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Hope you are feeling better Johnny

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Grant application approved for enforce- "Roping for Christ" Briefs ... ment of tobacco laws in Kinney County award saddles, buckles Fireworks prohibited

County seeks to reopen Natural Resource Conservation Service office By Wes Robinson Contributing Writer

County Commissioners apadministration of tobacco laws addition to a local citation. in Kinney County, at a special meeting on June 22.

The proposal was presented hoped to make a joint applica- in Kinney County.

\$3,000 to \$25,000. Mendeke determined that Kinney County County provides office space mum amount because of the the service area, which includes vide it for the NRCS as well. relatively small amount of tobacco sales in Kinney County.

The monies granted must be applied as follows: 40% for stings, 25% for compliance inspections, 25% community compliance/education, 10% required reporting.

"We would work with other counties in other areas, like Del Rio, Eagle Pass, Uvalde. Our kids that are helping us with this project would help them. They would go into their stores, places of business, and try to buy tobacco products. It would be a sting basically and we would bring in unknown kids to this area to conduct stings," said Mendeke

"We're telling them up front

the newspaper. There is no se- ties. cret about it," said Mendeke.

proved an application for a lation during a sting or inspec- programs, which include Envi-\$3,000 grant from the Comp- tion would be reported to the ronmental Quality Incentives troller of Public Accounts for State Comptrollers office, in Program, Wildlife Habitat In-

> The deadline to file for the grant was last Wednesday.

court she had spoken with Chief ture reopen the Natural Reof Police Arnulfo Alonzo about source Conservation Service County the project and that they both (NRCS) office formerly located

The basic grant is from current work load analysis has tion District (SWCD). Kinney said she was seeking the mini- has the greatest activity level in for the SWCD and plans to pro-

we have it. We'll announce it in Maverick and Val Verde coun-

Kinney County has the high-Any store or vendor in vio- est demand for NRCS cost share centives Program and Conservation Reserve Program. Currently, Kinney County has Commissioners also passed a \$1,252,407.63 worth of conby County Constable Cordelia resolution requesting the United tracts. NRCS is addressing the Mendeke. Mendeke told the States Department of Agricul- conservation needs of over 234,000 acres in Kinney

NRCS also works in partnership with the West Nueces-Las The resolution states that a Moras Soil & Water Conserva-

Fourth of July Schedule of Events

9:00 a.m. - Parade begins at Alternative school on Ann Street, ends at County Courthouse

9:30 a.m.- Fourth of July committee presents program, Korean Veterans honored, prizes awarded for best floats

10:00 a.m.- Booths open at Rendezvous Park at Fort Clark, volleyball tournament begins

10:30 a.m.- Fly-over by Randolph AFB

9:00 p.m.- Get ready for fireworks near the horse statue at Fort Clark

Booths will be open throughout the day serving food and drinks. Music will be provided by Ultimate Tejano Jamzz FM 100.7. There will be no entrance to the pool through Rendezvous Park. Members and their guests must enter through the Security Gate to get to the pool.

Have a Happy and Safe Fourth of July!



Pictured is "The Convincer," sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation, which was brought in from Laredo on June 29 and 30, to demonstrate the importance of wearing a seat belt while in a moving vehicle. "The Convincer" is a model of a truck cab, and electronically simulates a vehicle roll-over. Onlookers were able to see the results of a vehicle roll-over while passengers were wearing seat belts, as opposed to when they are not. This activity ended Seat belt Awareness Week, which was held in Kinney County from June 25 through the 30th.

Troopers increase July Fourth patrols

Safety encourages Texans to day periods. Troopers, along travelers.

'We want to keep the fire- get speeders, drunk drivers and works in the sky," said DPS seat belt violators. Director Col. Thomas Davis Jr.

Tips for a safe trip include: · Don't drink and drive-the stakes are too high.

 Slow down-excessive or unsafe speed combined are the leading killers on Texas roads. · Pack your manners and

drive courteously. • Buckle up everyone in the

vehicle.

· Don't drive fatigued.

 Don't play the road rage game-make sure you are the adult.

· Don't drive while using a cell phone. · Make sure your vehicle is

roadworthy. Texas is one of many states participating in Operation CARE (Combined Accident Reduction

The Department of Public to reduce fatalities during holi- lated fatalities in the state. force the Fourth of July to tar-

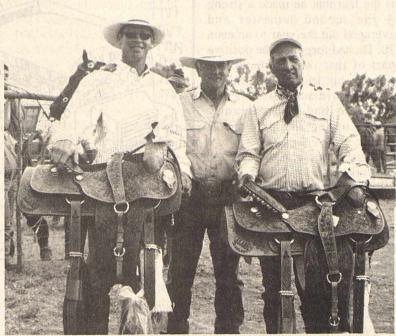
Alcohol is of special concern "We're urging every Texan to during the July Fourth holiday do their part to make Texas and summer months in general. decline year by year-and that's roadways a safer place this sum- According to the latest figures, one trend we don't want to see June, July and August were the go out of style," said Davis. leading months for alcohol-re-

To assist in identifying intoxicelebrate the nation's birthday with law enforcement agencies cated drivers, the DPS recently by being considerate to fellow across the state, will be out in equipped troopers all over the sheep and goats, new drenches state with portable breath and parasite control and a wet testers. Last year, DPS troopers lab. arrested nearly 31,000 drunk



Effort)-part of a nationwide ef- Participants at the Sheep and Goat parasite and selection clinic

fort by all state police agencies learning how to do fecal egg counts.



Pictured from left, Clinto Brown, Tom Dorrell, and Nacho Bermea displaying their prize saddles.



Pictured from left are Sterling Knight, Bryce Jung, Tom Dorrell, Charlie Allen and Lin Whestine displaying their prize buckles.

The Dustbowl Arena, owned sic, Ray Melton, who provided Allen from Kerrville and Ster- ter truck.

ling Knight of Eagle Pass.

by Tom and Bea Dorrell, held the message, Tony and Leisha it's 2nd annual Roping for Christ Ashley, who donated two on June 16. Winner of the saddles, Davis Hardware, who saddles and 1st place was Nacho donated buckles and money, Bermea of Hondo and Clinto Del Rio Bank and Trust, Kinney Brown of Brackettville. Gist tro- County Wool & Mohair, Texas phy buckles were awarded to Farm Stores of Uvalde, T.J. 2nd place winners Bryce Moore of Del Rio, Cody Smith Jung from Quemado and Lin of Edward Jones Investments in Whestine from Kerrville. Third Uvalde, Randy Price from Price place was awarded to Charlie Construction who donated a wa-

There were a total of 400 This event would not have people at the event and 197 been possible without the help teams competing. The ropings of the community and the fol- are held annually to glorify and lowing people: Kenny Caldwell spread the word of the Lord of Austin, Rick Trip of Brady, Jesus Christ. Everything is free, who provided the Christian mu- including entry fees.

Sheep and Goat Clinic

By Wes Robinson Contributing Writer

Approximately 30 area ranchers were in attendance at a Sheep and Goat parasite and selection clinic held June 22, by Kinney County Extension Agent Robert Elledge.

Topics included the Pasture to Packer program, selection of

In the Texas A&M Pasture to "Alcohol fatalities continue to take ewe or wether lambs to the feed lot and are provide with feedlot performance, carcass and financial data on their lambs.

> Producers take a minimum of 10 head and a maximum of 20. Preferred body weights are 50 to 100 pounds with known sires if possible. There is a small entry fee of \$3 per head.

> The purpose of program is to help producers determine how their lambs will preform in the feedlot. This gives producers data to improve their breeding program and produce more profitable lambs.

> The data gathered in 1997 indicate the majority of Texas lambs fall far short of the desired 65 pound carcass weight.

In 1997 a total of 425 lambs were in the program, 284 finewool, 105 crossbred and 36 other. The average initial weight was 68 pounds, final weight was 116 pounds with 48 pounds strategies.

gained. The average daily weight gained was .57 pounds at an average of 84 days.

Lambs that initially weighed less than 60 pounds were the most profitable. They averaged out 104 days on feed and \$7.08 profit per head. Of the 100 lambs in this class 40% were small framed and 60% were medium framed.

Lambs that started at 60 to 89 pounds averaged \$6.21 profit per head and 82 days on feed. 12 of these lambs were large Packer program, producers framed, 85 were medium and 2 were small.

