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## Local emergency planning committee continues disaster preparations

EMS Update  
By Carolyn Rutherford

To follow up the excitement raised a couple weeks ago, the Local Emergency Planning Committee hosted another discussion on the same tornado emergency on Monday, March 12, 2001. This time there were 25 people attending. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss specific situations that were brought up at the last meeting. One of those situations was the use of United Medical Clinic as a treatment area for people injured and seeking medical attention. It is a distinct possibility that UMC will be needed as a collection point for patients, especially if our community is "cut off" by impassible roads combined with weather that prevents air evacuation of patients to hospitals in the area and in San Antonio.

On the surface, this appears to be an excellent idea, but if the power is off for extended time, there is no back up system (generator). We talked about getting a portable generator from welders or ranchers and realized that we need to find out ahead of time if the cords are adaptable with the plugs at the clinic.

We learned that we need to contract someone to take the trash and we even need to make agreements for porta-potties! One of the areas we spent lots of time was what to do when the phones and cell phones are out. HAM radio operators are our heroes here. Walt Baugess told us that approximately 10 HAMs will man portable radios to keep communications open to the outside world. Jane Pratt from the American Red Cross advised us that the Red Cross is getting radios set up by June 1st for use during emergencies.

Lee Sweeten from Texas Department of Health posed as the "devil's advocate," asking "what if..." questions. One of those questions was what other forms of transportation do we have here in Brackettville that we could use for patients and for citizens needing transportation to shelters and the clinic? The answer: an agreement with the school district to use their buses; agreements with Expanded Horizons to use their ADA-accommodated van for handicapped people. It was a very informative meeting. Our next meeting is on April 9, 2001 same time (6PM), same place (EMS Station). We'll be "stirring the pot" a little, add-

## Medicare general enrollment ends in 11 days

If you are eligible for Medicare Medical Insurance (Part B), but haven't signed up, you can do so now during Medicare's annual enrollment period until April 2, 2001.

As long as you sign up by this date, your coverage will begin on July 1, 2001.

Medicare Part B helps pay for doctor's visits, outpatient hospital treatment, and other medical services and supplies not covered by Medicare Part A.

The cost for the Part B premium is \$50 a month for 2001.

Beneficiaries with Medicare Part B who originally decided not to sign up for Part B when they first became eligible for Medicare can now take advantage of this opportunity (there is an additional 10 percent added to the premium for each year of prior eligibility).

Also, anyone who had Medicare Part B at one time, but dropped out can now re-enroll.

If you are interested in enrolling in Medicare, call the Middle Rio Grande Area Agency on Aging at 1-800-224-4262, or (830) 876-3533. TDD (830) 876-1260.

ing some more obstacles and problems to the scenario.

On a related subject, the American Red Cross is bringing disaster training here to Brackettville. They will offer Damaged Assessment, Mass Care and Feeding, and Shelter Operations here at the EMS Building on Saturday, March 31, 2001, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. So far I've only had one call for registration. Please call the station to sign up for this valuable training. Call EMS office 8am-5pm Monday through Friday at 830-563-9090 (leave a message on the recorder if we're out).

Kinney County EMS covers emergencies 24-hours a day. Texas Department of Health has granted a personnel variance that allows us to function with less than minimum staffing of EMS certified personnel. The first ambulance out must have at least two EMS certified personnel.

The subsequent units responding may be staffed with less than this requirement. By this variance, we are permitted to use a non-certified person as a driver as long as there is a certified attendant in the back with the patient. Rest assured that on all ambulance calls at least one EMS certified attendant cares for the patient. This is a temporary variance, valid until the end of 2001, when we anticipate fulfilling the staffing requirements of Texas Department of Health.

## Students participate in Science Fair

By Amy Davis  
Staff Writer

Brackett ISD held a Science Fair Wednesday at the Hunt Library. Since last October, Brackett ISD students have been gathering ideas and researching information for their presentation in the annual event.

Karen Crumley, BISD Chemistry teacher and science fair coordinator, says that a science fair project involves all of the skills that the state of Texas wants schools to teach in science. She says that these skills are involved in the investigation of life around us and our environment.

"The science fair teaches them to investigate the world around them," said Crumley.

Crumley likes to see the students use their creativity to discover if claims people make, especially advertisers, are true.

"My favorites are the ones that test claims people make, like 'Which Diaper Holds More?'" said Crumley.

Some students used their projects to discover which lipstick will stay on longer, if a baseball rolls further on dirt or grass and if increasing the volume of music will increase a person's heart beat, just to name a few.

Two High School science teachers from Uvalde served as judges for the four divisions of the science fair.

First and second place winners

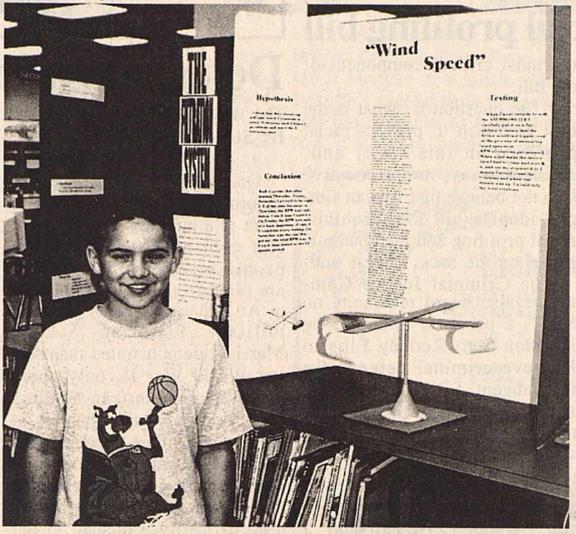
from each of the four divisions will advance to the Del Rio Regional Fair on May 11. The four divisions are: Kindergarten through 2nd grade, 3rd to 5th, 6th to 8th and 9th to 12th.

In each division, the three categories are Earth Science, Physical Science and Life Science. First, second and third places are given in each category. One student will receive Grand Champion for the most points received, and the second overall point earner will receive the Reserve Grand

Champion award.

This is the second science fair Clint Conrad, a 6th grader, has participated in. His project is titled, "Wind Speed." He put the project outside to test how many times his project, made of small paper cups, would go around in ten minutes. He says he really enjoys participating in the science fair because he likes creating things.

"I liked building this. It was cool. I like researching things to see what I can find," said Conrad.



Sixth grader, Clint Conrad, shows off his Science Fair project display titled, "Wind Speed."

## Public notice bills threaten tradition

By Dolph Tillotson  
Contributing Writer

Texas has for decades worked to fully inform its citizens by requiring that public notices be printed in local newspapers.

Several bills now before the Legislature threaten that tradition of publishing important notices while allowing exclusive publication on the Internet, at the option of state and local governments.

There is nothing wrong with using the Internet to expand public notice. That's already happening without prompting by the state. However, for the foreseeable future, newspapers remain vital to the process of public notice.

The bills are S.B. 872 by Jon Lindsay (R-Houston) and S.B. 853 by Sen. Chris Harris (r-Arlington). Lindsay's bill would allow for Internet posting of public bid notices.

Harris' bill is more sweeping and would allow publication on the Internet of all public notices required by state law.

In both bills, electronic publication could be instead of, not in addition to, publication in newspapers.

Let's say up front that newspaper publishers likely would lose revenue because of the change. However, for most daily newspapers, legal advertising represents a small percentage of revenue, usually much less than 5 percent. The percentage for weekly newspapers is higher.

The real losers if this legislation passes would be the public.

In this debate, it is essential for all to understand the underlying purpose of such advertising; it is not just functional, aimed only at public officials and contractors who do business with the government. It is for everyone.

All citizens have a right to know about public bidding, meetings, tax foreclosure sales, adoption of new tax rates and budgets.

The fact is, not enough Texans have Internet access or use what they do have - at least not yet. A 1998 U.S. Department of Commerce study set Texas's statewide rate of access at only about 24.5 percent. Admittedly, that likely is somewhat higher today.

However, there remains an undeniable digital divide between

those who have access to the Internet and those who don't.

It appears obvious that those without Internet access are the most economically disadvantaged among us. Access also is much lower in rural areas.

The best data available seems to be a June 2000 report titled "Government Services and Computer and Internet Use in Texas," compiled by the University of Texas. It concludes that about half of all Texans have at least limited Internet access, but fully half the polling sample agreed "the Internet is insufficiently available across the state to rely on it for providing government services."

Simply put, allowing Internet only posting would put such information off-limits to all who do not possess the money, the skills and training, the hardware or software to surf the net. That's a bad

## Brackettville Lions honor past presidents

Nine past presidents, including the charter president, Lion Grady Lester, were in attendance on Thursday, March 15, 2001, when the Brackettville Lions Club honored the people who have served as president of the club.

Lion President Wilma Lewis welcomed all present at the Cavalry Room at Los Moras Inn. Special guests were introduced, including Past International Director Lion Mike Butler, speaker of the evening and Lion Jim Long from Del Rio Host Lions Club. Other guests were spouses and friends of members.

