirit's aid at these times! How frequently I "witness" to others and get a blank stare in return. How often I close my ears when others speak! For years I was deaf to the concept of "speaking in tongues." Maybe I didn't understand the concept or maybe I'd formed judgements

about the people speaking, but the words never got past my outer ear. Until one day I listened to the idea that God speaks to us in the way we need to hear...and stepped into a whole new dimension of God's love.

Just as, on that day of Pentecost, the anniversary of the Giving of the Law became for Christians the anniversary of the Giving of the Spirit, so another Old Testament memory—the breakdown of mutual understanding at the Tower of Babel—was transformed by the Spirit into the marvel of comprehension.

"In Salem's street was gathered a crowd from many a land, and all in their own tongues did the Gospel understand; For by the triumph of the Son the curse of Babel was undone." [George Timms, 1910-]

Holy Spirit, let me hear You in the words of others today...and they in mine.

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

The origins of the Methodist church revisited

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

Since I am spending the hot summer day in the central, cool English community of Birmingham, I thought you might like to know a little about the John Wesley whose life I am exploring this week and next. So, this will be the first of three articles that will give you a flavor of Methodism, the denomination founded by John Wesley in the eighteenth century.

Methodism was, at the outset, intended by John Wesley and his brother Charles to be an outreach effort by the Anglican Church (Church of England) of which they were both priests.

The Wesleys and their friends were very socially conscious, so they took their ministries to, coal miners, the poor, the imprisoned and the cast-off. What they found was that these people weren't really acceptable (or they felt very uncomfortable) in the church. So, these young men began addressing the spiritual needs of these folks wherever they found them.

When John Wesley preached his first open-air sermon over three thousand people were there. There was a hunger for revival in England but the Church (Anglican) wasn't interested in the direction that the Wesleys were headed.

What emerged was a concept that is currently called "home churches." People began gathering in neighborhood homes in groups of six to twelve to hear one of Wesley's friends (who were also Anglican priests) preach the Word of God. Soon these "societies" called "methodists" were present in most of

England.

The idea of "home churches" is still appealing. The search for God and God's relationship to us personally is more satisfying if we can explore together and check our findings with those we believe are trustworthy.

Under the guidance of a pastor or a dedicated lay person, these small gatherings, once or twice a week, are very helpful in developing a close, intimate relationship with God.

Because the groups are small everyone feels able to speak or question, to discuss rather than blindly accept or argue. God then works through His Word

and through the group to reveal God's self to each member of the group.

This is the concept behind Sunday School, Bible Study, and other small group gatherings for spiritual growth. It is a concept that will be worthy of your examination in one place or another. Find one that suits you.

Join us at First United Methodist Church at 10:45 am Sunday, as we seek to understand our relationship with God and lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving that God brought us together to find Him in one another.

Outdoors

Quail conservation efforts course set

A Little on the Wildlife Side Contributed by Henry Lutz

Austin, Texas — A basic tenet of wildlife management: If you want to get rid of something, remove its habitat. The principle also works in reverse. Quail are a prime example.

Texas Parks and Wildlife biologists have been charting quail populations for 25 years, and in large parts of Texas, their numbers are on the decline. Consider it a wake-up call to anyone whose heart has skipped a beat at the flush of a covey of bobwhites.

Quail are considered a keystone indicator species of the health of grassland ecosystems, according to TPW game bird program leader Steve DeMaso, who has devoted much of his career to quail conservation. "When we see a decline in quail and other species that inhabit those native grassland areas, what does that say about the health of that ecosystem? It's a domino effect that spreads across the landscape and impacts other natural resources."

DeMaso says changes to the landscape during the last two decades — primarily conversion of native grasslands to exotic grasses like coastal Bermuda and monoculture pine plantations — are robbing quail and other species of usable space.

It's a problem that affects both people and wildlife daily — lack of space. Quail can't adapt to shrinking habitat, DeMaso explains. "Given a usable amount of space, quail can live. We have to put more places out there for quail to live."

Unfortunately, the solution isn't as simple as blocking off a pasture, creating a food plot or a brush pile, DeMaso stresses. Research has shown that quail require a minimum amount of space to live and thrive. If enough space isn't provided, populations fragment and disap-

pear over time. Components such as winter cover and nesting cover are essential to quail survival.

According to Oklahoma quail expert Dr. Fred Guthery, for a population of quail to last for a long time, enough habitat must be available to support 800 birds every day of the year. He says a bobwhite should never be more than 50 yards from a clump of brush at least 50 feet in diameter, and the height of ground cover between brush clumps should never be less than quail height or more than three times quail height — a fairly precise mandate to ensure viability.

