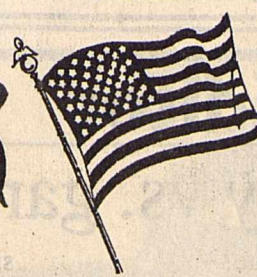


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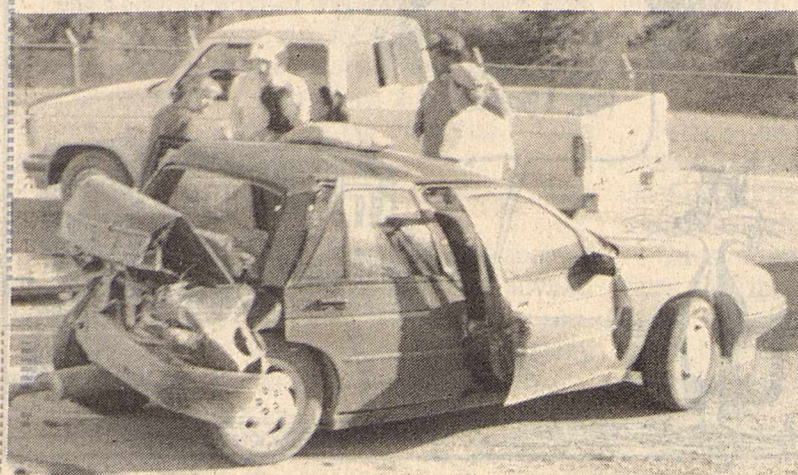


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This car, driven by Jissica Payne, was rear-ended by an 18-wheeler, car-carrier on Saturday afternoon on U.S. Highway 90.

## Two hospitalized after two-vehicle accident

Two Brackettville residents were hospitalized over the weekend following a two-vehicle accident on U.S. Highway 90 Saturday.

Jissica Payne, 18, and her sister, Elia Hernandez, 27, were transported to Val Verde Regional Medical Center by Kinney County EMS officials. Both have been released.

Payne, driving a 1995 Chevrolet Corsica, was stopped in the east-bound lane on Highway 90, attempting to turn into the car wash.

The vehicle was rear-ended by an 18-wheeler, car-carrier, driven

by Tommy Wurzbach, 48, of Rio Medina.

Officials said Wurzbach was checking his mirrors and never saw Payne's vehicle.

Payne's vehicle was knocked across the west-bound lane and spun to a stop in the parking lot area of the car wash.

The 18-wheeler suffered no damages.

The jaws of life had to be used to remove Payne and Hernandez from the vehicle.

Wurzbach was issued a citation for failure to control speed.

Department of Public Safety Trooper Tom Wylie worked the accident.

# Luna one of highest paid officials in area

Brackettville's David Luna ranks as one of the highest paid city administrators in Southwest Texas, according to a recent survey by The Brackett News.

Luna's annual salary of \$47,080 ranks fourth out of the 12 cities polled, behind Del Rio, \$75,004; Uvalde, \$58,800; and Eagle Pass, \$50,000; all of which employ city managers.

"I'm proud of my record," Luna said. "I'm proud of the accomplishments of this city. I think that administratively, and as far as leadership, we are doing the proper things."

Luna is Brackettville's city secretary/city manager, but the local municipality has not legally adopted a city manager plan.

"Through the years, (the city council) has called the city secretary the city manager," Luna said. "At one time, they were going to call it a city administrator."

"I'm everything from the city clerk to the city secretary to the city manager because of the type of municipality."

What is the difference between

Cities with City Managers					
City	Mgr.'s salary	City's General Fund Budget	City's Utility Budget	Combined Budget	City's Population
Del Rio	\$75,004	\$9,824,957	\$8,683,894	\$18,508,851	30,705
Uvalde	\$58,800	\$3,428,800	\$3,045,400	\$6,474,200	14,729
Eagle Pass	\$50,000	\$8,547,820	-----	\$8,547,820	20,651
Carrizo Springs	\$44,000	\$1,363,000	\$1,257,000	\$2,620,000	5,745
Crystal City	\$34,900	\$1,015,433	\$1,302,987	\$2,318,420	8,263
Devine	\$28,500	\$1,301,358	\$1,001,668	\$2,303,026	3,928

Cities with City Secretaries					
City	Sec.'s salary	City's General Fund Budget	City's Utility Budget	Combined Budget	City's Population
Brackettville**	\$47,080	\$294,316	\$408,300	\$702,616	1,740
Castroville***	\$38,000	\$994,735*	-----	\$994,735	2,159
Sabinal	\$25,753	\$405,588	\$399,155	\$804,743	1,584
Rocksprings	\$15,600	\$453,565*	-----	\$453,565	1,339
Big Wells	\$13,920	\$106,000*	-----	\$106,000	756
Camp Wood	\$10,752	\$23,006	\$113,000	\$136,006	595

\* Utility budget is included in general fund budget.  
\*\* Brackettville employs a city secretary/city manager.  
\*\*\* Castroville employs a city administrator.

a city manager and a city secretary?

"You have to look at the government code to distinguish between the two because it's lengthy," Luna said.

Luna is the highest paid city secretary of the cities polled.

Castroville, which employs a city administrator, is second with an annual salary of \$38,000.

Luna was first hired as Brackettville's city secretary/city manager in March of 1994 when he made \$21,831.84. His salary was raised to \$38,520 in 1995 and

to \$47,080 in 1996.

Luna said the pay increases are justified by "the savings to the city, and various line items, one of the biggest was attorneys' fees."

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## Early voting to begin Monday

Early voting for the May 3 city council election begins Monday.

The early voting period will continue through April 29.

Candidates in the upcoming city council election are (in the order in which they will appear on the ballot), Place 1: Marsha Harrell, Gregorio Juarez and J.J. Guidry; and Place 3: Wes Robinson and Ralph Gonzalez.

Gonzalez is the Place 3 incumbent.

The polling place for the May 3 election will be City Hall, located at 119 West Spring Street. The poll will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted on weekdays at City Hall from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Trustees cancel election

The Brackett School Board unanimously passed a resolution Monday night cancelling the May 3 election.

Incumbents Rose Mary Slubar and Tim Ward were the only candidates in the election. Election officials certified that no write-in candidates were declared. Slubar and Ward will begin three-year terms in May.

**Personnel**

The school board accepted the resignations of Cynthia McCaleb, Phillip Sanders and Michael Smellie.

The trustees have renewed all certified contracts for teachers, except for those who have resigned.

Superintendent Taylor Stephenson introduced the district's new band director, Trey Singleton, who graduated from Angelo State University in December.

**Teacher Evaluation Process**

The trustees adopted the teacher evaluation process for 1997-98, which was presented by Superintendent Taylor Stephenson.

The new system in place is the Professional Development Appraisal System. A teacher and principal from each campus will be trained in PDAS in the summer at the regional center in San Antonio.

"A required component of the evaluation is stu-

said. "The BSAC recommended that Abacus be used as the student evaluation instrument for next year. So, for each class taught, we need to begin to check the written curriculum that is posted to Abacus."

**Textbook Recommendations**

Middle School Principal George "Stoney" Burks presented textbook recommendations for the upcoming school year, which were adopted.

**School Calendar**

The school board also approved the school calendar for next year. The new calendar includes 176 days of instruction, five staff development days, and four preperational work days for teachers.

**Mission Statement**

The trustees adopted a new mission statement, Local Policy AE, which was endorsed by the Superintendent's Advisory Committee. It reads:

"The mission of BISD, in partnership with parents and community, is to enable students to obtain the knowledge, desire and integrity to pursue meaningful and productive lives and to adapt to a changing world."

**Financial Report**

Stephenson presented the district's financial report, which showed that investment revenue is \$60,000 through two quarters. The budgeted revenue is \$80,000.

## Car flips carrying seven passengers

Seven people were hospitalized after a one-car accident Saturday night, 6.8 miles east of Brackettville on U.S. Highway 90.

Manuel Rodriguez, 31, of San Antonio, was travelling west in a 1984 Oldsmobile Cutlass when he had a blowout on the left-rear tire and locked up the brakes, according to a report by DPS Trooper Tom Wylie.

The vehicle skid off the road to the north, rolled over two and half times, and came to rest upside down.

One-year-old Alonzo Hernandez was not in a protective child seat, and was thrown from the vehicle. He was the only victim to suffer life-threatening injuries.

*The vehicle skid off the road to the north, rolled over two and half times, and came to rest upside down.*

Hernandez, 29-year-old Sylvia Rodriguez, and 66-year-old Marta Barrientos were airlifted to Willford Hall Medical Center in San Antonio.

Jaime Hernandez, 10, was airlifted to University Hospital in San Antonio.

Manuel Rodriguez, 12-year-old Corina Hernandez, and 6-year-old Carlos Rodriguez were all transported to Uvalde Memorial Hospital.

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## Vanishing jet, pilot puzzles Air Force

PHOENIX - Capt. Craig Button, a former resident of Fort Clark Springs, took off in a \$9 million Air Force attack jet last week for a practice run. Within minutes, the plane and its arsenal of four 500-pound bombs were gone. All that's known for sure is that the A-10 Thunderbolt last was spotted on radar over the Colorado Rockies, nearly 800 miles off course.

That was last Wednesday. Did it crash? Was it sabotaged? Or did the pilot steal it, like something out of the movie "Broken Arrow?"

"Anything you can think of has probably been looked at," Staff Sgt. Rian Clawson at Davis Monthan AFB in Tucson told the Associated Press. "But the evidence so far doesn't indicate any of these wild hypotheses, like he was trying to steal it, or he went off to Telluride to go skiing."

The Air Force rebuffs the idea that Button purposely veered the plane off course. But officials acknowledged Tuesday that investigators are looking into Button's

background.

"The investigation includes all aspects of the plane and pilot, anything to do with the situation," said Staff Sgt. Bret Ziemann at Davis-Monthan.

People who live near the base consider anti-government or even occult activity possible.

"It sounds fishy," said Bob Jones, a customer at Famous Sam's Restaurant and Bar. "He could be part of a militia for all anyone knows."

Officials had theorized the pilot could have become incapacitated and may have put the single-seat plane on autopilot. But radar and witness accounts suggest the plane was being maneuvered and wasn't simply gliding.

The mystery began last Wednesday morning about 90 minutes after Button's plane took off in formation with two other A-10's bound for the Barry M. Goldwater bombing range in southwestern Arizona. The plane was carrying conventional, not nuclear, weapons.

