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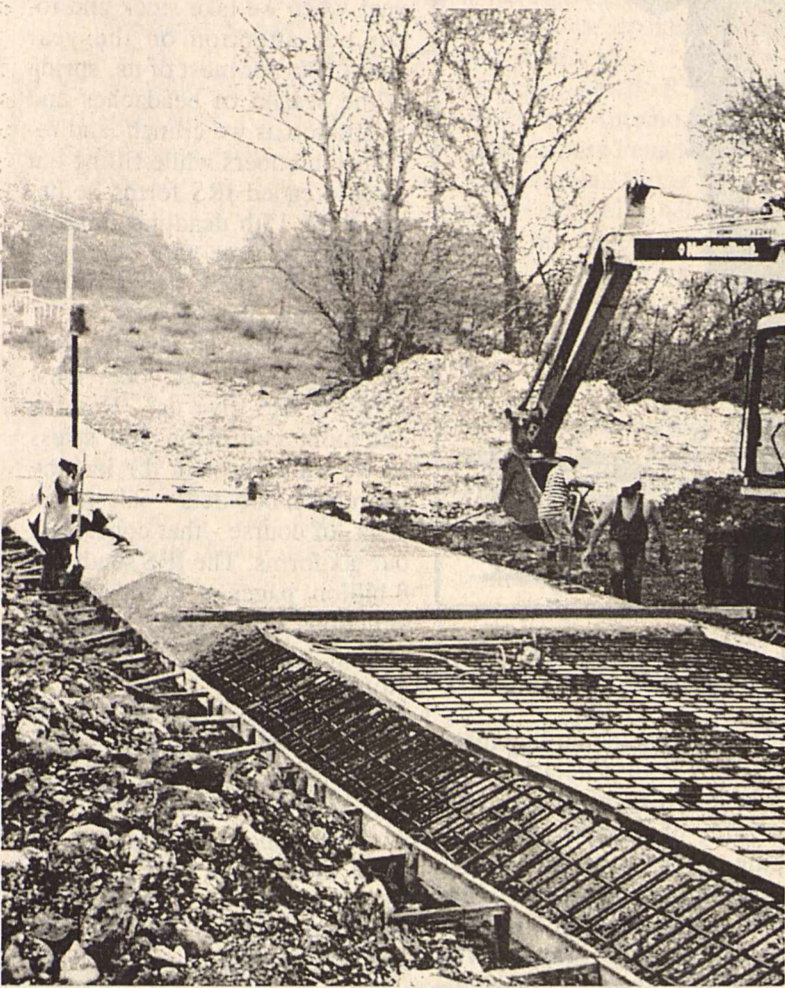


Happy Easter!

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Pictured are contractors from Spur Construction in Austin, as they pour a slab at Grandstaff Crossing, (formerly Whistler's Crossing) on the Nueces River. The new low water crossing is now open. Cliff Fritter, Department Head for the Kinney County Road and Bridge Crew, says that people will be able to get in and out more easily and quickly than before. "It has been a troublesome crossing. I'm sure glad to see it's in," he said. This is the first of four low water crossings to be repaired in Kinney County. The project was funded through grants by the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. Photo by Jewel Robinson

Local 4-H members successful at major stock shows

By Beth Ballew
Contributing Writer

Kinney County 4-H Club members have ended a very successful year of competing at major stock shows across the state. The season started at the Odessa Sandhills Stock Show in early January. Beth Ballew exhibited two 6th place lambs and a 14th place lamb. Elizabeth and Clay Threadgill exhibited meat goats.

The weekend following our local stock show seventeen members traveled to Kerrville for the Hill Country District Junior Livestock Show. Following are the placings at that stock show: Bailee Allen 12th place steer; Summer Allen 15th place steer; Beth Ballew 4th and 8th place lambs; and Jared Harris 11th and 18th place lambs. Also exhibiting were Boyd Brotherton, Carlos Gomez, Hailey and Jared Harris, and Jared Hobbs with lambs; Willie, Nathan, and Seth Clements with meat goats Ashley and Scott Thourot, and Elizabeth and Clay Threadgill with meat goats.

At the Fort Worth Stock Show Bailee and Summer Allen represented Kinney County where they placed 21st and 6th with steers.

In February eighteen 4-H members traveled to San Antonio to compete in that extremely competitive national stock show. The results were as follows: Bailee Allen 8th place steer, Summer Allen 6th place lamb, Beth Ballew 7th place lamb; Tommy Gomez 10th place lamb, and Whitney Hobbs 7th place lamb. Other exhibitors that represented our county well were Boyd Brotherton, Carlos Gomez, Hailey and Jared Harris, and Jared Hobbs with lambs; Dietrich, Robert, Susannah, and Tillman Davis with steers, and Elizabeth and Clay Threadgill and Ashley Thourot with meat goats.

Two weeks later fourteen exhibitors competed at the Houston Stock Show. In the lamb division, exhibitors are required to qualify at a pre-sift in Rosenberg, Texas before they can travel on to the Houston Stock Show at the Astrodome complex. Only 324 out of over 1400 lambs entered qualify to compete in Houston. Kinney County was very successful this year as six exhibitors qualified to move on to Houston where they placed as follows: Bailee Allen 9th, Beth Ballew 5th, Boyd Brotherton 13th, Hailey Harris 18th, Jared Hobbs 17th, and

Whitney Hobbs 25th. Carlos and Tommy Gomez and Jared Harris also exhibited lambs. Houston is known for having a very competitive steer show, and Kinney County was well represented in the Astroarena in this show. Summer Allen placed 14th, Dietrich Davis placed 4th and Robert Davis placed 6th. Bailee Allen along with Susannah, and Tillman Davis also exhibited steers.

The final show of the season was the San Angelo Stock Show in March. Bianca Stewart placed 3rd and 9th with her rabbits, Bailee Allen placed 12th with her steer, and Beth Ballew placed 1st, 3rd, and 4th with her lambs. Also exhibiting lambs were Bailee and Summer Allen, Hailey and Jared Harris, and Jared and Whitney Hobbs. Robert and Tillman Davis exhibited steers.

Any 4-H member who has competed at a major stock show will tell you, the rewards are numerous. They learn valuable lessons in responsibility, hard work, and the joys and disappointments of competition. They make new friends from all over Texas, while keeping up with busy study and extra-curricular activity schedules at Brackett ISD.

Briefs ... Commodities

The USDA Commodities will be at St. Johns Missionary Baptist Church 116 W. Crockett St., on Monday April 16, 2001 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Easter invitation

The Frontier Baptist Church is serving a free breakfast brunch on Easter Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Come and enjoy. Easter services start at 11 a.m. All are invited to attend.

4-H Club fund raiser

The Kinney County 4-H Club will be having an Enchilada Plate Sale, Sunday, April 22, 2001, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Happy Shahan Park. Mark your calendars and come out and support the youth of our county. See you there!

4-H club meeting

The Kinney County 4-H Club will be having its regular scheduled business meeting, Monday, April 16, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. in the courthouse. The junior officers have an exciting program planned for the evening. Business will include finalizing fund raiser details and possible changes for next year. All officers will be meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Flower show

The Mountain Laurel Garden Club will host their annual Flower Show on Saturday, April 21st at the Service Club on Fort Clark from 2-4 p.m. The show's theme, "A Pretty Flower Is Like a Melody", will feature displays and arrangements coordinated with a special song; making this a delightful and unique event.

Be sure to mark this date on your calendars and join us for this fun event. Admission and refreshments will be free!

Del Rio Sector Monthly Statistics

Del Rio, Texas - The following is a recap of Del Rio Sector Border Patrol activities during March 2001:

Apprehensions
Abilene...152, Brackettville...2,300, Carrizo Springs...2,884, Comstock...266, Del Rio...2,667, Eagle Pass...6,932, Llano...51, Rocksprings...332, San Angelo...219, Uvalde...1,030, Sector Total...16,833, Other than Mexican...483

Drug Seizures
Marijuana Seized (pounds) ...2,295.63, Value of Marijuana Seized...\$1,836,504.00

BISD School Board approves creation of Scholarship Fund

By Amy Davis
Staff Writer

School board members approved the creation of the BISD Education for Tomorrow Scholarship Fund at Monday night's meeting.

Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said that the purpose of the scholarship is to allow funds to be available for disbursement among all students eligible, not just a chosen few.

"Our goal is not to select only one or two, but every person that meets the requirements," Stephenson said.

The scholarship will be primarily funded by BISD staff through an optional \$1 to \$5 payroll deduction every month. Any employee may choose to contribute more, and anyone not employed by the school district is welcome to contribute also.

When a student graduates,

whatever money is in the fund will be dispersed according to how many years the student qualified. For instance, if a student met the criteria for three years, but not the other one, the student would be awarded for those three years only.

The School Board will appoint a committee which will comprise a community leader, a school representative and a community representative. This committee will make the final determinations of awards going to graduating seniors.

Gloria Garza Garcia expressed concern that the job of keeping files for potential scholarship recipients, in addition to the other duties Administration employees have, would be too much. Susan Esparza, Superintendent Secretary at Brackett ISD, assured the Board that Administration employees are willing to add this task to their job description.

Stephenson said that the extra

work that will be needed to maintain the scholarship fund will be worth it.

"I think any time you want to reward good kids, it's worth the extra work you're going to do," Stephenson said.

Jones Elementary Principal, Paula Renken, said that elementary faculty voted to contribute \$1,034, raised through a recent penny drive, as scholarship money. Though designated for this purpose, the money has had nowhere to go because no scholarship fund was in existence. This underscored the point that the fund is a necessity.

School Board President Tim Ward encouraged other Board members to give the Scholarship Fund a chance.

"Nothing ventured, nothing gained. Let's give it a try," Tim Ward, School Board President said.

Schuster selected as high school principal

By Amy Davis
Staff Writer

The BISD School Board selected John Paul Schuster as the new Brackett High School principal in a unanimous vote at Monday night's meeting.

He will begin his new position on June 1. BISD Superintendent, Taylor Stephenson is pleased with the School Board's decision.

"I'm very pleased to have a person of John Paul's caliber. He knows Brackettville and knows our students and their families. He will work hard and continue the fine reputation our high school has developed. I am delighted to work with him," he said.

Schuster has been the Vocational Agriculture teacher at Brackett High School since August of 1993. He will continue to teach the classes, but will begin working with the current high school principal, Michael Hall,

once a week, to make sure the transition is smooth.

While he has been with the school district, he has been FFA Sponsor and Advisor and helped with projects involving Tech Prep programs. He has also served on the High School Advisory Committee and Scheduling Committee. He was voted Ag Teacher of the year in 1996 by the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association.

He is also involved with the community and is currently the president of the Farm Bureau.

Schuster was selected from 25 applicants.

Members of the community recommended him for his new position.

"He will develop reasonable rules and enforce them while continuing to be an enthusiastic and positive role model," said Tony Frerich.

"His enthusiasm is contagious," said Jimmy Bader.

Garcia given Silent Hero award

By Amy Davis
Staff Writer

Sheriff Buddy Burgess awarded Sergeant Andrea Garcia the Silent Hero Certificate of Recognition at last Monday's Commissioners Court meeting, for her excellence in being a 911 Operator.

Garcia is one of only 71 in the state of Texas that was given the honor this year. According to the Commission on State Emergency Communications, there are almost 600 centers where 911 calls are fielded by more than 4,000 telecommunicators.

Sheriff Burgess submitted a letter to the Commission on State Emergency Communications requesting that Garcia be given the honor of being a Silent Hero.

In the letter he stated, "I nominate Andrea Garcia for the Silent Hero Certificate of Recognition. Ms. Garcia carries a positive attitude towards her job. She knows how crucial it is to communicate clearly in emergency situations. She also volunteers countless hours of her time to our local EMS

service and our local Volunteer Fire Department. Garcia demonstrates the ability to handle tough situations in a calm manner. She has gained the respect of others, she is also a team player and is always willing to help. She is very professional and takes pride in her work, and is always willing to learn. It gives me great pleasure to nominate Andrea Garcia for this award for going above and beyond the call of duty."

Burgess said he requested the honor following two complicated 911 incidents in which Garcia used her skills to handle the calls properly.

"She never lost her cool. We had a lot of hassles on one of the calls... but she kept on going," Burgess said.

Burgess wanted to recognize Garcia for her good work, and pointed out that all the employees at the jail are under more pressure than most people realize.

"It is always good to recognize one of your employees county-wide, but to recognize one statewide is very good. People don't

realize what goes on at the jail. The employees are under great pressure all the time. I, and Norma [Gomez] wanted to recognize one of our employees, and 911 wanted to recognize her also."

The Commission on State Emergency Communications will honor the recipients of the Silent Hero award at a 911 Appreciation Banquet during the telecommunications luncheon on Friday, April 13, in Austin.

Garcia was grateful for the award, but wouldn't take all the credit for herself.

"It's not just me, I work with a whole lot of people. Like they say, there's no 'I' in team. I have other jailers and dispatchers that work with me, and we all try to work as a team," she said.

Commissioners congratulated Garcia, and Judge Herb Senne thanked her for the dedication she has for her job.

"On behalf of Commissioners Court, we very much appreciate you and your work. We know that you all work very hard up there.



Andrea Garcia recipient of the Silent Hero Certificate of Recognition (left) with Sheriff Buddy Burgess. Garcia received the award at last Monday's Commissioners Court meeting.

We're glad that you received this award, which you should have been getting all this time," said Judge Herb Senne. "We are proud of you, and keep up the good

work."

April 8-14 has been declared Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Texas by Governor Rick Perry.

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The Easter egg hunt

I could be wrong
By Chuck Hall

One of the many memories that I have surrounding the Easter holiday isn't really a pleasant one. When I was in the third grade, a time in my life when many of my bad traits seemed to surface, the teacher asked for volunteers to make popcorn bunnies. Five hares were going to be given as prizes for the yearly Easter egg hunt. Naturally I offered to help out.

I couldn't wait to get home and tell mom and dad the good news. Dad also had a welcome enlightenment. Mom was going to be out of town. She couldn't aid us in this project. No problem. Dad and I could handle it on our own.

We quickly analyzed the situation. The dilemma revolved around the design and structure of this statuesque marvel. How were we supposed to make it stick together? Syrup was the obvious answer. How much was only a matter of trial and error. After many trials and as many

errors, we had one dandy mess.

My father shaped it into large balls and a couple of ear-like formations. We tried to stick them together. We failed. Dad then tried using toothpicks between them. We failed. He then resorted to the age-old south Texas fix-all. Bailing wire. After several pieces of varying lengths, concealed within the body, it resembled a rabbit. Somewhat. I imagined all sorts of horrors of someone actually attempting to consume the corn and wire mammal we had given birth to.

With great shame I carried our creation up to the school the next day. I imagined all kinds of excuses and reasons to get out of the predicament. I failed. I only had one option left. Somehow I had to win part of the contest and reclaim our family award.

I don't remember what dad and I did with that rodent after I won it, but we did not try to eat it. I do remember a neighborhood dog dying shortly thereafter. Probably just a coincidence. But I could be wrong.

