

# The Brackett News



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### Briefs ...

#### Brotherton in 'Who's Who'

COLLEGE STATION - Brandy Leigh Brotherton of Brackettville is among 94 undergraduate and seven graduate students from Texas A&M University who have been named to the "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" listings.

To be named to the prestigious list, students who apply for the honor must be active in campus/community activities and show leadership qualities, in addition to maintaining good grades and at least 95 semester credit hours at the start of the 1999 fall semester.

#### Museum open Saturday

Kinney County Heritage Museum will be open Saturday, May 13 from 1 to 4 p.m.

#### Medina Valley Arts Show

The Medina Valley Art Society, invites you to their Spring Fine Art Show & Sale

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#### Potato Fest June 2-3

The annual Pearsall Chamber of Commerce "Potato Festival" will be June 2-3 in the Lions Club Civic Center.

Pearsall is 45 minutes south of San Antonio on Interstate 35. Help celebrate the end of potato harvest and participate in the many planned events.

This year there will be an authentic chuck wagon camp cooking competition. Come watch the "ol' cowboys" compete for prize money cooking up "papas" in ways you have not seen in years.

Also planned are a parade, 5K run, salsa judging contest, lawn mower races, steer roping, youth rodeo and live music throughout the day.

Numerous spud related events are scheduled such as potato carving and the famous "Spuds haul and hurtle;" also planned are volleyball and washer pitching tournaments, a dance on Friday and Saturday nights; a carnival, food, art and craft booths.

If you are interested in setting up a booth yourself, please contact Juanita at the Chamber office at 830-334-9414 or email her at Pearsall@vsta.com.

## Incumbents keep city council and school board posts

Incumbents retained their seats in the city council and school board, according to Saturday's election results.

Mayor Carmen Berlanga, Al-

derman Ralph Gonzalez and Alderwoman Tencha Pena were re-elected and Rosemary Slubar and Tim Ward were re-elected to the Brackett Independent School Dis-

trict Board of Trustees.

Berlanga, who has been the mayor for the past eight years, won by eight votes. Her chief challenger, Alderwoman Mary V. Flores, received 171 votes. Also re-elected was Ralph Gonzalez, Alderman Place 4, who won by 39 votes. Gonzalez received 260 votes while his opponent, Wes Robinson, received 221 votes. Incumbent Tencha Pena, Alderwoman Place 2, received 299 votes compared to 164 votes cast

for her opponent, Lee Canty.

Also elected was John Samaniego, who ran unopposed for the Alderman Place 5 seat. He received 382 votes.

Other mayoral candidates included Jesus (Jesse) Garcia with 120 votes and Diana Koch Ward with 45 votes.

In the school board race, Slubar received 360 votes, Ward, 375 votes, Leonel G. Juarez, 250 votes and Albert (Abbie) Garcia, 141 votes.

Records show 523 people voted in the city council election, including 216 early voters and 627 cast their ballots in the school board election, including 254 early voters. According to Martha Pena Hooten, tax assessor-collector, there are 2,440 registered voters in Kinney County. All registered voters were eligible to vote in the school board election. The City Council election was limited to Brackettville residents (an estimated 1,000 voters).



James and Judy Burks in the Carnegie Hall dressing room shortly after their performance.

### Brackett student & teacher perform at Carnegie Hall

James Burks, senior at Brackett Independent School District, sang at Carnegie Hall in New York City for the prestigious Easter Sunday concert on April 23.

James was one of 30 singers that Jan Pressgrove, choral director at Del Rio High School, took to New York as a part of this year's Carnegie Singers 2000. Nationwide, only six other schools were included. The youth choir sang Mozart's "Requiem," accompanied by the New England Symphonic Ensemble and conducted by the popular composer,

John Rutter, a native of London, England.

Mozart's "Requiem in D Minor, K. 626" is a massive piece of music made up of 12 selections sung entirely in Latin. The 200 member choir and 50 piece orchestra completed the work in an hour. The audience gave the performance three standing ovations.

James' mother, Judy Burks, third grade teacher at Brackett ISD, was invited to join the five-day trip and sing with the choir as well.

## MH/MR Center offers training

By Diana Gonzales  
Brackett News Editor

The young man was sitting in a room with four other people and was being very patient.

After awhile, though, he appeared to be getting restless. Earlier, he had mentioned that he was not particularly interested in attending a meeting, that he would rather get to work.

The young man may not have known it, but his sentiment expresses the idea behind Expanded Horizons, a non-profit organization in Brackettville, committed to providing fellowship, training and work to the mentally challenged.

In operation since February, Expanded Horizons Inc., owes its beginnings to Kinney County Judge Herb Senne, who has provided the majority of funds when attempts to obtain a grant failed. Now that Expanded Horizons is a 501c non-profit charitable organization, it is eligible to receive grants, he said.

Senne's interest in the project is personal - his son, Shawn, the young man described earlier in this story - is mentally challenged. The judge explained that his experience and knowledge, gained over the years raising Shawn, inspired him to bring this service within the boundaries of Kinney County, not only on behalf of his son, but for anyone who needs the services.

It is estimated that 17 people in Kinney County could take advantage of what Expanded Horizons has to offer, yet currently only two, Shawn Senne and Jimmy Martinez, are enrolled in the program.

It is the hope of Expanding Horizons that its client list will grow and as it does, that local business owners will provide work for them. Meanwhile, funds from Expanded Horizons has helped pay for a building off of Highway 90. The building's upkeep can be paid for with revenue generated

by work contracts for the clients. "Expanded Horizons provides the building free and pays the utilities; Hill Country provides the staff," explained Senne.

Hill Country Community MHMR Center is a private institution based in Kerrville that oversees a 19 county region which includes Kinney. It has a contract with the state to provide services to not only the mentally challenged but the mentally ill. Since 1998, services provided by state agencies are now being contracted out to the private sector who are overseen by state agencies and must meet a standard level of care for all recipients served.

Jeanette Page is in charge of the Expanded Horizons Adult

Workshop. She provides training and guidance to mentally challenged clients.

"What I help with depends on what the client wants to do. Some days I might help someone with living skills, other days we may go shopping. We might have a job to do in the community and we may have to show a client how to operate equipment...it just depends," said Page.

Currently, Shawn and Jimmy Martinez are building birdhouses and other arts and crafts that they will paint and hope to sell at the Fort Clark Springs art show. They are raising chickens that eventually will lay eggs that they hope to sell. They have worked on

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## Lack of volunteers prompts Little League to pay umpires

By Diana Gonzales  
Brackett News Editor

Continued frustration over unreliable volunteer game officials has prompted Kinney County Little League Association to put umpires on the payroll.

The decision was made about two months ago, adds Hector Villarreal, who was elected president of the Association two weeks ago. Villarreal concedes that the board's action may have stirred up some controversy.

Some people wonder why the Association, after over 40 years of non-payment to umpires, has now decided to pay them.

The answer is simple. "We had trouble finding volunteer umpires," responds Villarreal, a former volunteer umpire and team manager.

Isn't paying umpires a violation of Little League rules? No, responds Alma Gutierrez, Kinney County Little League Association treasurer - the rule book says umpires can get paid.

Villarreal adds that Little League umpires in Del Rio and Eagle Pass also receive compen-

sation.

The only drawback is that Little League accidental insurance does not cover paid umpires. "They (paid umpires) have been informed that if they get hurt, they're on their own," added Villarreal.

Villarreal furnished this newspaper with a copy of the Little League's Association Year 2000 Operating Manual pertaining to umpires:

"...Some leagues pay for services of umpires at Little League games. There are many reasons give us in the justification for paying umpires for Little League games. Listed below are several reasons for enlisting volunteer umpires:

1. Paid umpires will not be considered for state, regional or world series umpire slots.
2. Volunteers are the backbone of the Little League program.
3. Paid umpires may not be covered by insurance policies. Additionally, problems may be caused with state workman's compensation laws.
4. Paying umpires depletes league funds that could better

serve the players.

5. Paid umpires must comply with all IRS regulations; therefore, leagues must keep updated records and file additional paperwork."

Behind the plate umpires have been paid \$15 per game and base umpires have been paid \$10 per game since the season started April 15. Donations from sponsors and proceeds from concession stand sales are being used to pay the umpires.

Prior to the board's decision to pay umpires, Little League games were being delayed because the persons who had agreed to volunteer to umpire would "arrive 15 to 20 minutes late or not at all. We wound up having to ask people attending the games whether they could help us by umpiring," said Villarreal.

Now that the umpires are being paid, the game officials are getting to the baseball field 45 to 30 minutes early.

The paid umpires also are expected to abide by stricter enforcement of rules and regulations. Umpires now are required to wear blue shirts as part of their uniform and the base umpire must use a

flag to strike out players, added Villarreal.

In Brackettville, there are two Little League games played each week, said Villarreal. Almost all the teams, excluding T-ball, require two umpires - one behind the plate and the base umpire.

So, if each game requires two umpires who are paid a combined \$25 a game, the Association spends \$50 a week or \$200 a month in umpire pay.

