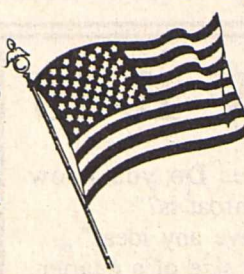


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## Youth group helps community

Beginning July 11 and concluding July 13, 200 youth, ages 14 to 18, from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, are having a youth conference in Brackettville.

The theme of the conference is, "Stand as Witnesses, Even Unto Death." The Battle of the Alamo will be a backdrop for their activities.

On Wednesday evening, the youth participated in an impromptu Vaudeville Variety Show and then learned to dance the Virginia Reel. Afterwards, they had a dance.

Today, they will be splitting into groups and performing services for people in the city of Brackettville, and for the city itself. Some of the youth will be going to the homes of two different widows and will com-

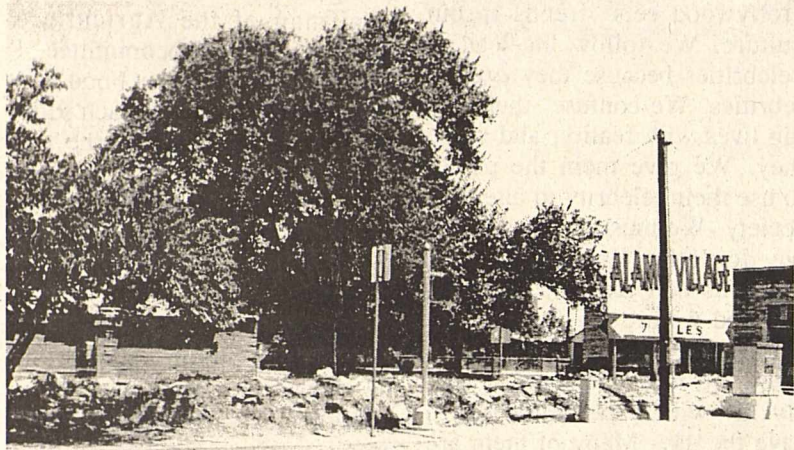
pletely manicure their yards. The rest will divide up and go into the streets of Brackettville to clean them up. The youth will meet at 8 a.m. at the Fort Clark Service Club to begin their day.

Later in the day, the youth will attend workshops relating the Battle of the Alamo to the scriptures and to everyday life experiences. The workshops will be at Rendezvous Park and the Service Club at Fort Clark. This evening, the group will gather for dinner, hear a speaker and have a dance.

On Friday, the youth will gather at Alamo Village at 6:30 a.m. for activities relating to the Battle of the Alamo. These activities will conclude by 10:00 a.m., and the group will then head to Uvalde to conclude the conference.



Pictured is Wayne Meyers, winner of the second place award for his entry in the Fourth of July parade, down Ann Street, last week. Following behind him is Chris Seargeant.



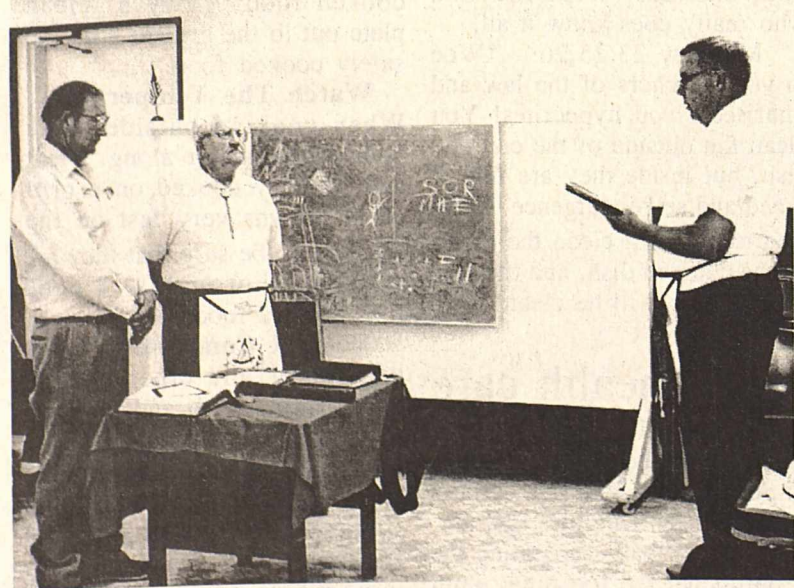
## Community members join together to clean up

Take a look at the corner of Ann and Spring Street and see what can be done when people work together for just a few hours.