Large lambs, 90 pounds or heavier, averaged out 62 days on feed and \$6.92 profit per head. 47 of these lambs were medium framed and 53 were

Clinic participants were also given pointers on judging animals for meat or show qualities.

Information was also presented on a variety of drenches and different parasite controls. It included new chemicals, which active ingredients effected which parasites, which drenches parasites may become resistant to and dosage rates.

The clinic concluded with a wet lab where producers were given the opportunity to learn how to do fecal egg counts. This gives the producer a practical, cost effective diagnostic tool for determining parasite burden and develop better prevention

Chief of Police Arnulfo Alonzo would like to remind residents of Brackettville that there is a city ordinance prohibiting the sale, offering for sale, exposing for sale, use or discharge of any type of fireworks within the city limits. Any person violating any provision of this ordinance will be fined no more than \$200 upon conviction. Commercial displays with safety personnel present will be permitted to discharge fire-

Cavalry clean-up

Giving up the month's first Saturday morning to tidy up the beautiful FCS's grounds is a rewarding activity for the "Cavalry Brigade." Varied projects fit volunteers abilities/disabilities so there's no excuse to by-pass this opportunity to "pitch-in" and meet on Saturday morning July 7th, at 9:00 a.m. on Shafter Hall's steps. Besides being "dogooders," the volunteers are rewarded with a tasty lunch at 11:30, which leaves one half day to fling your thing! Cheerful volunteers come join us!

Football camp

The 2nd annual Tiger Football Camp will be held on July 9th through July 13th.

The camp will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 12:00 noon Monday - Friday. The camp is for incoming 6th grade through incoming 9th grade for the 2001-2002 school year.

The cost of the camp is \$25, which will include a camp Tshirt. The camp will primarily focus on learning the fundamentals of the game of football, learning the Brackett Tiger offense and defense and learning how to have fun playing football. Walk-up registration is allowed, however, a camp T-shirt may or may not be available. Registration forms are available at the Football Field House or at Central Office. If you have any questions, please call Coach Yeager at 563-2491 x.190 or 563-9344.

Agents recover body

On Tuesday, June 19, agents from the Carrizo Springs Station patrolling FM 190 near Asherton, Texas, located the body of a 22-year-old Mexican National. Cause of death was not determined, and the body was turned over to the Dimmit County Sheriffs Department.

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"Dad, how old were you the first time you made it with a girl?" Sixteen-year old Tony asked. Stunned by his son's question, Dave decided to respond with a question of his own. "What made you come up with that son?' Lifestyles/Page 4

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The rest of the story

But I could be wrong By Chuck Hall

hadn't seen him in many years. His first statement to me was that was the other way around.

particulars of his fanciful story. class 17 times. He said that I had failed him mathematical teaching ability.

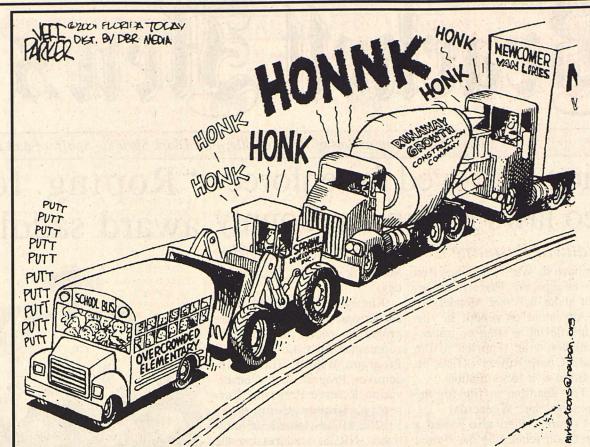
aren't exactly the same. He swept under the proverbial somehow didn't remember the carpet. fact that he seldom had homework assignments com- to make me feel bad about pleted. He neglected to mention failing him. Ok. I'm sorry. I feel that he was repeatedly told to ashamed. But I could be wrong.

get to work. He only went to the board to work problems once or I became reacquainted with a twice during a six weeks period. former student the other day. I His retention of those facts was quite weak.

After I returned to school, I he remembered the time that I went to the trouble of looking failed him. Strange, I recall it up his record. I found that his average was below 50 that He proceeded to relate the semester. And he missed my

The worst part about this tale because he had missed my class is the fact that he made a strong one time. His average for that A the second semester and class was a 69.5. How he still averaged out the year to an even had a grasp on the exact 70. He had forgotten the positive numerical average after all these part of that twelve months. A years says something about my time in his life that he should have reminisced with great His recollection and mine pride he had non-chalantly

I guess he somehow wanted



Don't forget the deepest meaning of the Fourth of July

The Way I See It By Steven R. LaMascus

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If you would like to live a quiet,

peaceful, uneventful life, you are

living at the wrong time.

doesn't appear that way to me.

Today the meaning of July fourth is lost on the vast majornies. That is the day we became ity of the population. Oh sure, "one nation under God, indivis- they know intellectually what it mer vacation in the mountains. ible, with liberty and justice for means. They have read about the Revolutionary War. Some The men had little food and poor Do we still have liberty and of them may even understand

lives on the line to win that independence.

Valley Forge was not a sum-The weather was below zero. clothing. Many had no boots. They had to wrap rags around their feet to keep from freezing. stayed to fight in spite of the weather, poor food, hardships and the very real possibility of

they must have felt. Many of them were landvolt, they destroyed their homes and burned their crops. Many

ine how that must have felt? Can existence. By perverting his sion of the great patriots of the you imagine how strongly they word. By defiling the name of must have believed in the cause his son. they were fighting for?

derness and fertilized the soil hand at work. They saw him at est commandment."

Capitol Comment

gracious to them, and he was. He took a rag-tag group of farmers and businessmen and used them to defeat the greatest standing army in the world - the British. He did it because the cause was on his side. The all the celebration, please take founders of the United States of time to think about two things. America wanted more than any-Many deserted because of the thing the right to worship God in the back yard and drink Koolconditions, but many more as they pleased. Whether they were Catholics, or Quakers, or crackers was bought and paid Methodists, or Lutherans, they just wanted to have the freedom freezing to death. We gripe to serve their God in the way when the air conditioner goes they thought was best. They out. Makes me feel like a real truly believed that all men are sissy when I think of the pain endowed by their Creator with owners. When the British found ator was, is, and always will be out that they had joined the re- God the Father. God gave them victory and through that victory he gave us the freedom that we of them lost everything, includ- abuse so freely today. How do ing their families. Can you imag- we repay him? By denying his that motto and pervert the vi-

The men who molded this

visible, or are we now a nation tation between the Colonies and with their blood believed un- Valley Forge, Bunker Hill and divided? Are we still a nation of the British. But very few con-questionably in the divine guid- a hundred battles and skirgodly men and women? It template the price paid by the ance of God. They trusted that mishes that they should have lost men and women who put their if they trusted him, he would be but instead, won. They were brutalized by the weather and outgunned by the British and still they won a war. Did you ever wonder how such a miracle could have happened?

This Fourth of July, during First, that your freedom to sit aid and burn meat and pop firefor with incredible hardship and blood and terrible personal tragedy by ordinary men with extraordinary vision and boundless faith in God.

Second, that the greatest nacertain unalienable rights. That tion to ever exist is just exactly is a self-evident truth. The Cre- as ephemeral as the wisp of smoke that comes from that barbecue pit.

God made us to be "one nation under God" and he can destroy us just as easily if we desert past. Happy Fourth of July and thank God for it!

Matthew 22:37, 38 - "Jesus One nation under God..." country into the greatest nation replied, Love the Lord your Most of our documents of foun- the earth has ever seen did not God with all your heart and with dation mention God. The men question whether or not there all your soul and with all your who formed this nation from wil- was a God. They had seen his mind. This is the first and great-

Remaining independent

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

On July 4, 1776, fifty-six colonists signed a document and declared their intention to form a new, independent nation - the United States of America. In the 225 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the United States has grown and evolved into the powerful nation it is today.

Independence is the thread that has secured our nation and kept it strong over the years. Americans - and especially Texans - are fiercely independent; we want the freedom to work hard, make an honest living, raise a family and pursue happiness. We want to live the American dream.

In recent years, however, too many people in Washington seem to have forgotten that independence is the foundation of our country. Every day, Congress considers complicated legislation, much of which expands the government's role in our lives. From new taxes and fees to employment requirements and rigid environmental regulations, our government is slowly maneuvering its way into every part of our lives.