Overall, there are four Little League teams with 12 or 13 players on each team: three girls' softball teams; four T-ball teams for ages 5 and 6 and three T-ball teams for ages 7 and 8 and a senior league.

It is Villarreal's hope to solicit businesses to help pay for team uniforms. "Their (sponsors' names) would be printed on the uniform," he said.

Until the board's action to pay umpires, sponsor donations and concession stand sales had been used solely to buy equipment and uniforms. For this season, \$1,200 worth of equipment was bought and \$1,000 was spent on uniforms, explained Villarreal.



Brackettville and Barron, Wisc., first graders hug each other during a "Welcome to Brackettville" reception Monday morning at Jones Elementary School. See Story Page 5

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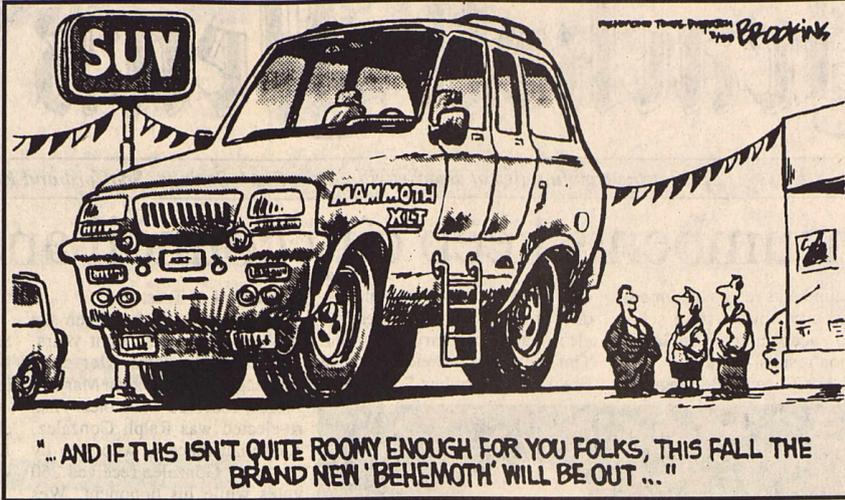
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# How old are you ?

Recently, I heard a friend of mine, who's 50, say he wished he was 21 again. Claims he doesn't like being "Old". How wrong can you get? I don't wish I were 21. At 21, I was still in college, about to get out and join the working force. I had no house of my own, a 10-year old car and no idea where I was going. When I was that age I didn't even know how ignorant I really was. Since then, I have been told so enough times that I am acutely aware of the fact. I don't want to be 21 again. I don't even wish I were 50 again. At 50 I didn't have one of the greatest loves of my life. I had no idea that a grandson could bring so much sunshine and joy into my world. No, I like where I am at in the spectrum of things in life. But how do you know when

you're getting old? I have heard several friends' comments on the subject and some are worth sharing. How old is old? Charlie Foust once told me that an old man shaves in the morning while a young man shaves in the evening. Got me there. And if you have to ask the meaning of his statement, then you're really old. Mrs. Luna says that young people talk about what they're going to do and old folks talk about what they've already done. Got me on that one too. My Uncle Jim used to say you were old when you couldn't touch your toes anymore. Ahah! I beat that one. When I sit down on the edge of the bed, I can touch my toes all I want. Every one of them. Top and bottom. I am still young. But I could be wrong.



## Congratulations to the Class of 2000

Submitted by  
U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

Summer is just about to begin and for the Class of 2000, this is also a time of celebration and opportunity. For those of you who will soon graduate and are about to march across the stage to receive your diploma, I would like to congratulate you for a job well done and wish you luck as you set out to realize the American dream.

You have been through a lot during your years in school. It wasn't easy. Homework wasn't always fun and many times it made your head hurt: struggling to solve algebra problems, writing papers for English class and working on history projects. Like many of my classmates at South San Antonio High School, schoolwork did not come naturally to me. It was discouraging to see half of the kids in my class give up the fight and quit school. However, I believed and continue to believe that if you work hard and make every effort you can to learn, you can be a doctor, a rancher, a writer, an engineer, a U.S. Representative or anything you want to be.

Here in America, we have more opportunities than any place in the world. Education provides us with endless possibilities and opens even more doors for us. For example, even though some people start out their lives at a disadvantage, education can help them soar to new heights and help them compete with those who may have started out with more. I know it's true because it happened to me.

Real life success stories begin in communities just like yours. Every day is an opportunity-an opportunity to learn and an opportunity to set new goals for yourself. You might learn how to program a computer, build a fence, or put together an engine. Whatever you plan to do in the future, never stop thirsting for knowledge, because your efforts and success will keep our nation strong in the coming century.

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The Way I See It  
By Steven R. LaMascus

"We The People..." is one of the most recognizable quotations in the world. Everyone, or at least everyone who can read or who ever went to school, recognizes the source of "We the People." It is part of a document written to protect the law-abiding citizens of the United States of America. It was written by men who believed so vehemently, so passionately in the rights of the individual that they were willing to die for those rights.

Now we are seeing those rights slowly eroded into oblivion. In our country today the rights of the righteous many have no priority over the rights of the wicked few. We are seeing the rights of criminals and pervers given priority over the rights of the law-abiding, God-fearing majority of the population. We are losing our right to worship our God in our chosen way. The "freedom of religion" statement is being perverted to mean "freedom from religion." If we want to pray we must do so in a way that doesn't offend anyone.

The fathers of this nation used their personally owned weapons to feed and protect themselves and their families, tame a wilderness,

and to fight a war for freedom. We the People, in the form of farmers and businessmen, fathers, brothers and uncles, picked up their personally owned Pennsylvania long rifles and Brown Bess muskets and whipped the fire out of the most powerful army in the world at the time. They fought, and bled, and died by the hundreds for a freedom that we are now giving away because we don't want to offend anyone.

I must tell you that not a single, solitary one of the founders of this country were "politically correct!" They were rebels. They spoke the unvarnished truth! They fought for what they believed. They did not sit by and whine that someone should do something about the British oppression. No! They picked up their weapons, took their future firmly in their own rough, labor-callused hands and marched off to change things themselves. They did so because they had faith in themselves; faith that good would triumph over evil; and faith that God was on their side.

Now, today, We the People are just a pale, insipid shadow of the strong, decisive We the People of 1776. We whine and cry when another of our rights are smashed or eroded. We whine to each

other, but we fail to act, or even to speak strongly to the ones who can effect changes. It isn't important enough to us. As long as we have full bellies and a nice car and a color TV we don't really care. We allow the evil minority to force change that is contrary to the Constitution. We accept the fact that tools (guns) are evil and cause the poor innocent criminal to violate the law. We try to legislate the tool instead of punishing the criminal. We do not resist illegal acts by our government. We simply acquiesce and allow the liberals to enforce on us the unconstitutional decisions of socialistic, atheistic judges and lawmakers. It is a sad commentary on our nation that we allow this kind of communistic behavior.

George Orwell was right. But instead of being forced to accept the Big Brother, proletarian concept by weight of arms, we are simply handing it to Big Liberal Government on a silver platter because we are too weak-willed to resist.

Pretty soon, if we don't resist, we will be a Godless, moraleless, disarmed society of proletarian sheep who have only those rights the socialistic government feels we should have. How does it feel, Comrade?

# Patients' Bill of Rights query hits a nerve

Submitted by  
U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

Did I ever hit a nerve when I included a question about the proposed Patients' Bill of Rights in my annual questionnaire last winter.

All of us want access to high-quality medical care. We want to be able to take advantage of the advances that have made it possible for us to live longer, healthier lives. But obtaining and paying for good medical care in our country has grown complicated. In addition to doctors and patients, other parties such as health maintenance organizations (HMOs), third-party payers, the legal profession and the government have all become involved in the system.

So when I asked what your health-care priorities are, I received an avalanche of answers. The right to choose a doctor was the highest rated priority for 32 percent of those who responded: 24 percent put lower medical costs at the top of the list; 22 percent indicated that keeping their out-of-pocket medical expenses at the lowest possible level was their first priority; 13 percent said providing universal health care to everyone ought to head the list and 9 percent said the right to sue their HMO was paramount.

Here are some of your comments:

From Arlington: "I have been going to the same doctor for 14 years and want to continue to be cared for by someone who knows me and my medical history. Whatever Congress does, I hope the law includes a line saying we have the right to pick our doctors."

Canton: "Insurance companies have stripped people of the right to choose their doctors, and doctors of the power to treat their patients as they best see fit. I do not want insurance clerks making medical decisions for me.

Dallas: The surest way to see

that health care costs are kept in line is to keep the lawyers out of it."

Midland: "Congress needs to be very careful before rewriting the laws that govern health care. Any law that expands the liability of employers and insurers will cause health-care costs to increase even more."

Garland: "The key to insuring all Americans is keeping insurance affordable."

Odessa: "I struggle to provide my eight full-time employees with health insurance coverage. At some point, I will no longer be able to afford it. We do need reform, but we do not need legislation that will cause more employers to drop coverage."

San Antonio: "As to costs, patients must be considered before profits. Just look at the compensation given CEOs of managed care organizations and you might wonder how much of our health-care premiums actually go to patient care."