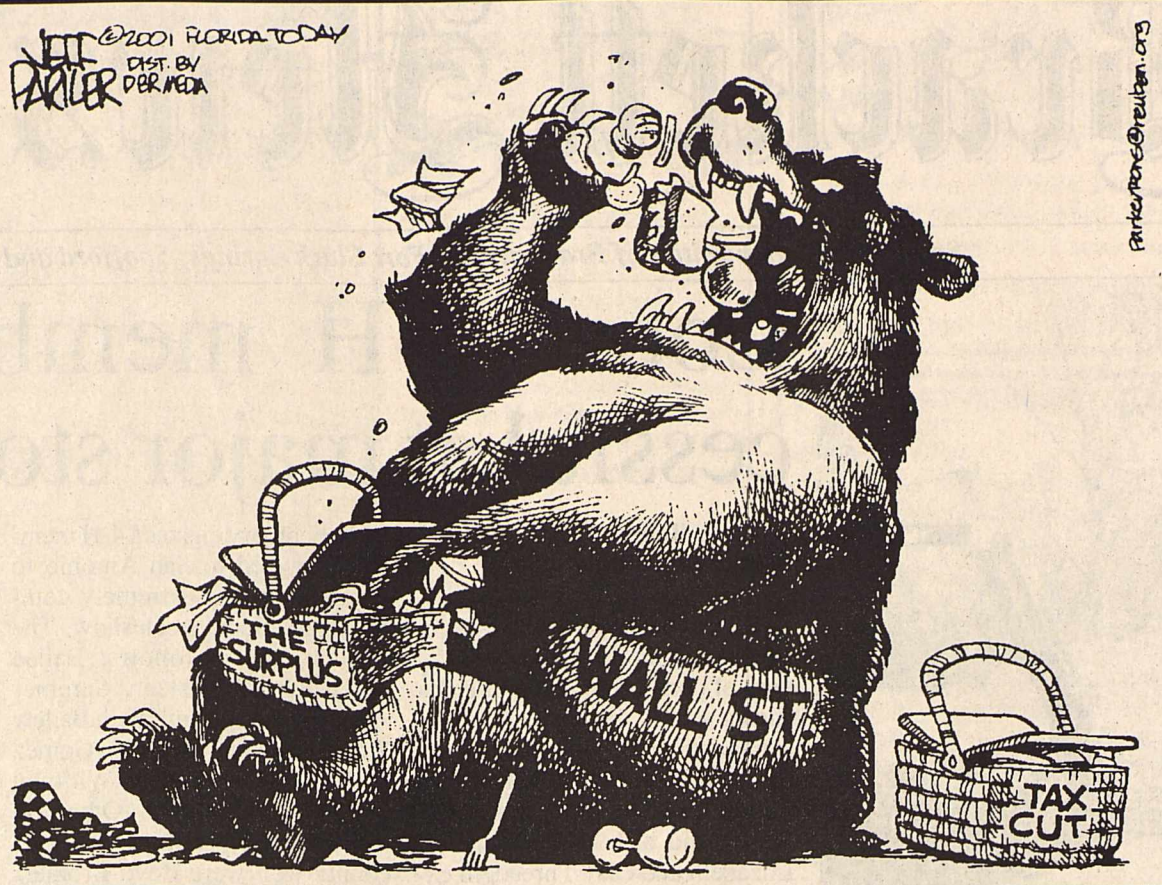
Fort Clark Easter egg hunt a success

It was proven at the Easter Egg hunt sponsored by EMS and Fort Clark Springs Recreational dept. that the people living in Brackett and on the Fort "care." The businesses, organizations and the many, many individuals who donated plastic eggs, candy, prizes, and money was more than we expected. We were able to hide 1300 eggs that were divided up for the different age groups, along with a total of 13 Easter baskets and seventy prizes that were also divided. The biggest prize was a bike given away to the winner

in each of the five age groups. It is really hard to say for sure how many kids we had, but it was figured around 300. We had a lot of help from people to get everything ready. We have learned some things, and hopefully next year we can have even a bigger hunt and organize it where more kids can win prizes.

Once again thank you, and have a Happy Easter.

Dianna Walker
Recreational Director
Fort Clark Springs



Freedom of speech - Except...

The Way I See It
By Steven R. LaMascus

A city employee in Phoenix, Arizona has been in a court battle recently. He was formally served with a gag order by the city when someone found out he had the temerity to discuss Jesus Christ with a fellow employee. That's right, he was ordered not to discuss (not preach, but just discuss) Christ in the workplace. On the other hand, that same city has seen fit to ordain that homosexuality, specifically "sexual orientation," is a protected subject. No one can be told that they cannot discuss homosexuality in the workplace - any time, any place. That is a city ordinance, it seems. It doesn't matter that the discussion of a subject that is an abomination in the eyes of God may offend a great number of people.

I'm sorry if I seem confused, but I cannot understand how a nation can have become so morally unstable in such a short time. The God of the universe, the Creator, the Savior, The Great I Am, has become a forbidden subject, but the very things that are violations of the laws of nature, and that are forbidden by the scriptures, have become protected by the laws of the nation. Forgive me if I fail to see the logic in this trend. How can we protect things that are demonstrably destroying the stability of the nation, tearing away at the family unit, the basic unit of strong government, confusing our children, eroding our morality, and eating out the heart of our country?

Am I homophobic? You'd

better believe I am! I am never going to accept, acknowledge, tolerate, or condone anything that is so contrary to the teaching of the Bible. I do not hate homosexuals. That too is against scripture. I do, however, hate their choice of life-style; and it is a choice. It is a choice for which God has destroyed nations in the past. I pray that they will find the narrow path, because the path they have chosen leads to damnation. But Satan has become so entrenched in the halls of government that he has succeeded in persuading lawmakers to protect the despicable and outlaw the holy. Subjects that are obscene are given the blessing of government, while the very Creator is a forbidden subject. Think about this and then tell me, what is the only reasonable explanation? Do you think that a nation founded on the principals of Christianity would arrive at this point by a process of natural progression? Never!

This is a carefully guided attack on Christians. It was planned by Satan and carried out according to his instructions.

Praise God, the attack failed on this particular front. The man in question filed suit and won his right to talk about Christ. My fear is fed by the simple fact that his right to discuss his personal Savior would even be questioned, much less forbidden. It is compounded by the fact that the city of Phoenix would think it was necessary to take action to protect the "right" of someone else to discuss a subject as perverse as homosexuality.

Some day we are all (we

Christians that is) going to be confronted with a decision. We will be faced with the very real possibility of going to prison for talking about Christ. It is going to happen. The snowball has started rolling down the hill and it isn't going to be stopped. The United States is going to take the same path to destruction that Sodom, Babylon, and Rome took. We are going to tolerate ourselves into oblivion by accepting all the evil things you have ever heard of. We already do this. We are told to tolerate Satan worship, witchcraft, homosexuality, abortion, divorce, paganism, pantheism, and who knows what else. God is going to act. He will not allow this to continue unabated forever. When it finally comes to the point where we are told to accept these things as natural and right and are forbidden to talk about our Savior, what are you going to do?

I pray that when that time comes I have the courage to make the right decision. If you are still reading this you know what that decision is. You also know that the only way to postpone that moment is to spread the Gospel - in spite of all the obstacles Satan can place in our path. So, brothers and sisters, "whatcha gonna do, when they come for you?"

Acts 4:18-20 - "Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John replied, 'Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God's sight to obey you rather than God. For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.'"

Tax relief is now on the front burner

Capitol Comment
Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Our country is experiencing an economic downturn, and there is no doubt action is needed. Congress is acting swiftly to set the nation's budget, determine its spending priorities - and more important than ever - give tax relief to hard-working Americans.

In the nearly eight years I've been in the Senate, the federal government has shifted from operating with deficits as far as the eye could see to policies that have produced a federal budget surplus. This has allowed us to begin paying off our crippling public debt. In 1994 and 1995, Congress made the tough choices necessary to get our books out of the red and as a result, the economy prospered. Now that there is a blip on our economic radar screen, returning to the taxpayers some of their own hard-earned money ought to be our first priority.

Congress is working on a budget that includes tax cuts designed to promote economic growth while reducing the record tax burden being shouldered by American families. In February the President proposed a \$1.6 trillion tax-relief

plan that provides a workable outline for accomplishing our financial goals of debt reduction, tax reduction and responsible government spending levels.

Now we are trying to move tax relief to the front burner. After paying down the debt to the maximum extent possible, we propose to give \$60 billion in a tax cut this year to stimulate the economy.

When the Congressional Budget Office came out with its most recent budget estimates, one number practically leapt off the page: \$5.6 trillion. That's the size of the projected surplus over the next 10 years. Running that kind of surplus is not good economic policy, and it's not good fiscal policy.

We can provide \$1.6 trillion in tax relief over the next 10 years. Even that amount will account for only 6 percent of the revenues the IRS will collect during that time and less than 25 percent of the surplus. The immediate tax cut would be financed out of this year's anticipated budget surplus after we have set aside all of the Social Security and Medicare surpluses and paid for other government programs.

These plans move us toward several important goals, includ-

ing continuing to pay down the debt and tax relief for all taxpayers under a simplified, more equitable tax code.

Another of those goals is to structure the tax system so that no one has to pay more than a third of his or her income to the federal government. We are looking at reducing all income tax rates across the board. If you pay income taxes to the federal government, they will be lower. It would offer marriage tax penalty relief. The harshly unfair death tax would be buried. The child tax credit would be doubled to \$1,000. The charitable deduction would be made more generous.