One of the jets reported seeing Button's plane flying in the rear,



BRACKETT NEWS PHOTO BY JEWEL ROBINSON  
Brackettville's Bobby Titt, left, and Joe Turner were caught in a small tornado in downtown Brackettville Friday afternoon. The tornado blew down a large tent (below) on U.S. Highway 90, where the men were working at a garage sale.



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# Letters to the Editor

## Issue is local money vs. garbage money

The main theme of Adobe's 'Host Community Agreement' is money. To the much publicized county's dire financial straits it may seem like a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow and raining pennies from heaven. The pot will be the pits, literally; the pennies will be tarnished with pollution and contamination.

Adobe offers \$5,000 for scholarships. Our own Civic organizations contribute a considerable amount yearly.

Adobe offers \$2,500 for the EMS. Budget line item per annum is approx. \$50,000 to \$55,000.

Adobe offers \$2,500 for the Fire Department. Budget line item per annum is approx. \$22,000 to \$25,000.

Adobe offers a Trust Fund of \$200,000 after five years for Public Safety. Public Safety? Do they mean clean-up? It will take millions to clean up the mess after the sell out. The name of the game is Permit Speculation, obtain permit, sell to the highest waste/garbage disposal company. There is no more Federal/State Super slush fund to help any community's clean-up after the dump sites are abandoned. True, the topography might be cleaned, but how do we ever clean the contaminates from the water, land, and air. Should we, the people, who might suffer ill health due to exposure live with our infirmities? In our devalued properties and worthless homes? Who is going to help us then? Adobe? Not very likely.

Adobe offers jobs to the fullest extent. This tells us nothing. To what extent? How many jobs? What kind of jobs? At what pay scale? In the 30 foot pits?

What happens to the county property tax income if the ranch lands and livestock diminish in value due to the stigmatization of landfill contamination? Will the garbage money off-set the prop-

erty tax revenue? Kinney County Chamber of Commerce advertises "90 miles on Highway 90." Can we imagine tourists being attracted to our area following 100 trucks per day full of garbage? Would this not affect one of the main sources of revenue? Tourists income?

Del Rio has made great progress in preparing for North American Free Trade Act, with their new spur to Ciudad Acuna. Can we imagine in-bound 18 wheelers spewing maguila trash all over their new spur? All the way to Spofford?

Del Rio's new transportation Port Authority is another improvement that can be marred. Can we imagine smelly, reeking 24 hour rail boxcars full of garbage side by side with Amtrak?

Can we imagine the closure of Laughlin AFB due to hazardous flying patterns due to birds from the landfill? Del Rio's mainstay is jobs at Laughlin as well as for many Brackettvilleans. Remember what it was like when Laughlin was, indeed, closed. Better yet, remember when Brackettville had no water?

Not only does Adobe present this dreamland 'Host Community Agreement', they also set the conditions in which they, Adobe, will honor their own contract. Stipulations are no more protests and no calling for public hearing by us, the Host Community. HOW DARE THEY DICTATE TO US! Is this not an infringement on our civil rights? Just what kind of one-sided dictatorial negotiating is this?

Is Adobe saying no contested public hearing from the County only? Why not? Is it not a fact that with just one contested public hearing request from the County, TNRCC will THROW OUT Adobe's permit application? How come only the Judge's

signature is required? Don't the Commissioners count? What do you think Commissioners? Already the Adobe dictatorial control take-over? Can just one person have this much power and authority to sign and sell our future away?

What does Adobe mean this supersedes all prior offers, agreements, and understandings? The prior offers, including this one, were a farce. There has never been an official agreement, verbal or otherwise! The only understanding is the total lack of understanding by Adobe in that this community opposes this landfill and is backed by the majority of MRGDC 9 county region with Resolutions of Opposition.

Why doesn't Adobe take out another two page spread and tell the public the real essence of the types of waste for the landfill hidden behind this money glorified and deceitful propaganda?

Let us forget the size of the Adobe facility is 30 feet deep by 90 feet high and one acre in diameter, with the potential of 8,600 acres. How can such humongous monstrosities benefit and help our community? Think seriously about this. Do we want these ugly outrageously devastating garbage structures in our back yard?

We will see miles and miles of Kinney County with huge 90 foot high piles and piles of garbage.

Thank you to all of you that have supported us all along. To those that still do not know, please try to see it for what it really is. To the handful few who support Adobe, please stop thinking of personal gain, money, and greed. Think Community! Think Survival!

Our future generations deserve a better heritage and legacy than this. It is up to you and me to provide it.

Tootsie Herndon

## Visiting Brackettville is always great

Well, it's time for us to "Go Fishing."

We have had another great time down here, but now we have to go back to work.

We were again fortunate to attend the Livestock show and see the support that all the families and teachers and businesses give their children. There is so much violence in this world that it is a very uplifting feeling to see the respect that all adults and children have towards each other.

Keep it up-something positive is happening here.

The Post Office Personnel are always willing to help with packages and answer all our questions. Super S. employees also seem to like their jobs. They are very professional and friendly.

We have spent good times at

the "Friendliest Little Bar in Brackettville" - Ora's. That lady is always cordial and hospitable and she serves a nice cold beer.

We're still learning about trees down here and Archie, Jill and Keith are very knowledgeable when it comes to plants.

A few years ago I was fortunate to play chimes in the various churches and this year Wally and I participated in another community function.

We went to sunrise service at the Fort Clark Amphitheater for Easter Sunday. What a treat to be there and listen to all the different ministers, pastors, reverends and priest and hear an excellent performance by the Voices.

And never underestimate the inventory of Davis Hardware or Kinney County Mohair.

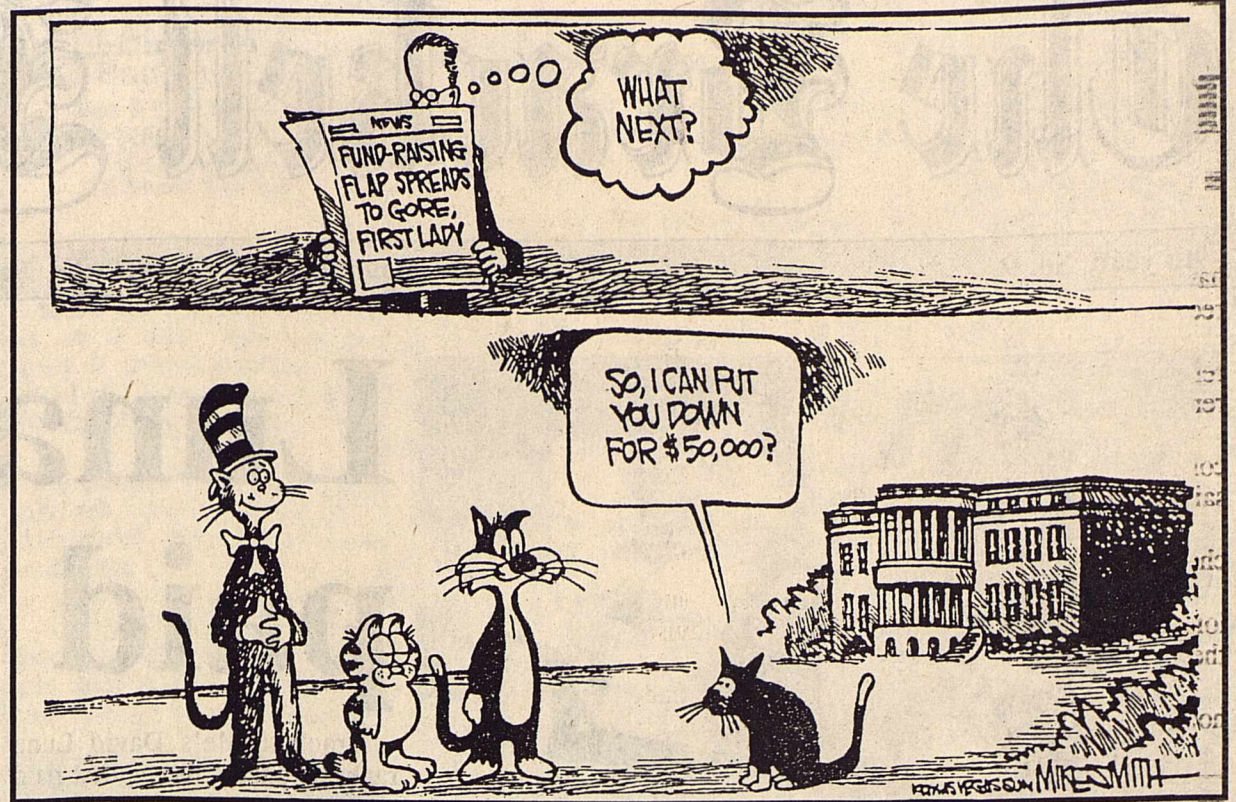
Usually if one doesn't have it, the other one will. And both have people that know what you want or need.

We have been healthy enough to not have to see Dr. Luz and his staff, but it's a good feeling to have such a good clinic near at hand.

Our small town has a population of just under 3,000 people. The Brackettville area has roughly the same amount. In that aspect combined with all the other qualities they are so similar that we always feel at home here.

There is a saying "good things come in small packages." You have a lot of good things in this little package called Brackettville. Thanks again for a nice visit.

Kathleen Warm  
Petersburg, Alaska



## Adobe shows fear of consequences by trying to avoid a public hearing

I was definitely in favor of the TexCor project. I felt it was a corruption of legal process when Ann Richards made a deal with Mexico to kill the project.

I am now very much opposed to the Adobe Eco-Systems Ltd. project. The high-sounding name of the company doesn't in any way add to the appeal of the project.

A careful reading of the application shows a fantasy organization. The idea of railroad arrangements to bring waste from all over the U.S. is certainly open to question.

The idea of bringing waste by barge to be loaded on railroad cars to be brought into the waste site defies the description of a "regional" facility.

Aside from all the technical objections, and there are many, the "Host Community Agreement" shows an attitude that is reprehensible.

One "Recital" states, "Kinney County recognizes the need for the Rio Grande Regional Municipal Solid Waste Management Facility ... and the need to provide a legal alternative to current illegal dumping."

I don't know how Adobe Eco-Systems can say with any degree of certainty that "Kinney County recognizes the need" for such a facility.

I certainly have not talked with every person in Kinney County, but I have yet to find any person who "recognizes the need" and I know of no such action by any entity in the county that has declared the need.