The clean up crew on this job were some young people doing community service, one youngster who will get credit when he applies for a scholarship and members of the Kinney County Community Task Force (KCCTF).

On July 18, Mr. Peter B. Dedek, Division of Architecture, Texas Historical Commission, will be in Brackettville. At 7:00 p.m., an informal meeting, also involving the KCCTF, is being held at Barbara's Table. Dedek will try to give the community some insight on how to progress and make it more historically and economically viable. Please attend this meeting and support the community.

## New Worshipful Master installed



From left, Worshipful Master, Cliff Fritter, Installing Marshal Bro. Ray Kurtz, Past Master Las Moras Lodge #444 and Installing Officer Bro. Jim Runyan, Past Master of Val Verde Lodge #646. Bro. Fritter was installed as the new Worshipful Master on June 30, for the ensuing Masonic year.

## Planning and financing seminar for small businesses

Camp Wood - The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), First State Bank of Uvalde, Nueces Canyon Chamber of Commerce and Sul Ross Rio Grande College-Small Business Development Center (SBDC) will be hosting a seminar in Camp Wood Texas at Old Timer Restaurant, Hwy 55 on July 17, 2001 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The speakers will cover the importance of business feasibility, planning, financial and technical assistance programs, as well as, provide helpful websites. Start-ups and existing busi-

ness owners are encouraged to attend if thinking of expanding your present operation or starting a new one. Loan Officers and Business Development Specialists will outline steps on how to acquire financing for these needs and what is necessary to review your loan request. Attendees will walk away with the necessary information and resources that will help them start or expand a WIN-WIN business.

There is no cost to attend. For more information call the Nueces Canyon Chamber of Commerce at (830)-597-6241.

## School Board discusses expanding technology, change in dress code

By Amy Davis  
Staff Writer

At last Monday night's meeting, School Board trustees voted to apply for a grant that would pay to obtain technology consultants' advice on bringing a T-1 line into Kinney County.

The grant would be funded by the Telecommunications Infrastructure (TIF) fund.

The line would allow for greater technology abilities for entities in Brackettville including the school district, county and city.

According to Stephenson, the various entities in Brackettville will meet, beginning in October, to explore how having the line would benefit the county, city and school.

"This [the grant] would allow us to look at the needs of our community, look at the needs of our homes and look at the needs of the different entities, and tie them all together," said Stephenson.

Stephenson says that the funding through the grant would allow resource consultants to work on developing a plan that would fit Kinney County. He also says that having the technology in Kinney County would make it possible to have adult education and more distance learning facilities.

"I think the need is there," said Stephenson. "I can see some good results."

Trustees agreed that if the various entities involved decided to bring the T-1 line into the county, the results would be beneficial.

"This would help provide technology county-wide and

would try to bring Kinney County into the 21st century," said Henry Lutz, BISD trustee.

The Board also voted to accept the resignations of four district employees at the meeting.

Woodie Trotter resigned from Jones Elementary to take a Pre-K position at Austin ISD, and Walter Brock resigned to accept a position teaching history and coaching track and football at Hays Consolidated High School.

Jimmy and Kaylia Thomas have also resigned their positions as Athletic Director and English teacher, respectively. Jimmy has accepted a position as Athletic Director and Head Football Coach at Pettus ISD.

Stephenson pointed out that the Thomas' resignations were past the resignation deadlines.

"I think it's early enough that we can still find somebody to replace them," said Stephenson.

In other business, Stephenson gave the quarterly investment report. BISD earned \$45,513.36 in interest during the 3rd quarter of the 2000/2001 school year. The total interest earned year-to-date is \$151,522.24. The total amount invested was \$3,419,281.77.

In other reports, Bill Haenn, Kinney County Chief Appraiser, said that BISD has collected 96 percent of taxes for the school.

"If you calculate in the delinquent collections throughout the year, you're well over 100 percent of the amount of money that you counted on from property taxes," Haenn said.