On the spending side of the ledger, we also are going to protect the Social Security surplus. We are going to strengthen Medicare, including the creation of a timely prescription drug option.

We are going to provide our armed forces with the resources they need to rebuild and strengthen our national defense structure. We are going to increase the support we provide to public education.

The budget policies outlined above will still pay off as much of the existing \$3.4 trillion debt as we can, as quickly as we can,

It's a taxing time of year

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

Spring should be the time of year when we take stock and focus our attention on the year ahead. But for most of us, spring is the season of headaches and frustration as we crunch and re-crunch numbers while filling out those dreaded IRS forms before the April 15th deadline. Instead of spending time with our families, we are stuck trying to figure out the federal tax code.

And to help us comply with the overbearing tax code, what does the IRS give us? Nothing but more confusion and stress as we wade through the lengthy instruction booklets - all in fine print, of course - that come with our tax forms. The IRS sends out 8 billion pages of forms and instructions every year. Laid end to end, they would circle the globe 28 times.

As you finish filling out your tax forms and write yet another check to the IRS, it's clearer than ever that the harder you work to support your family, the more money you pay in taxes. The following facts help put in perspective the amount of time and money that is taken from us each year to pay our taxes.

- Americans pay more in taxes than for food, clothing and shelter combined.
- Taxes eat up over 38 percent of the average family's income.
- The average American worked until May 7 last year just to pay his or her share of federal, state and local taxes.
- Last year, taxes in the United States required the average American to work 128 days for the government. Not until the 129th day did that worker start earning money to support their family.
- Almost the entire second income of a two-income family goes to pay taxes.
- This year nearly 60 percent of Americans will be forced to pay a tax professional to help them with their taxes.
- Instructions for the 1040EZ, the easiest personal income tax form, are 33 pages long.

These are just a few of the reasons this Congress is working to reduce the tax burden of Americans. Families in Texas should not have to pay so much of their hard earned money in taxes or be hassled by a burdensome tax code. You deserve to keep more of what you earn so you can do more for your families, churches and communities. After all, it is your money.

The choice is clear: put more money in the pockets of the American people, through a tax cut, and let it go back into the economy where it can be invested, saved or spent by the people who earned it.

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were not made by sitting down.*

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Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Monday, April 2
9:28 p.m., A Border Patrol Agent reported 40 sheep out on FM 131.

10:42 p.m., Cline Check Point reported an individual driving without a license and requested an officer. Deputy Karl Chism and ABC Wrecker were notified.

Wednesday, April 4
11:50 a.m., A local man reported his wallet missing from a local grocery store. A Drivers License, Medicare card, Social Security card, D.A.V. card, and approximately \$300 dollars was missing. The case is still under investigation, Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter responded.

Thursday, April 5
12:35 p.m., Two or three horses were reported loose and going through yards. A city employee was notified.

Friday, April 6
1:31 a.m., A local man reported that he heard someone around his house. Deputy Manuel Pena Jr. responded to the scene.

6:36 p.m., Chief of Police Alonzo reported that the high school alarm had gone off, possibly set off by some kids.

6:36 p.m., Reserve Deputy Larry Robinson reported two illegals in custody and requested a Border Patrol Unit for assistance.

Saturday, April 7
4:49 p.m., A Fort Clark resident requested an officer to help her with her daughter. Deputy Pena was notified.

Sunday, April 8
11:11 a.m., A man informed Chief Alonzo that his neighbors saw someone throw a rock through a store window.

2:45 p.m., A woman reported that an Emu was in her front lawn. Deputy Pena notified the owners and took care of the situation.

3:55 p.m., A man reported an accident on Hwy 90 and FM 131,

in which a vehicle had gone down a ditch. DPS Trooper Richard Slubar reported no injuries.

5:00 p.m., A Border Patrol Agent notified Deputy Pena of a man he had in custody for smuggling illegals. A background check was made, and showed he had a murder warrant from Bexar County. He was booked into the Kinney County jail.

5:40 p.m., Alberto R. Aguirre, 35, from San Antonio, was arrested by Deputy Pena for a murder warrant from Bexar County. Aguirre is still being held.

7:45 p.m., A man reported his neighbors dogs barking, he was sent to City Hall to fill out a complaint. A city employee was advised.

8:07 p.m., A woman reported her husband being threaten by her neighbor about dogs that had been barking. Deputy Chism and Chief Alonzo were advised.

10:20 p.m., Eleno J.R. Balboa, 27, from Del Rio, was arrested for driving while intoxicated (DWI 1st) by Trooper Welch. Balboa posted bond the next day.

Rotary sends doctors all over the world

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

Bill Haenn, incoming Rotary president, presided at the Thursday, April 5 meeting. Haenn had recently returned from a training session for Rotary presidents and was enthusiastic about his experience. He heard in depth descriptions about the achievements of Rotary International.

Rotary International has been a major force in the eradication of polio in the world. The only places where it still exists are in Africa where tribal conflicts have made it almost impossible to administer the vaccine to the children. The Rotary hierarchy is presently reviewing various problems in the world in order to select a goal for the future once polio has been conquered completely.

Besides the world-wide polio project, Rotary International also sends doctors and dentists into remote, poverty stricken areas to help people who ordinarily don't have access to treatment. Dentist Charles Schmidt and his wife, Marsha, from the Brackettville

Mountain Laurel Garden Club beautifies Fort Clark Kinney County public library targets youth in Brackettville

By Clara McCord
Contributing Writer

The Mountain Laurel Garden Club, in existence since 1993, strives to beautify the landscape of Fort Clark Springs through education, volunteers, and dues from members. There are thirty-eight members this year and meetings are on the second Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at the Adult Center. Projects in the past years have been accomplished by membership dues and an occasional memorial gift.

This year, the club has chosen the project of landscaping the Service Club with adding flower beds, trees and plants. The main part of the project is to put in a watering system surrounding the building. Since this is the first area that people see as they enter the Fort, we believe it should be beautiful - especially since the building was renovated and made more attractive this year.

To do this, the club is having

their first fund drive called "Bucks for Beauty." We are asking everyone who enjoys being part of Fort Clark Springs to contribute to this project. Donations of any amount will be gratefully accepted. Approximately \$1,700 is needed at this time, having already received \$700. Businesses in Brackettville, individual donors and clubs on the Fort, and in town, are asked to contribute. This needs to be done quickly, for this is the start of the growing season.

The plan is a joint project with Fort Clark Springs maintenance and the garden club. Alan McWilliams designed the system as a volunteer, and will oversee the project.

Please help us reach our goal of \$2,400 and help make this place more beautiful than it already is! Please mail or give contributions to Rosie Mattingly, Treasurer, P.O. Box 1753 or Clara McCord, President, P.O. Box 560, Brackettville, Texas 78832. We'll even come and pick it up.

Club, went to both Guatemala and Kenya as representatives of Rotary a few years ago.

Funding for worldwide projects comes from money sent by local clubs that pay a thousand dollars to honor some local member with a Paul Harris fellowship. Harris was the founding member. Besides funding projects such as the ones mentioned above, the money that comes from the fellowships is retained for three years, invested, and becomes available to the local clubs for use in such things as scholarship funds. Brackettville

Rotary plans to draw on this to increase the amount of scholarships given high school graduates locally.

If you are interested in taking part in Rotary, ask a member about joining. A Rotary International meeting is to be held in San Antonio in June.

This presents an opportunity which will not be coming our way again in the near future, possibly not ever, to meet and mingle with people from all over the world and attend the many events that will be presented.

The Public Library is now offering a program for young adults. The purpose for the program is to target teenagers between the ages of 12 and 19.

The program is a drug free program offering teens something to do after school and on weekends. The Program will teach teens, responsibility, working with others and job skills.

They will also be encouraged to do volunteer work in the library and in the community.

The teens will plan their own weekend activities, such as dances, volleyball tournaments,

cook outs, trips etc.

There will be adult supervision at all functions provided by Library staff and volunteers wishing to serve on the Youth Committee.

Teens in the program will be encouraged to assist younger children with after school tutoring, deliveries to the home bound, computer tutoring, Web designing, and assisting with the Summer classes.

Anyone wishing to join the program or the Youth committee may do so by contacting Sara Terrazas at the Public Library.