Lion Peter Pohl gave a short history of the Brackettville Lions. There have actually been three different Lions Clubs in Brackettville—the first in the 1920's for two or three years; then in the 1940's a club was formed and disbanded when the men went off to war. Finally the current club was chartered in 1953, with Lion Grady Lester as president. Lion Peter related how Lion Charlie Ward was elected president while he was in the hospital. Lion Charlie was a great asset to our club and his presence will be missed.

The Lions Thrift Shop, operated in the last few years, has brought in a good income for the club and has been a great service

idea. It's an even worse idea when one considers how newspapers still may serve in this area.

Habit is an important part of what newspapers offer. The state of Texas has invested millions over the years in training citizens to look for public notices in their local newspaper. We should not toss this aside without a great amount of planning and thought.

Further, a majority of Texas newspapers already have their own Internet presence. The Texas Press Association reports that more than half of the state's 550 newspapers have Internet editions. Of those, 111 Texas newspapers currently post legal notices to the Internet.

In many cases (including The Galveston County Daily News), legal posting on the Internet is a free service offered to enhance the value and reach of legal advertising published in the paper.

Surely there is a way to harness the power of a print-Internet partnership to serve the people of Texas better.

Some in the Texas Legislature may relish the notion of taking a small amount of revenue away from their local newspaper. Others may believe the state should make more and better use of Internet technology. It is hard to argue with that notion.

It's also logical, however, that expansion onto the Internet should be phased and appropriate to the growth in genuine Internet access and use. The bills on the table today could essentially end access to huge quantities of public information for all but our most technologically advanced - and wealthiest - citizens. It is an idea whose time has not come.

Lion Mike said success is a way of walking not talking. For every valley there is a mountain top; for every winter there is a spring; and for every problem there is a solution. Then he suggested ways we can successfully solve problems. 1) Never underestimate the problem. 2) Don't make the problem larger than it is. 3) Don't wait—recognize the problem and work on it. 4) Focus on finding out what the problem is—don't place blame. 5) Motivation and dedication—there is always a way if people are willing to pay the price in time, effort, and energy. 6) Communicate—the solution sometimes lies in help from another source and we must be willing to ask for it.

Lion Jim Long, past president of Del Rio Host Lions Club, spoke of the deceased members of Brackettville Lions Club. He offered praise and thanks for the dedication and hard work of these people. Chartering a Lions Club is difficult—it takes twenty people dedicated to working hard. Certificates of recognition were presented by Lion President Wilma Lewis to Past Presidents: Grady Lester, Cliff Lewis, B. Peter Pohl, Lou Sofaly, Francis Larson, Joe York, Jr., Walt Baugess, Tom McNew and Lynn McNew.

## Briefs ...

### Spring Fling golf

The Fort Clark Springs Ladies Golf League is busy preparing for their Annual Spring Golf Tournament. The flighted, two-lady scramble, will be held on Monday and Tuesday, March 26th and 27th and is open to the public.

Monday's play will begin at one o'clock with registration and coffee prior to that at noon. Following play, a Margarita Party will be held at 5 p.m. at the clubhouse.

Tuesday's play will be held in the morning. Pre-registration, coffee, and donuts will start at 9 a.m. with play following at 9:30 a.m.

An awards luncheon for all participants and workers at 2 p.m. will conclude the tournament.

Women from the surrounding towns are encouraged to attend. Anyone seeking information, please call Lynn Ebert at (830) 563-3235 or the FCS Pro Shop at (830) 563-9204.

### Life Guard Courses

The American Red Cross will be offering life guard courses in March and April at Laughlin AFB.

The cost of the course is \$100.00, payable when the schedule is picked up at the Red Cross office, at 427 Liberty Drive, Room 401.

To sign up for the course call Jane Pratt at 775-8626.

The purpose of the class is to teach lifeguards the skills and knowledge needed to prevent and respond to aquatic emergencies.

Participants in the course must be at least 15 years old.

### Evening Computer Class

An evening class in basic computing will be offered at the Senior Center in Uvalde, beginning on March 27, 2001. This class will meet from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday night for two weeks.

Cost of the class will be \$60.00. You should pre-register before Tuesday by calling the Center at 830-278-9571 or Betty McLeod at 830-278-1517 or for additional information.

### Weekly Statistics

Del Rio, Texas - The following is a report of the apprehensions by Border Patrol agents assigned to the Del Rio Sector for the period March 12-28, 2001. The information is provided by station, and includes a sector total.

Abilene...27, Brackettville...535, Carrizo Springs...743, Comstock...20, Del Rio...471, Eagle Pass...1,445, Llano...14, Rocksprings...108, San Angelo...40, Uvalde...271, Sector Total...3,670, Other Than Mexicans...101

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## The honeymoon's over

I could be wrong  
By Chuck Hall

Several weeks ago I wrote about my friend Stanley. He didn't make it. Well, actually, he did, but his marriage didn't. Once again, he's about to utter the phrase "love is grand, divorce is twenty grand."

I knew he wasn't good matrimonial material but I thought he'd last more than 58 days. He and his bride became "estranged" the day before St. Valentine's day. I guess we should all be thankful that it didn't end on the day dedicated to everlasting love.

I don't mean to make light of the break up of a family but some parts of Stanley's life can't be taken seriously. Marriage seems to be one of them. He became "estranged" with his

wife and his bank account on the same day. She emptied it 2 hours before the thought came to him to take the same action.

But please don't take this as a plea for sympathy for Mr. Salgee. He'll survive. His kind always do. Before you know it I'll be writing telling you all about the new love in his life.

Maybe one day I'll even summon up the courage to tell you that he's planning to again take the vows and have another nuptial performed.

I have no doubt that at some time in the future he'll again take that plunge. I have even less doubt that after a while he'll divorce her too. His track record speaks for itself. Maybe you'd be better off if I didn't tell you the details when that time comes. But I could be wrong.

## West presents racial profiling bill

Dallas Sen. Royce West outlined his proposal before the Criminal Justice Committee last Wednesday to end racial profiling by police.

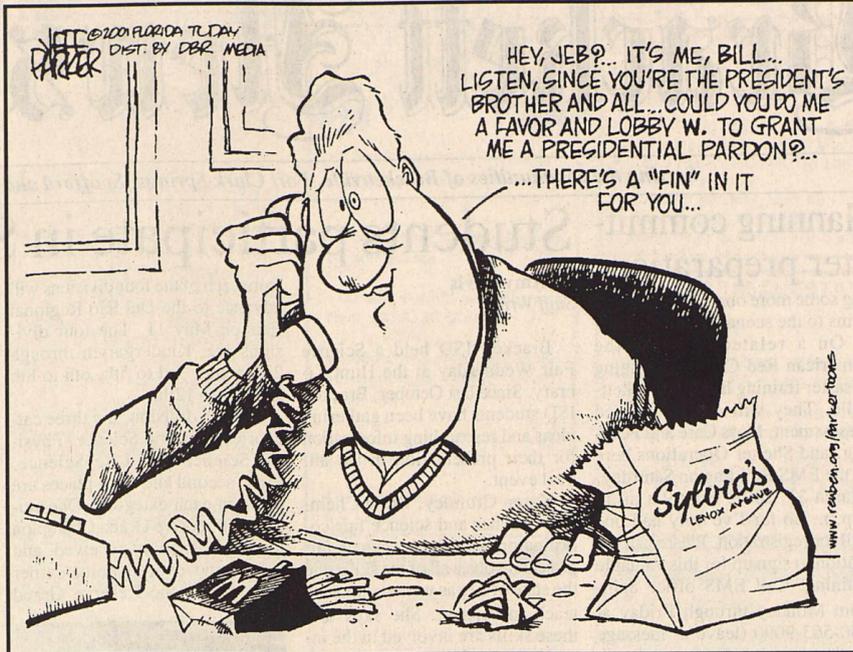
The bill, SB 1074, also calls for police departments to implement policies and training programs aimed at curbing the practice.

Police would also be required to collect ethnicity statistics in traffic stops and officers' interactions with suspects. West said that although most law enforcement officers do not engage in racial profiling, making police accountable for their actions is

the most critical component of the bill.

"The question is, what is the best approach to prevent racial profiling in this state, and, needless to say, in this country? I do not believe that we can simply adopt a bill that prohibits racial profiling and then pat ourselves on the back," West said.

The Criminal Justice Committee also heard testimony on SB 7, a proposal authored by Houston Sen. Rodney Ellis to improve criminal defense for the indigent. SB 1074 and SB 7 remain pending in the committee.



## Desensitization causes increased violence

The Way I See It  
By Steven R. LaMascus

Once again there has been a shooting in a school. Once again there is a hue and cry for more gun control. Once again the people screaming the loudest are blind to the real problem.