Mesquite: "In some cases, the reality is 'managed cost,' not 'managed care.' Decisions are made based on financial considerations, not medical expertise."

Iowa Park: "I don't like the sound of making it easier for lawyers to sue health plans because it could drive up costs dramatically. Lawyers would get the money. Joe Patient would get to pay a higher match every time they go to the doctor."

Lakeview: "We're not asking for freebies, just fairness when it comes to what we have to pay for our medical expenses. Cutting taxes would help us pay for our share of our own care."

Spring: "I don't feel that health care should be free. But we should lower costs by offering lower payment arrangements to people who are self-employed or unemployed."

Richardson: "Making it easier for lawyers to sue health plans and the employers who pay for their

workers' insurance will drive up costs. Every time a benefit decision is made, employers would have to worry about the risk of a lawsuit."

I support legislation that protects the interests of the patients and increases access to quality health care.

Patients should be able to choose their doctors. HMOs should be required to play by the rules to make sure that patients get the care they need - when they need it.

Congress is considering legislation that would provide important new patient protections, including coverage for medical emergencies, a prohibition against gag rules on what doctors can tell patients, direct access to OB/GYN

and pediatricians, and a point of service options that would allow patients to see doctors outside their health plan network.

It also would guarantee the continuation of medical care should a health plan discontinue service.

Most importantly, we must develop a binding external appeals process in which doctors would make the final decisions when patients disagree with their health care plans, similar to the law Texas enacted in 1997.

Our goal is to increase access to health insurance while providing consumer protections. I will continue to support reforms that ensure all Americans have access to quality and affordable health care.

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## Kinney County Sheriff's Report ...

**Saturday, April 29**  
8:35 p.m., A local man reported that a motorist driving a black Nissan knocked down a sign and went through a fence at the Intersection of Highway 334 (Campwood- Laguna Road) and FM 3199 (Tularosa Road). The vehicle's license plate number was given to deputies who later picked up the driver at his residence and returned to the accident scene.

**Monday, May 1**  
1:32 p.m., A local resident reported that she shot a raccoon who she believed was rabid and who had been harassing her dogs, who were tied up. She said she called the Texas Department of Health to advise them of the incident and was told to give the dogs booster shots and to isolate them. Later, the raccoon and the blood were burned and the dogs were placed in a pen.

2:28 p.m., Someone complained that some people had parked a car in the housing project and were working on the vehicle. The caller asked deputies to ask the people to leave and take their vehicle with them.

2:33 p.m., A local man reported that there was a dead body in a house at Mud Creek. The sheriff and a deputy investigated.  
3:55 p.m., Jeremiah Lindwood, age 43, of Dallas, was arrested on a warrant from Gregg County. On May 3, he was transferred to officials there.

4:19 p.m., A local woman called and asked deputies to come to her house because she was suspicious of a lady visitor who was asking her a lot of questions.

5:45 p.m., Someone reported a motorist was traveling at a high rate of speed on Third Street and had turned toward the track field. A deputy went to investigate but found no such driver.

5:35 p.m., A local man reported that the driver of a yellow 18-wheeler was hogging the road and forcing other motorists to drive on the shoulder. A deputy went to investigate.

**Wednesday, May 3**  
9:02 a.m., A local woman reported that she was worried about a dog that was tied up in a yard near a mobile home. She said she fed the dog and gave it water. Animal control was called to check out the situation.

9:39 a.m., A local woman reported that a man was walking on the side of the road and Border Patrol was notified.

3:19 p.m., A local woman reported that there was a loose mule running around her yard and that her dogs were chasing the animal.

5:13 p.m., A local resident reported that she was worried about a local woman who she had not seen in three days and who was ill. She was supposed to take the woman to the doctor for a checkup that day but no one answered the phone or the front door at the woman's house. She asked that deputies check up on her. Later, the woman was located.

6:52 p.m., A local resident complained that a known motorist was driving recklessly through the neighborhood. The resident said the motorist was angry at her family. Later, the motorist apologized to the family and his apology was accepted. But he was told

to be careful because he narrowly missed striking two little girls who were at the edge of their property.

7:45 p.m., A deputy checking out locations found the door open to a place of business. The owner was notified to lock up.

Erin Rose Tarkington, age 19, of Vidor, Texas, and Lauran Elmore, age 19, of Austin, were arrested for possessing less than two ounces of marijuana each. They were released May 4 on personal recognizance bonds.

**Friday, May 5**  
3:50 p.m. A local woman asked whether deputies could go with her to pick up her children at her ex-husband's house.

5:54 p.m., A local woman said her boyfriend had thrown her out of the house they shared and would not let her in to get her things. When deputies arrived, the boyfriend said the woman's belongings were in the front yard. The boyfriend also allowed the woman to go into the house to make sure she had everything that belonged to her.

7:25 p.m., A local store owner asked for deputies' assistance with a customer who was not welcomed in the store due to his past conduct. The owner said that after he told the man to leave the store, the unwanted customer had told him, "you will be sorry." The owner took that comment as a threat. Later, the unwelcome customer told deputies he did not mean anything by that remark, but promised to stay away from the store.

1:19 a.m., The alarm at a local business went off, the responsible parties were notified and the problem was taken care of.

**Saturday, May 6**

1:25 p.m., A local man said he was selling a motorbike and that an acquaintance had expressed interest in buying it. He gave the man the keys to the motorbike so he could start it up and see how it ran. The acquaintance drove off with the bike instead and the owner was worried because the bike did not have any insurance. He asked deputies to look for the man and his bike. Later, the man showed up with the motorbike and told deputies he had thought he could take the bike out for a test drive.

5:15 p.m., Someone complained about a motorist who was driving a red dirt bike all over the golf course at Fort Clark Springs. The motorist was located later and promised not to do that again.

7:35 p.m., Someone reported that a man was laying on the courthouse lawn and that he might be ill. When deputies arrived, the man was sitting on the lawn, under a tree. He told deputies he was fine and that he was just resting in the shade to escape the heat.

8:22 p.m. A local resident reported that the music being played at the prom was too loud. Deputies went to the person's residence and in her presence, read the Sound Level Meter. Deputies said the rating was so low it did not read at the lowest rating.

**Sunday, May 7**

7:01 a.m., Department of Public Safety troopers reported an accident involving one vehicle east of Del Rio, approximately three miles past Sycamore Creek in Kin-

ney County on Highway 90, with one injury. DPS dispatched a unit and EMS from Del Rio responded.

9:41 a.m., The driver of school left the motor running while he went inside a building. Later, when he came out of the building, the driver discovered that the truck had slipped out of gear and caused damage to the fence behind the Ag Shop.

**Monday, May 8**

A local man told police that his ex-wife had entered his residence without permission and took a 27-inch Magnavox TV set, some men's jewelry, two bracelets, and a gold rope chain with a crucifix, all valued at \$700. The man said he and his wife have not lived together for 1 1/2 years, and that his two sons had just moved to Del Rio to live with her. He believes the boys were with their mother at the time of this incident. He gave deputies a description of his ex-wife's car and let them know in what vicinity in Del Rio she lives.

**Tuesday, May 9**

2:27 a.m., A local resident reported that there were some people walking inside the hunting camp on East Spring Street and that the owners were not there. Deputies went to the scene.

## FCCLA members participate in Expanded Horizons clean-up day

Saturday, April 8, two Brackettville High School students belonging to the FCCLA (FHA) along with two of their supervisors and the special adults at the Expanded Horizon Adult Workshop worked to improve the outside landscaping. They trimmed trees, bushes, dug out dead brush and mowed. For lunch, they got together for a barbecue consisting of hot dogs, with all the trimmings, nachos, sodas, and cake for dessert.

The FCCLA members attending were Donald Page, president and Josh Mulvaine, treasurer; advisors Amanda Mulvaine and Mrs. Elizabeth Goebel. Other members could not attend due to arising circumstances. Workshop clients are Jimmy Martinez, Shawn Senne and Suzanne Page. Their advisor is Jeannette Page. Also helping was Mrs. Senne.

President Donald Page who helped arrange the workday with the workshop staff said, "It was a very productive day as well as a great learning experience working along with the special individuals in our community. Josh Mulvaine stated, "It was great get-



Expanded Horizons had a clean-up day at their facility on Hwy 90, East of Brackettville. Pictured from left: Shawn Senne, Jeannette Page, Amanda Mulvaine, Suzanne Page and Donald Page.

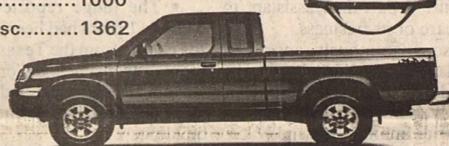
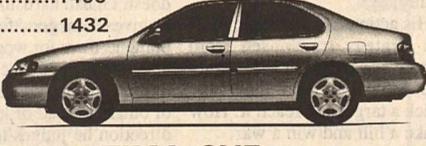
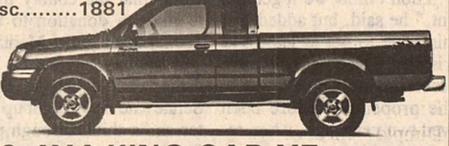
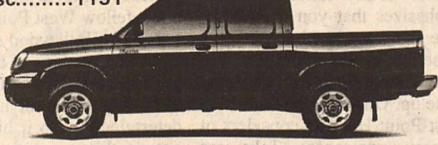
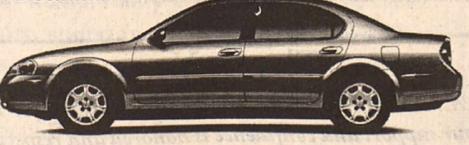
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special people and it proved that all young adults are the same. It is the hope of the FCCLA group that others will follow their example and their last words were, "We will be back."