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Meditations for this Easter *Vondy shares history of Grandpa Fritter*

Empowering Families
By Dr. Donald Smith

Among Christians of all faiths, Easter is the most holy of all special times. Easter brings to us the promises of God's great love and eternal life. It reminds us of the great price that was paid for these benefits. The St. Henry deOsso Family Project offers the following reading and prayer for use with your family gatherings.

Readings

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. I am going [there] to prepare a place for you." John 14:6

Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

So they took Jesus and carrying the cross himself he went out to what is called Golgotha. There they crucified him. John 19:16,17

Go to my brothers and tell them, "I am going to my Father

and your Father, to my God and your God." Mary of Magdala went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord." John 20:17,18

For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 1 Thes 4:16

Prayer

Blessed be the Name of the Lord our God who has given us his love and the promise of eternal life through the death and res-

urrection of his Christ. Lord, may your life, death and resurrection form our consciences and guide our lives on earth in preparation for the places prepared for us in the eternal dwelling of the Father. Give us the grace of self control that our lives may be pure. Give us the grace of enthusiasm that we may share the love of the Father in this world so devoid of love. Bless our family here gathered as well as all of our brothers and sisters in the eternal family. May we love one another as you love us, amen.

Agnes Fritter Vondy, Brackettville's resident historian, entertained The Real Granddaughters Club, United Daughters of the Confederacy, recently at their quarterly meeting in Kerrville. (Note: members whose actual grandfather's fought in the War between the States are the only ones eligible for this exclusive club.)

The group was held spell bound as Agnes told tale of her "Grandpa Fritter" and the life he led as a Confederate Texas cavalryman with Company A of Baird's Regiment. She also told of his life af-

ter the war and his cattle business and mercantile operations in San Antonio. By 1870 he had disposed of his San Antonio holdings and moved to El Paso. While there he secured employment on a stage line operating over the old Spanish Trail from New Orleans to El Paso via San Antonio. Agnes currently lives in a house on El Paso Street which was on the stage coach route that her grandfather used.

He came to live in Brackettville in 1873. Some time prior to this he had married and had a daughter, Florence. His first wife died and he then married his second wife, Annie Ross, on 31 December 1874 in Brackettville. Their children were John, Hancock, Edward, Sam, Dan, Pat, Joseph, and Susie.

From the time he arrived until his death he was one of the most forceful figures of the community. Upon locating in Brackettville he engaged in the mercantile business and was among the earliest pioneer merchants of the growing community.

In 1884 he was elected sheriff of Kinney County, which at that time included Edwards and Val Verde counties also. This was a large area to police and especially at this time in history when marauding bands of Indians were constantly harassing the settlers and the outlaw bands were numerous and active in stealing cattle and committing other depredations.

Mr. Fritter, however, was the

man for the job and by the time he retired from office in 1892 he had accomplished much in clearing the county of its undesirable element. He served very capably for several years as a member of the Board of County Commissioners. He was one of the organizers of the First State Bank of Brackettville, serving as vice-president and also being on the board of directors for many years.

He was of a very active and progressive nature and worked with enthusiasm in building up the county for the generations that were to follow. He was a charter member of Brackettville's Masonic Lodge and remained active during his lifetime.

He died on May 20, 1920. Although over 80 years have passed since his death, he is still remembered as a hardy pioneer who did much to assist in the development, advancement and civilization of Kinney County, and particularly of the community of Brackettville, of which he was one of the builders.

His career was an active and varied one, for he was a cattleman, a public official, a merchant, an agriculturist and a supporter of movements for raising the standards of education, religion and good citizenship.

Agnes is a member of the Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter #2060 United Daughters of the Confederacy in San Antonio. As well as a member of the Caddell Smith Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Uvalde.

OUTDOORS

Commission adopts changes in rules

A Little on the Wildlife Side
Contributed by Henry Lutz

Austin, Texas - Hunters can mark the calendar for Nov. 3 and

start making plans for the opening day of the general season for white-tailed deer and Rio Grande turkey, regardless of where they plan to hunt in Texas. For the first time since the '80s, Texas will have a uniform general season opener over most of the state.

The decision by state wildlife officials to establish a concurrent opener in both the North and South Zones was among hunting and fishing regulation changes adopted by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission here Thursday, April 5.

Prior to 1983, when TPW gained legislative authority to set hunting seasons statewide, opening dates for deer season were left to the discretion of county commissioner's courts. The resulting patchwork of season openers created confusion among hunters and a law enforcement nightmare for state game wardens. From 1983-88, Texas reverted back to uniform statewide opener and since then has staggered the opening date a week apart between the North and South Zones.

While creating a more uniform statewide opener for whitetails and Rio Grande turkeys, the commission opted to move the statewide

quail season opener to Saturday Oct. 27.

Among other approved revisions, wildlife officials hope a nagging issue that has restricted deer harvest opportunity for hunters in one-buck-only counties can be resolved. Since the creation of conservative buck harvest restrictions in 1983, once a hunter has used his one-buck-only tag, he loses the opportunity to hunt in any other county with a one-buck limit. A new rule establishes two one-buck limit areas east and west of Interstate 35, and hunters may take a buck from each during the upcoming deer seasons.

Other hunting-related regulation changes adopted by the commission include:

A change in the requirement for proof of sex for wild turkeys when transporting birds to a final destination that gives hunters the option of leaving one leg including the spur attached to the bird or a patch of breast feathers with beard attached accompanying the turkey.

Allow the use of Antlerless and Spike-buck Deer Control Permits statewide from the Saturday nearest Sept. 30 through the last day of any open season in a given county.

The commission also adopted an expansion of the youth-only hunting seasons to include the third weekend in January.

Although not as extensive as the changes to hunting regulations, several changes relating to fisheries resources were approved by the commission, including revisions to largemouth bass limits on three reservoirs and a new smallmouth bass limit on seven lakes. The new rules take effect Sept. 1, 2001. None of these changes apply to lakes in South Texas.

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

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

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

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

Unlike private corporations, co-ops are owned by their customers. Your co-op's board of directors is elected to set policy that most benefits its member-owners. Your board is answerable to members and only to members, not shareholders or investment banks.

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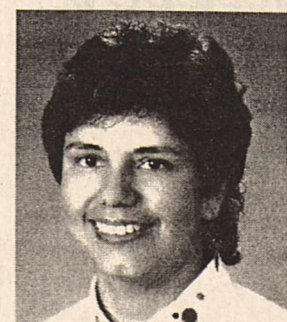
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thirteen colonies decided they would support "a resolution for formation of local governments." The following month a committee of five was appointed to draft a statement presenting a colonies case for independence. When the congress reconvened on July 1, 1776, the resolution was adopted by twelve of the thirteen colonies; New York abstained.

July 3, and 4, 1776, were spent in the revision of the basic documents called "Declaration of Independence." By the evening of July 4, church bells rang over Philadelphia as the Declaration of Independence was officially adopted. The next day copies of the Declaration was dispatched to various assemblies and committees as well as a copy of Declaration of Independence inserted into "rough journal" of the Continental Congress, dated July 4, 1776.

The actions of the congress were officially approved by the New York Convention on July 1776, making it an unanimous decision of the Thirteen Original Colonies. Every member of Congress signed the document on July 19, 1776.

Courtney had a 4' x 6' flag of the original colonies which she used as a background for her topic.

Concealed handgun course offered

The Middle Rio Grande Law Enforcement Academy will offer a concealed handgun course April 27 and 28 at Southwest Texas Junior College in Uvalde.

According to academy director Norman Stutte, the course is for individuals who want to comply with the Texas Concealed Handgun Carry Law that went into effect in 1996, and for individuals wishing to renew their current license.

"The handgun license expires on the date of your birthday and you have six months to take a renewal course," Stutte said.

Instruction for the 15-hour course will be conducted Friday, April 27, from 6 to 10 p.m. and on Saturday, April 28, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Cost for first-time training is \$90 and the renewal training is \$45. Classes will be held in SWTJC's Espinosa Building, Room 12.

"The course will cover non-violent dispute resolution, gun laws and use of force, safety at home, and rules and changes in the Texas Concealed Handgun Carry Law," Stutte said.

To sign up for the course, or to obtain additional information, call (830) 591-7237.