An exhaustive study by U.S. military historian S.L.A. Marshall demonstrated that during World War II, only about 15-20% of American soldiers actually fired their weapons at the enemy. This phenomenon, which has since been determined to have been present in all earlier wars as well, was used to justify a change in the army training regimen - this being a constant verbal deification of killing intended to destroy the reluctance to kill in the human mind. Killing becomes the soldier's only purpose. Killing is deified through training films and constant verbal reinforcement. This leads to total desensitization of the soldier and elevates his ability to kill without moral restraint. This technique was so effective that in Vietnam the percentage of soldiers who were active participants had risen from the WWII estimate of 15-20% to about 95%.

In his book *On Killing - The Psychological Cost of Learning to Kill in War and Society*, Lt. Col. Dave Grossman quotes a Navy psychiatrist who described "techniques he was developing for the U.S. government...to permit military assassins to overcome their resistance to killing." They were shown a series of gruesome films, which get progressively more horrific. Grossman calls this "systematic desensitiza-

tion." This is what is happening to our children today!

In a book review published in the *Executive Intelligence Review*, Anton Chaitkin states: "Grossman zeroes in on the deliberate programmed dehumanization of current generations.

We are taken on a tour of the movies, which provide 'killing empowerment to an entire generation of Americans. Producers, directors and actors are handsomely rewarded for creating the most violent, gruesome and horrifying films imaginable... depicting stabbing, shooting, abuse, and torture of innocent men, women, and children... in intimate detail. Make these films entertaining as well as violent, and then simultaneously provide the (usually) adolescent viewers with candy, soft drinks, group companionship and the intimate physical contact of a boyfriend or girlfriend. Then understand that these adolescent viewers are learning to associate these rewards with what they are watching.' When a villain murders and dismembers an innocent young victim these days, the audience cheers. "There is a sequence to this programmed mayhem, from movie role models who killed lawfully, as a policeman or soldier in the line of duty; to a hero who goes outside the law to kill those who 'deserved to die'; to 'vicarious role models who killed in retribution for adolescent social slights'; to role models who kill without provocation or purpose."

Finally, millions of kids today, like Littleton's Eric Harris, are becoming addicted to "computerized point-and-shoot, sa-

tanically decorated video games, in which fear and excitement move the player to kill variously dehumanized human beings in a world of virtual reality."

We have for the past several generations been using military style desensitization programs to enable our young people to kill without remorse and it is working too well. The cause is not the availability of guns. It never was. It never will be. You do not blame a tool for the actions of the user.

Grossman concludes his book with a call to arms, to refuse to tolerate the producers and purveyors of these "murder instruments."

The hollow response of the entertainment industry that their products do not influence the actions of the viewer is a bald-faced lie. Ask the United States Army! Ask Littleton, Colorado!

It is time, people, as the old-time preachers used to say, to "turn or burn." As Grossman says, to fail to act "leaves us with only two possible results: to go the route of the Mongols and the Third Reich, or the route of Lebanon and Yugoslavia" - that is civil conflict or social collapse.

Habakkuk 1:1-4 - "How long, O Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, 'Violence!' but you do not save? Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted."

## Tracking successful schools in Texas

Capitol Comment  
Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Texas parents, Texas teachers, Texas school boards and the state government have put a lot of thought and energy into improving our schools. Their efforts have paid off. The Lone Star State is leading the way in setting academic standards and holding schools accountable for achieving positive results.

Students' scores are improving across the board in reading, language skills and math. We have made amazing strides in showing it is possible to boost the performance of all students, regardless of income, background or ethnicity.

The centerpiece of Texas' educational renaissance has been the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) exams; more than 78 percent of all students passed their TAAS exams in 1999, compared to 55 percent in 1994. We know we're doing better.

The next part of the challenge is to effectively convey to parents the strengths and weaknesses of their children's specific schools and to identify the strategies used in successful schools so they can be shared with those that are not as strong.

The availability of fair and accurate information is essential to empowering parents with the information they need to make the best choices for their children. Here's why, in the words of Joe Humphry, Director of Academic Programs for the Abilene Independent School District:

"For many years, the testing data we received compared our schools to high-profile schools in Plano or Highland Park. We knew our teachers and students were doing well in some areas, poorly in others, but a fair comparison was not always possible."

So Mr. Humphry hooked up with an organization called Just For Kids, which, since 1997, has been analyzing and publishing data on the performance of each school in the state. They provided the Abilene district with information on schools in similar communities.

"This information let us identify the districts with which we could share information... A number of our teachers visited schools in districts with high test scores that were identified as our peers."

It's a simple but profound concept: determine what approaches are working in the most successful schools, and

help them to share their methods.

I am introducing legislation, entitled "The Parents' Right-to-Know Act," which would allow states to meet the existing, burdensome, federal data-collection requirements by issuing a clear and comprehensive "report card" on every public school.

This would include accurate records of school performance, teacher certification and other information relating to educational achievement. States would then make that information available to parents and the public on the Internet and through other means that ensure its broad distribution.

The bill also provides \$50 million for FY 2002 to help states which choose to make this information available to parents.

One of the most important lessons we've learned in Texas is that accomplishment is possible in all schools. We've put a lie to the idea that only some kids can meet high standards, and that only some schools can be improved.

If you would like to find out how your child's Texas school is doing, go to the Just For Kids website at <http://www.just4kids.org> and enter the name of the school.

## The road to the Capitol

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

The halls of our nation's Capitol are filled this month with students. Young adults from across America are given one week every Spring to break away from the books and take a rest from their classroom studies. Hundreds of these students choose Washington, D.C. as their travel destination.

I love this time of year. This week alone, I've met with dozens of students. We discuss everything from how a bill becomes a law to my favorite football team (the Cowboys, of course!).

A few days ago, a young man asked me a very pointed question that stuck in my mind, "How did you become a Congressman?" It's a simple question, but it made me think about my life at age 17.

When I was attending South San Antonio High School, I never thought that I would one day represent you in Washington as a United States Congressman. It was something of a feat for a student to graduate from my high school, let alone go on to college and beyond.

Most people assume congressmen have worn suits their entire life, and that a law or business degree is a required ticket of admission. However, Congress is full of self-made men and women who came from every background imaginable. Let me share a few examples with you.

At the young age of 20, Rep. Bob Riley of Alabama began selling eggs door to door with his brother. The small operation grew to become one of the largest totally integrated poultry and egg operations in the Southeast.

Rep. Ellen Tauscher of California was the youngest person to win a seat on the coveted New York Stock Exchange at age 25. She worked as a stock trader and investment banker. After moving to California she founded the ChildCare Registry, the first company to provide background information on childcare providers.

Congress has attracted its share of athletes over the years. Rep. J.C. Watts of Oklahoma was a college All-American football player at the University of Oklahoma. He went on to play for the Canadian Football League, and after that became a youth minister. Rep. Steve Largent, also of Oklahoma, was another professional athlete. He played for the Seattle Seahawks for 14 years and was inducted to the NFL Hall of Fame after retiring as the third all-time leader in pass receptions in 1989. Sen. Jim Bunning of Kentucky was a Major League pitcher and is also a Hall of Famer.

Congress is also honored by the service of true heroes - its war heroes. Senator Bob Kerrey of Nebraska served his country in an elite Navy SEAL team in Vietnam and was awarded the Medal of Honor after losing part of his right leg in action. After returning home from Vietnam, he started building up a chain of successful restaurants and health clubs before he moved to politics. Rep. Sam Johnson of Plano, Texas, is a retired Air Force colonel who endured nearly seven years of brutality - half of that period in solitary confinement - in a North Vietnamese prison camp.

Congress is full of people from all walks of life, many who never ran for office before coming to Washington. My colleagues have included a great songwriter (Sonny Bono), a winemaker, a restaurant manager and a self-described "journeyman" carpenter, just to name a few.

America is still a country where the American Dream can become a reality. It's a country where a child living in a public housing project can grow up to become whatever he or she dreams of becoming.

Big Mama  
Sez!



Beware of anxiety. Next to sin, there is nothing that so troubles the mind, stains the heart, distresses the soul, and confuses the judgement.

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

**Monday, March 12**  
 2:00 p.m., Sara Holley Martin, 19, from Winnfield, LA. was arrested for possession of marijuana and possession of controlled substance, by DPS Trooper Richard Slubar. Martin posted bond the next day.  
 2:00 p.m., Joshua David Price, 23, from Winnfield LA., was arrested by DPS Trooper Slubar for possession of controlled substance and possession of marijuana. Price posted bond the same day.  
 2:00 p.m., Alan Duane Starks, 24, from Winnfield, LA., was arrested for possession of controlled substance and possession of marijuana by DPS Trooper Slubar. Starks posted bond the same day.  
 4:53 p.m., A local man requested a deputy to check out a go-cart on Beumont St.  
 6:06 p.m., A local store reported a sign that was knocked down, near Hwy 90. The Texas Department of Transportation was advised.