As far as a "legal alternative to current illegal dumping," there is already such a "legal alternative" and if people will not avail themselves of present facilities,

### Between Us

By Joe Townsend



what makes Adobe Eco-Systems think people will drive 10 to 20 miles to use the facility.

The fine print says Adobe Eco-Systems will try to get the state bureaucracy to furnish taxpayer dollars to fund "pilot" (experimental) programs to end "illegal dumping."

No. 5 of the agreements is the key to the attitude of Adobe Eco-Systems. This is a brazen attempt to prevent any public expression of the project.

It demands Kinney County to "withdraw any request for public hearing" and "not to lodge any future requests for public hearing or protests with the TNRCC or any other regulatory agency."

Kinney County agrees "not to fund or participate in any hearing requests or protests that may be filed by other persons."

In the first place, what do they mean, "Kinney County?" Do they mean the Commissioners Court? Do they mean the County Judge? Do they mean the County Attorney? Do they mean any citizen of Kinney County?

A public hearing is a means allowed by law to give the public an opportunity to gain information and also to express opinions. Any attempt to stifle this process shows a fear of the consequences.

Is Adobe Systems afraid they cannot sell their program? Are they afraid of strident opposition? I bristle when faced with threats.

"If elected officials of Kinney County act individually and cause

a contested hearing, Adobe reserves the right to reconsider its participation in the agreement."

What this really says is Kinney County officials must one and all accept our rules without contest or we will take our ball and go home.

If I were an elected official of the county, you can know with certainty, they would take their ball and go home.

The bulk of the "Host Community Agreement" is a diatribe on the great benefits to Kinney County and the desire of Adobe to be an asset to the county. The true colors come to the top in the final paragraphs.

Adobe says, "We will not condone or permit any public hearings on what we want to do."

The idea that Adobe has a big heart for Kinney County is fallacious. The driving force, of course, is the money to be made by Adobe.

A limited regional waste dump is needed. Geologically, the Spofford location is ideal. There are conditions that outweigh these factors, however.

The attitude of the company involved is a major factor. Any company that demands there be no public protest now or in the future is not the type of company we need in Kinney County. This demand is symptomatic of deeper problems.

Any approval of Adobe should be carefully considered. Every person has a right to know the fine print and details of this operation.

## Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Thursday, April 3  
9:00 p.m., Phillip Jeffrey Asher, 42, of Houston, was arrested by Trooper Richard Slubar for DWI, first offense. He was released the next day after posting a \$1,000 cash bond.

Friday, April 4  
9:20 a.m., Francisco Gomez,

41, of Brackettville was arrested by Sheriff L.K. Burgess for assault causing bodily injury. He was released the same day on a \$500 personal recognizance bond.

6:49 p.m., Johnny Cuellar, 47, of Brackettville, was arrested by Trooper Slubar for driving while license suspended. He was re-

leased the next day on a \$500 personal recognizance bond.

Saturday, April 5  
12:20 a.m., Jose Luis Flores, 29, of Brackettville was arrested by Chief Deputy Sheriff Johnny Fritter for assault. He was released on April 7 on a \$500 personal recognizance bond.

**Big Mama Sez!**

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**ATTENTION CITIZENS!**

IF YOU ARE OPPOSED TO KINNEY COUNTY BECOMING INDUSTRY'S DUMPING GROUND, you need to make your voice heard. Please contact your elected officials, State Senator Frank Madla, State Representative, Pete Gallego, and Congressman, Henry Bonilla. Write TNRCC; Forrest Nikorak, Municipal Solid Waste Division, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 and ask for a public hearing. If you would like to support the cause in anyway, Spofford could use your help! This issue must take priority with local elected officials and ourselves. Stay informed of their meetings and agendas. Remind officials that voters elected them to serve and protect, not for personal gain, monetary or otherwise.

To: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: People opposed to Kinney County Becoming A Dumping Ground;

As a voter, I am opposed and demand a public hearing to the seeking of a permit for license to operate a municipal Waste Landfill or any form of dumping ground in Kinney County.

Sincerely



# Luna's current contract runs through year 2001

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"Through the years, from the time I started, there have been more income and less expenditures. A reconstruction of the budget, that is adhered to."

Luna's original contract was a five-year pact. Both renewal contracts were also for five years. His current contract will expire on September 30, 2001.

"The council has offered me a renewal on the contract, it has offered me the pay raise," Luna said. "I never asked for it."

Luna said the legality of the contract "was checked into."

"They (the city council) had thought about a longer contract and the city attorney had advised them that they could only do a five year."

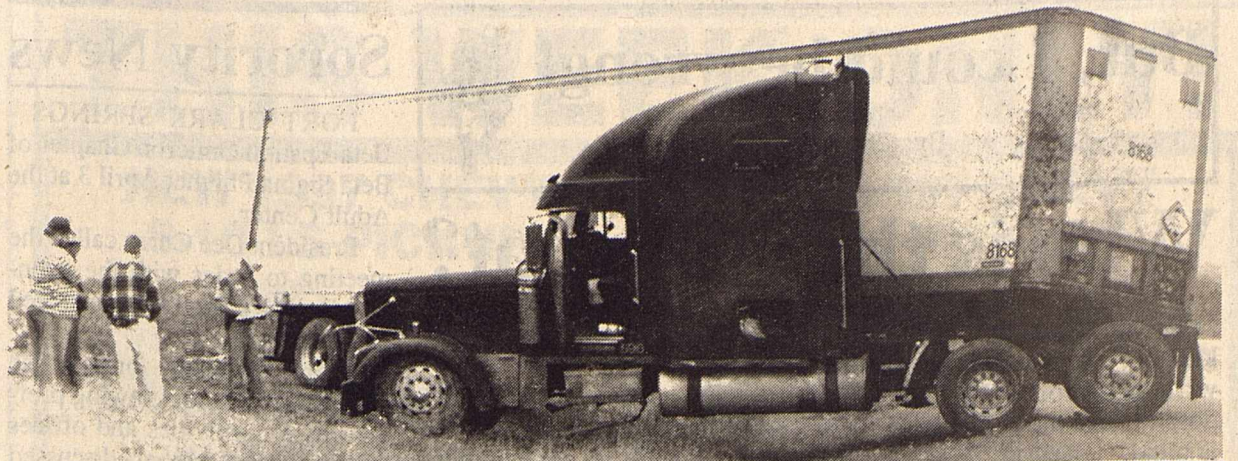
Luna said it was hard to determine how many hours a week he averages working for the city.

"If something goes wrong, you know I can put in a 10-, 12-, or 14-hour day; if things are normal, an eight-hour day," he said.

"You know, I'm always on call, always getting called at the house for different things, even during lunch and on weekends because we've got the standby and a lot of times I get called on weekends to go out for things."

Prior to his current position, Luna served as a county commissioner for eight years, one year as chief deputy, and one year as chief of police. He was also the chairman of the Community Council.

"Most of my education was through armed services, the United States Army, college credit hours in law enforcement, certified through San Marcos at the University for this job to go to mandatory school," Luna said.



BRACKETT NEWS PHOTO BY JEWEL ROBINSON  
DPS Trooper Tom Wylie, standing at right, evaluates the 18-wheeler driven by Arnold Gross, 41, of Somerset, Ky., which jack-knifed Thursday on U.S. Highway 90 after Gross lost control of the vehicle. Gross works for National Distributing Incorporated. No citation was issued. Wylie said three similar accidents have occurred at the same location in the last three weeks.

# Mystery still puzzles Air Force officials

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"He was A-OK, stable, didn't seem to be under any stress. But he was having to study hard," said the captain's father, Richard Button, who had trained pilots during World War II.

The elder Button said his son had a passion for flying and dreamed of living a life like the pilots in the movie "Top Gun."

"We're hoping he bailed out. There's no evidence that he bailed out, but there is no evidence that he didn't," he said.

The Air Force doubts Button bailed out; his ejection seat would have automatically sent out a homing beacon.

The jet itself didn't have its tracking device

turned on because it was flying in formation, said Maj. Joe LaMarca, spokesman for Langley AFB in Hampton, VA.

"It's part of a normal procedure when you're in formation that only the lead aircraft turns it on," LaMarca said.

The last radar track showed the jet near the 12,467-foot New York Mountain near Edwards, Colo. Button's plane was fully fueled when it took off, but it would have been nearly empty by then. Tuesday's search in the area was cut off in the early afternoon by low and threatening clouds.

"In some instances if a plane crashes it's easy to see, but not always," LaMarca said. "If it crashed and is now covered with snow, that makes it more challenging. And no one saw it go down."

# Play deserves a tip of the hat

Deserving a tip of the hat is the One Act UIL play "Midnight Caller" for the first time in a few years, the play was selected as the best play in our district and advanced to Area competition. At area competition Michelle Melancon and Tina Meek received honorable mention, All Star Cast. We didn't get to advance to the next level, but it has been an outstanding year for the play cast. Directors are Michelle Gonsoulin and Lynn McNew. A Dinner theater is planned for April 24. Hope you will come and support our efforts.

Elementary UIL contest winners according to Mr. Schooler are:

Beth Ballew, placed in Oral Reading and Writing. Amanda Davis, First place in Spelling.

Mr. Burks announces Middle School UIL winners are: Megan McWilliams, grade 6 Ready Writing- Second place; and Fifth place in spelling for Maria Martinez in grade 6 and for Michelle Kiser in the 7th grade.

Don Sims announces BHS won Third place in the school competition. UIL winners include:

**MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

By TAYLOR STEPHENSON, BISD Superintendent

Wendy Goodloe, First place Poetry Interpretation.

Xavier Toms, Third place Extemporaneous Persuasive Speaking. Amanda Petrosky, Third place Extemporaneous Informative Speaking.

BHS UIL Alternatives:

Cherrise Ward in Headline Writing, Accounting (individual).

Cherrise Ward, Susie Hernandez and Michelle Robbins, Accounting Team.

Christina Meek and J.Wayne Ballew in Current Events.

Christina Meek, J.Wayne Ballew and Samantha Perez, Current Events Team.

Amanda Meek for Literary Criticism.

Amanda Meek, Michael Meyer and Wendy Goodloe for Team Literary Criticism.

Katy Hagler for Ready Writing.

In other news, our new band

director, Trey Singleton from San Angelo, is doing fine as he directs BISD's music fortunes. Trey likes small towns and hopes to produce an award winning band for Brackettville. Welcome, Trey!

Travis Wilson is working hard on a parking lot across the street from the school library. In about a week, the school will have a surface that can be used for student parking.