Students take Easter break, gifts being accepted for new scholarship fund

Making A Difference
By Taylor Stephenson

BISD will observe student & staff holidays on Good Friday and on the Monday after Easter. This is a special family time when many of our residents travel to the home of their parents & grandparents. The time off allows observance of Easter with families. One of our goals at BISD is to strengthen & support families. Take the time during this holiest of religious weeks to do things as a family unit.

Many of our Winter Texan visitors at Fort Clark Springs have begun to return to their homes. These folks enrich our life and contribute to the economic well being of the community. They are active in their love of Fort Clark. We wish them well and a safe journey as they leave for the Summer.

In the past few weeks, I have had several phone calls that a business representative was soliciting donations for miniature footballs for the cheerleaders. This fund raiser has not been approved by the superintendent of schools. All fund raising activities must be approved before they are undertaken. For many years the Del Rio Bank & Trust has purchased and furnished the footballs to our school district. These are thrown into the crowd after every Tiger Touch-

down. I believe that the bank will continue to help us in this project. Please do not contribute to a fund raising project from any outside source without checking it out with the school district. Get the name & phone number of the company representative and call my office and report any such activity. I have already called this company representative and call my office and report any such activity. I have no knowledge of this solicitation. My advice is "don't support these causes."

Congratulations to John Paul Schuster, newly appointed Brackett High School Principal. Schuster will resume his duties officially on June 1 of this year. The Schusters are well known in our community. We all wish him well in his new endeavor.

I'll miss Thelma Adams who is moving to San Antonio this week. Thelma is one of the most unique ladies that I have ever known. She's outspoken and always calls it like she sees it. She's a retired teacher who has been active in her support of Fort Clark Springs & Brackett ISD. She was Chairman of the Brackett Advisory Council and did a great job. Adios Thelma. We won't soon forget you.

Our scholarship fund has been approved by the School Board. There are no funds for this school year (it's already April and gradu-

ation is in May). We're ready to receive donations from any person who wants to make a donation. Mark your check payable to Brackett Scholarship Fund and bring it or mail it to P.O. Box 586, Brackettville, TX 78832. Ex students are particularly encouraged to help us fund the project. All staff members are being given an opportunity to donate a few dollars each month for scholarships. We need your help. Our goal is to reward every graduate with a scholarship who has at least a B average, 90% or better attendance, does community service and who has not been convicted of violating drug laws or other major laws. Will you help?

Bids are being prepared to remodel the school auditorium, high school annex, restrooms in two different buildings and to install aluminum seats at Tiger Field. We're excited and will pay for this project with monies that have been saved for facility improvements. We'll also carpet classrooms at Jones Elementary & the Junior High this summer.

Our sports teams continue to perform well. We won district in tennis for boys & girls along with girls track. It looks as if softball will make the playoffs. We're encouraged and hopeful for great track & baseball results. Have a great week!

College admission bill creates a stir

A bill authored by San Antonio Sen. Jeff Wentworth sparked a lengthy floor debate in the Senate.

CSSB 974, would require high school students to take at least the recommended curriculum to be eligible for Texas' automatic admission program. The bill would not apply until 2004-2005, which Wentworth said would give any high school that does not offer a pre-college curriculum time to begin doing so.

Texas high school students can choose from three curriculum tracks: a basic curriculum that does not include any college prep courses, a college prep curriculum that is the state-recommended track and an advanced college prep track. Under state law, high school students who graduate in the top ten percent of their class are eligible for automatic admission to a Texas public college or university.

Wentworth characterized CSSB 974 as a matter of fairness, saying that students who are competing for automatic admission and state grant money should take comparable classes.

"I've had many phone calls and letters from parents (who) are livid with the fact that the Legislature passed such an unfair system," Wentworth said.

But several senators, led by Truan and Gonzalo Barrientos of Austin, questioned the bill's consequences. Truan defended the current automatic admission system, adding that the bill would throw up unnecessary roadblocks for many students to attend college.

A floor amendment, sponsored by San Antonio Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, would create an exemption for students who attend school in a district that does not offer a pre-college curriculum. Van de Putte's amendment was adopted without opposition.

Wentworth left the bill pending without moving for a vote on final passage. Although it's customary in the Senate to suspend rules in order to allow bills to be voted on without being read on the floor on different days, Wentworth never makes a motion for final passage of his bills on the same day as second reading. The bill was passed. Barrientos, Truan, Houston Sen. Mario Gallegos and West voted against the bill's passage.

"I think (CSSB 974) is probably a good idea. It seems to me that if students really want to be considered as in the top ten percent, they ought to take a curriculum that prepares them for college," Ratliff said. "There is an unfairness involved when you have some students taking the recom-

mended curriculum, others taking the minimum, and they are ranked based on their grades under different criteria."

Ratliff continued that every student "needs to be playing by the same set of rules," but schools that do not offer a college-prep curriculum should be examined further.

"If we find out that there are schools that are still not offering the recommended curriculum (by 2004), I would think there would be time to repair that," Ratliff said. "But, frankly, I think that any school that by that time is not of-

fering the recommended curriculum, somebody needs to look at the school system. That's a problem if we've got schools out there that are still not offering the recommended curriculum. They're not preparing their kids for college."

Sign up for girls fast pitch tournament

Texas Elite Sports will conduct a girls softball tournament in Brenham, Texas April 28-29.

Age groups for the tournament will be 10U-12U-14U.

For more information contact

Board says farewell to Garcia, files grant for on-campus officer

By Amy Davis
Staff Writer

At Monday night's School Board meeting, Gloria Garza Garcia said good-bye to members of the BISD School Board, after serving on the Board for 9 years.

School Board President, Tim Ward, expressed his and the Board's appreciation for her dedication.

"We want to express our appreciation for the years that you've served the Brackettville Independent School District. We appreciate all the efforts and sacrifices you've made," Ward said. "Many days, you would teach a full day of school and then join us here"

Garcia said that she has enjoyed her time serving the school district.

"I've actually enjoyed it. Thank you. I've enjoyed working with all of you," she said.

BISD Superintendent, Taylor Stephenson expressed his gratitude as well.

"I want to thank Gloria too. Gloria gives us a unique point of view," he said. "You've done a good job."

In other business, School Board members accepted the resignations of Christina Sifuentes, Jones Elementary Kindergarten teacher, and Karol Glaspy, Jones Elementary 1st grade teacher. Sifuentes will be relocating to San Antonio and Glaspy will be relocating to Washington, D.C.

A request to file for a grant that would award Brackett ISD \$5,000 to fund the training of a Drug Interdiction Officer was supported by Board members.

Another grant that would pay the salary for the officer is being written at this time.

If both grants are awarded, Brackett ISD will hire a School Crime/Drug Interdiction Officer who will be on campus full-time, beginning in the 2001-2002 school year.

The school district's goal for having the officer is to increase student, staff and community awareness of the dangers of drugs and alcohol by using school presentations and building rapport with students on campus.

Drug surveys performed in the Brackett ISD schools indicate a large increase in student drug use.

Brackett ISD Activity Calendar

Thursday, April 12

4:30 PM Girls Softbl V Dist. Natalia (A), End of Fifth 6 Wks., JV/V Dist. Poth (H) 4:30 & 6:30 PM

Friday, April 13

Good Friday/School Holiday

Monday, April 16

4:30 PM Girls Softbl JV Eagle Pass 9th (H), Easter/School Holiday, Student Leadership Week

Tuesday, April 17

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Wednesday, April 18

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Dewhurst endorses character education legislation

Austin - Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst testified before a House committee in strong support for legislation that mandates a program to teach character and civic values in our public schools.

"The events in California and Pennsylvania, and tragedies like Columbine, clearly indicate that some kids need help in learning right from wrong, becoming good citizens, and learning personal accountability," Dewhurst said. "Parents shouldn't be scared to see their children off for school each

day. All of us are horrified with the continued acts of violence in our classrooms, and the lack of respect many kids show their teachers and fellow students. While this is primarily a responsibility of parents, our schools must also be involved."

Dewhurst testified before the House Public Education Committee which considered several character education bills that have been introduced during the 77th Legislative Session. Dewhurst praised legislation by Representatives Barry Telford, (D-DeKalb), Dianne White Delisi (R-Temple), Phil King (R-Weatherford) and Wayne Christian (R-Center). These four bills all stress the need for character education curriculum to be established in Texas school

districts.