**Tuesday, March 13**  
 8:30 a.m., Jose Angel Martinez, 32, from Brackettville, was arrested by Sheriff Buddy Burgess for assault. Martinez was released the same day on a PR Bond.  
 11:37 a.m., A report was made of a white Thunderbird driving recklessly and making skid marks. Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter responded.  
 12:32 a.m., A Border Patrol reported a car that had gone through a fence on Hwy 90 west near Pinto Creek. DPS Trooper Slubar responded to the call.  
 1:57 p.m., A local man reported that his neighbor's house door was open and wanted a deputy to check it out. Deputy Fritter responded.  
 5:28 p.m., A report was made of someone driving a red go-cart up and down Beumont Street. Deputy Fritter responded.  
 9:20 p.m., A local man reported 3 wheel covers from his

son's 1984 Chevy S-10 Blazer were missing, that was parked across from the High School. The total was \$120, Reserve Deputy Larry Robinson was going to investigate.  
**Wednesday, March 14**  
 12:14 a.m., A local woman reported a fire at the Senior Apartments. The Fire Department was advised.  
 3:06 p.m., Veronica Cristina Limon, 24, from Del Rio, was arrested for 2 DPS Warrants by DPS Trooper Tony Ashley. Limon paid a fine and was released the same day.  
 4:10 p.m., A one vehicle accident was reported on Hwy 90 west, one mile from Sycamore Creek. Trooper Ashley and the Del Rio Police Department were informed.  
 10:22 p.m., A local woman requested for an officer to check the three vehicles that were backed up to each other in front of her apartment. Deputy Manuel Pena Jr. responded to the call.

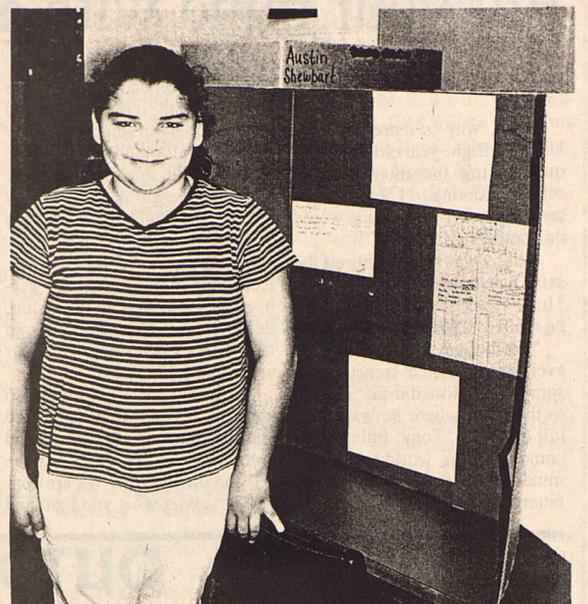
**Thursday, March 15**  
 2:50 p.m., A female reported that she lost her back-pack containing various items, at the car wash.  
 4:15 p.m., Johnny Gonzalez, 26, from New Braunfels, was arrested by Deputy Fritter for DWLF. Gonzalez is still being held.  
 7:00 p.m., Eduardo Paiz, 75, from Brackettville, was arrested for DWI 1st offense by Police Chief Arnulfo Alonzo. Paiz was released the same day on a PR Bond.  
 7:00 p.m., Benjamin Tovar, 42, from Brackettville, was arrested by Chief Alonzo for Public Intoxication and resisting arrest. Tovar was released the next day for time served.  
 7:00 p.m., A Border Patrol Agent called from the Cline check point, requesting a trooper to take juveniles into custody, who had

hard liquor and a pipe which was used for a controlled substance in their possession. Trooper Ashley responded.  
 8:28 p.m., Kyle Austin Dyrus, 18, from New Braunfels, was arrested by Trooper Ashley for minor in possession of drug paraphernalia. Dyrus was released the same day by the Justice of the Peace, John Ford, after promising to pay \$500 by March 30.  
 8:28 p.m., Adam Wesely Charmartin, 18, from San Antonio, was arrested for minor in possession of drug paraphernalia by Trooper Ashley. Charmartin was released the same day by the Justice of the Peace, John Ford, after promising to pay \$500 by March 30.  
 9:21 p.m., A local woman reported a fight near her house and requested a deputy to check it out. Deputy Pena responded to the call.

**Friday, March 16**  
 3:00 p.m., Robert Louis Carroll Jr., 35, from La Coste, TX, was arrested by Border Patrol Rosas for driving while license suspended. Carroll posted bond the same day.  
 7:11 p.m., Maricel Garcia, 26, from Houston, TX, was arrested by Trooper Ashley for a fugitive warrant. Garcia posted bond the same day.

**Saturday, March 17**  
 4:15 a.m. A man called to report that he drove off the road into a ditch on Hwy 90 west and needed assistance from a wrecker. ABC Wrecker and Trooper Wylie were advised.  
 12:37 a.m., An employee of a local convenience store reported that a Black Ford Super Cab heading east, went off without paying for gas. The suspects were detained at Cline check point until a

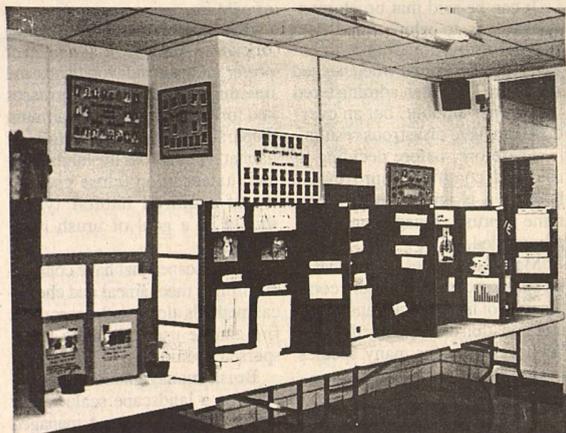
deputy arrived. They were taken back to the store and paid for the gas. Deputy Pena responded to the call.  
 4:45 p.m., A woman called to report a small brown Chihuahua running in his lot. A city employee responded to the call.  
 6:02 p.m., A 911 call was made by a woman who reported a break-in, in a house on Thomas Street, and wanted a deputy to check it out. Police Chief Alonso responded to the call.  
 8:00 p.m., A resident from Fort Clark Springs had locked his keys in the car and needed someone to unlock the car for him. Reserve Deputy Robinson responded.  
**Sunday, March 18**  
 1:00 p.m., A man reported the side door of his house broken, and asked for a deputy to speak with. The man he thought might have caused the damage. Deputy Pena responded.  
 1:57 p.m., Trooper Cano responded to a call by a woman who needed assistance at her apartment.  
 2:00 p.m., A four door 1969 Oldsmobile was on the shoulder on Hwy 90 east, 18 miles from town. ABC Wrecker was advised and Deputy Pena.  
 2:00 p.m., A woman called to report that she had an accident on Hwy 90 east, in her 1992 blue Ford Explorer. Deputy Pena reported that there were no injuries.  
 7:30 p.m., A man called to report that he was told, by a Del Rio Police Officer, that he had outstanding warrants in Del Rio. A 29 check was done in Brackettville and showed that he had no warrants. Deputy Pena responded and suggested the man report this situation to the Del Rio Police Department.



Sixth-grader, Allison Del Bosque, in front of her Science Fair project titled, Balloon Blow-Up. Her project was to experiment to see if vinegar in a bottle would blow a balloon up. This is Del Bosque's second time to participate in BISD's Science Fair. She was not required to enter, but chose to do so on her own. "It's fun. It's cool to learn how stuff works," she said.

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Elementary students in the BISD Annual Science Fair researched topics like, "Are Smiles Contagious?" and "Do a Cat's Eyes Glow in the Dark?"

**DPS expands qualifications**

Correctional officers and jailers with two years of service now meet the experience qualifications to apply for Trooper-trainee with the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Jailer experience is defined as time spent as a full-time paid employee performing jailer duties in a position that requires a license as a certified Texas Jailer or its equivalent in another state. Correctional officer experience is defined as time spent as a full-time paid Correctional Officer for the Federal Bureau of Prisons, Texas Department of Criminal Justice or the equivalent in another state. Applicants with at least 60 hours of college or two years law enforcement or military service also meet the minimum experience qualifications.

The Department will accept applications for the next six-month recruit school which begins on September 3 until April 16 for out-

of-state applicants and April 27 for in-state applicants. Anyone interested in applying for the DPS recruit school should contact the nearest DPS office for more information and an application packet.

Information is also available on the DPS Web site, www.txdps.state.tx.us.

An applicant must be a U.S. citizen and at least 20 years of age by the time they are accepted as trooper-trainees, of good moral character, and meet certain vision requirements.

A final conviction (including probation) for any DWI, DUI, family violence or felony will automatically disqualify applicants. The screening process will include verification of written and oral statements and a thorough background investigation of the applicant. Written exams, physical agility, psychological and drug testing also are required.