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# The word, 'no,' can be an expression of loving concern

Empowering Families  
By Dr. Donald Smith

Marie approached the casket. The room was heavy with sadness. In her mind's eye she could see a vibrant and energetic young man who, just three days ago, gave her a hard time in fourth period history.

He would graduate in three

weeks. The floral spray gave testimony to family and friends who grieved this tragedy that should never have happened. She stood over the lifeless form. The Rosary in his hands represented faith that had given way to doubt and rebellion of the teen years. A young woman stood a few feet away quietly weeping for the friend she would never see again. Marie

knelt and said a quiet prayer for his soul and for those whose lives he had touched in so many ways. She prayed for the family of the other boy whose funeral would be tomorrow.

Marie offered condolences to the family. Deep in the eyes of the grieving mother she could see the haunting questions, "Why? What did I do wrong?"

Wrinkled lines in the father's face revealed his own pain. "Why didn't I say no? Why didn't I set a better example? Why? Why? Why did God let this happen?"

Now it was too late to change a course that began in seventh grade when the boy started to experiment with the mind altering effects of alcohol. Marie had her own question "What could I have done to change this tragic course?" Her question echoed that

of others at school. In this modern age we want our children to have everything, including more freedom than their maturity can handle. We fail to realize that the word, "No" can be an expression of loving concern. God is not the author of tragedies such as this; we are. Both parents and teenagers make unfortunate and unwise decisions. The wise man once said, "Children pay heed to a father's right (to discipline, correct,

teach); do so that you may live" (Sirach 3:1). "Wine is arrogant; strong drink is riotous; none who goes astray for it is wise" (Proverbs 20:1). This column is brought to you by the St. Henry deOsso Family project working in Brackettville to strengthen families, faith and education.

(NOTE: If you have any questions for Dr. Smith, please bring them by the newspaper office and we will forward them to him)

## Nutrition Center won't be rented for non-county events

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Agent Robert Elledge Jr., told the Court. "At the present time, the West Nueces Las Moras Soil and Water Conservation District pays 22 percent of the existing salary and the county pays the remainder. At this time, the Extension Service uses 94 percent of the work time for this position, leaving only six percent of the 22 percent allotment for the West Nueces Las Moras Soil and Water Conservation District."

Elledge told the Court that if the panel granted the full time position, "I would not be requesting a budget amendment due to the fact that funds are currently budgeted for this fiscal year. However, I would like to request that the Court would agree to maintaining this position as a full-time position for the current budgeted rate of \$20,109.36 for the next fiscal year."

The previous administrative assistant made \$7.06 an hour; so Elledge said he would like to keep the salary within the \$6 an hour to \$7.06 an hour range. He said seven people have applied for the now vacant position and some have very impressive credentials. He does not believe the person he decides to hire will work for less than \$7.06 an hour. Court gave him authority to hire within that range. Meanwhile, the SWCD will hire a part-time assistant to take care of its business.

Also unanimously approved Monday was a request by Sheriff Leland (Buddy) Burgess to file an Intergovernmental Service Agreement with Immigration and Naturalization Service for housing federal detainees. Burgess said he will request that INS officials pay \$46.83 for each federal prisoner housed in Kinney County Jail. Currently, INS pays \$35 per federal prisoner. Burgess said the average cost for housing a prisoner in the Kinney Jail is \$46.83 a day "I don't think we'll get that amount," he said, but added that it is his hope to get at least \$42 per prisoner. The \$42 could have been received from INS by now had the proper procedure been followed two years ago, when requests are made, said Burgess. "It's up to the county to ask," he added.

The Court unanimously approved a request by Alana Flurry, grant writer, to submit a proposal to the Texas Department of Health Local Projects Grant Program for EMS equipment. Flurry said the

EMS department "wish list" totals about \$30,000. If a grant for such an amount were to be submitted and if it were awarded, the county would either have to match the amount or pay half. Flurry asked the Court what amount the county could match so that she could make a grant application. She said a grant award of \$12,000 which could be used to buy a defibrillator, requires no matching funds from the county, but any amount above that total would require that the county pay half. After discussion, the Court instructed Flurry to apply for the \$12,000 no-matching required grant and an additional \$20,000, that if awarded, would require the county to match 50 percent, or \$10,000.

In other business:

• Judge Senne reported that he had signed an order April 24 naming J.E. Meil, as temporary justice of the peace so he can conduct inquests during the absence of the duly elected justice of the peace, John Ford.

• Senne informed the Court of a \$2,000 donation from the city of Brackettville and subcontractor O.V. Casey of Uvalde for the new EMS facility for a water line to the meter (labor, trenching, pipes) from El Paso Street to the northeast corner of the new EMS building.

• The judge reported that a \$113,611 grant had been awarded the county from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for electrical and heating work necessary for the new EMS building.

• Senne asked the Court to consider criteria involving the purchase and installment of a wheelchair lift for a local van owned by Hill Country Community MHMR in Uvalde. Money from grants now being worked on could be used to buy and install the van. County Attorney Shahan told the Court that the county may have to make a donation to the state agency that handles Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services rather than a private company. Senne said he brought up the matter as "a think through process" for the Court to continue discussions at subsequent meetings.

• Tax Assessor Collector Martha Pena Hooten asked the Court whose job it was to make sure that the county courthouse doors are locked each night. She said a county employee phoned her late one night to tell her that

one of the courthouse doors was open. The judge said the policy had been, "last one out, close up," but that since courthouse employees leave at different hours, it was difficult to determine who "the last one out" was. The judge told her he would make arrangements with the sheriff's department to have someone make sure that the courthouse doors are locked after closing hours.

• The Court unanimously approved the rotation of Indigent Health Care coordinator from Michelle Rosas in EMS to Liz Jaso in the county attorney's office; making the EMS building a Precinct 1 polling place rather than the Nutrition Center; paying \$17,000 worth of Indigent Health Care billings as provided by various health providers.

• After hearing six-month status reports from the various department managers, the Court met in executive session to discuss personnel and pending litigation. The panel reconvened about 15 minutes later and did not take action before closing the meeting and adjourning.

## 'Jericho' producer tells Rotarians about film

Submitted by  
Frances McMaster

Brackettville Rotary was treated to some of the glitter of the film industry at its Thursday, May 4, meeting. Gil Dorland, West Point graduate and producer of "Jericho," the movie presently being filmed at Alamo Village was guest speaker. Dorland's glitter didn't come from tinsel or rhinestones, however, it came from something very real.

He presented a collection of diamonds, gems metamorphosed from his life experiences, the West Point emphasis on duty and honor from his own intelligence and ingenuity.

His actions are based on business strategy transposed from what he was taught at West Point about being a leader of men: how to pick a target and reach it. How to take a hill and win a war.

Dorland chose a story from the 1870s in which character development is the major theme, unusual in today's market.

It is a Western, something that is not "hot" at the present time, but feels that if the film is good enough, it might start a resurgence of interests in Westerns. Dorland emphasizes that you should believe sincerely in what you have chosen to do and be consistent in your actions, no matter what may come up. One thing he learned at West Point Dorland considers of primary importance: "Take care of your troops." The product you end up with is a reflection of the efforts of the people working for you. If they are happy and feel they are treated right and are a part of a team effort, they will give you their best and the result is a good product. He says he treats the production team like an infan-

EMS Update

By Carolyn Rutherford

I think it's time this community praise ALL emergency response agencies.

I'm talking about the folks who take care of us in times of crisis-- Law Enforcement, Fire Department, as well as EMS.

Now, I'm always tooting EMS's horn, but today I want to pat the backs of our co-workers during emergencies. They help EMS and our patients all the time, and the sad part is few people ever know about it! The most recent example is a major accident in which a person was trapped inside the vehicle; there were a total of three patients transported.

Law Enforcement officers, DPS Trooper Tom Wiley, Sheriff's Deputy Bobby Guidry, and Reserve Deputy Larry Robinson managed traffic and kept our scene safe for all personnel.

Sheriff Leland Burgess was there to lend a hand with the in-

vestigation and scene security. Our bigtime Heroes are the firefighters, Chief Joe V. Williams, and his crew, Joe Escamilla, Gus Sandoval, Leo Luna, Demitrus Williams, Joe Luna, Rudy Luna, and Jeffrey Luna.