How can we stop this trend? First and foremost, it is important to stay informed and keep track of what Congress is doing. As your representative in Congress, it is important for me to know what you think. Just last week, for example, I received more than 400 letters on issues ranging from private property rights to tax reform. Your opinions shape my votes and I encourage you to keep in touch. As taxpayers, it is in your best interest to make sure the government responds to your

This Fourth of July, as we celebrate with our families and reflect on what it means to be Americans, we must remember how important it is to remain an independent people and an independent nation. We should be involved in our government and do everything we can to make sure the freedom and independence our nation is built upon will be here for future generations of Americans to enjoy.

I hope you and your family truly enjoy the birthday of our nation. Have a safe weekend and to all of my fellow Americans, Happy Fourth of July!

Debating the patients' bill of rights

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Congress is debating the Pawithout delay or legal haggling.

health care of most Americans, it is important to avoid unintended consequences, such as increasing the cost of providing quality medical care. We don't want to do anything that would have the right to an immediate, discourage employers from pro- impartial appeal to a panel of viding their employees with medical coverage. We need to make sure we are not creating more problems than we are solving with the bill.

like and trust our doctors. We get the treatment they need in a don't want an insurance com- timely manner. pany telling our doctors what

kind of care to give us. Parents Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison should be able to take their child suits emerged from more than to the pediatrician without hav- 300 appeals heard under Texas' ing to get permission from their external review system since tients' Bill of Rights, legislation insurance company or health 1997. At the same time, the systo help patients get the kind of maintenance organization tem has proved to be fair. The medical treatment they deserve (HMO) first. People should be conclusions of the appeals are able to see a specialist when they When we are dealing with the need one, and to get emergency treatment at the nearest emergency room without calling a health care gatekeeper first.

If an HMO denies the treatdoctors. If the panel rules in your favor, you should receive your treatment, period. If the HMO ignores the findings, you

We can't afford to turn over patient care decisions to accountants and insurance companies and trial lawyers.

Texas has already taken the lead on patients' rights, and is showing the rest of the country the way. In our state, if an HMO denies coverage for a certain procedure but the patient and the doctor disagree with that decision, a patient can make an internal appeal within the HMO unequivocally they would have cost for these improvements is first. If, after the HMO reviews to pass on any new health-insurthe appeal and still refuses to ance costs to their employees, cover the treatment, the patient by either raising employees' can appeal again to a panel of outside experts not associated with the HMO. If the outside panel has made a decision and the patient stills feel he or she America's health provides more has been unfairly denied care, protection for patients, enhances tial to serve international trade the patient can sue the HMO in the quality of care and promotes traffic and promote economic

It works. Fewer than 20 lawvirtually 50/50 in favor of both the patients and the health plans. Federal law would do well to follow Texas' lead.

Texas law also gives employers protection from lawsuits inment you need, then you should volving health coverage. Employers are not required to provide health insurance coverage to their employees. Small business often can barely afford to give their employees this benefit. Exposing them to lawsuits should be able to go to court. and millions of dollars in poten-Getting good medical care in Such a system should favor patial damages because they volour country has grown complitients, first and foremost, with untarily provide their employcated. The vast majority of us quick action to make sure they ees with medical insurance just doesn't make sense. I offered an amendment to the bill that would impact to the state's infrastruchave applied Texas' employer ture and has the potential to protection provisions to the entire nation. Unfortunately, it dor for Texas and the rest of the failed, but I will continue to country. I applaud the commuwork to secure this protection nities along the corridor for for employers in the final bill.

Congress has to get this right. If health costs continue to climb, the result could be disastrous. tionwide polls, an overwhelmpremiums - or by eliminating especially vulnerable.

The best prescription for ver, Colo. greater access and affordability. development.

Ports to plains route approved

(Austin) - A final route for the Texas portion of the Ports to Plains corridor was designated today by the Texas Transportation Commission during its monthly meeting. The approved route, approximately 830 miles, includes the following cities: Laredo, Del Rio, San Angelo, Sterling City, Midland, Lamesa, Lubbock, Amarillo, and Dumas.

In Texas, the final route will serve the Texas/Mexico border, West Texas and the Panhandle. "This route is an investment in our future," said John W. Johnson, Texas transportation commissioner. "It has a regional serve as a crucial trade corritheir strong local support of the route."

While no funding has been set aside for construction, develop-Answering a recent series of nament plans include upgrading the existing route to a four-lane ing majority of employers stated divided highway. The estimated approximately \$1.2 billion.

The Ports to Plains Corridor. which is designated as a high priority corridor under the current coverage. Small businesses are federal legislation, will link the Texas/Mexico border to Den-

The corridor has the poten-

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Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Monday, June 25

9:25 a.m., A woman reported individuals looking in a house.

Tuesday, June 26

4:26 a.m., Fort Clark Security a store on Hwy 90. Deputy Robinson responded.

11:10 a.m., Raul Mata, 27, from Brackettville, was arrested by Police Chief Arnulfo Alonzo for driving while license suspended. Mata posted bond.

Wednesday, June 27

Department called to report a Deputy Pena was advised. stranded motorist, four miles west of town. Wrecker Service and Deputy Robinson were informed. 2:31 p.m., An employee from



Courtney Frerich of Brackettville won first place in the San Antonio area 8th grade essay contest sponsored by the Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter #2060, United Daughters of the Confederacy. The essay topic was "Sophia Suttenfield Porter: The Scarlet O'Hara of Texas." Courtney's essay was submitted to the state level of competition where she placed 4th. The previous year, Courtney won the 7th grade area competition and was awarded Honorable Mention at the state level.

The Texas Highway Department notified the Sheriff's Office that one of their workers had a minor Reserve Deputy Larry Robinson accident on Hwy 131 and FM 1572. DPS Trooper Tony Ashley

8:28 p.m., The driver of a reported three individuals behind white Cavalier was reported driving recklessly west on Hwy 90. Trooper Ashley and Deputy Pena were notified.

10:20 p.m., A fight was reported in front of the school. Deputy Manuel Pena Jr. responded.

9:37 p.m., A man reported 12:23 a.m., Del Rio's Police loud music on Third Street.

Thursday, June 28

7:22 p.m., A woman reported that some of her husband's rocks were missing. Deputy Robinson was notified.

Friday, June 29

4:30 p.m., Deputy Pena responded to a man who was as-

9:58 p.m., Deputy Pena and Chief Alonzo were notified that eight minors were drinking alcoholic beverages at the Fort Clark

10:23 p.m., Timothy Mc-Donald, 31, of Brackettville, was arrested by Deputy Karl Chism for family violence. McDonald is still being held.

Saturday, June 30 7:33 p.m., A United States Border Patrol Agent reported an abandoned van on the side of Hwy

334. Deputy Pena responded. Sunday, July 1 5:19 p.m., A 911 caller reported a gas leak. Chief Alonzo

and a city employee were notified immediately. 6:56 p.m., A store employee

reported a man bothering people at the store. Deputy Pena was ad-

8:32 p.m., Deputy Chism reported the back door to a build-

Join Rotarians in making a difference in our world today

By Frances McMaster Contributing Writer

Brackettville Rotary Club celebrated the installation of officers for 2001-2002 at an evening meeting at Las Moras Inn. Members brought their spouses as guests, and Isaac Aldaco, pianist from Del going president, Mr. Joe Hardin, or to help in bad times. spoke briefly about the accomplishments of the past year, then he introduced Mr. Patrick Garman, president of the Del Rio Rotary Club, who installed the incoming officers. Incoming president is Mr. Bill Haenn, Mr. Dave Alexander is the president-elect, and Ms. Ella Chambers is secrea Rotary pin and Hardin was given a past president's pin.

Frank Cheaney and Joe Hardin discussed their attendance at Rotary International's 92nd convention, which had just ended in San Antonio.

Twenty-five thousand delegates from 131 countries converged on San Antonio, the largest convention the city had ever entertained. The San Antonio Convention Center's \$215.6 million expansion project served the city well, and \$75,000 worth of plants and flowers flourished in the newly renovated HemisFair Park.

H-E-B Grocery Co., Home Depot, the San Antonio Parks Foundation and Rotary International donated these plants and flowers. One thousand Rotarians planted them. Jim Berg, head of San Antonio's Host Committee didn't take credit for Sunday morning's rain that watered the plants and loosened up the soil. He was quoted in the San Antonio Express News saying, "God had his plans."