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# Fill your mind with good things Local members attend Daughters Of The American Revolution convention

Empowering Families  
By Dr. Donald Smith

"Dad, why is there so much killing?" Eight-year old Tony was questioning the most recent school shooting. "I don't know anybody at my school that would do something like that."

Johnny was asking himself the same question his son had raised. "It all seems so senseless, Son," he replied. "What do you think?"

"Well, Dad, it just seems like everybody is mad at something or somebody. How did that kid get to the point where he wanted to kill others?" "Tony, little babies come into this world with their minds clean of hate, anger, and bitterness. In fact, they want to be

loved and to love in return. Their whole lives depend upon the love of others. But, if they are around angry and selfish adults, then they never get all the love they need. They grow up thinking that anger and selfishness is the normal way to live. They think that others are at fault for all their problems. When they get to be your age they feed their minds on all the garbage they can find on television, on the Internet, in books, and from their friends that reinforces their anger and selfishness."

"Son, you are very fortunate to have two loving parents who care enough about you to set limits and enforce rules about things like the TV and the Internet. We are concerned about what you read and

who your friends are. We want you to fill your mind with good things that will build character and strength of spirit. A couple of thousand years ago a very wise man wrote to his friends from a prison cell, 'let your minds be filled with everything that is true, everything that is honorable, everything that is upright and pure, everything that we love and admire - with whatever is good and praiseworthy. (Phil 4:8).' If you fill your mind with those good things Tony, then you won't ever want to kill anybody."

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

The 102nd Texas State Conference Daughters of the American Revolution was held at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Houston March 14-19, 2001.

Members attending from the Uvalde de las Encinas Chapter were regent Patsy McKinley Edwards, vice-regent Pat Cummings McKelvy, treasurer Edith Day Frazell, and registrar Freida Rosenow Rogers.

Janie Briscoe was remembered at the Memorial Service, as well as Hill Country Council member Mickey Daniels.

Speaker for the Thursday night Opening Ceremonies was Merry Ann Thompson Wright from New

York who is serving as NSDAR's first Director of Development. Her topic was "With Unity of Purpose, NSDAR Will Make a Difference."

The Friday night National Defense Banquet speakers were Jim and Meredith Olson who told what it was like for both to be CIA agents while raising a family. They served out of the country in Moscow, Mexico City and Vienna, as well as several important appointments in this country before recently retiring.

The person winning Texas Outstanding Veteran Patient Award, Elton "Buck" Turner, received a standing ovation after a short talk about his prisoner of war experiences in WW II. "Buck" was selected as the South Central Division winner also.

Carol Doe Porter was recipient of the Texas Community Service Award for her help with feeding hungry children in the Houston metroplex since 1989. Her non-profit, privately funded organization "Kid Care, Inc." serves

as an example for other programs throughout the U.S. and other countries. Carol is the DAR National Community Service Award winner for 2001.

At the General Conference Luncheon on Saturday, whose theme was education, various teacher and student awards were made.

The General Conference Dinner closed the convention after honoring Chapter Regents and those who had been members over 50 years.

During these few days members shared their joys and accomplishments with each other. They were encouraged to cherish old friends, as well as new friendships formed, to use the ideas garnered and to go home with an enlightened spirit.

Any woman over 18 years of age whose ancestor fought in the American Revolution is eligible for membership. Anyone locally needing more information is encouraged to contact Pat McKelvy at 563-9287.

## OUTDOORS

### Biologists optimistic about spring turkey outlook

Austin, Texas — The prospects for finding a gobbler willing to take your call during the upcoming spring turkey hunting season could be good, according to state wildlife biologists, given the right circumstances.

Spring turkey hunting success, more often than not, comes down to timing, said John Burk, turkey program leader with Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Because the season revolves around turkey mating time, the key is finding gobblers who are playing the singles game. "A tom is most susceptible when he's searching for hens to breed," said Burk, "and there will be a lot of looking going on this year."

Rio Grande spring turkey hunting season opens a week later than last year, March 31, 2001, in South Texas and runs through May 6. In the remaining 129 counties having spring turkey hunting, the season begins April 7 and runs through May 13. The bag limit is four gobblers per license year.

According to field reports from

TPW biologists, hunting success this spring will vary from region to region depending on recent turkey production trends, current habitat conditions and, of course, the weather.

Most areas have seen below average hatches in recent years due to extended drought conditions. Poor reproduction in recent years means fewer young gobblers this spring running to a hunter's call but also may mean fewer immature hens available to "hen up" adult gobblers throughout the season.

"With the exception of the Panhandle, we've been under a continual drought over much of the state and as a result, reproductive trends have been on the decline," said Burk, who went on to suggest the trend might change this year. "With the good range conditions we're facing right now, we're setting up for a boom hatch. The hens are coming into the spring in good physical condition because of the vegetative green-up triggered by warming tempera-

tures and adequate winter and spring rainfall. Spring green-up not only provides critical protein and vitamins essential for egg development but also creates the vegetative structure essential for nesting and brood-rearing cover as the season progresses. I am therefore, anticipating exceptional turkey reproductive success."

High nesting rates could also be a boon for turkey hunters, he added. Because hens on the nest will not respond to gobblers, more nesting hens means more lonely gobblers working. "Most of the dominant birds are going to be with hens early in the season," Burk offered. "When they run out of available hens in an area, they'll move on looking for more. If your hunting time is limited, in many cases you may be better off waiting until the middle of April than going out on opening weekend hoping to entice a gobbler to a call."

While eastern turkey hunting opportunity continues to spread, the mainstay in Texas remains the

Rio Grande subspecies and the Edwards Plateau region is the place to hunt. Last year, more than a third of the 69,000 hunters who participated in Texas' spring turkey season did so in the Hill Country. Two-thirds of the 25,000 gobblers harvested came from this region.

This year's outlook in the Edwards Plateau, according to Kerrville-based TPW biologist Max Traweck, calls for fewer birds in most counties due to a decline in production last year, but the potential is there for hunter success.

"Fewer birds in general might result in gobblers being a little more susceptible to calling — assuming normal conditions this spring," Traweck said. "All areas of the Hill Country were negatively impacted by the drought last summer and there will be a shortage of young birds. Traditional roost areas in all counties and especially in our higher turkey population counties (Edwards, Kerr, Kimble, Sutton and Menard) should have adequate birds for a decent season, though."

Hunters are reminded that a Texas turkey hunting stamp is required in addition to a valid Texas hunting license.

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of wildlife. For those landscapes needing improvement, white-tailed deer prefer interspersed woodlands and openings dominated by grasses and forbs. Achieving the optimum dispersion (even distribution of habitat types across the landscape) and juxtaposition (close proximity of required habitat types) should be a goal of brush management.

In landscapes that have continuous brush, mechanical and chemical methods along with prescribed fire can be used to create interspersed openings.

Brush management should be done on a landscape scale rather than a "pasture" scale. A managed landscape should contain the optimum structure, spatial arrangement and dispersion of habitat types needed by deer. Optimum habitat for white-tailed deer includes:

- ≥ 60% woody plant canopy on about 60% of the landscape;
- natural or artificially-created openings of 10-40 acres comprising about 40% of the landscape and surrounded by brush that provides screening cover; areas of diverse, dense brush with tall screening cover and ≥ 85% woody plant canopy;
- areas of dense shade during summer and protection from cold in winter (thermal cover);
- areas of screening cover behind which deer are concealed
- brush-lined drainage areas that are continuous throughout the landscape, which can provide loafing and bedding areas and corridors for movement; and
- areas that provide deer food (browse, prickly-pear, forbs, and mast-producing plants).

The above seven characteristics of optimum habitat for white-tailed deer can be used as the basis in assessing deer habitat in South Texas.

If improvement is needed, brush management can be an effective tool for developing appropriate landscape characteristics for white-tailed deer.

*This information was provided by Robert Elledge, Kinney County Extension Agent. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.*

# UIL meet to be held Monday, Thursday High school tennis 2001

*Making A Difference*  
By Taylor Stephenson

Spring is here! My mother used to watch the skies closely this time of the year always warning of a bad storm around the equinox. Texas is beautiful this year with more wildflowers than I can ever remember seeing. Going into San Antonio on I-35 from Devine, I saw field after field of Blue Bonnets. In our area, the Verbena are beginning to bloom.

While in Missouri, we had dinner at a restaurant named Les Bourgeois which is nestled on a wooded bluff top overlooking the Missouri River. The cuisine was wonderful and the view of the river at sunset was breathtaking. The crisis to watch in coming months is with energy. In California, there's not enough energy to meet consumer demands. In the early 70s, we experienced the same problems and began to cut our consumption by raising thermostats in the summer and lowering them in the winter. We worked for fuel efficient transportation. We increased production of oil and gas in our own country. Then we became complacent. Now, OPEC has cut production to raise prices. We have forgotten the tough times. It's time that we take steps to work through this problem. We must begin with a national energy policy that works. This summer could be

interesting. We must get our economy back on track. Stocks have lost many billions of dollars in the past few months. Corporate earnings are down and production is lagging. The inevitable cut in interest rates should spur the economy. A cut in income taxes would help us all. How much? What size? I'll leave that one to those folks who have the time to study the issues.