DeMaso and other quail experts from around the nation are working to provide the advice needed by land managers to make the right decisions for quail. In January 2002, Quail V, the fifth in a series of national quail symposiums since 1972, will be held in Corpus Christi to address management issues. The goal is to come up with solutions for restoring quail on public and private lands, which is a daunting task for everyone interested in quail.

"Is it realistic to assume we can get back to the quail populations of the early '80s?" DeMaso ponders. "Where can quail populations be restored in the United States? Have human populations increased to the level that such goals are a moot point?"

The answers may come from a regional master plan for managing quail throughout the southeastern states. A team of quail biologists is drafting such a strategy, and DeMaso plans to use those guidelines for developing a statewide quail management plan for Texas.

The strategy will hinge on the ability to offer alternatives for effective quail management that will not put economic hardship on landowners. "We have to be

able to inject what's needed for wildlife and still put money in the pockets of landowners," DeMaso says. "We have to be able to use incentive programs like the Farm Bill and our Landowner Incentive Program to demonstrate how converting pastures back to native grasses and providing usable habitat for wildlife can pay dividends directly to the landowner. We also have to get the support of sportsmen by educating them to the fact that conservation programs for other species are beneficial for quail and other game species."

A.S. Jackson — a respected TPW quail biologist during the 1940s, '50s and '60s — remarked in a quail management handbook written a half-century ago that bobwhite quail and their habitat are often "the result of indifference rather than purpose on the part of the land manager." He agreed with another conservationist of that era, Aldo Leopold, who wrote in his 1933 book "Game Management," "We will have no conservation worthy of the name until food and cover for wildlife is deliberately instead of accidentally provided for."

According to DeMaso, "We know how to manage quail, those tools haven't changed since the 1930s. We've done extensive research; we know most of the problem. The question now is are we as a society willing to make the tough decisions it will take to solve the problem?"

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

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withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Stand, therefore, having your loins girded about with truth, and having on the breast plate of righteousness, And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, with which ye shall be able to quench all fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Ephesians 6:11-17.

Thank You

The family of Gene Rudman wishes to thank our many friends and family for their help and support during our Mother's long illness, especially after she came home from the nursing home. We also wish to send our thanks to those who brought food and sent flowers and memorials after her death. Special thanks to Jean K-Puda, Lisa Bullock and Carol Dimmery for their love and support; and to Rev. Sellers and Rev. Adams for their kind words and spiritual rewards offered us during our bereavement.

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THE MIDDLE RIO Grande Workforce Board is looking for qualified applicants interested in the position of Administrative Technician. This position will report to the Workforce Board office located at 2210 Milam Street in Uvalde. Job functions and responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following: typing at 60 wpm, proficient computer skills to include Microsoft Word, Excel and ability to learn Publisher, Power Point and Access. Knowledge of business terminology, office practices and procedures, knowledge of style/format of effective business correspondence, and the ability to deal with the public in a pleasant and courteous manner and the ability to maintain effective working relationships. The preferred requirements for this position are as follows: associates certification or two years of college, plus experience in a related field. Two years of direct experience may be substituted for each year of college. Minimum qualifications include a HS degree or equivalent. This position will require traveling within and outside of the MRGWFB nine county area. Applications for employment may be picked up at 2210 Milam Street in Uvalde. All qualified candidates interested in applying for this position should mail an application and resume to: Middle Rio Grande Workforce Board, P.O. Box 760, Uvalde, Texas 78802, attention: Ricky McNeil, Executive Director. This position will be kept open until filled. Annual salary range for this position is expected to be \$15,539 - \$18,436 negotiable based on experience. The Middle Rio Grande Workforce Board is an equal opportunity employer and auxiliary aids and services may be made available upon request to individuals with disabilities. For more information please call our VOICE or TDD telephone (830) 591-0141.

FULL TIME EMTB/CLERK II Kinney County EMS Brackettville Join our Frontier EMS system as we grow. Minimum qualifications: Texas Department of Health EMT Basic. Deadline for applications 7/19/01. Phone 830-563-9090 or Fax 830-563-9949 for info. Leave message for Director.