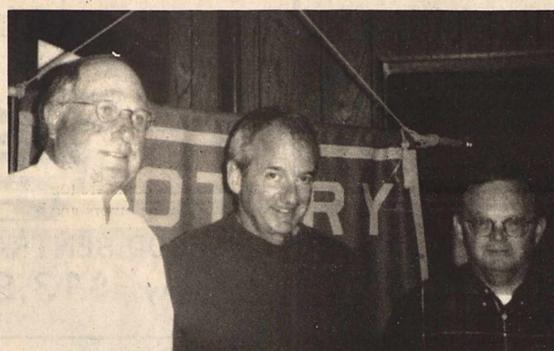
At this emergency scene the Brackettville Fire Department was there with the specialized tools, knowledge, and experience to get our patient out as quickly as humanly possible.

Our EMS crew pitched right in and treated the patients, supervising the patients' care during extrication. Our personnel, Mary Jane Garcia, Elena Luna, and Nancy Rodriguez combined efforts with our drivers, Larry Walker and Andrea Garcia all worked together to get the patients off to the hospital for emergency care. Not only were our "local heroes" there, but additional units and personnel from Uvalde EMS assisted us. A huge thanks to all these people is in order. When you see them, shake their hand and say "thanks!" They are always there

when you need them. Thank you, each and every one of you! Do you know that National Emergency Medical Services Week is May 14 - 20? Because our new EMS station is nearly completed, we're going to have our own "Special EMS Week" on June 12 - 17. During this week we'll celebrate with the citizens who make all this possible. Special Events: Open House, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Day, Bicycle Rodeo, ending with a Disaster Drill (for the Local Emergency Planning Committee) on June 16. Watch here for more details as we finalize the plans.

Also, the Emergency Medical Technician course will start during the week of June 12. If you're interested in rewarding work please call us at the office 830-563-9090 Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. to sign up.

Remember, call 911 for emergencies (Kinney County EMS second unit may respond with less than state required staffing level on board).



Hadley Wardlaw, Gil Dorland and Bill Haenn

try company in combat. This doesn't mean hardship. He means he gives them good food and compliments them for work well done.

Someone who sticks his finger in the wind to gauge the opinions of others instead of leading in the direction he judges to be right is not a leader. If he relies on his finger, he will be lost when there is no wind. Dorland believes people hunger for strong leadership. They may complain at first, but strong leadership brings a sense of security.

This is not Dorland's first experience at movie production. He and a fellow West Pointer got involved in Hollywood some years ago. He came out of that experience disillusioned and disgusted. This time, he went into filming determined to do it his way and not do things against his better judgement because the investors exercise their power to make changes based on what they think will sell. Dorland raised the money to produce this film, nickel by nickel, as he put it, so he would have control. It is a low budget 35mm. film. He has had to keep expenses low which necessitated

cause of the existence of the buildings and sets, the good weather and the availability of local people to play extras. Dorland said "A single site saves time and money and prevents errors."

He complimented the owners and operators of Alamo Village and said he and the cast and crew could not have been treated better. Some people at the meeting who are involved in the film spoke about how wonderfully well the cast gets along and how helpful they are to one another.

Hadley Wardlaw and Dorland have become good friends, so Wardlaw was asked to introduce the producer. The two men exchanged friendly barbs during the presentation. Mrs. Tulisha Wardlaw and Mrs. Isabel Dorland a lawyer from Columbia, also attended the luncheon.

### Thank You

I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to all the voters of the city who cast a vote of confidence on my behalf. Your support means a great deal to me. I will do my very best to represent you during the next two years. Once again, I thank each and every one of you for your support during this election.

Tenchá Pena

(Pd. pol. ad. paid for by Tenchá Pena)

Thank You  
I would like to take this means of expressing my sincere appreciation to all of you who voted for and supported me in the B.I.S.D. trustee election.

Thanks again!

Tim Ward

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### Thank You

A most sincere thank you to all who voted for me. Your support and confidence is honored and respected.

Carmen M. Berlanga

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### Thank You

My sincere thanks and appreciation to all those that supported me in the school trustee election Saturday. Thank you for giving me the privilege to serve the children and people of this community. God bless you!

Rose Mary Slubar

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### Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who voted for me in the recent City Elections. Your support was greatly appreciated.

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### Junior-senior prom 'classy'

Making a Difference  
By Taylor Stephenson

The big event last week was the Junior-Senior Prom. Some 60 of our finest students in formal attire gathered at the golf course dance area to celebrate the end of a great year.

The Junior sponsors were magnificent in their sponsoring a classy event. The area was lighted and was one of the most beautiful in many years.

Great food and soft drinks made and provided by the sponsors helped the students have a fun evening.

Guys were in tuxedos and girls were attired in some of the most beautiful dresses that I have seen in years. Thanks for a grand evening.

#### Wisconsin visitors

The Wisconsin visitors to our elementary school is also a neat story. I was able to greet the young folks from the great state of Wisconsin and tell them about the real Brackettville.

First grade teachers Alma Gutierrez, Candy Hobbs, Rose Mary Rubino and Karol Glaspay provided much of the impetus for this unusual meeting of pen pals. Many other Jones Elementary teachers and Principal Renken did their part to make this a successful event.

Basically, the Wisconsin young folks and their chaperones came all the way to Texas to see us. They are thrilled. So are we. Thanks, teachers for making this one of the most memorable events of the year.

#### Cinco de Mayo

How about the Cinco de Mayo celebration at the school and downtown? Our school assembly was fun.

Congratulations to the students, dancers and singers who made this possible. This is a big day in our community.

The parade was one of the best that we have had in Brackettville. Good job.

#### Athletic awards

The athletic awards program was a good one. I counted about 100 student participants. That's about two-thirds of our high school. These athletes are also fine scholars.

As Gregg Nowlin talked of personally traveling 5,000 plus miles to ball games this year, he presented the scholar athlete awards to students.

We had 40 or 50 who had averages of 90 or better who also traveled 5,000 plus miles this year.

Can you imagine being that involved and still staying on top of the academics? Great job.

We have such fine coaches led by athletic director David Yeager assisted by girls athletic director Gregg Nowlin.

#### Election winners

The elections are over. Congratulations to the winners. Thanks to those who did not win for your interest in the city and schools in our community. Let's try to work as a team in the best interests of those that we govern.

That's about it. The calendar at school is full.

Watch for the Thursday night elementary school music program. Have a great week!



(Courtesy photo)

Melissa Contreras, Super S Foods scan coordinator, displays the prize winning entry submitted by Valerie Vela, age 6, as Valerie clings to her prize: a Hershey's stuffed rabbit. Valerie, a special education kindergarten student, was among several elementary school aged students who entered a coloring book contest sponsored recently by Super S and Hershey's Chocolate.



Susan L. Castro of Brackettville, second from left, was among Southwest Texas Junior College management students to be named to the "National Dean's List for 1999-2000." Also named were SWTJC Main Campus students Gloria Tomasini, left and Ana Cardenas, second from right. Dr. Wilford Box, at right, is the student's instructor.

#### Castro named to National Dean's List

DEL RIO - Brackettville resident Susan L. Castro is among 13 management majors from the Southwest Texas Junior College Del Rio Campus and three students from the main campus in Uvalde to be named to the "National Dean's List" for 1999-2000.

Students were selected primarily due to their grade point average that ranged from 3.40 to 4.00, according to Dr. Wilford Box, instructor-coordinator for the SWTJC Department of Management. Box was given the opportunity to nominate students to this list due to his being selected by his students and named as "Who's Who Among America's Teachers" for seven consecutive years. The students will be included in the annual edition of "The National Dean's List, 1999-2000."

This list is published by Educational Communications Inc., and is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving col-

lege students. Dr. Box said, "This significant honor achieved by my students' academic prowess is an affirmation of their dedication to the discipline of management that is so direly needed at the workplace. These students are top notch role models for others and their leadership competencies have been observed in the classroom and by their supervisors on the job. Many success stories have been related to me from those who have graduated from the program."

### Brackett first graders give Wisconsin counterparts a Texas size welcome

Jones Elementary School first graders extended a Texas-size welcome Monday morning to four of their Barron, Wisc., counterparts who accepted an invitation to visit Brackettville this week.

Each year about this time, the Brackettville students and their parents leave Brackettville and travel to Barron, Wisc., where the parents work the fields.

During the school year, the Brackettville students attend Almene Elementary in Barron. Last year, when the students were kindergarteners, they made friends in Wisconsin they wanted to keep. So, they continued corresponding with them, with the help of their teacher, Alma Gutierrez.

But this year, before leaving for their annual trip to Wisconsin, the students and their teacher, Gutierrez, wondered whether the Wisconsin students could visit Brackettville first.

No sooner said than done. The Wisconsin students, their mothers, teachers and student teachers arrived in Brackettville Saturday and attended Cinco de Mayo activities.

During the week, they toured the city, including Alamo Village, Fort Clark, attended a picnic and were guests at a genuine Texas barbecue. They left Wednesday



Barron, Wisc., guests show off their "I visited the other Brackettville T-shirts given to them by their Brackettville hosts. The T-shirts refer to the recent Nike commercial about 'Brackettville.'

and stayed awhile in San Antonio to take a tour of the Riverwalk before going back to Wisconsin.