At school, we're involved in district softball, baseball while getting our track, tennis and golf teams ready to compete. The band is practicing for UIL concert and sight reading contest. Our One Act play goes to district competition today.

Next week, on Monday and Thursday the district UIL Jr. and Senior High Schools contests will

## Tigers run wild in Carrizo

By Walt Brock  
Contributing Writer

At their last track meet the Tigers did a great job competing.

The sprint relay team (J. Hobbs, J. Hidalgo, R. Gomez, and D. Toms) took first place with a time of 44.90 winning the gold. The mile relay team (R. Gomez, D. Toms, E. Stone, and J. Hidalgo) took the bronze getting third. Individually, Damian Toms took first place in the 400m, third place in

the triple jump, and third place in the long jump. Lee Davis took third place in the high jump clearing 5'10". Jesse Hidalgo won the silver in the 200m with a time of 22.71 and placed 6th in the long jump. Raymond Gomez placed 5th in the 400m and Eliot Stone placed 4th in the 100m with a time of 11.50. Overall, the entire team competed great and will be running at Uvalde this Saturday. They would appreciate your support.

The annual BISSD Science Fair will be held in Brackettville this week. I urge you to visit the exhibits on Thursday. Karen Crumley and our instructional staff have worked hard to do this one right. Have a great week!

Brackett High School Tennis is off to a great start this year. At the Sabinal tournament on February 23, Chris Petrosky won 3rd place in the Varsity Boys singles. Freshmen Sarah Meyer and Ashley Smith teamed together to win the doubles Championship in the Junior Varsity Division.

The next weekend at the Hondo Tournament, Susannah Davis and Leslie Meyer won 3rd place by defeating a strong doubles team from Bandera in the Varsity Division, while freshman Emily Petrosky defeated teammate

Megan McWilliams for Consolation honors in the Junior Varsity Singles competition.

This past weekend at the Knippa Tournament, Schiller Hill and Chris Petrosky won three straight matches to win the Championship in Varsity Boys Doubles. On the girls side, Sarah Meyer defeated teammate Ashley Smith for the 3rd place medal in the Varsity girls division.

This weekend the team will travel to Pearsall for their invitational tournament.

## Boys and Girls Golf teams travel to Natalia

The Boy's and Girl's Golf teams went to Devine for the Natalia Tournament. It was a practice tournament involving all of the schools from our district (Dilley, Natalia, Pettus, Poth, and Three Rivers). It was the first time we had been able to see what Pettus, Poth, and Three Rivers have.

Brackett's Girl's team came in first. The team consists of Debora Cortes, Susannah Davis, Erica Meyer, and Leslie Meyer. Erica

was also the first place individual. Brackett's Boy's team came in second to Three Rivers. The team consists of Carl Dalton, Jesse Davis, Sammy Flores, Manuel Madrid, Chase Neuman, and Eliot Stone.

Our district tournament will be held here on April 2nd at 10:00 AM. We have a very good chance of becoming District Champs in both boys and girls! So come watch.

## Junior high boys are ready to run

By Walt Brock  
Contributing Writer

The Junior High Tiger Track Team is ready to run this week at Ricks Springs. So far this season they have done a great job competing with the bigger schools such as Uvalde, Del Rio, and Eagle Pass.

A number of runners on the team have received medals. Mark Kesteloot has won the gold twice for the shot put at the Uvalde and Del Rio track meets and third in the discus. Kesteloot has also received the silver twice for the 400m with his best time being a 57.90.

Tres Rueda placed third in the

300m IH at the Del Rio track meet running a 50.00. Others placing individually have been Noe Talamantes with 5th in the 200m, Brand Wylie with 6th in the 400m, and Kody Yeager with 6th in the discus.

The relay teams have also done well. The 8th grade sprint relay team consists of Tillman Davis, Noe Talamantes, Kody Yeager, Mark Kesteloot and alternate Ryan Moore. The 7th grade sprint relay team consists of Travis Nowlin, Tres Rueda, Clyde Adams, Brand Wylie, and alternate Miles Braiske. The 7th grade sprint relay team took 4th at the Del Rio track meet.

Other individuals who have

### Brackett ISD Activity Calendar

Thursday, March 22

2:30 PM Track JH @ Rock-springs, BHS Science Fair, Hunt Library, Tennis - Pearsall

Friday, March 23

7:00 PM Girls Softbl V. Dist. Poth (A) JV/V Basebl Dist. Pettus (H) 4 & 6:00 PM, Tennis Pearsall

Saturday, March 24

JV (DH) Basebl, Sonora (H) 12 & 2:30 PM, Tennis Pearsall, Track VG/VB Uvalde

Monday, March 26

3:45 PM J.A.C., Dist. 30AA UIL Meet, Student Early-Out Day, Buses run @ 1:00 PM, UIL, Tennis JH Knippa vs. Leakey

Tuesday, March 27

Elem. UIL @ Natalia, Girls Softbl JV/V Dist. Natalia (H) 5/7:00 PM, JV/V Basebl Dist. Poth (A) 4:30 & 6:30 PM

Wednesday, March 28

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## Search for top Texas teachers

Dallas, Texas The Republic of Texas Press and author Dorothy McConachie are searching for the top teachers in Texas. Nominations are now being accepted from parents, students and others who have a direct knowledge of a teacher's excellence.

This is not a search for teachers with the most degrees, honors or winning teams. Instead, it is a search for those teachers that go above and beyond the norm in caring about their students. Top teachers are those who may be too busy teaching and mentoring students to take an extra class on "how to teach." These are the teachers who inspire their students, who actually change lives for the better. By the very nature of this definition of a "top teacher" the criteria for selection is highly subjective. To be considered as one of the Top Texas Teachers, the teacher must be nominated by a student, parent, fellow teacher or other person who has first-hand knowledge of the teacher's effectiveness.

The following information is needed to nominate a teacher:

Teacher's Name, Subject/Grade, School Name and Address, School Phone and E-mail (if known), specific examples of the teacher's excellence and any other important information, Nominator's name, how the nominator knows of the teacher's excellence (student in the class, parent of student, etc.)

Send this information to: TOP TEXAS TEACHERS, P. O. Box 600745, Dallas, TX, 75360-0745. Nominations must be post-marked by May 30, 2001.

Each teacher chosen by the se-

lection committee will be the subject of a chapter in *Top Texas Teachers* to be written by Dorothy McConachie and published by the Republic of Texas Press. The honored teacher's school will receive a complimentary copy of the book from the publisher. Education in Texas exists in a state of constant crisis. In spite of controversy and discord at the various levels of school administration, teachers continue to meet with students every day to instruct and inspire them. Low pay, extensive paperwork and often unfavorable working conditions do not deter these dedicated professionals from doing more than their job, from caring. Texas is especially fortunate

to have many individuals who are exceptional examples of top teachers. The Republic of Texas Press has asked Dorothy McConachie to write a book entitled *Top Texas Teachers* to celebrate these outstanding educators.

Ms. McConachie, a former teacher herself, was educated in Texas schools as were her husband and three children. She also has a Texas teaching certificate. Her book most recent book, *Our Texas Heritage: Ethnic Traditions and Recipes*, was published by the Republic of Texas Press in 2000 and will soon be in its second printing. She also writes regularly for the *Dallas Morning News* and various magazines and publications.

## Legislation seeks to protect teachers from lawsuits

Austin - Rep. Kent Grusendorf, R-Arlington, filed last week the Teacher Protection Act, H.B. 2664. The Teacher Protection Act is designed to protect teachers from liability law suits and to help restore discipline in the classroom.

"Fear of lawsuits has paralyzed many teachers and school districts when it comes to dealing properly with disruptive students," said Peggy Venable, director of Texas CSE. "As a result, many classrooms are getting out of hand and are often not conducive to learning."

H.B. 2664 increases liability protection for teachers and other professionals engaged in educating children. It protects them from lawsuits in almost all cases except for the excessive use of force

when disciplining a student.

"The Teacher Protection Act also helps teachers by making it a Class B misdemeanor when a student knowingly makes a false accusation against a teacher," said Venable. "This will further embolden educators seeking to regain control of their classrooms."

"The 48,000 Texans who are members of Texas CSE thank Rep. Grusendorf for taking this step toward restoring order to our classrooms," added Venable.

Texas Citizens for a Sound Economy is a 48,000-member organization of consumers that support common-sense approaches to solving public policy problems. Texas CSE is a state affiliate of the 280,000-member national Citizens for a Sound Economy.

## Frerich honors Benjamin Franklin for his many contributions to our country

To honor Benjamin Franklin, Ryan Frerich, a member of the Elijah Holcombe Society, Children of the American Revolution, presented a program about his life.