"I am pleased the Legislature, in a bipartisan manner, is considering this critical legislation. We need a bill signed into law that requires character education and civic values to be incorporated into the curriculum of all Texas school districts," Dewhurst added.

"Our children should be taught that it is wrong to lie, steal, cheat, be intolerant and violent. When our kids are sent off to school each morning, the only concern should be how much will those kids learn, not that they will be harassed, bullied or assaulted. A strong character and civic values program, taught at home and reinforced in school, will help us develop the type of citizens that will serve our state well," Dewhurst said.

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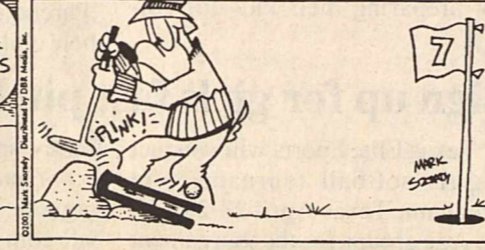
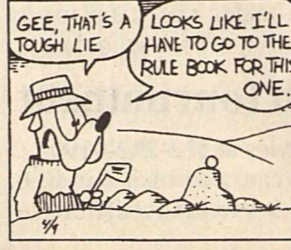
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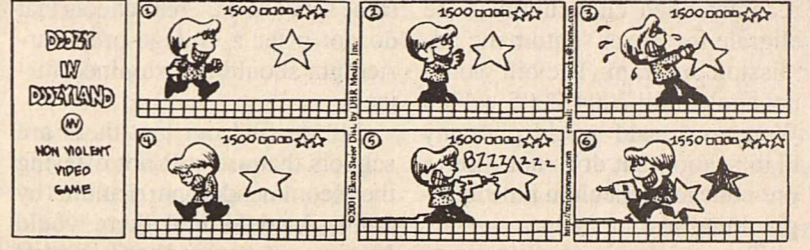
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1 Assist in
 5 Interweave
 10 Therapeutic pools
 14 Head covering
 15 Last part of a sonata
 16 Owl's greeting
 17 Parcel of land
 18 Performer
 19 Girl's name
 20 Secretary of State, once
 23 Ruby and Sandra
 24 Suffix for isolation or ideal
 25 Lighter servers
 33 At bay
 34 Hum
 35 Ms. Gardner
 36 Low dam
 37 Croats'

DOWN

1 Triumphant shout
 2 Composer of the Brandenburg Concertos
 3 "Island of Saints"
 4 More fashionable
 5 Hail Mary, for one
 6 Door fasteners
 7 Opposed to: pref.
 8 Vows
 9 Twistings
 10 Hut
 11 Ping-pong
 12 Excellent fiction
 13 Celebrity
 21 Tall grass
 22 ___ of Man
 25 Battling
 26 Castle
 27 Rule
 28 Decorative hanging
 29 Ears
 30 More civilized
 31 Happening
 32 ___

63 Out of
 38 Final word
 39 Episc., in England
 40 Traveler's aid
 41 Exhausted
 42 Magazine extensions
 44 ___door salesman
 45 Word with doll or time
 46 Pays attention to, cockney-style
 47 Johnson's opponent
 54 Dinner table item
 55 Funeral oration
 56 King of fiction
 58 Scent
 59 Poet who wrote When the Frost Is On the Pumpkin
 60 ___ Indians
 61 Hurl
 62 Zooms skyward

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?

Today's Category: **BASKETBALL TEAMS**

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Trivia Time by Walter Branch

- What did Lieutenant Hiroo Onoda discover on February 24, 1974?
- What TV talk show host said his marriage advice was "like the captain of the Titanic giving lessons in navigation"?
- What is the more common name for the anterior thyroid cartilage of the larynx?
- What First Lady said: "A woman is like a teabag - only in hot water do you realize how strong she is"?
- Who succeeded his father, Philip, as king of Macedon in 336 B.C.?
- What 1976 movie inspired people to add the word, "Yo!", to their vocabularies?
- What has a kid kicked up, caught and jumped back on if he's performed an "ollie grab"?
- What insect is often called a white ant?
- What was dentist Robert Arthur the first to fill cavities with in 1855?
- What U.S. ethnic group came from Acadia, or Nova Scotia, in the mid-18th century?

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Trivia Time Answers

- World War II had ended;
- Johnny Carson;
- The Adam's apple;
- Nancy Reagan;
- Alexander the Great;
- "Rocky";
- A skateboard;
- The termite;
- Gold;
- The Cajuns

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HOROSCOPES
 by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
 You're looking forward to celebrating the holiday with family members. However, there is still some work to be cleared up. By midweek, you finally find yourself winding down.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
 Sometimes, your optimism can get the better of you. It's time to take off those rose-colored glasses and face reality. Once you do, you're able to solve a longstanding problem.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
 Thoughts of upcoming vacations have you daydreaming a bit. By all means, get out those travel brochures. Just be sure, though, you don't neglect your duties.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
 The beginning of the week is quite busy for you. However, this slows down by midweek. Then you can turn your attention to getting together with family and friends.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
 You feel as though your household is in an uproar over pending company for the weekend. Avoid this extra stress. With everyone pitching in, everything gets done smoothly.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
 While you feel bigwigs have you under scrutiny, don't let this bother you. You can perform your tasks as well as usual. This could lead to more favorable notice.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
 You've been misled by someone close to you. However, there is a good reason for this. Once this comes out, you come to a new understanding.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
 Think about taking some time off from work to be with family members. In general, though, good strides are made at work. Later in the week, a child's problems come to the forefront.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
 Budget woes take top priority this week. However, once you address this, you come up with a palatable solution. Over the weekend, enjoy the revelry with family members.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
 You have a tendency to tilt at windmills. However, this isn't the time. It's best to face the reality of this particular situation.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
 An unanticipated event has you completely baffled. Later in the week, though, you're better able to cope. The weekend is perfect for a family celebration.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
 A problem you'd thought long resolved pops to the surface again. Try to deal with this rationally. If you let your emotions hold sway, you won't be able to solve anything.

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Roaring Twenties Solution:

1. Bucks	11. Maglc
2. Bullets	12. Nats
3. Bulls	13. Nuggets
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5. Celtics	15. Rockets
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7. Heat	17. Suns
8. Hornets	18. SuperSonics
9. Jazz	19. Timberwolves
10. Kings	20. Warriors

The Easter story can be new every year *Easter sunrise service* Sanctified by His truth

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

So! What's new? It's Easter and we have heard the story hundreds, maybe thousands of times. The dead Jesus is resurrected! We are saved from our sins (ho hum) and given eternal life (yawn). Christians everywhere dress up in their best clothes and get their kids ready for church. After church they all eat out. And the church goes back to half-empty pews until Christmas. Yeah, yeah! Big deal!

When the story, or the storyteller, becomes stale, it is very hard to generate enthusiasm for a future promise because the present is so difficult to endure. The story of that first Easter morning may fall into that category of worn-out tales from the Bible. Why, the gospel writers - Matthew, Mark, Luke and John - can't even tell the same story. Matthew uniquely adds the Pharisees asking Pilate for permission to guard the tomb and seal it with a large rock so the disciples can't remove the body and claim that Jesus had risen from the dead. Mark alone has the women who came to anoint Jesus for burial seeing a young man in a white robe seated where the body would have been and then hearing him say, "He is risen; He is not here." Luke exclusively adds the story of two disciples encountering the risen Jesus on the road to the small community of Emmaus. John, in a very spe-

cial scene, has Mary Magdalene meet the risen Jesus who she mistakes for the gardener. What good does this pieced-together story do for us over two thousand years later?

Yes, we get jaded. We fall prey to the temptation to see all the Jesus stories as nothing of any great significance. After all, there is so much violence and human unkindness in life that we are hard pressed to find any real "goodness" to which we can cling, even in the stories of Jesus. Some of us in the church may even sit through the telling of these stories just because that is what you do in church. We tell ourselves, "I've been doing that since I was a babe in diapers and I guess I'll die sitting there in the pew listening to those stories ONE MORE TIME!"

To those kinds of concerns I can only say, "What if?" What if our lives could be made better and we could find more peace just by listening to that story with an open mind and an eager heart? What if Jesus does live today and can calm our fears and help carry our burdens? What if the promise of an eternal life without tears and struggle is true? What if we are just letting life pass by while we cringe in fear in the shadows? What if life could become a thing of beauty and justice because we have faith that Jesus lived in humanness like we do, was tempted as we are, died as we must and then rose to a new life in the presence of God?