HELP WANTED

THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL of Southwest Texas is seeking employment for an experienced Bus Driver for our Head Start Center in Brackettville. Individual must have High School diploma or GED. Requires valid Texas Drivers License and CDL and is subject to have driving record reviewed/approved by company's insurance. Individual must have current First Aid and CPR certificate in Pediatrics. Have a physical examination and TB skin test completed within two weeks of employment. Dress in appropriate attire with neat personal appearance. Relate to children with courtesy, respect, acceptance and patience. Bilingual preferred. Must have Agency Drug and Alcohol testing. Applications may be picked up at: Community Council of Southwest Texas, Inc. Transportation Center, 205 West El Paso, Brackettville, Texas. Please mail applications to Sylvia F. Uriegas, Human Resources Director at 713 E. Main, Uvalde, Texas 78801.

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NOTICE OF ABANDONED Vehicle, 1977 Ford PU, serial no. F14SNY90848 4 wheel drive 1/2 ton rust/cream in color. Vehicle left abandoned on Rose Ranch, 25 miles from Brackett on ranch road 3199 on or about November 1996. The last owner or lienholder has the right to claim the vehicle no later than the 20th day after the date of published notice. The owner or lienholder may claim said vehicle with proper identification and payment for towing, preservation and storage fees. Should you have any questions on said vehicle please contact the Sheriff's Department 830) 563-2788. Respectfully L.K. "Buddy" Burgess Sheriff, Kinney County.

NOTICE IS HEREBY given this 17th day of July, 2001, in compliance with Chapter 116.022, Local Government Code, by Kinney County Commissioner's Court, that said Court will accept applications from any banking corporation, association or individual bank in Kinney County and the surrounding area for depositing of the public funds of such county, in such bank or banks. Contract will be awarded at the regular meeting of Kinney County Commissioner's Court August 13, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Court of Kinney County, Texas /s/ Herb Senne, County Judge.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

BRACKETT ISD INVITATION TO BID: Brackett Independent School District is seeking bids for food products for the 2001-2002 school year. Any party interested in receiving a spec sheet for bids may do so by contacting: Brackett ISD, Attn: Taylor Stephenson, Superintendent, PO Box 586, Brackettville, TX, 78832, 830/563-2491. All bids are to be specially marked and are due into the Central Office by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 1, 2001. Brackett ISD is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Brackett ISD reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

BRACKETT ISD INVITATION TO BID: Brackett Independent School District is selling by sealed bid lumber identified in lots and surplus cafeteria equipment. Information can be obtained by contacting Brackett Independent School District, Attn: Taylor Stephenson, Superintendent, PO Box 586, Brackettville, TX 78832, (830) 563-2491. All bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope with the words "Lumber By Lot Numbers" or "Cafeteria Equipment" printed clearly on the outside of the envelope. Bids due into the Central Office by 10:00 a.m., Wed., August 1, 2001. Brackett ISD reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS of proposed Texas Highway improvement contracts: Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read. Construction/Maintenance Contracts, District: Laredo, Contract 6071-57-001 for Mowing Highway Right-of-Way in Kinney County, etc. will be opened on August 01, 2001, at 2:00 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$87,782.40. Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO:3936, State Office Construction Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, Texas, 78704. Phone: 512-416-2540. District Office(s) Laredo District, District Engineer, 1817 Bob Bullock Loop, Laredo, Texas, 78043. Phone: 956-712-7400. Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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Will Texas get TAAS II right?

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to the teacher evaluations. Both require passage for graduation, and both continue to undergo substantial changes due to political pressures. Texas counselors were told TAAS II will not test students about the 100 years surrounding the Civil War, for example, because that period includes too many events that racial minorities consider controversial.

Illinois Quiet

But another NCS-Pearson customer, Illinois, has had virtually no protest or controversy. Illinois' director of assessment, Dr. Mervin Brennan, said Illinois and Texas are similar in their student populations taking the test and they spend about the same amount of money on assessment. The test in Illinois also attempts to assess content. But the number of Illinois teachers who had direct input into formulating the test was "in the thousands."

The state took nominations from individual school districts throughout Illinois. Teachers also could apply to serve on the

small groups formulating the tests. He said the state was careful to ensure all levels of instruction and experience were represented, not just the "best" teachers who usually teach upper level students.

That criticism has been raised about TAAS II by teachers' groups opposed to the test. The development of the test was done in small groups of these teachers.

"NCS-Pearson only does the logistics to the test. They have no input into content," Brennan said. The state pays for a technology system made available to all schools an no cost. There is no advantage to spending more money for test preparation plans.

"There are some programs available, but I don't think many schools buy them," Brennan said. He said the educator committees continue to monitor the tests for fairness and accuracy. But Brennan said the most important feature of the Illinois test is that it does not count against the students' success.

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