Benjamin Franklin was born on January 17, 1706. He was the 10th son, and the 15th child, of the 17 children that were born to Josiah and Abiah Folger Franklin. When he was 12 years old he was apprenticed as a printer. By the time he was 23 years old he owned his own printing office and was the sole owner and printer of the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, a very popular and profitable newspaper of that day. A few years later he began publishing *Poor Richard's Almanac*, which became the best selling book in the colonies, selling over 10,000 copies annually.

He began the first lending library, which was the forerunner of the Public Library System that

we are familiar with today. He founded the first fire insurance company in America. During his lifetime he invented many things that are in use today: bifocal eye glasses, swim fins, odometers, lightning rods, and a wood stove called The Franklin Stove.

He enjoyed experimenting and published several books about his experiments. The most well known experiments were those he conducted about lightning.

When he was born, America was made up of thirteen colonies that were ruled by England. From 1757 through 1774 he spent much time traveling to England and France trying to keep the peace. However, the imposition of the Stamp, Townshend, and Intolerable Acts angered the colonists to rebel against Mother England. On April 19, 1775 the colonists went to war for their freedom.

When he signed the Constitution on September 17, 1787, he became the only Founding Father to have signed all five documents that established American independence: the Declaration of Independence, the Treaty of Amity and Commerce with France, the Treaty of Alliance with France, the Treaty of Peace with Great Britain, and the Constitution of the United States of America.

At age 84, on April 17, 1790, Benjamin Franklin died in Philadelphia. His personal ideas about economy helped shape our country's economy. We are lucky that they did because Franklin believed that the only true way to wealth was through hard work. This noble idea became the soul of the American dream, the idea that all people are created equal and each person has the same opportunity to achieve success.



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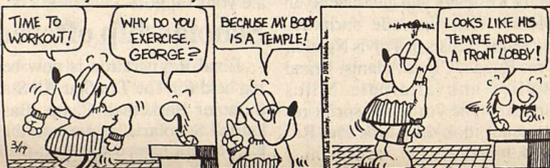
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**ROARING TWENTIES**

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

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**Trivia Time** by Walter Branch

1. What type of craft depends on air and helium valves in its envelope?
2. Whose "Shadow Dancing" made him the only solo act to have his first three singles hit Number One on the charts?
3. What future governor was ordered to allow black patrons to eat at his Georgia restaurant in 1964?
4. What black-clad cowboy's spin-off products caused a shortage of black dye in 1950?
5. What is considered a close encounter of the first kind with a UFO?
6. Who won the Grammy Award for Best New Artist in 1964?
7. What is short for "cybernetic organism"?
8. What murdered assassin's body tag went for \$6,600 at an auction?
9. What Native American was on Barry Goldwater's list of the five greatest Americans?
10. For what crime was Rodney King on parole at the time of his beating?

**HOROSCOPES**

by Charles Cooper

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)**  
 A minor conflict erupts between you and a co-worker. This is resolved peacefully by midweek. Over the weekend, outdoor activities beckon.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)**  
 This is the time to be hands-on at work. You'll accomplish much by removing yourself from the sidelines. Later in the week, you receive good news in the mail.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)**  
 Opportunity comes to you from a surprising source. With some ingenuity, you make the most of this. Family members are in sync this weekend.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)**  
 You're single-minded and determined as the week begins. This gets you through a minor crisis. Later, a close friend has a surprise.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)**  
 You're itching to get outside as the week begins. However, calm this spring fever. There's still work to be done.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)**  
 It's time to shake off that winter attitude. An exercise regimen would help tremendously. Be careful, though, not to injure yourself.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)**  
 Let others take the lead this week. You don't always have to come up with the bright ideas. Over the weekend, a work project has you all tied up.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)**  
 You'd be wise to go with your temper this week. Your impatience will trigger this. However, snapping at people will get you nowhere.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)**  
 Take steps to safeguard your financial future. Toward that end, discuss mutual finances with your mate. This weekend, a short trip eases your mind.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)**  
 There is much on your plate as the week begins. Tackle these one at a time for best success. Later in the week, a social event brings a new opportunity.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)**  
 As tempting as it is, you shouldn't give into skepticism. Your mate has been faithful, despite your fears. This weekend, get back in touch with those romantic feelings.

**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)**  
 You're a bit moody as the week begins. Don't let this absorb you. This weekend, a relative has some good advice.

**CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS:**  
 Andrew Lloyd Webber, March 22; Princess Eugenie, March 23; Star Jones, March 24; Aretha Franklin, March 25.

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**Trivia Time Answers**  
 1. A blimp; 2. Andy Gibb; 3. Lester Maddox; 4. Hopalong Cassidy's; 5. Sighting; 6. The Beatles; 7. Cyborg; 8. Lee Harvey Oswald's; 9. Geronimo; 10. Armed robbery  
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- Mar. 25.....Laura Rivas
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- Mar. 27.....Dick Reivitt
- Mar. 27.....Tiffany Reschman
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**Roaring Twenties Solution:**

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2. Calendar
3. Chalk
4. Clock
5. Computer
6. Desks
7. Dictionary
8. Flag
9. Globe
10. Lunch boxes
11. Maps
12. Paper
13. Pencils
14. Pens
15. Pupils
16. Rulers
17. Teacher
18. Textbooks
19. Wastebasket
20. Workbooks

# Cleaning the closet of your heart Lent is your time to bloom

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Pastor Charolette Corey

"Create in me a clean heart, Oh God, and renew a right spirit within me; cast me not away from thy presence and take not thy holy spirit from me; Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free spirit." (Psalms 51:11-13).

When you do your "spring cleaning" be sure and clean out the darkness in your own heart. You can need a clean heart just like you need to clean out that one closet that you stash everything in because you are not ready to deal with yet. There is stuff in there gathering dust, mold and mildew because of neglect. Deep down inside you know it is there and of course it is no surprise to God because he has always known it.

As long as we walk in denial,

our soul begins to darken and rot. God cannot help you clean up the area with his cleansing love and forgiveness. As long as you try to hide it, it cannot be covered by the atoning blood of Jesus. As long as you deny it, the Holy Spirit cannot pour his balm of healing oil upon it. Life becomes lusterless. Your joy in living slowly seeps away. Finally, you end up wondering if you have even received the salvation of Jesus Christ and the devil will try to steal your life through depression.

By admitting to the truth of your hurts, your bitterness, and looking at your own weaknesses, and calling them what God calls them, God can finally apply the atoning blood of Jesus Christ upon your wounds and heal your hurts, even strengthen you to overcome your weaknesses.

God is not ready to slap you

down. Jesus is there to pick you up and restore the joy of salvation back to you. He is the restorer of your soul. He restores the needs of your mind, will, and emotions. He restores your strength. By repenting and filling yourself with the word of God, he washes away your sin and strengthens you with his promises. He forgives you immediately and covers you with the oil of salvation, the Balm of Gilead, and seals it with the blood covenant of Jesus Christ.

Refreshed and restored you can face each day with a clean heart. Cry out to God and he will comfort you. Draw near to him and he will draw near to you. He is your ever present hope in time of trouble.

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

St. Mary Magdalene Church  
By Lynn McNew

I love plants and flowers; however, I am not always successful in making them grow. I often find myself, in my busy world, neglecting my houseplants and forgetting to water them until they begin to look brown and wilted. I have a beautiful rose bush in my front yard and people are frequently asking me what I do to it. I tell them, "Nothing. I'm afraid if I do anything to it, I will kill it." So I cut it back once a year and water it reasonably often and let it go.

Fortunately, God doesn't feel that way about us. In Luke's gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the man who sees that the fig tree in

his orchard is not bearing fruit after three years. The man tells the gardener to cut the tree down, but the gardener says if the man will leave it that he will tend it and take care of it. Then if it does not bear fruit in the future, the man can order it cut down. (Luke 13:6-9)

We are the fig trees spoken about in this parable. Even though we have been "planted" on this earth to serve God and bear fruit, often we ignore cultivating our spiritual lives. This Gospel gives me hope, because it tells me that God always gives us another chance. God's gracious mercy invites us again and again to become what God intended us to be from the very beginning.

Spring is coming and with it

the eagerness to plant and nourish and see things grow in our gardens. When our children were young, we always had a vegetable garden. One year we let our youngest son plant the cucumbers. We cautioned him to read the directions on the package and follow them carefully.

The directions said to plant the seeds six feet apart, which he thought must be a mistake, so he planted them six inches apart. As summer came, so did the cucumbers. I remember canning over 75 jars of pickles. Our friends would hide when they saw us get out of our car at church, because they knew we had several large bags of cucumbers to give away. We definitely had an over-abundance.

With God, we can never have an over-abundance. He wants us to grow and flourish to be all we can be in this world. And as we continue on in these last weeks of Lent, we are given yet another opportunity to "bloom where we're planted." We can renew again our promises to live our lives for Him. We have the time to plant and nourish and see things grow in our spiritual garden.