The softball team has already secured a place in the playoffs and will play a week from this Thursday. Baseball is still trying to earn its place. Our Boys Golf Team won first place at district and continues on to San Marcos to the next level of competition. Girls Golfer, Jennifer Ashabraner, will also advance. Our coaches and players are having an outstanding spring season. The district track meet will be held this week at Dilley.

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## But, I could be wrong!

By: Chuck Hall



## Who is the real goat?

At our house, we have a small kid goat. He is not in the pasture with his mother because he doesn't have the ability to see. He is blind.

It is sad to watch him. His world is very limited because he is afraid to move around much. He should be. It's a tough world out there. Even many of us with vision get into trouble on a regular basis.

Sometimes, my ability to see becomes lessened. Often I over look the good in my fellowman. And I always ignore the obvious shortcomings in myself.

What did Robert Burns say?  
"Ah, would some power the

giftie gie us, to see ourselves, as ithers see us!"

But my vision is 20-20 when it comes to finding flaws in other people. I have no trouble at all seeing how another could better his life.

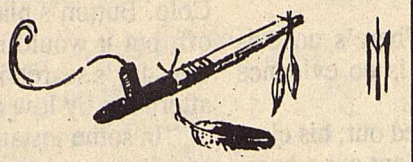
Perhaps I am, by my own ignorant choice, very much like my goat. I don't move around a lot looking for the blessings of enriching my life by enriching someone else's.

My world is limited because I too am blind at times. And I am sure that on more than one occasion I have been referred to as a goat!

But, I could be wrong.

## Smoke From Nakai

By Nakai Breen



Readers, It sure is good to greet Mother Nature with her easel in hand.

She has painted the hill side and roadways with the hues of the rainbow.

All of nature is awakening and is all dressed up in different dresses and hats.

Here in my home we are happy that the path of lent is already past so we can eat every and anything.

My son belongs to the Buffalo Clan. He can not eat anything that is green and fresh, such as; squash, green beans, peaches, apricots and so on.

Me, I belong to the blue paint and the turtle clan. From the Turtle Clan side, I can not eat

anything from the sea, such as; fish, oysters or anything that comes from the water.

On the Blue Paint side, I can not eat anything that are berries or roots, such as; turnips, onions, and blueberries.

We fast on these forty days. My son can not do certain other things during his fasting. I can not cut my hair or nails, and I can't wear beaded moccasins. I cannot sit at the table when men are eating.

In today's time it is hard to say I cannot sit and accompany you because the non Indian does not understand.

So until next time, be gentle with yourself.  
Nakai

## Sorority News

FORT CLARK SPRINGS - Beta Epsilon Omicron Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met April 3 at the Adult Center.

President Dee Curry called the meeting to order with the opening ritual. Roll call was answered by 10 members.

Curry distributed forms to the members to fill out showing preferences for activities and offices for next year. Members discussed qualifications for Woman of the Year and Program of the Year, which will be voted on at the next meeting, along with the election of officers.

Helen Peck, the Beta reader, read the chapter on contests from the Beta book. She won the door prize.

Curry led the closing ritual and Mizpah, and turned the program over to Francine Collins and Ruby Cheaney. Their topic was "Reflections of Ourselves," describing how friends' homes reflect the individual personalities and tastes.

Hostesses Pam Melancon and Marla Madrid served delicious punch, cake and coffee.

## Fort Clark Golf

Fort Clark Springs Ladies Golf Association held their annual Spring Fling tournament Tuesday March 25th. 36 ladies braved the windy and rainy weather to play a four person scramble. In first place with a score of 64 was the team of Beth Waller, Fern Dyer, Cecilia Elkins and Edith Zipperer. The team of Lou Green, Marge Maderich, Ann Molin and Mary Butler took second place with a score of 65. In 3rd place with a score of 66 was the team of Jackie Marrs, Kelly Dennis, Mary Conley and Clara McCord. All players were served dinner by Gene Slate and her crew in the beautifully decorated dining room done in an Easter theme.

## Columbus was basically a rancher

By Francis McMasters  
Contributing writer

Stan Conoly, local rancher, presented a program on the sheep and wool industry of Texas for the Rotary Club on April 3rd. Dr. Charles Schmidt, April program chairman, introduced him.

Conoly began a brief background on the industry by asking if Rotary members realized that Columbus was basically a rancher. Conoly is well known for his dry wit and his disbelieving audience laughed, but he justified his statement by saying that after his maiden voyage in 1492 Columbus had brought thirty head of sheep to this country. These were small animals, but acclimatized to this area very well, surviving the heat and rocky soil.

In recent years, Happy Shahan brought in the Suffolk sheep from England. The Suffolk sheep raises a 70 to 80 pound lamb in 60 to 80 days whereas the Rambouillet, which has finer wool, takes 6 to 7 months. On the Conoly ranch they have sheep bought from Happy and crossbred with the Rambouillet as well as with some other breeds.

Sheep are raised today in much the same way as in the early days of the industry. In the 1700's herders literally lived with the sheep. They could be hired for six to ten dollars a month, and a sheep could be bought for about a dollar a head. The herder could be fed for about \$100.00 a year by keeping some goats to eat along with the herd. At that time about 1,000 sheep were run on 1,000 acres, but experience has taught that this is not enough land.

Today the sheep are usually gathered on horseback. Some additional workers are often hired to gather them in the spring and fall. A six months clip is used primarily to make felt for hats. When men regularly wore hats, the prices were higher for the short clipped wool. Many ranchers have gone to a 12 month clip to save on labor costs. This yields about a pound less of wool for the year,



Stan Conoly, local rancher and Dr. Charles Schmidt, Rotary's April Program chairman

but the prices are higher than for the 6 month clip.

When the sheep are gathered, Conoly tries to separate out the different breeds as they enter the chute in order to pen them according to breed. Each breed yields a slightly different grade wool and is marketed on this basis. The head of a group of shearers contracts with the rancher then pays his workers per sheep.

When Conoly was a child, however, the shearers camped out at the ranch until the job was finished, whether it was ten days or many more. A goat would be provided for their food and they slept on the ground, started working at daylight and worked until dark.

Long ago the shears used looked like huge scissors and were difficult to handle. The sheep would not be sickly cut as they can be today. Today's clippers motorized, and a comb may be attached that leaves some wool which means the sheep are less vulnerable to the cold. A good shearer can shear about 200 or 250 sheep a day. The belly of the sheep is sheared first and thrown into a separate sack because the wool is particularly dirty since the sheep has slept on it. The wool from the rest of the sheep usually stays in one piece and each fleece is carefully inspected. Stained wool is pulled out, then the skirts are examined.

If the wool pulls apart and breaks, the animal may have been

sick, or the weather particularly dry. This is put aside. Then, it is separated according to length and texture.

The wool has to be 3 inches to go into the main line-grade A wool. Conoly says he usually ends up with around 8 bags. The buyers will pay more for this carefully sorted wool. 150 to 200 pounds of wool is put into each bag. Conoly's mohair bags weigh 300 to 400 pounds.

During the year the warehouse will have a sale. There are four or five buyers in this area. The United States has a relatively small amount of sheep compared to New Zealand, Australia and the British Isles, but it does have a good grade of wool.

After the wool is sold, it goes to a wool manufacturing plant. It is assigned a lot that is made up of wool of similar consistency. Then the wool is scoured which involves shaking it to get out loose dirt, then washed in detergent. It is then baled mechanically into about 500 pound bales. The lanolin is taken out in the cleaning stage. It is purified and sold to the cosmetic industry. The wool is dyed in different colors. The cording process then takes out the loose fibers so that the wool strand will be strong. It is then twisted into about a pound of yarn.

The wool fibers are woven into cloth of 55 to 70 foot lengths. The finishing process involves steam and pressure.

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## Brackett High Classes of 1970 - 1979 Reunion dates set

The 1997 Reunion of the Brackett High School Classes of 1970 through 1979 has been scheduled for July 4th, 5th, and 6th.

This past Sunday (April 6th), a barbecue fundraising event took place and was very successful due to the many donations, volunteers, and the community response.

The money raised will be used to pay mailing costs to contact all classmates as well as the necessary deposits and facility fees to reserve the buildings for the reunion and any other preparatory moneys needed.

Plans are forming for the events that will take place during the July reunion.

Tentative plans include registration and a mixer Friday night, a parade Saturday morning followed by a tour of the present facilities at the Brackett Schools, softball and games Saturday afternoon, a dance Saturday night, and a memorial service Sunday morning to honor those classmates that have passed away.

There will be competition among the classes for the Spirit Stick award and for the Best Parade entry(ies).

Awards are planned for the person in each of the following categories: Changed the Least, Changed the Most, The Baldest, The Grayest hair, Changed Addresses the Most, Traveled the Farthest to the Reunion, and The Most Children.

An effort is now under way to collect mailing addresses for all classmates in each of the ten classes that will be represented.

Any interested persons that wish to participate in the planning meetings, volunteer to help, or to make food donations, please contact Martha at 563-2728 or Sylvia at 563-2266.

## Chaski concert at Amphitheater

On Friday, April 25, at 8:00 P.M. in the Fort Clark Springs Amphitheater, Chaski will present a concert.

Chaski is the name of a duo who sing and play the harp and flute. Their music includes traditional folk and modern compositions from Latin America. Chaski is the Incan Quechua language name for a pair of Austin based women, Adreinne Inglis and Shana Norton. Much of the music is played on native instruments from Bolivian cane panpipes to Venezuelan four-stringed strummed instruments.

Inglis received her musical training at Lewis and Clark College and the University of Texas. Norton attended Abilene Christian University and the Eastman School of Music.

The concert is sponsored by the Kinney County Arts Council and is furnished in part by the Texas Commission on the Arts.

Earlier in the day, Chaski will perform for BISD students at the Amphitheater at 2:00 P.M. Prior to the night concert, the Chamber of Commerce will provide a barbecue dinner as a fund raiser for the event.

Tickets are available at the First State Bank, Member Services at Fort Clark Springs and from any Arts Council member.

## Pete's Sake

Joe Jinks moved away from the country to the big city and got a job in public relations. He made a success of it, too. Gaining wealth and position through his efforts, he decided to take a well deserved vacation, and visit the folks back home. Trying to explain his job to an old friend, he

explained that he was involved in public relations. The old man shook his head in awe. "Public I can understand," he said. "Relations I can understand, too. But, my boy, relations in public?"