Haenn pointed out that BISD would not be paying as much in taxes in the coming year.

"We're working on our fis-

cal year 2002 budget. For our purposes, there should be minimal increase, and your percentage of our budget is being reduced," Haenn said.

He added, "Your part of the levy - it's going down several percentage points - was less in 2000 than it was in 1999, so the County is going to be the one who gets a bump up by about 7%, because they increased taxes."

In closing, Haenn thanked the board for being so conscientious about property tax payment.

"I do want to commend you guys for paying attention to property tax," he said. "There are other entities that don't. It is an important requirement."

The Board of Trustees spent time discussing local changes to the current Student Handbook for the 2001-2002 school year.

If approved, new measurements for shorts and skirts would be 3 inches from the top of the knee while standing. This length is longer than the 5 inch inseam requirement used in the past.

"I think 3 inches is a good conservative length," said BISD Superintendent Taylor Stephenson. "We've had everything recommended, [like] no shorts. This is hot country. I think kids need to wear shorts," he said.

Also if approved, fund-raisers would be limited to a maximum of two fund-raisers per year, per class and organizations limited to a maximum of two fund-raisers per semester, a maximum of four a year.

"This will generate enough money to take care of prom and take care of their one big senior trip," said John Paul Schuster, High School Principal.

Not allowing students to include an overnight stay during their senior trip is also included as a proposed change to the student handbook.

The purpose of the change would be to reduce tiredness at graduation and Project Graduation.

"In the past they'd [the students] leave on Thursday, come rolling back into town Friday about 3 o'clock, graduate, and then here we'd go with them [to Project Graduation] at 11 o'clock until 5 or 6 in the morning," said Schuster.

Liability was also a concern about taking trips in which the students spent the night away.

"A lot of faculty have expressed their concern of the liability issue, taking their kids on overnight trips," said Schuster.

Trustees will vote on proposed changes today at 5:00 p.m.

## Proctor receives 50 year Masonic award



From left, Worshipful Master, Tom Ertle, Bro. Bill Proctor and Bro. Jim Long, District Deputy Grand Master of the 43rd Masonic District. Bro. Proctor received an award for his 50 years of Masonic Service on June 28th.

## Briefs ...

### Commodities

This month commodities distribution will be on July 23 from 9 a.m. to noon at St. John's Missionary Baptist Church 116 W. Crockett St. Brackettville, 563-3550 or 563-3032.

### Golf tournament

The first annual Brackett Athletic Booster Club Golf Tournament will be held August 11, 2001, at the Fort Clark Springs Golf Course. The entry fee is \$30 which includes Mulligans, lunch, green fees, and refreshments on the course. For more information please call Candy Hobbs at 830-563-2591 or write to: Brackett Athletic Booster Club, c/o Candy Hobbs, P.O. Box 1031, Brackettville, Texas 78832. Please help support our youth.

### Free phone equipment

Are you or a loved one fearful for your safety because you have difficulty using the telephone? If you suffer from arthritis, paralysis, a stroke, or maybe just have difficulty hearing - you may qualify for special phone equipment.

This public service is available to anyone who has difficulty speaking, holding, dialing, or hearing the telephone.

Be safe! Get a phone you can use. Call the Texas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing at: 512-407-3250.

### Monthly statistics

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

Apprehensions:  
Abilene...59, Brackettville...967, Carrizo Springs...1,602, Comstock...72, Del Rio...876, Eagle Pass...2,882, Llano...92, Rocksprings...98, San Angelo...64, Uvalde...336, Sector Total...7,048, Other than Mexican...420

Drug Seizures:  
Marijuana Seized (pounds)...3,019.09, Value of Marijuana Seized...\$2,415,272.00

### Hours change for hotline

The telephone hours for CHAMPVA -- "Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs" - have changed. Callers can now speak to a benefits counselor from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., Eastern time. The phone number is still 1-800-733-8387.

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The two men embraced as the younger stepped out of the car. "It's good to have you home son. We've missed you." "Thanks dad, I've missed you too. Help me with my stuff and then let's talk." *Lifestyles/Page 4*

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# That's the way it is

But I could be wrong  
By Chuck Hall

I was talking to a friend of mine the other day named Ted Hidalgo. Ted another one of those unique individuals that I have for a friend. He's quite a character. He lives in San Antonio and works for the city. He's head of the gas department.