Meanwhile, the Brackettville first graders soon will be on the road to Barron, Wisc., with their parents. They will return to Brackettville in November. The first graders are Marisol Aguirre, Cord Barajas, Justin C. Couch; Gerardo DeHoyos, Mark Garcia Jr., Bernadette Garza, Adrian Juarez, Robert Payne, Mary Lou H. Pena, Jaime Rodriguez, Ricardo Rojas, Icela B. Rueda, Aracely Salazar, Raul Salazar, Sammie J. Stewart,

Joelson J. Terrazas, and Maricela S. Villarreal.

Brackettville host families for the Wisconsin guests were Mr. and Mrs. Vince Bonner; Mr. and Mrs. Alan Stewart; Mr. and Mrs. John Couch; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry DeHoyos and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rankin. The Wisconsin visitors were: Heidi Horn and daughter, Kelin; Tina Widell and son, Andrew; Colleen Lundequum and daughter, Jamie; Michelle Malinovsky, Jamie's aunt; Jane Klatt and daughter, Bridget; and Ellen Groth, student teacher.

#### Eight Tigerettes make District Softball Team

Eight Tigerettes were named to the 2000 District 30AA Softball Team.

Selected to the Honorable Mention Team were:

Shortstop Vanessa Castillo, Second Base Tiffany Eckenrod, and Left Fielder Trish Robinson.

Named to the Second team were:

Center Fielder- Jamie Bader, and Catcher Queta Garza.

Named to the First Team were:

Third Baseman- Mayra Aguirre, Utility Player Michelle Melancon, and Pitcher Erika Garcia.

P.S. Many Thanks to all of you for all the coverage you gave the girls throughout the year!  
- Coach Nowlin.

#### New fiction books at library

New fiction arrivals at the Kinney County Public Library are:

*In the Fall* by Jeffery Lent; *Water's Edge* by Judith McNaught; *The Patient* by Michael Palmer; *After the Fire* by Belva Plain; *Horse Heaven* by Jane Smiley; *The Wedding* by Danielle Steel.

*Before I Say Goodbye* by Mary Higgins Clark; *Pegasus in Space* by Anne McCaffrey; *Listen to Your Heart* by Fern Michaels; *Half Moon Street* by Anne Perry; *Wicked Widow* by Amanda Quick.

*Jacqueline B. Kennedy Onassis* by Amanda Quick; *Burnt Sienna*

by David Morrell; *The Runner* by Christopher Reich; *The Hook* by Donald Westlake; *Deep South* by Nevada Barr. *The Light of Other Days* by Arthur Clark; *Til Death* by William Kienzle; *Slow Burning* by Stanley Pottinger; *Day of Reckoning* by Jack Higgins; *Rain* by V.C. Andrews. *Where You Belong* by Barbara Bradford; *Tough Cookie* by Diane Davidson; *Hugger Muggier* by Robert Parker; *Carolina Moon* by Nora Robert; *Irish Eyes* by Andrew Greeley.

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**BISD Activity Calendar**

May 11-17

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4th Grade Field Trip to San Antonio  
Teacher Appreciation Week  
Friday, May 12  
Kindergarten Field Trip to Alamo Village  
Teacher Appreciation Week  
Monday, May 15  
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- Zingaro
- Wilt
- Partner of zig
- Triple Crown horse of 1935
- 1/640 of a square mile
- Cassowary's kin
- Like a cold-sufferer's voice
- share (majority)
- Channel of education
- Fido's snack, perhaps
- Spanish "the"
- Like Willie Winkie
- Special favorite
- Gob's reply
- Fumes
- Measure for Dr. Frankenstein
- Dejected
- Tavern order
- Water, in Madrid
- Peck film, with "The"
- Typo
- Get one's goat
- Brought into action
- Gregory's On the Beach costar
- Looks from lechers
- Beach substance
- Courage
- tree (2 wds.)
- Evergreen shrub

**DOWN**

- Obstinate refusal
- Rubáiyát poet
- Khayyam
- Crow's-nest's locale
- Just as I suspected!
- Waste time
- Bot. or chem.
- ...maids all in (2 wds.)
- Swiss city that's home to the Red Cross
- A Marx Brother
- "Waves of grain" color
- Gales
- Martino and Pacino
- Clinched
- Greek fabulist
- snail's pace (2 wds.)
- Via
- Colorado resort
- Mythical monster
- Skywalker of Star Wars
- Current units, for short
- Hold up
- Prime-time time
- Hard to come by
- Heroides author
- Darn it!
- Phase
- Newsman Newman
- Furrow
- Oxlike antelope
- Decks out
- Defeat in competition
- Appointed
- Embed
- Turn the cheek
- Lure
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**Aries March 21 - April 20**  
 Your finances have been weighing on your mind for awhile. There are answers to your budget problems if you look hard enough. Be ready for some changes. Be open to the possibility of some romance in your life.

**Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23**  
 A recent domestic situation has left you feeling low. Take steps to deal with the problem first. Then you can overcome your feelings of hopelessness. You may need to approach a friend for help and advice.

**Taurus April 21-May 21**  
 Pay very close attention to the little details. You don't want to miss a vital point. Be loyal to your roots and heritage. Your efforts will be rewarded in the long run. Rely on the wisdom of an elderly relative for insight and cheer.

**Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22**  
 Put your fears aside and step into the electronic age. You have put this off far too long, and it could hurt your promising career. When a sticky personal situation arises, you may find comfort in an old and very close friend.

**Gemini May 22-June 21**  
 The week will be a tough one, and you deserve to have fun. Whether it's a night out or a weekend excursion, go for it! Think through an idea completely before making it public. You don't want to ruin your reputation.

**Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21**  
 You may think a relationship is over. However, there may be a way to save it. Before you do, think it through and make sure you want the relationship to continue. Take care of business quickly. Then you'll have some time for fun.

**Cancer June 22-July 22**  
 If you feel like you are being pulled in too many directions, you probably are. Be direct. It's time you said, "No." After all, you can't be in two places at once. The color yellow will bring you good thoughts and ideas.

**Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20**  
 Avoid making impulsive decisions this week. This has been a problem for you in the past, so don't let your impulses get the best of you. Think before you act! It really doesn't matter who's right at home. Work out the problem.

**Leo July 23-August 23**  
 Your honesty could get you in trouble. Be careful not to upset some friends or valuable allies at work. Remember, it's important that you be diplomatic. Fall back on your sense of humor to ease an awkward situation.

**Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18**  
 Think about the consequences of your actions before you make some serious mistakes. A run-in with an authority figure could end up ruining your reputation. You can avoid the situation if you play your cards right.

**Virgo August 24-Sept. 22**  
 This is not the time to put serious issues on the back burner. It is important that you don't let things slide in favor of having fun with friends. Don't let someone else dictate your thoughts. You have great ideas of your own!

**Pisces Feb. 19-March 20**  
 Be open-minded to some new and interesting information. It may be just what you need to complete a project at work or home. Stay alert. You want to be shrewd and practical, and keep your impulsiveness under control.

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# God's answer to prayer

Saint Mary Magdalene  
By Lynn Mc New

Garth Brooks sings a popular song, which says in part, "One of God's greatest gifts in unanswered prayer." I don't buy it.

There is also a familiar quote—I'm not sure from whom or where, maybe a movie. It says, "Be careful what you wish for, you may get it." I would have to paraphrase that quote to say, "Be careful what you pray for, you will get it."

God does answer our prayers, just maybe not in the way we think it should be answered or not in the time frame we expect. We used to tell our children if they prayed for a new bicycle and then had to earn the money to get it, God really was answering them even though they might not think so.

I have always believed in the power of prayer. Not just for the big things in life like helping someone who is sick or hurting, but for the little things in life as well. One of my favorite prayers seems to be, "Well, Lord, I got myself into this, will You please help me out?" And, not so amaz-

ingly, He always does.

Sometimes that help comes in usual ways, like a family member stepping in to help when I am in over my head. During the time my husband was in college we were often short of money. I would stand before a nearly empty refrigerator and say, "Well, Lord, what am I going to feed these children for supper?" Invariably, He would come home (in the form of my husband) with a check from one of our parents or grandparents that had arrived in the mail that day. It wouldn't be a lot of money but enough for a trip to the grocery store.

What I find really amazing is the unusual way prayers are often answered. Surprisingly (or maybe not) mine often seem to involve money. I recently began a project I had wanted to try for many years. As the project progressed it became more costly. I quickly used up the money I had saved and was worried about taking money from the family budget. I said my usual, "Well, Lord..." As luck (no, God) would have it, the other person involved in the project called to say some com-

lications mean the project will have to be put on hold for awhile. "Thanks, Lord," I say, knowing I will now have time to save the necessary money.

When our youngest son was married, I searched and searched for the perfect dress. Finally I found the dress "to die for." Only problem it was much more expensive than I had budgeted. I asked the sales lady to hold it for a few days, knowing full well that I would have to tell her I had changed my mind. As I was driving home, I said, "Well, Lord..." The next day I received requests to play for two weddings, which, you guessed it, paid me exactly the extra I needed to get the dress. It has always been one of my favorite dresses.