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## Deadline extended for essay contest

Due to lack of applicants, RGEC has extended the deadline for the essay contest to choose a winner for the Youth Tour which is a 13 day expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. during June, 1997. It is a great opportunity for a young person to see Washington, D.C., how our government operates and to have a great time without the usual cost. The essay title is "What Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, Inc. Means To Me," and the deadline for essays to be received is April 15, 1997.



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# Tigers rout Wolves, 12-2

The Brackett Tigers scored nine runs off of a trio of homers as they routed Dilley 12-2 Tuesday night in District 30-2A baseball action.

With the victory, the Tigers improve to 16-2 on the season and to 2-1 in league play. The Wolves are 6-8 overall and 0-3 in conference action.

Ramon De Leon (5-0) picked up the win for Brackett. In five innings of work, he allowed no earned runs on three hits while fanning five batters and walking two.

The Tigers jumped out to a four-run lead in the bottom of the first. Michael Meyer, Moses Hernandez and Patrick Munoz all walked to load the bases, which set up Jorge Rodriguez' grand slam home run.

Dilley pulled within three in the top half of the

second inning as Homer Obregon singled into the left-center field gap and was later forced in on a walk.

Brackett jumped ahead 11-1 in the third. De Leon led off with a double and then Hernandez hit a two-run shot over the right-center field fence.

In the same inning, Rodriguez singled and J. Wayne Ballew took first base on catcher's interference. Michael Aguirre then nailed a three-run shot over the fence in center field.

Still in the third, Meyer and Rene Luna both walked, and later scored on De Leon's single into center.

After the Wolves added one run in the top of the fifth, the Tigers won via the ten-run rule after scoring in the bottom of the side. De Leon walked and was driven in by Beau Smallwood.

# Cubs claim second, Cubettes finish third

The Brackett Cubs finished second overall at the Sabinal junior high track meet Saturday.

Rocksprings won the meet with 131 points and Brackett finished with 103 points.

Schiller Hill won first in the high jump with a leap of 5-2 and he was fifth in the triple jump with a 31-10.

Hill also took fifth in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 53.96 and sixth in the 800-meter run with a 2:34.05.

Damion Toms won the 100-meter dash after being clocked at 12.78. Jesse Hidalgo was fifth with a 13.58.

Hidalgo won the 200-meter run with a 27.36, and Tony Rubio was fifth with a 28.59.

Sam Hunt took third place honors in the 300-meter hurdles after being clocked at 51.71.

Roman won the 400-meter dash after posting a 59.33. Jarrett Harrison was fourth with a 1:01.60.

Gomez was fifth in the 1600-meter run with a 6:00.44, and Chris Petrosky took fourth in the discus with a throw of 108-6.

The Cubs' sprint relay team took first in the 400-meter relay after posting a 51.79. The distance team was second in the 1600-meter relay with a 4:12.68. The Cubettes took third in the girls' division.

Nueces Canyon won the meet with 125 points, Rocksprings was second with 115, and Brackett had 103.

Heather Martin won first place honors in the 200-meter dash with a time of 31.20.

Susannah Davis was second in the triple jump with a leap of 27-1 3/4. She was also fourth in the 100-meter hurdles with a 20.28.

Melinda Villarreal was second in the 100-meter dash with a 14.47, and sixth in the high jump with a 3-10.

Duquesa Hunt finished fourth in the 300-meter hurdles after being clocked at 1:04.15.

Marty Payne was fourth in the shot put with a throw of 26-1, and Julie Juarez was fourth in the 400-meter dash with a 1:14.25.

Queta Garza took fifth place in the 800-meter run with a 3:03.68.

The Cubettes' sprint team took first in the 400-meter relay with an 18.51 and first in the 800 relay with a 2:13.12.

The distance team won third place honors in the 1600-meter relay after posting a time of 5:11.72.

The Cubs and Cubettes will compete in the district track meet Saturday at Center Point. The varsity track team will compete in the District 30-2A meet today at Dilley.

## OUTDOORS

### State Parks offer a variety of events

By Henry Lutz  
Kinney County Game Warden

AUSTIN - Below is a list of April events in Texas State Parks. Some events offer a discount to holders of the Texas Conservation Passport. Membership in the TCP program provides unlimited park entry, advance notice of special events in the Texas Conservation Passport Journal and discounts on tours like those listed below. The TCP is good for 12 months and can be purchased for \$50 at state parks, outdoors stores, or by credit card at (800) 895-4248.

**April 18, 19 - Spelunking Tour 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.**  
Kickapoo Cavern State Park, Brackettville.

Join us on a flashlight tour of an undeveloped Hill Country cave. Fee: general \$5, children 12 and under \$3. Reservations required. Contact 210-563-2342.

**April 12, 26 - Bird Watching Hike 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Devils River State Natural Area, Del Rio. Take a birding tour of a unique area of the state and hike one-half mile to a spring along the Devils River and through other areas of the park. Fee: TCP members \$10, adults \$15, children 12 and under \$5; reservations available. Contact 210-395-2133.

**April 13 - Horseback Ride 8 a.m. - noon**

Hill Country State Natural Area, Bandera. The ride will focus on the cultural and natural resources of the area. Mount and lunch are provided. Fee: TCP members \$43.23 general \$45.29; reservations required, and must be made through Running 'R' Ranch. Contact 210-796-3984.

**April 19 - Celebrate Earth Day 8:45 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

Colorado Bend State Park, Bend. Join us on Earth Day for continuous interpretive tours and a trade show. Fee: general \$10 cave tour, \$2 falls tour; children 12 and under \$10 cave tour, \$1 falls tour. Reservations required

for cave tour. Contact: 915-628-3240.

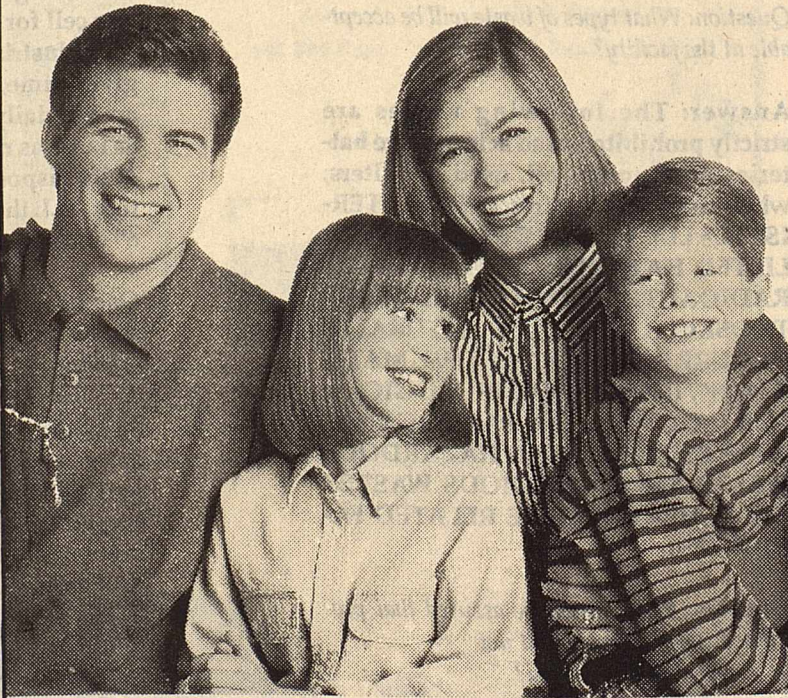
**April 19 - Prehistoric Hiking Tour 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

San Angelo State Park, San Angelo. Hike back in time to tracks left over 200 million years ago. Three-mile total hike. Fee: TCP members free, adults \$2, children 17 & under \$1. Contact: 915-949-4757.

**April 19 - Big Bend Bus Tour 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

Big Bend Ranch State Park, Presidio. Depart from Lajitas to visit geological, archeological, and historical sites with photographic opportunities along the way. Lunch is included. Fee: TCP holders \$55, general \$60; reservations required. Contact 512-389-8900.

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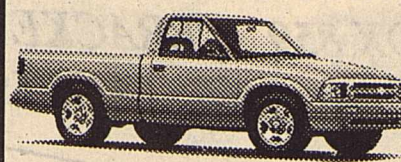
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April 10, 1997

Dear Kinney County Residents:

In our letter to you dated April 3, 1997, we shared some of the direct economic benefits our proposed facility will bring to Kinney County. Today we would like to answer some of the most frequently asked questions regarding our proposed Rio Grande Regional Municipal Solid Waste Facility. Those questions and answers are presented below.

As was indicated in our Host Community Agreement published last week, the increase in the revenue for Kinney County will be well over \$72,000 the first year. It is not hard to see that the advent of Adobe is the most significant economic development project ever considered or proposed for Kinney County. It will create jobs at higher rates of pay, bring additional business possibilities, and is a significant way to finance the future of this area without a continual increase in taxes.

We hope these questions and answers will help you in understanding exactly what we are planning in Kinney County. We want to be completely candid and have no reason to be otherwise. If you are in favor of the economic benefits that our project will bring to Kinney County, please contact your Commissioner or County Judge to express your support. Should you have additional questions regarding our facility which you would like answered, please contact us at 210-591-1727 for further information.

Sincerely,

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**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING ADOBE ECO-SYSTEMS, LTD. RIO GRANDE REGIONAL MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE FACILITY**

*Question: Is this facility not the same thing as the Texcor project?*

**Answer:** ABSOLUTELY NOT. The Texcor application for this site was for the disposal of naturally occurring radioactive materials (NORM). That application was withdrawn, in agreement with the opposition, so as to allow for a municipal solid waste facility. ADOBE'S APPLICATION PROHIBITS THE RECEIPT OF REGULATED RADIOACTIVE WASTE.

*Question: What type of a facility is Adobe proposing?*

**Answer:** We propose to build a Type I Municipal Solid Waste Facility which will accept municipal solid waste from municipal, community, commercial, institutional and recreational activities. In addition, the following other types of waste have been included in our application: Class 1 Industrial Waste which is solid waste from any process of industry, manufacturing, mining or agricultural operation; Class 2 Industrial Waste, examples of which include cardboard, food wastes, paper, glass, aluminum; Class 3 Industrial wastes which include any inert material such as rock, brick, glass, dirt, and certain plastics and rubber which are not readily decomposable, and certain types of Special Wastes.