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Pastor Charolette Corey

Because Jesus Christ lives, we who believe in him as our Lord and Savior continue to live in hope. Our minds are renewed daily by his word. His word waters the seed he has planted in our hearts by faith.

Along the way he prunes away the limbs that are not producing good fruit. Sometimes he reorganizes our priorities so that we produce even more "good fruit." The fruit of the Spirit brings glory to God the Father and Christ Jesus, in whose name we do all things.

When someone sees achievement in our lives, they know that the power came from God, because our bodies are dying. People saw this in the Apostle Paul's life when he wrote in 2 Corinthians 4:8-10 "We are pressed on every side by trouble, but we are not crushed and broken. We are perplexed, but we don't give up and quit. We get knocked down, but we get up again and keep going. Through suffering, these bodies of ours constantly share in the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be seen in our bodies. ... (17) For our present troubles are quite small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us an immeasurably great glory that will last forever. (18) So we don't look at the troubles we can see right now, rather, we look forward to what we have not yet seen. For the troubles we see will soon be over, but the joys to come will last forever."

Our hope is in the Lord, that

What if we can begin living in a part of the heavenly kingdom here and now, just by changing from numb acceptance to eager appreciation of the story of the Son of God who rose from a sealed tomb?

"Say, preacher, could you start over on that story again! I think I would like to hear more about the Roman centurion who recognized Jesus as the true Son of God as he died there on a cross with a dignity that had never been displayed before. Oh and don't forget the part about Jesus inviting the thief next to him to join him in paradise. What was it the thief said to Jesus?" Jesus, remember us all when you come into your kingdom. Join us Sunday at First United Methodist Church at 10:45 am, as we seek to hear more clearly the story of God's relationship with humanity with a new appreciation for the change it can bring to our rather mundane lives.

Christ has risen from the dead and He's alive

St. Mary Magdalene Church
By Lynn McNew

Let's think about Mary Magdalene. She must have spent a long, dark night with all the others who had faithfully followed Jesus to Jerusalem only a few short days ago. Now she has risen before dawn, gathered her assortment of oils and wrapped herself tightly in a cloak to warm her against the early morning chill. Now her heart is heavy, but she moves with purpose on the way to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body.

Soon she reaches the tomb and shrinks back from the entrance in dismay. The stone is rolled away. . . the linen cloths remain in place, but the tomb is empty. . . Jesus is gone. Where? How? Had Mary Magdalene forgotten what you had said, Jesus? Had her doubts grown so big during the darkness of the night

By Rev. Ken F. Sellers, Jr.
Brackettville Church Alliance

When the sun rose that day, the women went quietly to the tomb. On Friday their good friend had been killed by crucifixion. He hadn't really done anything wrong other than disagreeing with the religious authorities that had political clout with the army of occupation. He had threatened their hold on the church.

They couldn't see that he was simply trying to get them to hear God's voice in a new and more merciful way. So, after the appropriate period of waiting through the Sabbath, the women were now going to prepare him for a proper burial. It was the least they could do.

However, when they arrived at the tomb, the stone that the authorities had placed in front of it was moved aside. And when they looked inside for

their friend, he wasn't there. One of the women, saddened by the death of her friend and now the desecration of his tomb, was weeping softly when he came to her. She, not recognizing him, thought he was the gardener. But when he spoke to her she knew it was Jesus. He was alive! Yet, he couldn't be for she had seen him dead on Friday. He had been raised from death like he had raised his friend Lazarus! He sent her to tell the disciples that he had risen! She joyfully went with this news of hope and promise.

At 7:30 am on Sunday morning, the Church Alliance of Brackettville will once again present Sunrise Services at the Quarry Theater.

Please join us then as we celebrate a Risen, Living Christ and then go into all the world with the joyful news of the hope and promise his resurrection gives to everyone.

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

I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that shouldst keep them from evil.

They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth.

As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also who shall believe on me through thy word; St. John 17:14-20.

he alone be glorified in our lives. He is the sower of the seed and the author and finisher of our faith. We live each day unto the Lord because Jesus is risen and lives eternally in our hearts. God loves you and so do we. Experience Easter and every day with Jesus Christ risen in your own life. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

Pay attention to those need you

Frontier Baptist Church
By Dave Crowe

From time to time, are you accused of being either hard headed or having bad hearing or even worse, selective hearing?

Selective hearing? You know, only hearing what you want to and tuning everything else out. Perhaps, you have Attention Deficit Disorder. Probably, like most of us, you are just self absorbed with your own thoughts.

It is easy to do. Let me tell you the story of a young, very successful executive from Dallas. Danny was living his dream life. He recently had been promoted to vice president in charge or something or another.

Anyway, to reward himself, he went out and bought his dream car, a 12 cylinder Jaguar XKE. It was black, sleek and very fast. He loved that car, as much as he had ever loved anything. One day, while heading for work, a brick sailed out of nowhere and hit the right rear door - smash! He came to a grinding, screeching stop. Be-

hind him he saw a small boy, waving for him to come back.

"The nerve of that kid," he thought.

Angrily, he slammed the Jag in reverse, wheels madly spinning, back to where the boy stood. Danny jumped out of the car. Grabbing the kid, he threw him up against a parked car.

"What do you think you are doing? Do you have any idea what a car like this costs? What did you think you were doing? What? What?"

Just then, he realized two things. First, that he had been shaking the boy with all his might. He was angrier than he could ever remember.

The second thing he realized, was that the little boy was trying to tell him something.

"Please, please help me! I'm sorry that I had to throw the brick at your car, but no one would stop," the boy said.

With tears rolling down his face, he pointed between the parked cars, where his brother lay helpless. His brother had rolled off the curb and fell out of his wheelchair and the little boy couldn't lift him up to get

that she was stunned to find your tomb empty?

Slowly the first fingers of dawn lighten the eastern sky. And with each ray of light, softly at first and then glowing in its full radiance, comes the truth. . . He is risen. . . He is risen! On the third day you rose again, Jesus, just as you promised.

Think about the disciples. Their voices were hushed, a quiet muddle of wonder and excitement, of fear and disbelief. What were they to do now? The body was gone - Peter had seen the grave clothes, and the women said an angel had told them that Christ was risen. Could it be. . . what he had told them? Or was this just a cruel hoax?

Deep in their own private worlds, the eleven wrestled with their thoughts, only occasionally speaking. "Peter, are you sure?" Andrew pleaded. "I want

to believe, oh, how I want to believe. But, alive?"

There was talk about hanging it all up, talk about going back to the fishing boats in Galilee and returning to their former lives. In their misery, no one even noticed that there was someone else in the room with them. That is, until he spoke: "Peace be with you."

And from the back of the room there came an excited cry of exultation: "He is risen!"

Think about us today, Easter morning 2001. We also have our long nights of doubt, of wondering if God is listening, if he is there. Is it worth it to try to teach our children values in this day and age? Why should we yet again offer help to someone who just continues to waste what they have? Do we go about our daily lives with a heavy heart because our lives are not what we want them to be?

Only three words - and yet, each who heard them knew that at that very moment the world as they knew it had ceased to be. For brought into being for all time forward was the gift of hope, the promise of eternal life and the blessing of God's absolute love. He is risen! And with those words, the spirit of the disciples lifted and they rose and moved into the world as one, bearing the glorious tidings of our Lord's Resurrection.

Today as we hear those words again, we can rejoice in the same promise, we can go forth in our lives bearing the glorious tidings of our Lord's Resurrection. We can once again feel the wonder of his Love.

He is risen - thanks be to God! You are welcome to worship with us anytime at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. God Bless You!

Engagement Announcement



Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Smith of Corpus Christi, Texas and Mrs. Nolan Brandt of Brackettville, Texas announce the engagement of their children Amy Lucretia Smith and Nolan (Buddy) Ray Brandt, Jr. The couple will be married on June 30 at Church of Christ South in Corpus Christi. Amy is a graduate of Carroll High School in Corpus Christi and is attending Texas Tech University. Buddy is a graduate of Brackett High School in Brackettville and graduated from Oklahoma Christian University.

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