Rotary International is made up of business and professional leaders dedicated to humanitarian service. It features cross-cultural outreach and service programs. There are almost 30,000 Rotary clubs across the globe.

problems that benefit all. Rotary helps when crises such as floods and earthquakes strike. Political, dentists into deprived regions racial and ethnic differences are around the world to aid people put aside when members come where care is unavailable. In fact, Rio, furnished entertainment. Out together to aid in times of crises Dr. and Mrs. Charles Schmidt of

role in the movement to eradicate one year and to Kenya another, to Polio, a highly infectious disease that can cause paralysis. The goal is to eradicate Polio by 2005. Volunteers have gone into countries all over the world to vaccinate

cause of the difficulty in getting health workers into warring areas. Negotiations are made between countries in conflict to take "Days of Tranquility" when hostilities will cease in order to get workers into the areas and immunize the children. Rotary is deeply involved in furnishing equipment and volunteer workers, but it has also done such things as chartered corporate airplanes to fly into these sites to bring aid.

Rotary is dedicated to promoting better understanding between

It's a Girl!

Mahogani' Ornetta Hunter was born to Ornette & Lorretta Hunter, May 15, 2001, at 6:37 a.m. at the Baptist Hospital in Pensacola, Fl. She weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and was 19" long. Mahogani' is welcomed by brother Rhai' Keemius Ornette Hunter of Columbia, Miss. Proud grandparents are Gloria James of Hattisburg, Mississippi, Norman Hunter of Cleveland, Ohio and Linda Goodloe of Brackettville, Texas

couraging the working out of dif- every year. Friendships and appreferences and finding answers to ciation of foreign countries will form a basis for future peace.

Rotary also sends doctors and Rotary has played a prominent Rotarians and went to Venezuela provide dental care in deprived

The President of Rotary International for this year is Frank J. Devlyn who was born in Cuidad children against the dread disease. Juarez. His father came from Chi-Ninety percent of the goal has cago and his mother was born in administration and later studied and earned a degree in optometry. His parental family had and optical business, and his 83 year old Rotarian about joining Rotary.

nations and to encourage peace. mother is still practicing. Devlyn Rotary promotes peace by en- Exchange students are sponsored joined Rotary in 1970 when he was 29 years old and has been active since that time. He is possibly its greatest promoter having written a textbook on Rotary entitled, "Frank Talk" which was distributed at the convention. The book encourages membership, explaining why Rotary is the place Brackettville volunteered as for "the young and the multicultural;" it is not an "old boys network.'

The movers and shakers are in Rotary, Devlyn says. These are the people that know how to get things done. He has demonstrated that during his presidency, he has pushed programs to educate young women in developing countries tary/treasurer. Each was presented been reached, but the countries Chihuahua, Mexico. Devlyn at- and has instigated an anti-blindwhere polio still is a threat will tended the University of Texas at ness campaign offering low cost offer the greatest challenge be- El Paso with a degree in business cataract surgery in India and started a used eyeglass bank in Mexico City.

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Pictured are the new Brackettville Rotary Officers from left, Joe Hardin, immediate past president, Patrick Garman, Del Rio Rotary President, Bill Haenn, President 2001-2002, Ella Chambers, Secretary/Treasurer and Dave Alexander, Vice-President 2001-

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Purity before marriage is still important MusicFest 2001 features new talent

Empowering Families By Dr. Donald Smith

"Dad, how old were you the first time you made it with a girl?" Sixteen-year old Tony asked.

Stunned by his son's questhat son?"

curious."

"Tony, I'm glad we can talk sexual behavior. about this. I'm proud to say Son that your mother was the first were the moral guardians in our

Tony snickered and asked, "you mean you were a virgin when you got married?"

"A man Tony, can be chaste tion, Dave decided to respond and pure but only a girl can be with a question of his own. a virgin. God tells us in the Bible "What made you come up with that virginity is a very holy es-You know how the guys ten reserved for a man who vio- two sisters. You will learn to retalk at school Dad. I know some lated a virgin who was not his of them are lying through their wife. It is only in my generation keep them and yourself chaste teeth. But a couple of the guys and yours, sad to say that vir- by being the moral guardian of are pretty graphic in their de- ginity and chastity has become your sisters." scriptions of having sex with so small a thing. It is almost detheir girlfriends. I guess I'm just spised now. Men and women by the St. Henry deOsso Family

Tony, in my father's day men education.

and only woman that I ever, as society. They went to great you say, made it with. And that lengths to protect the virginity was only after we were mar- of girls. If a girl had brothers, they would deal very severely and sometimes violently with a boy who even hinted at violating her. Your grandpa told me that once he and his brothers took a young man to task for spreading stories about Aunt Vivian when she was young. I tate. Severe punishment was of- hope you will do that for your spect your girlfriends and to

This column is brought to you alike are proud of their loose Project working in Brackettville to strengthen family, faith and

Whether listening to Curb the music of the 80 plus selected week in Nashville, delivered yet to the forefront," she said. showcase artists, which included another dimension to the Nash-Kristen Tenaj' - granddaughter ville Music scene. Showcase of Jewel Robinson, the Legends artists were selected from 324 of Country Music show, special submissions to perform at this guest concerts or the Saturday year's event held at the Municiton and Razzy Bailey, if you Nashville. "The intent of BMI and ASCAP, attendees were at Independent MusicFest MusicFest is to bring to Nash-June 14-16, you were listening ville top artists from all venues to the "Best of the Best" of the of music and allow them to Independent Music Industry.

"had a blast performing, meeting, greeting, and signing autothere were so nice...the ones in missions were reviewed and artthe booths, the artists perform-Thursday, June 14th; singing "Oops, I Did It Again" by Brittany Spears, and the duet "Does McIntire and Linda Davis, with Erika Jo.

across the United States in a variety of venues, including Ft. management companies as well Clark Springs and the Alamo as industry services," said Village in Brackettville. She'll Becky. "It is evident that the Inshowcasing in August at the their contribution to the music mission rules. county fair.

showcase at no charge which is Kristen Tenaj' stated that, she unique to Independent MusicFest," said Steven B. Riley, who with his wife, Becky, graphs for 3 days. The people served as Co-Producers. "Subists were chosen to perform by to visit. It was great! The people posed of music industry profeswere awesome. Whether I get sionals from the Nashville compicked to showcase next year or munity. The quality of the pernot, I'll still be there in my booth formers selected reflected the - I loved it!" Kristen showcased professionalism and the ability of the committee to choose the best," he added.

"We are extremely pleased He Love You" by Reba with the quality of this year's event and the participation of the 83 exhibitors with representa-Kristen Tenaj' has performed tion from record labels, individual artists, development and

The event's premiere year industry. We have designed this Recording Artist, Ken Mellons, held during the busiest music event as the vehicle to bring it

conducted Workshops throughout the three-day event were selected to educate the performers in making choices regarding their careers. With sesnight wrap up with Stella Par- pal Auditorium in downtown sions by representatives from were given information to assess the importance of music performance licensing and membership. Gigi Gonaway, drummer for the stars including Mariah Carey, Aretha Franklin, Steve Wynwood and Stevie Wonder, presented five drumming clinics to packed audiences. "How to Swim From the ing, and all the people that came the selection committee com- Sharks" with Beth Travers proved to be another popular workshop. Angelo Bennetti of AIM Music Group made daily presentations of "Believe in Yourself, Possess the Magic" to standing ovations. Steve Webb rounded out the educational sessions with three workshops on "How Sticky is Your Web?"

Plans for next year's event are well underway. Showcase submissions will be accepted for 2002 during January and February. Check the website: http:/ /www.NashvilleMusicFest.com for 2001 show highlights, 2002 be performing in Thayne, Wyo- dependent Market is eager for exhibitor registration, event inming July 20 and 21st and recognition of their talent and formation and showcase sub-

DRT library committee appointed

chairman Dale Herrick from the 2001. Alamo Heroes Chapter.

sion Chapter are Mary Corrigan the use of all researchers. and Virginia de la Zerda. From Marilyn Thurman.

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Jsing your cell phone and a formula for personal safety

By Cindy Patterson Contributing Writer

Once thought of as a luxury, cell phones are now extremely was abducted from her home harmed. affordable and used by everyone from teenagers to CEOs of major corporations. What a few miles from her home, used for convenience has evolved into one of the most im-

and forced into her car. The woman was instructed to drive started out as an item people where her abductor locked her into the trunk of the automobile.