Lord, I thank You for the gift of Your Son. Renew in me again the strength to carry out the promises I have made to you. Give me eagerness to cultivate my spirit during these last few weeks of Lent, so that I can bloom anew on Easter morning.

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

## God's angels are watching over us

Frontier Baptist Church  
By Dave Crowe

Are there angels among us? I don't recall ever having seen one, have you? I'm not sure that I would recognize one, if I came face to face with one, would you?

Yet, each of us may have been in the presence of angels many times throughout our lives.

In the Holy Bible, angels and the lesser order of seraphim and cherubim are spoken of over 200 times. We are told of Michael, the archangel and Gabriel, God's messenger of mercy and promise.

There are many, many good angels and there are many bad,

disobedient angels such as Lucifer, who was once second only to God, and his legion of fallen angels. He has become Satan and they, his demons. God uses angels to work out the destinies of both men and nations.

Satan uses his demons to spread chaos, sin and destruction to both men and nations.

Angels must be as diverse, as we humans and they surely must have as many different jobs as we do.

We are limited by time, space and our physical bodies. Angels are not limited by anything. They are supernatural, spiritual beings. They can become visible when necessary. They can appear and disappear at will.

Another question: Do each of us have our own guardian angel?

The Bible says (Hebrews 1:13-14, Psalms 34:4) that we have heaven sent servants to attend to us. To work in our behalf and to protect us. They are to minister to us personally. (Matthew 18:10) tells us that God's people (you and I) who have humbled themselves and have become like little children have guardian angels, who are very close to the face of God.

To do all the things that angels do, they must be very intelligent and equipped with super human, super natural strength.

In Matthew 28, it says that an angel of the Lord rolled back the stone covering the entrance to Jesus' burial tomb. It must have weighed thousands of pounds.

I personally believe that angels oversee our births and take us home to heaven when we

shed our earth bound bodies.

Angels are unseen by most of us as they go about God's work. Helping us to cope with the rigors of everyday life.

They work so quietly that we don't even know they are around. They are God's secret agents.

Praise God for these little helpers. Let them help you to make your life easier, less complex.

Let God surround you with dozens of His angels. They are closer than you think. All you have to do is ask God.

If there is any way in which I may be of service to you or your family feel free to page me toll free 888-745-6914.

## Lutheran Church receives matching funds

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Brackettville, Texas recently received \$450 from Lutheran Brotherhood, a fraternal benefit society, through the Society's Congregational Matching Funds program.

Lutheran Brotherhood matched the amount that the congregation raised through a Brat Fry, which took place on January 21st.

Our Redeemer Lutheran will use the funds it raised and the matching funds from Lutheran Brotherhood for General Fund Maintenance.

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## Obituary...

### David Thomas Blair

David Thomas Blair, 89, born on April 8, 1911, passed away on March 8, 2001, in Pleasanton, Texas.

He is survived by his wife of fifty-seven years, Irene H. Blair, currently of Del Rio, Texas; his son David Mark Blair of Brackettville, Texas; daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Charles Kerr of Watertown, Wisconsin; daughter and son-in-law Beverly and Morton Hawkins of Houston, Texas; daughter Mary Jo Hoover of Knoxville, Tennessee; and grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Blair were long-time residents of Fort Clark in Brackettville where Mr. Blair was active in the Fort Clark gun club and with his wife, was named Fort Clark member of the year in 1995. He was an avid collector and repairer of clocks and spent many happy hours at work on restoring the tower clock in the Kinney County courthouse.

Memorials may be made to your local Alzheimer's organization or to the National Alzheimer's Association, 919 No. Michigan Ave. Suite 1100, Chicago, Ill. 60611-1676.

## Start anew today with God's coffee

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

Are you a night or morning person? My mother-in-law is definitely a night person. She stays up late and wakes up late, preferring the evening as her time to be active. I, on the other hand, have always thought of myself as a morning person. Not quite like my dad who still gets up before 6:00 a.m. each morning at the age of 91, but I do prefer to be on the go earlier and need to be in bed before the 10:00 p.m. news is over.

However, I have to confess that, before I became a second career pastor, I often stayed snuggled in my covers until later in the morning on Sundays, awaking groggily around noon to find that the day had passed me by. I know, of course, that you don't suffer from this problem. On Sunday morning you jump right out of bed and make your way through the coffee and paper so that you are bright and cheerful for Sunday School and Church, Mass, the golf match or a drive to visit with family or friends. No, you say. You sleep in! Well, I have a deal for you!

When I became a pastor and gave up sleeping late, I was surprised to find that my Sunday was just filled with lovely things to do such as, visiting with friends, working in the yard, cleaning the car, or just enjoying the blessings that flowed from my own newly found energy.

You see, I found that by going ahead and rising with the early alarm, I actually felt more prepared to use the day to its fullest extent. My energy level was actually greater than when I had slept-in. I became a new person. And that new person was also a better person.

It is also like that when we are born-again through Christ. Oh, I know, that phrase "born-again" brings some negative baggage with it. Those "born-again" Christians won't let the rest of us ever have any peace. They want us to start speaking in tongues, raising our hands as we sing, and maybe even shouting "Amen!" at the preacher. Well, I want you to know, that being born-again through Christ means many things to many people, but what it can mean for

you, in simple terms, is letting go of the old ways which keep you from enjoying life and experiencing the peace and love which you deserve.

Being "new" in Christ, Paul tells us (2 Corinthians 5:18) means that God has reconciled God's self to us and changed us to become new people without the old baggage. God has forgiven, not just forgiven, the old ways which we hold so closely and with which we punish ourselves. All we have to do is, "wake up and smell the coffee" which God has prepared for us each day so that we may begin that day as if it is the first day of our life, full of energy and ready to go enjoy it.

This is the deal I have for you! I invite you to start your life, as well as your day, anew this Sunday, and every Sunday, by joining us in singing, laughing, crying and caring for each other as we join hands and vigorously meet the world with new hope and better understanding.

We have an 8:00 a.m. worship service for the morning people among you (we offer that first cup of coffee along with some special music) and a 10:45 a.m. service for those who like to have their coffee and paper before joining friends at God's house. Night owls are welcome at either time! Come join our church family in finding the new life God has for each of us.

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To schedule an appointment with any of the above physicians call (830) 703-1730 or 775-8566 ext. 1730.  
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**WEST TEXAS GAS, Inc.** issues this public notice to provide information concerning certain facilities and operations in Frio, Dimmitt, Zavala, Uvalde, Maverick, Kinney, and Val Verde Counties of Texas. West Texas Gas, Inc. operations buried natural gas pipelines and facilities in the above Texas Counties. W.T.G. has markers placed along the pipeline routes, but because of possible damage or vandalism, these markers (signs) may not be apparent at all points along the pipeline right-of-ways. Due to our concern for the safety of people and property along our pipeline routes, we request that all persons who anticipate digging, excavating boring, drilling, or blasting in the vicinity of our facilities call 1-888-334-4912. A West Texas Gas employee will be available, free of charge, to check your area, locate our facilities and mark a safe area. In addition, state law requires each excavator to contact a one call locate service. The one call service will then notify each operator of buried utilities that you intend to dig in an area that may contain buried utilities (water, gas, electric, telephone, etc.) This service and call are free. Contact the Texas Excavation Safety Service at 1-800-344-8377. Please notify West Texas Gas if the following situation occurs in relation to a pipeline or other facilities we operate: The escape of gas from a pipeline - This may be detected by smell, hissing sound, or an unexplained area of dead vegetation in the vicinity of our facilities. Fire or explosion occurring near our facilities. Vandalism or theft of pipeline markers. In the event of an emergency involving a West Texas Gas facility: Evacuate the area immediately, notify local law enforcement, fire department and W.T.G. Do not return to the area until advised by officials.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE** City Of Brackettville, Kinney County, Texas, endorsing and supporting Kinney County's endeavor in the formation of a Groundwater Conservation District for Kinney County by Gallego. Whereas, Senate Bill 1, enacted by the 75th Texas Legislature, was created due to the increased awareness of the vulnerability of Texas to drought and to the limits of existing water supplies needed to meet increasing demands of population growth; and Whereas, the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District will consist of a County Water Planning Group comprised of local representatives who are sincerely concerned and will ensure our district's best interest; and Whereas, the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District will develop and adopt rules to conserve, preserve, protect, recharge prevent waste groundwater and control land subsidence in our cities and county. Now, therefore be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Brackettville, Kinney County, Texas, that we hereby endorse the formation of a Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District for assurance that the water needs of all Texans will be met as Texas enters the 21st century. Passed and approved 13th day of March, 2001. Carmen M. Berlanga, Mayor. Attest David G. Luna, City Manager.

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- 2 Story Historic Condo 2300 + sq ft finished & ready to entertain any offer.
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- \*Like new 2400 + sq.ft. 4/3 Manufactured Home on 5 ac. Office, Fireplace, 16X40 covered porch, well, septic, 2 years old.
- \*In the Oaks, very nice home on 2 oak covered lots.

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

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