*Question: Is there any way to know what kind of materials are contained in the Industrial waste classification?*

**Answer:** Industrial waste must be classified, coded, documented and accepted for disposal at a waste facility in accordance with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission regulations. Therefore, any Industrial waste accepted for disposal at Adobe's facility will be manifested (origin and waste description clearly defined), inspected at the acceptance gate and inspected at the time of actual disposal, and refused if not in accordance with the proper documentation.

*Question: What is meant by "documentation of Industrial waste?"*

**Answer:** All Industrial waste must have the following documentation: description of the waste, date of initial waste generation, a detailed description of the process generating the waste, waste Classification determination and all information and rationale, including process knowledge and/or analytical data used to characterize/classify the waste.

*Question: What kind of waste will be accepted from the Maquiladoras?*

**Answer:** Any maquiladora who wants to dispose of waste in the United States must first comply with TNRCC's definition of a Maquiladora (a U. S. owned plant that must also have a twin plant in the U. S. that actually uses or distributes the maquiladora's product for final sale by the U. S. parent company.) If determined to fit this definition, then the maquiladora must comply with the same criteria as any other Industrial user and must comply with the TNRCC Maquiladora Waste Program, and in

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such event, any licensed Subtitle D Landfill in the United States could accept this waste. ADOBE WILL NOT ACCEPT HAZARDOUS WASTE FROM THE MAQUILADORAS. The only maquiladora waste that is eligible for acceptance will be that waste which complies with the same classification criteria as any Industrial Waste.

*Question: What types of waste will be acceptable at the facility?*

**Answer:** The following wastes are strictly prohibited: lead acid storage batteries, used motor oil, used oil filters, whole used or scrap tires, CHARACTERISTICALLY HAZARDOUS WASTES, LISTED HAZARDOUS WASTES, ALL RADIOACTIVE WASTE INCLUDING THOSE CLASSIFIED AS "NATURALLY OCCURRING RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS", INFECTIOUS, BIOLOGICAL, ETIOLOGICAL OR PATHOGENIC WASTES; REGULATED HAZARDOUS WASTE AND INFECTIOUS WASTES FROM HEALTH CARE RELATED FACILITIES.

*Question: How can we be assured that prohibited types of waste will not be accepted in the landfill?*

**Answer:** Waste disposal is a function of laws established by the federal and state governments and the agencies which administer them. All waste that will be accepted must meet the standards and regulations as set forth by EPA and TNRCC. All inspections and quality controls required of any waste to be disposed at Adobe's facility will be mandated to these regulations. Any violation of those regulations would result in regulatory sanctions and possible costly

penalties.

*Question: Why is the site being proposed for this area?*

**Answer:** The geological formations on this site have been determined by professional engineers and geologists to be ideal for this type facility. Also, a properly constructed facility, such as ours will be, can provide the needed alternative to the serious illegal dumping problem in this area.

*Question: What is involved in obtaining an amendment in order to take other types of waste?*

**Answer:** Any amendment to the approved permit would entail the same process which has been on-going for the past two years. Public input is required and would be solicited just as it has been in this process. THERE IS NO SHORTCUT FOR OBTAINING AN AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING PERMIT, NOR DOES ANY EXISTING PERMIT GUARANTEE APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT.

*Question: What will be the hours of operation?*

**Answer:** The facility is scheduled to be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., five days a week.

*Question: How will this facility affect the operations of Laughlin Air Force Base Auxiliary Field?*

**Answer:** Adobe recognizes the importance of Laughlin Air Force Base to the region. The Del Rio Landfill is geographically closer to Laughlin's main airfield than Adobe's facility will be to the Auxiliary Field. Adobe will continue to encourage ongoing dialogue with the Air Force to insure that air safety is not compromised.

*Question: Will there be open burning of any waste material?*

**Answer:** Absolutely not, the permit application strictly prohibits any type of burning.

*Question: How large is the facility and how much actual area of waste disposal will be exposed during daily operation?*

**Answer:** The permitted site will include a 213 acre landfill unit and supporting facilities. Proposed improvements will occupy approximately 250 acres out of the 424 acre site. ADOBE HAS NO PLANS TO EXPAND THE PERMITTED AREA. Only a small area will be exposed during daily disposal. The landfill unit will have a total of 26 cells, with the size of each cell being approximately 7 acres. Only one cell for municipal waste and one cell for industrial waste will be utilized at any given time, and the "working face," or area of daily waste disposal, will only be as large as necessary to accommodate the daily disposal loads. The permit requires that ALL the waste be covered daily with 6" of clean soil.

*Question: How can we be assured that the facility will operate within the guidelines as established?*

**Answer:** All permitted landfills have daily, monthly, quarterly and annual reporting requirements as well as quarterly inspection visits by TNRCC. The employees will, for the most part, be local citizens who will be trained and certified to perform the required duties so the facility will maintain compliance with the permit. In addition, the facility can be inspected at any time through arrangement with management.

*Question: What kind of assurance do we have that Adobe will not abandon or close the landfill and not clean up the site?*

**Answer:** Financial assurance is a part of the application process, and Adobe has submitted a \$3 million letter of commitment for clean-up. A complete Post Closure Plan as required by TNRCC is in place and requires yearly updates.



# Death taxes rob family ranches

By Henry Bonilla  
U.S. Congressman 23rd District

This Spring Texas families and businesses have been crunching numbers and filling in tax forms to send to the IRS.

The tax system is a reality we have to face each year of our adult lives. But we shouldn't have to worry about taxes when we die.

Tucked neatly away in the 555 million words of our tax code are the same estate tax provisions.

The estate tax is better called the death tax. The basic idea is that the federal government wants a part of your family's legacy by making your loved ones pay taxes on what you leave behind.

Just in case the government

didn't get enough of your money when it was earned, they want to make sure they get it when it is passed on.

Families who pass on family farms, ranches and small businesses get hit the hardest by the death tax.

The death tax takes the part of the inheritance which exceeds a certain dollar value. The problem is that land is a difficult asset to put a dollar amount on. Often, farms and ranches are valued at a high dollar amount, in turn, creating huge death taxes to be paid when they are inherited.

It may look like farmers and ranchers are sitting on a huge amount of money, but land is not something a farmer or rancher can

use as cash to pay bills.

The end result of the death tax is that inheriting the family farm, ranch or small business could cost you more than it's worth.

Something is wrong when family members have to face the greedy claws of the federal government at the same time they are mourning the loss of a loved one. Something is really wrong when families are forced to sell off the family farm or small business just to pay the death taxes. Why should the federal government be rewarded when your parents pass on the family business to you?

Killing the death tax would spur economic growth and encourage entrepreneurship.

The Family Heritage Preserva-

tion Act, a measure to repeal the death tax, is important legislation that this Congress needs to support. The estate tax brings in less than one percent of the total federal tax receipts, but it costs American jobs and family savings. That is too high of a price to pay. It penalizes families who work hard every day of their lives to build a family business and leave a legacy. That's just not right.

Texas shouldn't be penalized for what their parents chose to leave behind.

This property has been in their families for years and they have worked hard to maintain it.

Let's not let the federal government rob them of what is rightly theirs.

# Recent rains brings swarms of termites

COLLEGE STATION - The recent rains in much of Texas will be bringing out swarms of subterranean termites over the next several weeks. Homeowners have several options when choosing control methods, said Dr. Roger Gold, urban entomologist with the Texas Extension Service.

If homeowners suspect there's a problem with termites, the best thing to do is have a thorough inspection by looking for swarms or the mud tubes in the ground.

Houses or other buildings can be treated for termites in several ways.

Preventative treatment takes place before the house is constructed.

"Take your time, get the facts, have several different companies come out and appraise the situation, Gold said, "And then, deal with the company that proposes the best approach.

Don't get in a hurry, because the termites are actually fairly easy to stop."

# Today's turf is tomorrow's earth

I've made lots of changes in my life to help safeguard the environment. I recycle the newspaper every day. I recycle aluminum and steel cans. I also recycle glass, grass and plastic. Wait a minute... Did I say grass? Yes, grass.

Grasscycling, a term coined by the Professional Lawn Care Association of America, is crucial to relieving the nation's landfill crisis. By grasscycling, we make "today's turf tomorrow's earth."

Grasscycling is a simple and natural process of decay and renewal. It'll encourage a greener, healthier lawn and save you the headache of bagging grass clippings and other yard debris for

our already overburdened landfills.

Lack of space and tough environmental regulations have caused many landfills to close down or place restrictions on the disposal of yard waste. Grass clippings currently make up more than 10 percent of the total municipal waste dumped in landfills annually. By cutting our grass clippings into tiny pieces, we can leave clippings on the lawn. Many people believe that leaving clip-

pings on the lawn contributes to thatch, but when handled correctly, that's simply not true. Believe it or not, grass is 85 percent water. Short grass clippings decompose quickly and can return up to 20 percent of their nitrogen to the soil, providing a valuable food source for your root system.

There are two ways to grasscycle. Mulching mowers make grasscycling easy by chopping clippings into tiny pieces and blowing them into the turf. Uni-

versity tests prove that mowing with a mulching mower actually contributes to a healthier, more beautiful lawn.

If you've got a standard walk-behind or riding mower, just follow the John Deere One-Third Rule and mow your lawn often enough to cut only the top one-third of the grass blades each mowing. In addition to resulting in short clippings, this method encourages deep root development which is essential for a thick, attractive lawn.

■ **Editors Note:** American's Plant Doctor and John Deere lawn and garden expert, Ellen Henke, is a botanist, garden writer and nationally recognized authority on "Earth Friendly" gardening.

**Green and Growing**

By Dr. Ellen Henke John Deere Lawn & Garden Expert

# SBA's Economic Injury Disaster loans available

SAN ANTONIO, March 31 - Business in some Texas counties have until April 23, 1997 to file applications for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). The SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans are available for businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers sustaining crop losses from severe weather including drought, high temperatures and continuing have until April freeze, frost and high winds which occurred during the period of October 1, 1995 through June 10,

1996 and continuing. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for these SBA loans.

However, nurseries that are victims of drought disasters can apply.

Businesses in the following counties affected by drought, high temperatures, freeze, frost and high winds which occurred October 1, 1995 through June 7, 1996 and continuing have until April 23, 1997 to apply:

Edwards, Kinney, Uvalde, Kerr, Real, Val Verde, Kimble


and Sutton.

Business in the following counties affected by drought which occurred December 1, 1995 through June 10, 1996 and continuing also have until April 23, 1997 to apply: Edwards, Kimble, Schleicher, Gillespie, Mason, Sutton, Kerr and Menard.