He then took off, leaving the portant personal safety devices girl trapped in the trunk. Fortu-

nately, the young girl still had 911 already keyed in and ready I recently heard a story illus- her cell phone and was able to to "send" just in case, when

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trating how a mobile phone can call 911 from the trunk of her you're walking in a dark or be a lifesaver. A young woman car. Police found her un- frightening parking lot or street. (Remember to clear that 911 This story has inspired me to from the phone once you're spread the message of cell phone safely in the car so that you don't accidentally dial emergency ser-

Keep in mind that you might coincidentally get a phone call from a family member while an emergency is occurring and be prepared to capitalize on that call to help rescue yourself. Spend a moment now coming up with a family code word or phrase to alert family and friends that you are in danger. The code word or phrase should be something that you can say without drawing the attention of an assailant, such as "Is this Iris?" (Substitute any uncommon name.) The idea is to send

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Who Tests TAAS? Does this high stakes exam really improve learning?

By Don M. Fisher, Iconoclast approximately \$40 million per the conservative "education re- at all. Others applying to a col-Staff Writer Contributing Writer

high. No one knows what that means.

The Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test whether that means that the chil-

Making a difference

By Taylor Stephenson

TAAS scores are at a record Agency's position is that TAAS the scores on other norm refer- Included in that number are vet- Higher Education Service of the Dilling said. "Education has to is based on a more demanding enced tests have either remained erans and employer trainees. tial Knowledge and Skills leges have almost doubled non- TAAS doesn't mean they're go-(TEKS), and that if students are credit remediation courses in ing to go on to higher education. ing the SAT) has changed. stakes testing, all officials passing rate improved to 89 per- testing well, schools are teach- English and math. Scores on the TAAS demonstrates certain There has been a significant in- agreed, is politics. One vendor cent overall passage this year, ing more; students are learning but there is no way of telling more. Critics charge that all we have done is dictate classroom whether a Texas college student skills and gives counselors an nomic and ethnic back- company sold indicated that the dren of Texas have actually content from Austin and teach must take such courses, have idea of whether the student will grounds." She said the SAT

Work on technology building begins, new computer to help with scheduling technology program that teach-

celebrating our 225th anniver- will be close to October 1. sary of the birth of the greatest nation that has ever existed. Throughout the land, there will off to drive to Clayton, New be parades, concerts and cel- Mexico, a small NM town in the parent company of the SAT. In in light of the Pre-K through 16 these exams results in a better adopted textbooks and curricuebrations marking the signifi- northeastern corner of the state general, TAAS scores are the movement. The idea is that most AEIS rating for schools. Some lum guides, even though some cance of July 4th. This is a good (just northwest of Dalhart). I time to teach the young about the taught 8 years there and served good in America. Too many as principal four of the 8 years plification. times, we point out those things that are wrong. They'll learn those in due time. Represented by our grand old flag which is a good one. They have turned flies in good times and not so out a quality product for at least ment, Mr. TAAS. "They (other along with other state officials. ing closer together, not widen- part of what teachers do. good, we still live in the grand- 75 years. The town has a charest country ever, the USA!

driver's education has been We'll attend a school reunion are lower achievers," he said. completed, and many of our and link with our past. young are receiving behind-thewheel instruction. Law enforce- helping us prepare high school ment units are emphasizing the and junior high schedules this use of seat belts, particularly because of child safety. To those the data on teacher schedules young drivers, we plead that into the computer after networkyou will always drive sober and ing with the high school and junwill take the extra time that it ior high principals, their school takes to drive safely. We're secretaries, and the school proud of you, as you have counselor. Teachers were given achieved another phase of your an opportunity to suggest independence.

ers use in the classrooms. We'll teach teachers in this model We're excited.

This past week, I have taken while also teaching. I was superintendent of schools in Clayton for 15 years. The school system

A new computer program is year. Marla Madrid is inputting schedule changes through their This past week, Mike Bizzell, secondary principals. We'll Inc. began the construction of have more data in the next BISD campus. This building will should be out of the program by house and support the computer mid-July. Have a great week!

There is no way to test the test. manding high-stakes testing in several years took a TAAS that of students' learning level, said trenched." Texas Education the 80s that resulted in TAAS, doesn't reflect today's numbers. Josey Barrett, Director of state curriculum, Texas Essen- static or declined. Texas collearned more as a result of the students to take a test. But since steadily fallen as TAAS numbers succeed on the college level." numbers remain comparatively ing the two years Gov. George have improved.

(SAT) scores have remained readiness of the student." static or declined slightly. The cation. But that is an oversim- will need more than 12 years of amination fees.

testing services) are testing a

Board, said Cruse is right, but tion." there is an increasing need to

First, he said, TASP has ers may never have taken TAAS test," he said

"Just because they take the Regional Office.

education, and that children

James Dilling, TASP pro- mission was to train leaders; that evaluated objectively? gram director for the Texas the workforce would come from

virtually every field.

raised its passing standard by 10 is to serve everyone," Dilling ing sciences, and that is a spinpoints. Second, students who said. The gap between TAAS off from TAAS. "You can't get Harris said. have high scores on the SAT, and other tests like the TASP "is an answer for students that will ACT, Accuplacer, or TAAS are varied so greatly" that the cur- coincide with the best answer progress with a student that may exempt from the TASP. Finally, rent nature of testing does not from the point of view of the not necessarily be academic he said, "These are two differ- fit the Pre-K through 16 mold. teacher, the parent, and the leg- progress. They may just be havthe technology building on the couple of weeks. The bugs ent tests from two different popu- "Ours is not a true entrance islature. Sometimes the point of ing a big impact on peoples' lations." Some older TASP tak- exam; theirs is not a true exit view of the system and legisla- lives."

"The population (of those tak-Texas Academic Skills Program skills to graduate," Dilling said. crease in the number of students who sells TAAS remediation (TASP), which determines "TASP measures readiness taking the test from all socioeco- materials said the materials the TASP, Dilling said, is not an ad- low because more students are W. Bush was running for presi-Scholastic Aptitude Test missions test. "It determines the trying to enter college who dent so he could boast of higher TASP is designed to tell the fore. However, more students not to be named. But education three-year-old Accuplacer, an institution how much non-credit have been encouraged to take involves more than just curricualternative college entrance test preparation a student should both the TASP and SAT because lum, said Crawford Principal in use by a handful of colleges, have in order to ensure his or of the state's Academic Excel- Don Harris, also TAAS coordi-God Bless America! We're laboratory. Completion date seems to be showing a similar her success. It is designed to let lence Indicator System (AEIS). decline, although there is insuf- students into college if they are The rating system takes into acficient data to make any valid willing to do additional work. count everything from atten- lum (statewide)," he said, even assumption, according to Edu- However, he said a better over- dance to college-type exam though Crawford does not teach cation Testing Services, also all evaluation system is needed scores. More students taking to the test. "Before TAAS, we only good news in Texas Edu- if not all students in the future schools even pay students' ex-

This has resulted in an in-We test every youngster in should start school with a goal creasing similarity in the popu- book companies are making the state of Texas," said Keith of attaining some kind of ad- lations taking both TAAS and sure they cover the test materi-Cruse, Texas' current, first, and vanced degree. It is an idea that the SAT, local administrators als." only director of student assess- has Gov. Rick Perry's attention said, and scores should be com-"The concept is not in the his- ing. The question remains: Is this acteristic New Mexico blend of sub set." "TASP is being given torical nature of higher educa- the best way to spend \$40 mil- worry about teaching content. The classroom portion of Indian and Spanish culture. to more and more students who tion," Dilling said. "It has been lion per year if all we're getting thought that higher institutions' is test scores that cannot be it. Teachers have to worry about

Higher Education Coordinating those with less formal educa- "Barrett said. "At least the state about safety," she said, recall-He said the technological na- would say we are educating teacher. bring the college and public ture of our society is demand- solely for the test. We are makschool assessment methods in ing a better trained employee in ing progress; we are trying to bigger," "Teaching is not just do the right thing. More stu- academic. There are just a lot of "In today's society, the need dents are taking math; more tak- needs that are in addition to or ture don't provide the best an-

In that same vein, the SAT swer for the student. The eduyear the state spends on TAAS. form" movement began de- lege after being out of school for numbers aren't a true reflection cation systems are very en-

"The reality is funding," College Board Southwestern compete with a lot of initiatives from prisons to highways."