We were discussing many different things, including why certain unpleasant events happen. He turned into a philosopher and asked me a question. "What is the biggest animal in the world?"

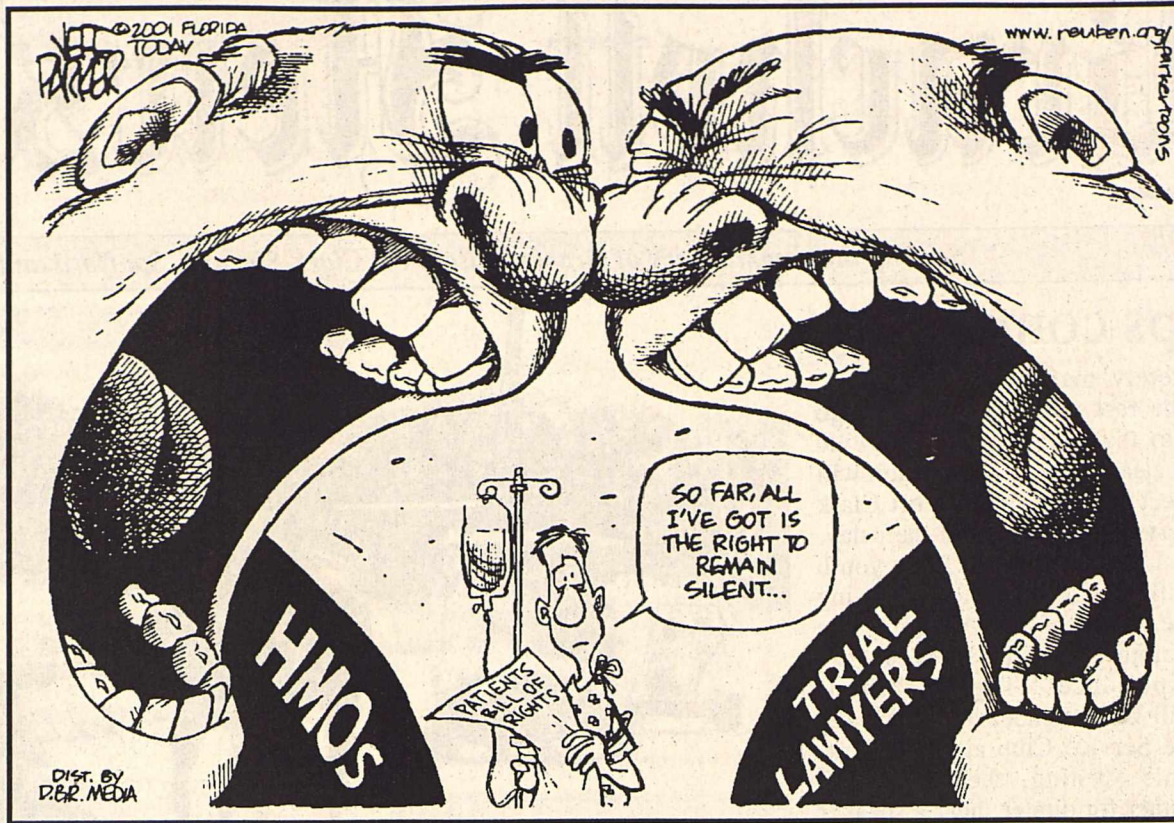
"I don't know. A whale, I suppose."  
"That's right. A hump-

backed whale. Do you know how big his throat is?"

"I don't have any idea."  
"About the size of a quarter. Do you know why such a big animal has such a small throat?"  
"Don't have a clue."  
"Cause that's just the way it is."

I like the moral of that story. You're right Ted. Some things don't have rational explanations. Some things can't be neatly put into a "this is why" category. Some things we merely have to shrug our shoulders and say it's that way because that's just the way it is.

We have to accept some things for what they are and let it go at that. But I could be wrong.



# Summer food safety

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

The temperature is quickly approaching 100 degrees. Lawn chairs, pool supplies and beach towels are in high demand at the local grocery store and the neighborhood kids are out of school. All these things could mean just one thing: Summer is here!