So I would say to Garth and to you, "One of God's greatest gifts is prayer answered in His own way and time." It works for me—it works for you. Now, do we always remember to say, "Thanks, Lord?"

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

# Raising your child with wisdom

Gateway Ministries Inc.  
Pastor Charlotte Corey

Raising your child with wisdom requires walking in wisdom yourself. The Living Word of God that bestows power to the believer says that the "fear" of God is the beginning of wisdom. In this day and time, people have lost respect for God and in so doing have lost power over darkness in their lives. Fear is not a bad word when it is used in reference to your attitude towards our Sovereign God. Our ancestors understood that their very existence was dependent upon God. He was their protector, their provider, their comforter, their healer and all positive, creative ideas came from Him.

As children of these people who have learned from life the hard way, we need to honor them by walking in the understanding that God is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. If you say that you did not have godly parents to teach you this, then be assured that somewhere back in your past there was an earlier ancestor who did understand it and prospered in this wisdom which allowed life from his/her "gene pool" to spread down to your generation.

If we could pass down a family heritage of great wealth to each of our children, it should be the "fear" of God. Don't get me wrong. I believe that the blood of

Jesus has given us a "new testament," an inheritance of grace which allows us to approach the Father's throne with confidence in His love since Jesus is our mediator and his blood makes us righteous in His eyes. I believe that I can approach Him as a child that can toddle up to "Daddy," throw up my arms and expect "Daddy" to pick me up on His knee and hug and kiss me, but I also come to the throne of my Sovereign God with reverence in my heart for who He is and what He is able to do.

You have probably heard some parent say to their child when correcting them, "I brought you into this world and I can take you out of it." Even though they don't mean literally to kill the child, the essence of their message is that the parent demands respect of the child who was born of their loins. If the parent hadn't endured the child's birth, the child would not exist. Reverence and respect for those over them is something that each person should be taught. Where there is no respect, there is chaos, destruction and whatever goodness and prosperity that comes their way is foolishly lost because of lack of respect and discipline.

Solomon was the wisest man on earth. God gave him wisdom and in so doing, Solomon honored his father by fulfilling his father's dream, that of building a temple unto His Holy God. It was the grandest structure ever built on earth with all manner of gold, jewels, woods, stone, carvings, etc., because God honored the desire of Solomon to give honor to both His heavenly Father and his earthly father, King David.

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# We shall know by this that we are of the truth

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

Following the resurrection and the command from Jesus to go "and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit," Peter and John and the other disciples find themselves speaking a truth that they ran from on that Thursday night when Jesus was taken from them in the garden of Gethsemane. Instead of hiding in a locked room they move out into the streets to proclaim Jesus as Lord. It is during this time that Peter and John are arrested by the temple guard and the Sadducees for teaching resurrection from the dead (Acts 4:1-3). Peter, thinking they had been arrested for the healing of the lame beggar, proclaims "Jesus Christ the Nazarene whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead" as the healer (Acts 4:10). Peter's words could have cost him his life, yet he casts them in at his captors as if they, the Sadducees, are the accused. Peter's actions are in support of his words.

As faithful Christians, we sometimes find it hard to use the

words which proclaim our relationship with God. If we bore our friends and neighbors with our faith story, we fear being called overly pious. We even fear that they may begin to avoid us. We begin to let it be enough that they know we belong to a church and that we even go there on Sunday while they sleep in or play golf. And if we are feeling brave, we even ask them to come to a worship service once and a while, making sure we don't make them feel guilty if they don't. Peter and John were human just like us. On that Thursday night so long ago

their feet were made of clay and their tongues could not speak the words which would brand them as one of Jesus' followers. They feared as we fear.

But when the confrontation with the Sadducees occurs, Peter and John express themselves both verbally and physically. As John later writes, "let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth. We shall know by this that we are of the truth" (1 John 3:18-19). Please join us at First United Methodist Church this Sunday at 10:45 a.m. as we look at how "Talk is cheap."

## Another Sunday Hymnfest

First United Methodist Church on James Street presents Jack and Marymichael Rogers of Moving Mountains Ministry in Wimberly, Texas at the 10:45 a.m. worship service on Sunday May 21st. The Rogers' message is a powerful one that is woven in and around their music. They have played music for revivals, retreats, conferences, weddings and funerals. They and Pastor Ken Sellers met through the KAIROS prison ministry in Huntsville, Texas several years

ago. Their music and message has truly inspired thousands from China (where they served in 1996 and 1998) to Rock Springs, Texas. Their haunting bluegrass sound and their inspirational lives will be a blessing from God as they lead our worship service as a praise to God. If you liked the Borderline Singers when they visited last January, you'll certainly enjoy this HymnFest Sunday. Adult and Children's Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m.

## Hannah prays, the Lord answers

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

And Hannah prayed and said, "My heart rejoiceth in the Lord, mine horn is exalted in the Lord. My mouth is enlarged over mine enemies: because I rejoice in thy salvation.

There is none holy as the Lord, for there is none besides thee. Neither is there any rock like our God.

Talk no more so exceeding proudly, let not arrogance come out of your mouth: for the Lord is a God of knowledge and by his actions are weighed.

The bows of the mighty men are broken and they that stumbled are girded with strength.

They that were full have hired out themselves for bread; and they that were hungry ceased; so that the barren hath born seven; and she hath many children is waxed feeble. I. Samuel 2:1-5.

"Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers."

## Local Center offers training to Mentally Challenged

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chairs, have done yardwork, and maintenance work. They have built racks for their tools. They also hope to build bird feeders," said Page.

The clients are very enthusiastic about working and helping out in the community and each has his or her special talent.

"Shawn is very good with his hands. He can take things apart and put them back together with no problem. He's amazing. Jimmy wants to help out all he can. He is very proud to be a member of the volunteer fire department and carries his scanner around. There is so much they can do, if given the chance," said Page.

Clients are referred to the center by doctors and the Middle Rio Grande Development Council Career Center, but there is some hesitation on the part of some families to take their children to the Center.

"We need to convince the family that we are not taking their children away, that we're not interfering. We're helping them improve their learning habits. They are viable, productive individuals who can be in the community. With patience and time, it can be done. I see improvement in the clients in the short time that (Expanded Horizons) has been here,"

Page said.

Page, mother of a mentally challenged daughter, is testimony that with patience and time, a lot can be accomplished.

"I was told that my daughter would never learn how to read or how to tie her shoelaces, but I refused to believe that. I worked with her and worked with her and she learned. I feel very strongly that these special people are viable human beings. There's nothing to stop them. They never stop learning," added Page who was an advocate for the mentally challenged in California and Colorado.

Michael K. Nedela, Hill Country MHMR area director, agrees. "Teaching the mentally challenged can become repetitive. The key is to find the link. Everyone learns differently. One needs to find out how an individual best learns. Many of our clients are voters, taxpayers, and property owners. They are very involved in our community."

If you know someone who is mentally challenged and could benefit from the Expanded Horizons program, please call Page at 563-9416. You may also call Page at that number if you are interested in providing work for the clients.

## Obituaries ....

### Consuelo Rodriguez

Consuelo Rodriguez, age 74, passed away May 06, 2000 in Del Rio, Texas.

She was born January 03, 1926 in Brackettville, Texas.

She was a long time resident of Brackettville, Texas.

She is survived by the following:

Husband: Juan Rodriguez of Brackettville.

Sons: Juan Perez of Albuquerque, N.M., Ernest Rodriguez of Sanderson, TX., Andres Rodriguez of Kileen, TX., Robert Rodriguez and Alfonso Rodriguez both of Brackettville.

Daughters: Maria Koeing of Charleston, S.C., Trine Juarez and Frances Castilla both of Brackettville.

Sister: Amanda DeLaRosa of Brackettville. Also 20 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Visitation was held Monday, May 08, from 1 p.m. till 9 p.m. at the Brackettville Funeral Home.

Rosary was recited at 7 p.m. in the Chapel. A mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, May 09, at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church.

Burial followed at the Kinney County Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Del Rio Funeral Home Del Rio, Texas.

### Herbert Voracek

Herbert Voracek, of Fort Clark Springs, died Wednesday, April 26, 2000, in the home of his daughter, in Woodbury, MN.

He and his wife, Eileen, had been married for 62 years. They bought a membership on the Fort in 1984 and bought a permanent home in August 1988. Their home is in Unit 31 on the corner of Bowlegs and July.

Herb was President of the Golf club and was involved in the very popular monthly steak fry at the club. He also played the Monday Scramble on the Par Three. He served on the Architectural Committee and on the Rio Grande Advisory Board. He was a member of the Brackettville Lions club and was in charge of the Christmas Basket project for three years. Herb was also a member of the Men's Bridge Club.

He loved Fort Clark and Texas and enjoyed his years here.

His wife Eileen, daughter Miriam, sons Stephen and Lawrence, 12 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren survive him. Burial was in St. Paul, MN.

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**Applications** are being taken for part-time motel clerk at Fort Clark Springs. Interested parties should inquire in person at Member Services office. Equal Opportunity Employer.