The bottom line for high test actually became easier durwould not have even tried be- test scores. The company asked nator for Crawford ISD.

> "The test drives the curricuschools didn't pay too much attention to the objectives in the curriculum guides. Now text-

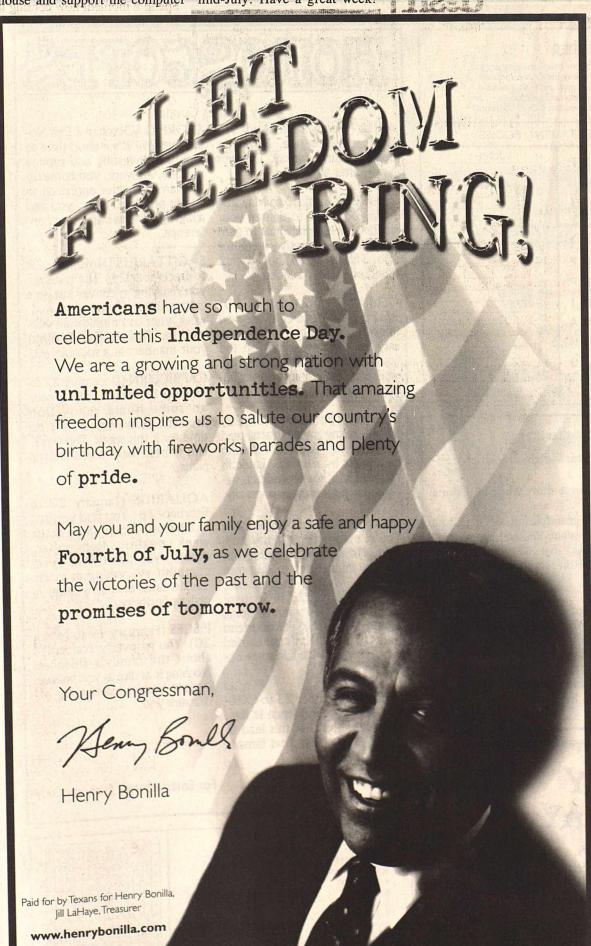
That, Barrett said, is a small

"Once teachers could just Now content is only one part of socialization, teaching basic be-"You could argue either side, havior, having to be concerned is evaluating, even if some ing her years as a classroom

"The job has become a lot alongside academic concerns,"

"A teacher can be making

"How do you measure that?"



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

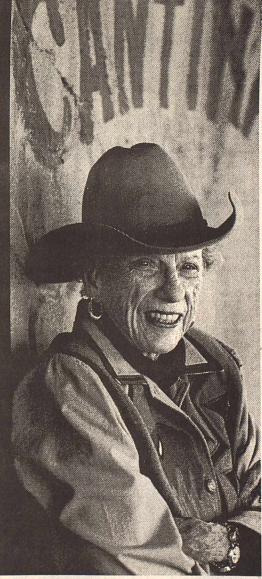
All that Virginia Shahan and her husband "Happy" knew about movies was the price of tickets when John Wayne asked to make a movie on their ranch. After *The Alamo* was released in 1960, the Shahans found themselves proprietors of a tourist attraction and movie set. More than twenty films have been shot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

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matters. At work, you come up

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to December 21) The message

you're trying to convey just isn't

getting across. However, by mid-

week, your communication skills

kick in. This weekend, mind

your manners at a social event.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to

January 19) You'd like to focus

on some home renovation

projects. However, there's no

time for it this week. The week-

end is best for those domestic

AQUARIUS (January 20 to

February 18) You find yourself

in a bit of a time crunch as the

week begins. Remember,

though, you don't have to ac-

complish everything at once.

Tackle tasks one at a time, in

PISCES (February 19 to March

20) You're overly concerned

about the family's finances.

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A little budget rearranging will

order of priority.

reassure you.

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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 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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I John

1. What amusement park ride did Americans originally call a whirligig?

Reed? 3. What Haitian leader kicked his wife's grandparents off the plane in order to make more room for money when he fled his country?

5. What 1964 prime-time soap did Jack Paar refer to as "television's first situation orgy"?

6. Why is the "Jesus bug" so called?

7. What Hollywood horse learned to sign an X on hotel registers? 8. What was the first war in which West Point graduates got a chance to fight?

9. Who became "King of the Cowboys" when Gene Autry entered the Army in World War II?

10. According to a Sydney language doctor in 1993, what should newcomers to Australia learn to do to help them adjust to their w country?



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Trivia Time by Walter Branch

2. What role on "Dallas" was played for a short while by Donna

4. What Yugoslavian car came to America in 1985?

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) SCORPIO (October 23 to No-Competition is fine. However, vember 21) It's a good time to don't get carried away. This isn't look into investing and money

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) an old problem. Later, you and It's a good time to tighten your a bigwig have an important confinancial belt somewhat. In general, it's a productive week for you. This weekend, approach a SAGITTARIUS (November 22

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's a good time to cultivate new interests and hobbies. If necessary, do some research on the topic you've chosen. Over the weekend, a minor spat occurs between spouses.

comes an important business ally.

counsel.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You find yourself doing a good deed this week for a friend who's in need. Don't get carried away, though. Maintain some ob-

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Self-confidence is fine. However, don't let this lead to cockiness. Achieve that famous Libra balance.

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loved one with patience.

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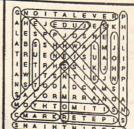
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16. Philippians 17. Revelation 18. Romans 19. I Timothy 20. Titus



The War of 1812; 9. Roy Rogers; 10. Swear 4. The Yugo; 5. "Peyton Place"; 6. It can walk on water; 7. Trigger; 8. . The merry-go-round; 2. Miss Ellie; 3, Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier

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What God has done:

unto us a son is given: and the also hast wrought all our works standing, shall keep your hearts government shall be upon his shoulder and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no open unto their cry." (Psalms hope, through the power of the end... The zeal of the Lord of 34:14-15). hosts will perform this." (Isaiah

What God will do:

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The Holy Spirit is an equal

partner in the Trinity-He has

an effect in our lives. We can

call on him to guide us and

guard us. The celebration of

Pentecost marks the coming of

second half of the church year.

For the next few weeks I will be

writing a series of articles on

the Holy Spirit, his gifts and

what it means in our daily lives. When the day of Pentecost

came it found them gathered in

together-Jesus' mother, the

eleven remaining disciples, an

assortment of other men and

women—120 people in all. A

The "one place" was prob-

Jerusalem was a dangerous

ably that same upper room in

Jerusalem where Jesus had

during his earthly lifetime.

and afraid.

the Spirit—the beginning of the the upper room, waiting for they

who had flocked to see Jesus city. Instead of speaking of Jesus

eaten the Last Supper with his earlier had tried to placate a mob

been rocked by events almost barred oration. "This Man you

too momentous to grasp: their killed," he told the astonished

leader's death. . . His resurrec- crowd, "was the Messiah sent

By Lynn McNew

even his enemies to be at peace shall prosper that love thee." with him.." (Prov. 16:7) "Thou (Psalms 122:6). will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." (Isaiah 26:3). "Lord, thou wilt "For unto us a child is born, ordain peace for us: for thou of God, which passeth all underin us." (Isaiah 26:12).

What we must do:

"Depart from evil, and do good, seek peace, and pursue it. The eyes of the Lord are upon

earth; and shall delight them- you all. Amen." (Romans selves in the abundance of 15:33). "The Lord will give strength peace." (Psalms 37:11). "Great unto his people: the Lord will peace have they which love thy walk in love.

the fulfillment of my Father's

heard me speak" (Acts 1:4).

And so they stayed on in the

the great Jewish feast of Pente-

among themselves in whispers,

for him. Peter, who a few weeks

scarcely knew what.

Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:4).

bless his people with peace." law: and nothing shall offend (Psalms 29:11) "When a man's them." (Psalms 122:6). "Pray ways please the Lord, he maketh for the peace of Jerusalem: they

> "...In everything by prayer and supplication with Thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God and the peace and minds through Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:7)

Benediction:

"Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in bethe righteous, and his ears are lieving, that ye may abound in Holy Ghost." (Romans 15:13)... "The Meek shall inherit the "Now the God of Peace be with

Stand in faith, rest in hope,

The Holy Spirit will give you courage der before he left them: "On one strong ones? The same Spirit occasion when he met with who can take our self-centered, them, he told them not to leave fear-filled lives today, and make Jerusalem: "Wait, rather, for them glorious.