As you're making that grocery list for the picnic or scheduling some activities for the beach, I hope you'll add food safety to your checklist.

Many of us forget that foodborne illnesses increase in the summer months. Bacteria are always present in our environment. They're in our soil, air, water, and the bodies of people and animals. But these microorganisms grow faster in the warm summer months. Given the right circumstances, harmful bacteria can quickly multiply to large numbers. When this happens, someone eating the food can get sick. As Chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, I work closely with the Food and Drug Administration. Each summer, the FDA provides the nation with food safety tips. We use these tips everyday in our house. They're as simple as only packing what you intend to eat.

I encourage each of you to clip out this column, stick it on the refrigerator and use it as a reference. By following these simple tips, we can keep it that way.

**Keep Your Hands Clean:** Wash your hands with hot, soapy water before handling food and after changing diapers and handling pets.

**Marinate and Refrigerate:** Always marinate food in the refrigerator, not on the counter. If some of the marinade is used as a sauce on the cooked food, reserve a portion of the marinade. Don't reuse the marinade used on raw meat or poultry unless it's boiled first to destroy any bacteria.

**Don't Cross-Contaminate:** When packing a cooler for an outing, wrap raw meat and poultry securely to prevent juices from coming into contact with ready to eat food. Wash plates, utensils and cutting boards that held the raw meat or poultry before using again for cooked food. Carry a clean plate out to the grill to hold the safely cooked food.

**Watch The Temperature:** When cooking outside, take your thermometer along. Meat and poultry cooked on a grill often browns very fast on the outside, so be sure that they are cooked thoroughly. Check them with a food thermometer.

**Cook It Completely:** Cook hamburger and other ground meats (veal, lamb and pork) to an internal temperature of 160°F and ground poultry to 165°F. Beef, veal and lamb steaks, and roasts may be cooked to 145°F for medium rare. Whole poultry should be cooked to 180°F as measured in the thigh; breast meat to 170°F. All cuts of pork should reach 160°F.

**Travel Wisely:** When taking food with you on an outing, keep the cooler in the coolest part of the car. Place it in the shade or shelter and out of the sun whenever possible. Chill cold drinks in a separate cooler to avoid constantly opening the one containing perishable foods. Preserve the cold temperature of the cooler by replenishing the ice as soon as it starts melting.

**Follow-Through:** After your outing, move food immediately into refrigeration. Bacteria multiply rapidly between 40 and 140°F. Never leave food in this "danger zone" more than two hours.

For more tips, contact the Food Safety and Inspection Service at (202)690-9113. I hope each of you has a fun, relaxing and most importantly — a safe summer!

## Letter to the Editor

### Foreign exchange students need home

Dear Editor:

One hundred and fifty foreign exchange students will be coming to the southwest region of the United States for the 2001-02 academic year or fall semester with the SHARE! High School Exchange Program.

I am trying to place 50 students still and urgently need families who would be interested in hosting them. The students are all 15-18 years old and are from 30 different countries. They will be attending the high school closest to their host family's home.

All of the students have their own medical/dental insurance and personal spending money.

They all speak English and are so anxious to find out who their American families will be. Host families will provide room and board, friendship, understanding, and the genuine desire to share the American way of life with a youngster from overseas. Families are able to review student's application and select the student they feel best matches their family.

Host families with or without children can be single, retired, etc. If you are interested in more information, please call me at 972-727-7866 or (800)-941-3738.

Sincerely,  
Yvette Coffman

## Is Hollywood's definition of "right" really right?

The Way I See It  
By Steven R. LaMascus

Did you see in the news where another Hollywood figure has been charged with a sex crime? Yep, Paula Poundstone, a well-known comedian was arrested and charged with committing a lewd act upon a child under 14. Of course her manager vehemently denies that the charges are valid. He may be right, I don't know. But I do know that I'm sick and tired of that bunch of overpaid, over-exposed, underachieving, amoral morons trying to tell me what is good and right and proper! What makes actors think they know all the right answers?