Applications and further infor-

mation can be obtained by calling the SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired.

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# Clover mites might be a problem

AMARILLO - Some insects prefer winter's cooler temperatures. One such species in the spider mite family, the clover mite, chooses to move around even if temperatures tell us winter is still here.

These small, red-green mites will come into homes from surrounding lawns and others areas of vegetation.

Since clover mites enter homes

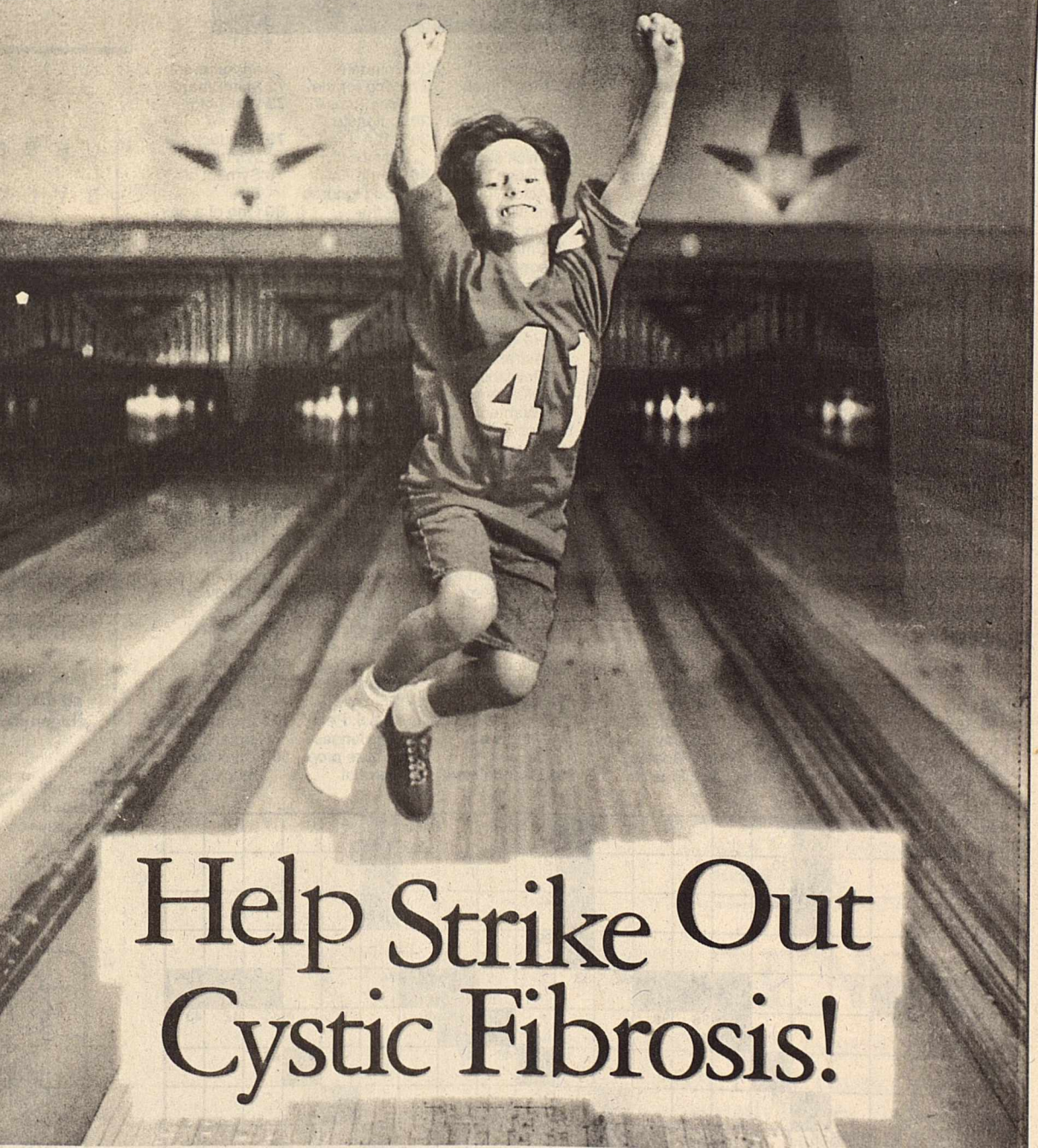
through small cracks and crevices around doors and windows, sealing these areas will help keep them out.

Chemical controls, such as miticides can be applied to lower exterior walls, the foundation and a 10 to 20 foot wide strip of nearby lawn where the mites are found. Indoors use a vacuum cleaner to pick up live mites seal the bag and dispose of it.



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# Watch for some changes in town



Bobby Jo Casale, of Brackettville Real Estate, is Kinney County Chamber of Commerce's newest member.

The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce welcomed a new member and a new business to town last week.

Bobby Jo Casale is a Texas licensed broker specializing in ranch and hunting land. He is doing business in the Kinney County area as "Brackettville Real Estate." His main office is in the Houston area.

He fell in love with this area while hunting here and has been coming back for some 15 years. Casale and his wife have made several good friends in the area and are looking for just the right place that would enable them to

spend more time here.

Casale has a varied background that made for great conversation. In the course of such, it was learned that he is one of the largest importers of Mexican maracas. He has sat in with many well known musicians, including Blondie Calderon.

Bobby Jo is known as the "Maraca King." It just goes to show you never know who you are talking to!

Watch for some changes in town! Penny's Pizza is moving to the corner of Farm and Market Road 674 and U.S. Highway 90, which is also the new location of

Rory's Video.

Stop in and get a great pizza and a video and you will be set for the evening!

The Giftbox is also relocating. The nice new building going up by the Post Office will soon open its doors offering the Meils more showroom and work space.

The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce is 50 years old this year! The 50th Anniversary Banquet and Annual Meeting for all Chamber members will take place Saturday, at noon, at Alamo Village in the Cantina. Chamber members will be admitted to the Village at no charge and brisket

plates will be served at noon at \$6.50 per person.

The meeting, recognition of special members, and new members will take place after the banquet.

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### Super Crossword

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| 27 Song for      | 64 Bristles      | 96 Song for       | grinder            | 57 Drive         | 94 Democratic    |
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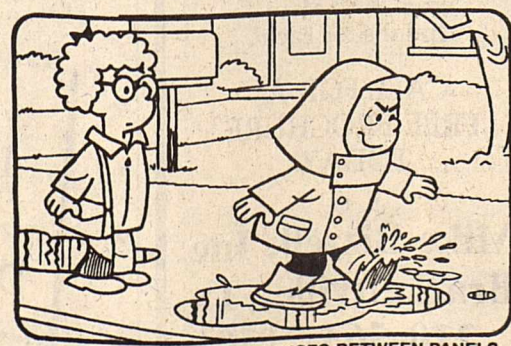
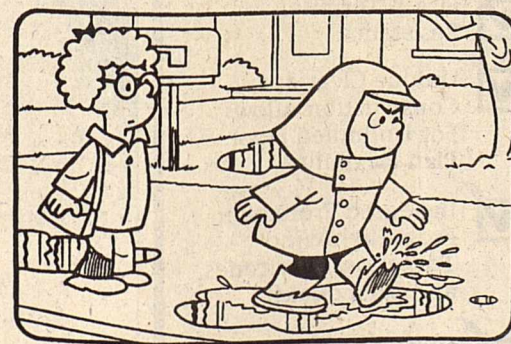
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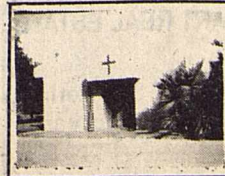
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### HOCUS-FOCUS



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Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

The story of the life of Joseph is fascinating. The youngest of a large family of boys he easily won the heart of his father who was well along in years when he was born. Special treatment by his father led his brothers to be desperately jealous of him. While his brothers were a far distance from home tending the sheep his father sent Joseph to check on them and take them food. Seeing the opportunity to dispose of him they sold him to a caravan of traders on the way to Egypt. He soon gained the attention of Potiphar, the captain of the guard for Pharaoh. Because he spurned the seductive efforts of Potiphar's wife she connived to have him put in prison. While there he interpreted dreams. When the Pharaoh had dreams and could find no interpreter word came to him that Joseph had interpreted. When approached by Pharaoh he told him only God could interpret dreams but he would seek God's answer.

The dreams said there would be seven years of plentiful harvest followed by seven years of desperate famine and suggested a man be appointed to garner the surplus of the seven fat years to have food for the seven lean years. The Pharaoh appointed Joseph to be over all the country. Joseph then assessed all the land to give twenty percent of the harvested grain which he stored. When the famine came it hit hard the land of Canaan where Joseph's family lived. Joseph's father sent the sons to Egypt to buy grain. Eventually Joseph revealed himself to them. They were afraid and much disturbed, remembering what they

had done to Joseph. Joseph told them to not be disturbed because God had directed them in order that they all might live. With the support of the Pharaoh Joseph brought all of his family to Egypt and established them in the land of Goshen, the richest land in all the world. This story reveals how God cares for his own. Caring for and blessing Joseph entailed caring for and blessing his family and hence the progeny of the Hebrew race. This also shows God leads even sinners back to the right path and blesses them. Joseph's brothers were reconciled to him in spite of their jealousy and sin. God was not bound by distance nor circumstances. He used a far away land, of a different race, different culture, different language and different religion to bless His own. God had a plan that the Hebrews were to be the favored nation through whom Christ would come into the world. Though many things contravened God kept his plan in view and worked it out. God worked through weird circumstances to do His will. Through it all God used men to work out His plan. He blessed Joseph because He was faithful to him in his personal life and in his faith under trying circumstances. God is omniscient (all knowing) omnipotent (all powerful) and omnipresent (all present everywhere.) In the end all who are faithful to Him will be victorious and will be a channel to bring victory in the life of others.

There will be another message from God's word Sunday at 11:00 A.M. at Frontier Baptist Church. Come and see.

*Gateway Ministries*  
Pastor Charolette Corey

In 1 Sam. 30:16 David recovered everything the Amalekites had taken. Nothing was missing, (wives, children, plunder or anything else taken). He took all the flocks and herds (of the enemy), and his men drove them ahead of the other livestock, saying, "This is David's plunder."

David shared his plunder with those who had been too exhausted to go with him, as well as those who did.

He shared it with the Elders of the church in Judah, his friends and neighbors, to all who had befriended him and men in the villages.