"Hail this joyful day's return, promise, of which you have Hail the Pentecostal morn, morn when our ascended Lord, on his church his Spirit poured!" (Hirisky city, clustering together in lary of Poitiers, fourth century)

During this season of Pentecost, I ask you, Lord, to let me Then it happened. It was a take my faith out of hiding and festive holy day in Jerusalem, share it with those around me.

You are welcome to worship cost. "All were filled with the with us anytime at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. All, not just Peter and John God Bless You!

one place (Acts 2:1). All of them and the other leaders, but all Jesus Christ is 120, filled with joy, peace, love...and a strange new confi-Leader and King dence. They burst from the

room where they'd been hiding, The Church of Jesus Christ of mere remnant of the throngs into the crowded streets of the Latter-Day Saints

From the beginning, Jesus they buttonholed everyone they has revealed his gospel, which met, shouting aloud their love tells us what we must do to re- it. turn to our Heavenly Father. At the appointed time, he came to friends. In the seven weeks by pretending he'd never heard the earth himself. He taught us since that fateful night they'd of Jesus, delivered a no-holds- the Plan of Salvation by his word and by the way he lived. He established his church and his tion. . .finally his ascension into by God! You saw the amazing heaven, leaving them alone now things he did, so don't try to Hard-hitting words. Effective we can return to live with him place for followers of the ex- words. By the end of that Day and our heavenly parents in ecuted rabbi. The city swarmed of Pentecost, those original 120 heaven. Now it is up to each of with government spies and Christians had become more us to do our part and to prove Temple informers. But Jesus than three thousand . . . What ourselves worthy to return to cheated. had given his followers an or- had turned weak people into their presence.

By Rev. Ken F. Sellers, Jr.

served in the armed services of called to freedom, brethren;

her citizens. In the letter to the may not do the things you Church at Galatia, Paul writes, please." "It was for freedom that Christ set us free" (Galatians 5:1). I am readers, and us, that freedom is celebrating freedom and indestruck by the difference in the about being released from the ways the word "freedom" is hold the world has on our lives. used now as opposed to the way It is about no longer being a is it? in which Paul used it.

is about being able to do things selves. "my way," the American way!

way I want rather than being but it is about social conscience. made to share it. Freedom Freedom is about sharing the On the 4th of July, together seems to mean that I can make abundance we, as Americans, we celebrate the birthday of our as much profit on my service or have come to expect. In Jesus' great country. Together we cel- product as I want without being day, the widow, the orphan, the ebrate independence. Together concerned that there is a class itinerant stranger, the homeless, we celebrate the freedoms that of people who will never be able the poor, the sick and lame were were established for us so long to buy it. Freedom seems to all cared for by the ordinary ago and at great expense. The mean that I can be as "indepenexpense of our freedoms - the dent" as I want to be - looking elite who didn't help out very lives given during the Revolu- out for Numero Uno, especially tionary War and all of the wars if considering others is not in the helped out in extraordinary (or police actions) in which this best interest of me! Paul claricountry has participated! We fies his usage (the Greek word marvels at the widow who gives join together to honor but a few used means the opposite of slaof those brave folks who have very) by saying, "For you were our country since 1776. We ac- only do not turn your freedom wonderful country of ours, its knowledge our dependence on into an opportunity for the flesh, history and our God, are we the brave men and women who but through love to serve one supposed to hold on to what is have, and continue to, protect another" (Gal. 5:13) and "For ours or share it out of thankfulthe freedoms we hold so dear. the flesh sets its desire against ness? Freedom! Independence! the Spirit, and the Spirit against These words reflect in many the flesh; for these are in oppoways the values of America and sition to one another, so that you

Paul seems to be telling his slave to the cultural excesses that Today it seems that freedom help us to be focused on our-

Freedom seems to mean that I to "serve one another." Free- lift our voices in praise and don't have to obey the speed dom is about dependence, not thanksgiving that God has gifted limit if I don't mind paying the independence. Freedom is about us in ways that free us to care fine (if I get caught). Freedom being able to depend on each about others as much as we care seems to mean being able to other and, more importantly, on about ourselves.

First United Methodist Church choose to spend my money the God! Freedom is not socialism, folks like us. Yes, there were the much, but the ordinary folks ways (remember how Jesus her only coins to the treasury of the church).

When we are blessed by this

Are you free to give up some of what is yours or are you enslaved by the desire to keep all you deserve? Slavery or servant-hood - your choice! The Fourth of July is not really about pendence as much it is about indulging our need for a party,

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Allow children to learn life by themselves

By Dave Crowe Contributing Writer

I think we all wanted the very best for our children. I also school with their friends. I think, that the harder we tried would hope that if they wanted I would hope that we would to make this happen, and the a slingshot, instead of buying more we gave them, we made one, that they would ask Dad or

For our grandchildren, let's us, did it? I think that they might life by living it. enjoy homemade ice cream and

learn humility by being humili-

What would be wrong with them frozen flagpole, whatever. learning to make their own beds

at least one time in their lives, to offer. they could see puppies being hard, but life, real life is hard.

I would like to see them get a

black eye fighting for something or maybe to take a long walk. they truly believed in. I would make one.

try to do better. I'd really like but wouldn't it be great if they die. Knowledge is power! for them to know about hand- could catch their own bait? Dig me-down clothes. It didn't hurt their own worms? We all learn

I would hope that they get priesthood on the earth. His left over meatloaf sandwiches. teased by their friends when they teachings are written in the scrip- Can't we return to the past a little have that first crush. I would tures. He took our sins upon him- bit? There's so much our grand- hope that they would learn to self. If we follow his teachings, children could learn of real hate the taste of Ivory soap, that they would learn not to cuss. I I would hope that they could would hope that they would learn that it's OK to skin their ated and learn honesty by being knees, burn their hands on the stove, get shocked by a light Now hold on! Hear me out! socket, stick their tongue on a

> Experience life with all it's and mow the lawn and wash the tough times and disappointments, hard times and happi-Speaking of cars, let's not ness. Experience and remember give them new cars when they the sadness and sorrow of funerare 16. Let them earn the money als and joy and excitement of the to buy, a used one that they will holidays. It is the only way to appreciate. It would be great, if truly appreciate life and all it has

> I would hope that they would born and maybe their old, sick take the time once in a while, to dog put to sleep. Yes, that's check on us old folks. Maybe just to sit on the porch and talk,

Let's let them earn a place in hope they would have to share this life for themselves. I would a bedroom and walk up hill to hope that we are so much smarter the second time around.

know the answers. What is greater than God? things worse, without knowing Grandpa to show them how to More evil than the devil? The poor have it, the rich need it, We can teach them to fish, and if you eat it, you will surely

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Birds relying on native food sources

A Little on the Wildlife Side Contributed by Henry Lutz

Austin, Texas - Wondering where your backyard birds have gone? Are you looking in vain for those chattering Carolina offers a few reasons birds are taking a backyard break. Befoods, which is as it should be, according to TPW experts. supplement to available food resources in the environment," said Mark Klym, TPW information specialist. "Since food time of year, feeders are not necessary right now."

people stop seed feeding until the cold weather returns in late October or early November for Wildlife" by Noreen Damude when birds need food the most. and Kelly Bender. This book Hot, humid times of the year -Be safe while pulling a trailer

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following safe towing tips:

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able experience, if you have the 2. Don't proceed until you're

right equipment and use and sure everything is secure and

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trailering, Draw-Tite, offers the 3. Re-check at fuel and rest

1. Check the hitch ball, coupler, 4. Trailers or boats should not

safety-chains, retaining pins and be occupied while being towed,

clips and other connections ev- under any circumstances.

stops.

late spring through early fall - stems from TPW's Texas promote growth of seed-borne Wildscapes program created to fungi and bacteria that can be promote wildlife habitat toxic to birds, Klym said.