**ATTENTION SCIENCE, MATH,** Spanish, art, english, industrial technology, and library science majors. Teach without a traditional education degree. Info: 1-800-541-7525 or www.scctr.org/criticalneeds.htm. Statewide on-line teaching application available at www.winthrop.edu/scteach.

**GREAT PAY! GREAT HOURS!** Models West is looking for models and personable demonstrators in your area. \$13/hour, permanent/part time available. Call 1-806-352-1943 for interview.

**LET YOUR COMPUTER** earn \$\$\$\$. Work around your schedule. Call 1-800-262-0360 ext. 4062. http://www.4freeinfo.com/8027

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**SMI STEEL PRODUCTS** is seeking to fill entry-level Design Engineer positions in our Hope, Arkansas plant. Applicants should have completed a BSCE degree by the end of the spring 2000 semester, have achieved a passing score on the NCEES Engineering Intern Exam (Fundamentals Exam), and have a strong interest in designing steel structures. Competitive salary, excellent benefits, 401k, profit sharing plan, all moving expenses paid. Interested parties should send a copy of their resume and transcript to: SMI Steel Products, Attn: John Coulson, Engineering Manager, 4365 Highway 278 West; Hope, AR 71801 Phone: 1-870-722-6255 Fax: 1-870-777-1966 Email: johncoulson@cmcs.com.

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City of Brackettville is now accepting applications at City Hall for the following positions for summer employment:

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Rentals Available

On golf course, 2 bed. 2 baths, covered porch, 2 car garage. \$97,000.

Must sell, owner will finance with small down payment - 2 bed, 1 bath mobile home. Make offer.

2 bed., large den, 3 baths, fenced yard. \$72,000.

3 bed. 2 baths rock home on two lots. \$120,000.

2 bed. 2 baths, hot tub, large den, carport, fireplace, rock exterior, super location. \$90,000.

**GREAT BUY - 3 bed.** 2 1/2 baths, den, view of the creek and wilderness, \$65,000.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Contract for Deed Notice. In accordance with Subchapter E, Chapter 5, Property Code, as added by Chapter 994, Acts of the 74th Legislature, (Sections 5.091 and 5.092, Property Code), the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs has determined that the requirements governing residential contracts for deed in Subchapter E will regulate executory contract for deed transactions involving residential property located in the county of Kinney effective June 1, 2000 through May 31, 2001.

**ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION** of Ed & Pat, LLC, A Texas Limited Liability Company. The undersigned hereby adopt the following articles:

- The name of the limited liability company is Ed & Pat, LLC
- The limited liability company shall have perpetual existence unless sooner dissolved by law or by agreement of the parties hereto by a 75% majority interest holders then entitled to vote.
- The purpose of the limited liability company shall be to conduct any or all lawful business for which it was formed and shall include to hold, develop, manage and sell real or personal property and equipment, to invest in and manage a securities portfolio, and conduct any general business as may be related thereto.
- The address of the registered office in Texas is Fort Clark Springs, Unit 36-2-B, Redbud, Box 1977, Brackettville, Texas 78832 located in the county of Kinney. The registered Agent's name is Patricia A. Moffatt at Fort Clark Springs, Unit 36, 2-B, Redbud, Box 1977, Brackettville, Texas 78832.
- The management of this limited liability company at the formation is vested in a manager. The name and address of that person is Patricia A. Moffatt, Fort Clark Springs, Unit 36, 2-B Redbud, Box 1977, Brackettville, Texas 78832.
- The limited liability company was organized by the following: Patricia A. Moffatt, member, Unit 36, 2-B, Redbud, Box 1977, Brackettville, Texas 78832
- Edward C. Moffatt, member, Unit 36, 2-B, Redbud, Box 1977, Brackettville, Texas 78832
- The person executing this document need not be a member of the limited liability company at the time of formation or after formation has occurred.
- Signed, Patricia A. Moffatt, member-manager, Fort Clark Springs, Unit 36, 2-B Redbud, P.O. Box 1977, Brackettville, Texas 78832. Date: 4-3-00.
- I, Patricia A. Moffatt, having been designated to act as Registered Agent, hereby consent to act in that capacity until removed or my resignation is submitted in accordance with the Texas Revised Statutes. Patricia A. Moffatt, registered agent, 4-3-00.

**LEGAL SERVICES**

**NURSING HOME NEGLECT - Abuse,** bedsores, burns, assaults, weight-loss, falls, deaths. Call free confidential consultation, David P. Willis, Board Certified Personal Injury Trial Lawyer. 1-800-883-9858. Houston, TX principal office.

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**1999 3 BEDROOM** 2 bath, A/C Plywood Floors, All Major Appliances, Shipped to us by mistake. Price Reduced - The Factory is paying for freight! Save now, call 774-7711 or 888-611-7711 toll free.

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**Fort Clark Springs - 3 bedroom,** 2 bath home, tiled garage, \$88,000.

**Airport Road, beautiful 3** bedroom, 2 bath home, new listing, \$67,500 - Must see.

Home W. of the water towers, 3 bedroom, 2 bath. A hunter's dream place, walk-in cooler, secluded area, all furnished, including cookware, linens.

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Town: nice brick home, 3/2, new CHA, new carpet & paint, fenced yard, Reduced Price!

Fort: unit 3, 2 mobile homes, CHA, stone skirting, patios, storage, will sell separate, owner finance, make offer!

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Fort: spacious 2/2 home, 2 yrs old, custom cabinets, saltillo tile, carport, on CP&L, central location!

**MOBILE HOMES**

**3 BEDROOM** 2 bath A/C, Extra Large Master Bath, Double Lavatories, Huge HEX Jacuzzi. Horse Shoe Kitchen. All Major Appliances. 301.71 per mo. 5% DP 9.75 APR VAR WAC for 360 months. Call 774-7711 or 888-611-7711.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY** to make comments or request a public hearing is hereby given by the Community Council of Southwest Texas, Inc., located at 713 East Main Street in Uvalde, Texas on the continuation of rural public transportation services within the counties of Dimmit, Edwards, Kinney, La Salle, Maverick, Real, Uvalde and Zavala. Financial assistance to provide this service is being sought from the Federal Transit Administration. Services will be for the general public, run on fixed route and demand responsive routes, and fares will be charged for the service. Written comments or a written request for a public hearing are being accepted at P.O. Drawer 1709 or 713 East Main Street in Uvalde until May 22, 2000. Further information can be found at the above address or by contacting Sarah Hidalgo-Cook, Transit & Safety Director at (830) 278-6268 SarahHCook@excite.com.

**REAL ESTATE**

**2.84 ACRES CHOICE** highway frontage Hwy 90 & 131 Brackettville. \$60,000 firm. 830-774-5084.

**FORECLOSED HOMES.** LOW or \$0 down! Gov't and bank repos being sold now! Fantastic savings! Financing available. Local listings, 1-800-501-1777, ext. 299.

**REWARD**

**\$5000 REWARD - A total** reward of \$5,000.00 is being offered for information leading to the conviction of the persons responsible for the loss of over 400 Spanish goats from Rudy Ranch at Cline between April 1, 1999 and July 19, 1999. Call 210-824-7595.

**CONTRACTOR'S NOTICE OF TEXAS HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORK**

Sealed proposals for Low Water Crossing in Kinney County, covered by Control No. 6055-22-001, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, District Office, 1817 Bob Bullock Loop, Laredo, Texas 78043 until 2:15 p.m. on May 16, 2000 and then publicly opened and read.

Applicable specifications relative to the Contract are available for inspection at the Office of:

Rosa E. Trevino, P.E.  
Director of Maintenance  
1817 Bob Bullock Loop  
Laredo, Texas 78043

The estimated cost for this Project is \$17,783.

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**Country Chatter by Timothy Montgomery**

Like the gentry of Europe that produced their own wine under their own estate labels, the gentry of country music are beginning to put their own labels on their recordings. The results have been both profitable and prestigious. One example is Ricky Skaggs who started his Skaggs Family Records label in 1997 after leaving Atlantic Records. His first album, "Bluegrass Rules," sold 200,000 copies. He's continued to do well on subsequent releases.

It's Miller Time in Nashville now that Buddy and Julie Miller have settled in Music City. The two

worked around the U.S. doing country shows for years and rarely stayed anywhere more than two to three years. But since moving to Nashville, they've been doing just great.

Crystal Gayle is out with a tribute album to Hoagy Carmichael, who gave us such pop classics as "Georgia on My Mind," "Stardust" and "Buttermilk Sky." The new collection is called "Crystal Gayle Sings the Heart & Soul of Hoagy Carmichael," and one of the highlights on the CD is Gayle and Willie Nelson doing a duet of Hoagy's "Two Sleepy People."

In more Crystal Gayle news, she and her sister, Loretta Lynn, are currently producing their first album together called "Cry." Despite their different singing styles, Gayle feels the siblings have a natural vocal blend. Finally, for our Canadian readers who want to know if it's true Clint Black will be heading due north this year, the answer is yes. Look for him to be in Edmonton, Alberta June 28, in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan on June 29, in Dauphin, Manitoba on July 1 and in Grand Prairie, Alberta on July 2. (Note: Schedules are subject to change.)

**Answer to Crossword**

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