This all happened after,  
1) He had been exiled from his own country when the king (his father in law), and his fellow countrymen were seeking to kill him.  
2) He had to fight alongside his

enemies, the Philistines, to make a living (which he did with honor).

3) Even the king of the Philistines finally requested that he and his men leave after serving well.

4) David and his men return home to find their wives and children taken captive and their town burned.

5) David and his men weep until they can't weep anymore.

6) David's "Valiant" men talk of stoning him.

What would you do?  
David sought God. God said 1) Pursue. 2) Overtake. 3) Succeed.

When you find yourself in a situation too big to bear yourself and all seems lost, Seek God and through His strength, He will allow you to pursue, overtake your enemy and succeed.

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



*First Baptist Church*  
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"The Pastor's Pen"

The most often quoted verse of Scripture from the Bible is 2 Timothy 4:7, I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." My abridged version of that verse is, "I didn't quit." Paul is saying that the thing he is most proud of is that he finished the race and although tempted many times to drop out he completed the course.

We had better realize that life is a long distance run and not a dash. Anything that is worth accomplishing takes time. Our great temptation is to go for a little while

and then lose our enthusiasm. Friends betray us and promises are denied so that we believe the outcome is uncertain. Then we steal away and leave someone else to finish the job.

The good news of the gospel is that we have help. Jesus taught us to live a day at a time and not try to live too far in the future. Paul had found this to be true and in his faith he had discovered his strength. In the constant wearing down of life, it is good news to know there is a reservoir of strength upon which we may call.



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Though the waters there of roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah. I waited patiently for the LORD, and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry

clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.

And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God; many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.

Blessed is the man who maketh the Lord his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies. Psalms 46:1-3; 40:1-4.

Praise the Lord.  
Come feast with us in the Lord the table is set. Everyone's always welcome.

**Thank you**

On behalf of my brother and his wife, Bill & Mollie Sands, who were visiting from Newcastle-on-Tyne England, I would like to thank all the people in Fort Clark and Brackettville who made their stay in Texas memorable. They had a wonderful time and feel I am very fortunate to be a Winter Texan in such a place and so do I!

Sincerely,  
Mary Batey.

**THANK YOU**

To all that helped out in our accident, especially to K.C. EMS, Fire Department, D.P.S. and Border Patrol, also all who called, came by or said a prayer for us.

Thank you very much.  
Elia & Jissica Payne and Family

**THANK YOU**

I want to thank all my friends and neighbors who supported me in the recent election to the board of directors of Fort Clark Springs.  
Bob Burkepille

**Unsung Hero**  
By Joe Townsend

There is a young man here who has spent his life here except for a few months. He is a product of the Brackett School system. While still in school he began to cover sports for the Brackett News. He then spent some time in Del Rio as a reporter for the Del Rio News Herald. There ensued a period when he worked for a newspaper in Divine. He now is doing an outstanding job as editor of the Brackett News. He is not only a good reporter and editor but is a good writer. He is finding time to continue his college education by attending Uvalde Junior College. He is a man of high integrity as demonstrated in the field of journalism as well as his personal life. He is a part of a fine family of long time Brackettville folks. He is a jovial and friendly person and well liked by all who know him. He is deeply interested in making Brackettville an even better community. He is caring about every facet of life in the community. Surely J.J. Guidry is an Unsung Hero.

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**Knee Arthroscopy: "Tiny" Surgery, big results**

Pioneered by orthopaedic surgeons with an interest in sports medicine, arthroscopy of the knee was among the first of the truly revolutionary developments in modern surgery. Literally, hundreds of surgical procedures that used to require a large open incision can now be performed using far less invasive methods. Arthroscopic surgeries allow the surgeon to look inside the body with special instruments that permit the surgeon to remove damaged tissues and bone with much less risk of infection than with open surgery.

Arthroscopy can be used for the treatment of injuries to the menisci (rubbery shock absorbers of the knee) or cruciate ligaments (crisscrossed stabilizers of the knee) and has even been used successfully in the treatment of the early stages of osteoarthritis of the knee.

Prior to the introduction of arthroscopic surgery, knee cartilage injuries that would not heal on their own could only be treated using open surgery. This required a long recovery period and an extended hospital stay. Before arthroscopic surgery, any significant cartilage tear was usually treated with complete or nearly

complete removal of the meniscus. However, when the menisci are removed, the knee loses its normal lubricating and shock-absorbing mechanism which can lead to an arthritic reaction in the area of cartilage removal. The initial breakthrough of arthroscopic surgery, and its continuing refinement, has made it possible to remove only the areas of cartilage that have been torn, leaving the major portion intact. In some instances, it is now possible to repair a fresh tear using arthroscopic techniques with out having to remove any of the torn cartilage. This means that hundreds of thousands of high-school, college, and adult athletes are now able to lead active lives following arthroscopy, without the rapid deterioration of bone in the joint that often followed complete removal of the meniscus. However, even for those adults with arthritic knees (who may or may not have had a meniscus removed in a prior surgery) arthroscopic surgery can often be used to delay the need for a total knee replacement.

Prior to surgery, a proper medical diagnosis is required. Often, the orthopaedic surgeon can listen to the patient's description of his or his symptoms (how

long the knee has been hurting or how an injury occurred), perform a thorough physical examination (occasionally x-rays may be indicated), and can make a preliminary diagnosis. If a meniscal tear or if a cruciate ligament tear is suspected these problems can be confirmed using either magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) or arthroscopy for diagnosis. As indicated previously, even certain arthritic conditions have shown good response to arthroscopic surgery. These conditions include: if the onset of symptoms has been relatively brief; if there are mechanical symptoms such as popping, locking, or giving away; and as long as the deformities caused by arthritis (such as bow-legs or knock-knees) have not progressed too far.

If arthroscopic surgery is necessary, a scope is inserted through a tiny incision about the width of a pencil. A second tiny incision is made so that the knee can be irrigated with fluid during the procedure. A specially designed surgical tool is inserted through a third and occasionally even a fourth tiny incision. The scope contains a brilliant but ultra-low-heat fiberoptic lighting system that makes it possible to see the inside

of the joint by viewing the joint space on a television monitor. The light provided by the scope is so bright that, with the appropriate equipment, it is possible to videotape arthroscopic surgery and obtain color photographs. The surgical instrument is first used to remove loose particles, including bone or cartilage fragments. Then any portion of meniscal tissue or loose articular cartilage that could cause the joint to lock up may be trimmed off and suctioned out to ensure knee function that is as close to normal as possible. The incisions for the scope and instrument are usually closed with just one stitch each, so the fact that one has had arthroscopic surgery is hardly noticeable.

All this may be accomplished without a hospital stay in most cases.

With the better long-term prognosis, lower risk of infection, and shorter recovery period, arthroscopic surgery represents a truly remarkable combination of technology and medicine.

This article was written by Uvalde orthopaedic surgeon Gloria G. Box, M.D. Dr. Box owns and operates Uvalde Bone & Joint Clinic, P.A. (210) 278-2292.

**Conner returns from Christian Workfest**

Local resident, Norma Conner of Ft. Clark Springs recently returned from Volunteering as Chief Cook for the Christian Appalachian Workfest. This project consists of building two new homes and repairing and improving approximately 12 others in the Daniel Boone Forest Area of Jackson County, Kentucky. College students (240 students from 29 college campuses) and sponsors come for their Spring Break week and work with local leaders on these homes in beautiful Appalachia. The area is one of the poorest counties in the United States.

This is the third year Norma has returned to head up the Chuck Wagon duties, cooking for 50 to 80 workers. One week of her time was spent visiting the elderly and shut-ins in the county. Many are isolated on the ridges or in the "hollers" with few family members around and they are unable to read or write, nor do they have a vehicle to transport them to town so depend on others totally. It is a life of loneliness and isolation.

The lifestyle of most of these people can be compared to general lifestyle of 80 - 100 years

ago. The running water is from a spring on the side of a mountain which has to be carried to their houses. Indoor plumbing is very rare and as we visited we found there were no outhouses in many places.

The work and fellowship with others is very rewarding as we all strive to show the love of God to people less fortunate than we. We in this area can truly count our blessings and thank God!

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Motorcycle helmet law repealed

AUSTIN- Pasadena Senator Patterson's bill which repeals the motorcycle helmet law for adults finally passed in the Senate on Monday, March 24.

Senate Bill (SB) 99 permits anyone 21 or older to ride a motorcycle without a helmet, however, minors will still be required to wear a helmet or face misdemeanor charges.

Amendments added to the bill place certain restrictions on the rider.

First, the individual must have no less than \$10,000 in health insurance. A second amendment prohibits helmetless riders from obtaining financial assistance from the Comprehensive Rehabilitation Fund if injured in an accident.

Tuesday, March 25- the state of Texas may be loaning money to Amtrak, the national passenger rail service currently experiencing funding shortfalls.

In an effort to save the Texas Eagle, which runs from Chicago and St. Louis to San Antonio, Mount Pleasant Senator Ratliff sponsored Senate Bill (SB) 1706, enabling the Texas Department of Transportation to enter into a loan agreement with Amtrak to continue the Texas portion of the rail service.

The bill passed the Senate with a vote of 24 to 5. Senator Nelson of Flower Mound sponsored SB 247, a bill which specifies the age

at which a minor must participate in compulsory education.

Instead of age 17, SB 247 requires a child to stay in school until age 18 or until the academic year in which the child's 18th birthday occurs.

The bill was passed unanimously. "Now is the time to do even more to improve public education.

Now that we are turning the light of learning on in our classrooms, we can not afford to turn

out the lights on our schoolchildren by using precious tax dollars to send kids to private schools instead." El Paso Senator Shapleigh.

This was the major concern voiced by several senators in a press conference on Tuesday in reference to SB 1206 soon to be brought up on the Senate floor regarding tax dollars used to pay for vouchers to send kids to private schools.

Senators Luna of San Anto-

nio, Barrientos of Austin, Shapleigh of El Paso, West of Dallas, Ellis of Houston and Truan of Corpus Christi are just a few that vehemently oppose vouchers in Texas Schools.

The Senators cited that additional funding needed for reading initiative programs, enforcement of zero tolerance policies, and construction of new public school buildings will be taken away if vouchers are instituted in Texas schools.

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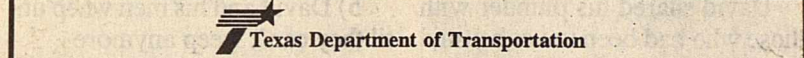
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