People who want to stay involved and help their backyard feeding birds or spring migrabirds can devote their time to tion activity, e-mail Mark Klym chickadees or scolding blue building wildscapes or hanging at mark.klym@tpwd.state.tx.us jays? Texas Parks and Wildlife hummingbird feeders in their or phone (512) 389-4644. yards. Hummingbird feeders should be maintained throughcause Texas has received a lot out the year, changing the humof rain in the last few months, mingbird "nectar" every three seed- and fruit-eating birds are or four days. Also make sure avoiding seed feeders and feast- to hang feeders in shaded spots ing on a healthy crop of natural to avoid "cooking" (fermenting) by the sun, Klym explained. When building wildscapes, fo-"Feeders should serve as a cus on fruit- and seed-bearing plants to provide the main diet. This will increase the food supply and improve shelter conditions for a variety of wildlife availability is not an issue at this around the property, Klym added.

A number of books are avail-Biologists recommend that able about feeding and creating habitat for birds, among them "Texas Wildscapes; Gardening

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throughout Texas, Klym said.

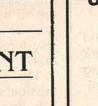
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The following position is open at BISD: Coach/History (OR P.E.) Teacher. Application procedure: Application/Job Description can be picked up at the Brackett ISD Central Office, 400 Ann Street, or request by mail, Brackett ISD, PO Box 586, Brackettville, TX 78832. For information call Central Office at (830)-563-2491, fax (830)-563-9264. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. Direct inquiries to Taylor Stephenson, Superintendent, taylors@brackett.k12.tx.us. Brackett ISD is an equal opportunity employer.

KINNEY COUNTY IS currently accepting applications for the position of Custodian/Nutrition Center Aid. Employment applications may be obtained from the Office of the County Treasurer. Interviews will be conducted July 9 - 13, 2001 with employment commencing July 16, 2001. For further information contact the County Judge's Office at 830-563-2401. Kinney County is an equal opportunity employer.

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Answer to Crossword Puzzle



Williams urges safe and memorable 4th of July holiday

many Texans, that means a After grilling, the propane gas oil or other vegetable spray. propane bottle has an OPD: The chance to fire up their gas grills cylinder must not be stored and host a backyard barbecue within an enclosure. for their families and friends.

some gas grill advantages. "Propane is a fast, clean, less expensive energy source for backyard barbecues. It's an abunthat's worth looking into," Chairman Williams said.

Propane also produces no environmental advantage over grease fires. charcoal grill takes.

minded Texans to grill safely. "The Railroad Commission has summer grilling more enjoy- tive. able for consumers," Williams said.

Safe Propane Grill Use

ing on Safety-Propane at the conflict resolution. Railroad Commission's web 800-64-CLEAR.

instructions. Similarly, new grill caring relationships. owners should follow the tion and safety instructions.

rust. During grilling, the cylin- values and morals. der must be secured to the grill

or ccswt-sc@peppersnet.com

Railroad Commission Chair- before lighting, and light acman Michael L. Williams noted cording to manufacturer's in- propane in your cylinder, run a inglabel. Starting April 1, 2002, structions.

kerosene to the start the fire.

5. Always grill in a well-ven- cylinder. dant, Texas-produced product tilated area. Do not grill indoors or close to the side of a house that if the cylinder is at least 12 (AFRED) can provide consumor structure.

cooking in half the time that a preheat grill for 5 to 10 minutes. the cylinder to have a new OPD

July is fast approaching. To manufacturer's instructions. or lightly coat food with olive ways consumers can tell if their

on or off, remember "Righty, gular hand wheel with the let-3. Always open the grill hood Tighty*Lefty, Loosey."

wet finger down the side of the cylinders without OPDs cannot 4. Never use gasoline or cylinder. Water will evaporate be refilled. faster over the empty part of the

6. Use foil or a drip pan to 'requalified' to ensure that it is as information about other proemissions from lighter fluid, an catch juices and help avoid safe for continued service. At the pane uses and rebates by callcharcoal, as well as heating and 7. To avoid food sticking, the Commission now requires (800-642-5327).

Austin, TX - The Fourth of in accordance with Do not turn food until half done, valve installed. There are two 8. To turn the cylinder valve tank may have a special trianters 'OPD' on it, or the tank may 9. To measure the amount of have an OPD wrapper or warn-

> The Railroad Commission of Texas' Alternative Fuels Re-10. Commission rules require search and Education Division years old, it must be periodically ers with basic safety tips, as well time the cylinder is requalified, ing toll-free 800-64-CLEAR

Chairman Williams also re- Boy Scout summer camps - more than just fun

compiled a Top Ten list of pro- more than just a place to have Cortez, a 19-year-old Eagle ing young people grow and sucpane gas grill and cylinder safety fun, concludes a recent study by Scout and sophomore at Texas ceed. Camp leaders realize pertips to help make holiday and New York-based Harris Interac- A&M University. "With the sup- sonal strengths and abilities

The Texas Railroad Com- matic influence on the lives of successfully. Camping puts unit, and they have a lot of fun mission's "Top Ten List" for young people who attend them. young boys in an environment while at camp. A complete list of safety tips men include increasing self-con- act with others and think with- about the great outdoors that for all propane uses can be fidence, improving decision out the influence of video games brings us closer to God. I reviewed or downloaded by click- making abilities, and learning and television; this teaches them ceive real satisfaction from see-

The independent research, that positive outcomes of Scout Maintenance should be done rewarding experiences and pro- abilities while at camp. according to the manufacturer's vides them with supportive and

operating as a team. In addition, perintendent. 2. Do not use a propane gas these activities give youth the ternal damage, such as dents, rigors of everyday life and re- able and positive experience training. gouges, bulges, fire damage, flect on the importance of their from their time spent at Scout

Some of the benefits to young were they have to learn to inter-

site, www.rrc. state.tx.us. Cop- titled the Boy Scout Summer parents whose sons have at- community leaders and responies may be ordered by calling Camp Outcomes Study, attests tended summer camp say that sible adults," said Luis de la the experience has directly ben- Garza, camp leader for San 1. Previously used grills summer camps occur because efited their son's development Antonio Troop 285. should be checked for problems the environment and activities at and 96 percent would recomsuch as worn hoses and proper camp incorporate several key mend their camp to others. Parair adjustment. Worn or defec- elements of healthy youth devel- ents comment on their son's and objective evaluation of tive parts should be replaced. opment. It introduces Scouts to learning personal skills and Scout summer camps. More

manufacturer's assembly in- to encourage boys to work and their own," said Dr. Nabor ment. structions and familiarize them- play together, learn social skills Cortez, Felix's father and selves with proper grill opera- and understand the benefits of Falfurrias School District Su-

"Scouting has helped me in camp offers them a unique op- the local council.

Boy Scout summer camps are many ways," says Nabor Felix portunity to play a role in helpport of fellow Scouts and lead- while working with people they The study reveals that Boy ers, I learned to think on my feet respect. They build strong Scout summer camps have a dra- and how to take on large tasks friendships with youth in their

> "There is something special a lot about themselves and life." ing young boys grow thorough According to the study, Scout their Scouting experiences into

Harris Interactive conducted the study to provide a thorough specifically, the goal of the "Camping as a Boy Scout has study was to measure the extent given my two sons the realiza- to which attending camps can Camp activities are designed tion that they can do things on contribute to youth develop-

For more than 90 years, Boy Scouts of America has been the nation's foremost youth pro-Also revealed in the study is gram of character development cylinder if it shows signs of ex- opportunity to escape from their that leaders, too, gain an enjoy- and values-based leadership

For more information about corrosion, leakage or excessive faith, traditions and personal summer camps. Overall, 96 per- the Boy Scouts of America, visit cent of volunteers agree that www.scouting. org or contact

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We have been open for business since November of 1995. Visitors and customers came from England, France, Germany, Canada, Netherlands, and Mexico. They came from California to Florida-almost every state in the USA. Many sent post cards, letters and pictures, expressing their gratitude for a bicycle shop in Brackettville. CT's is listed on the map with Bike Centennial for cross country bicyclists, which over seven hundred has visited CT's Bike Parts & Repairs.

This bicycle business could remain open in Brackettville. Anyone interested in purchasing the business please stop by at 410 E. Spring Street anytime, or call CT at (830)-563-9364.

CT's will be open from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. everyday

until August 5th, at 8 p.m. Anyone in need of bi-

cycles repairs, parts, or services should visit us as soon as possible so we can meet your needs.

A personal note from CT: I regret that I am unable to continue, due to medical reasons, and must retire from the business. Sincere thanks to my son Joshua for making this business a success! And I thank God for giving me strength over the last few years. Thanks to my family and friends for their support!

Love,