Every time I turn on the television I see some Hollywood personage telling me what a rotten individual I am because I don't run out and embrace homosexuality, or because I believe in spanking my children when they are really bad, or because I believe that real gun control is hitting what you aim at, or because I believe in God and Jesus Christ and the Holy Bible and want to pray before a football game. I have had it with people who have absolutely no moral integrity telling me what is moral. I hate it when these "celebrities" try to force their ungodly, unprincipled, "uninhibited" way of life on me and my family and my friends. If they wish to throw away their chances at eternity by disregarding all that's holy that's their business, that's what free will is all about, but why do I have to do the same? Why do I have to abide by their corrupt views of reality? What makes their rights more right than my rights?

The people in Hollywood, with some glaring and beautiful

exceptions, are known far and wide as being awfully liberal with the truth. That is, after all, where the term "publicity stunt" originated. They exist on a daily diet of fantasy. They make their livings by acting out a series of fictional dramas. Many of them wouldn't recognize reality if it bit them on the nose. That is why Hollywood is literally crawling with psychiatrists. That is why there are high rates of divorce, drug usage, suicide, murder, and a very long list of other problems in that bastion of perversion.

One actor makes a commercial for Gun Control Inc. and then a few weeks later is arrested at an airport carrying a pistol. I guess the rules don't apply to him, only to me.

Another celebrity attacks guns as evil while her private bodyguard is applying for a carry permit. There's reality for you! Of course she doesn't need a gun for personal protection, she hires a big, mean guy with a gun to do it for her. What about those of us who don't make a million dollars a month? Do I sense a bit of hypocrisy here?

A rock star makes an anti-drug commercial and almost before the cameras cool down he is arrested for possession of narcotics.

Why in the name of reality is a movie actor who doesn't know a shark from a herring asked to testify before congress on matters relating to protecting the oceans? Seems to me we should ask someone who might actually know.

Listen, Hollywood is a dangerous place. It produces movies, television shows and videos that effect our lives in more ways than just being entertain-

ment on Saturday afternoon. Hollywood sets trends in our culture. We follow the lead of celebrities because they are celebrities. We confuse their acting lives with reality, and so do they. We give them the power to use their celebrity to alter our society. We must be careful that we don't let Hollywood persuade us that they are the reality and we are the fiction. The actors and actresses are human. They are not super heroes who fly in with cape fluttering to save the day. Many of them are not well educated; many have severe mental problems; many more have problems with their moral lives. They have deluded themselves that because they are admired and adored by millions of fans that they are somehow more intelligent, more insightful, and more farsighted than the rest of us. They are prone to suffer from delusions of superiority when the reality is much, much different.

Folks, if you want to know about computers you don't go ask the local butcher. If you want to know about a cut of meat you don't ask the carpenter. If you want to know the truth about what is right and wrong, moral and immoral, don't take the word of an actor who makes a living in a fictional world where the writers determine who lives happily ever after. Instead, seek your answers from the God who really does know it all.

Matthew 23:25,26 - "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean."

## Presidential task force to improve Veterans health care

Washington - Health care for the nation's veterans will be the focus of a presidential task force recently commissioned to improve coordination between the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Department of Defense (DoD).

President George W. Bush announced creation of the task force on Memorial Day at the White House, saying, "We must improve the way VA and DoD work together to provide health care to those who have served in uniform."

Heading up the 15-member task force for its two-year study are former New York Congressman Gerald B.H. Solomon, a long-time veterans' advocate who served in the Marine Corps during the Korean War, and Dr. Gail R. Wilensky, a prominent expert on health policy who ran the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) for former President Bush.

"The president recognized we need to improve the availability and delivery of health care to both America's veterans and military retirees," said Solomon. "He understands what it means to keep a promise and

to get results. That is what this presidential task force intends to do."

The task force's goals are to improve access to veterans benefits and to strengthen VA-DoD partnerships for health care services. Among the items that will be studied are the budgeting processes, billing, reimbursement, procurement of supplies and services, data sharing and information technology.

"As our veterans age, many of the issues they will face are similar to the issues faced by our elderly population and the Medicare program," said Wilensky. "At the same time, we need to be mindful that the nation's younger veterans are being well served by an ever-changing health care delivery system. With the focus that a presidential task force can bring to these issues, I am confident we can accomplish the mission that the president laid out for us."

The task force has nine months from the first meeting to give the president an interim report. The final report is due at the end of the second year of operation.

**Big Mama Sez!**

We must indeed all hang together or most assuredly we will all hang separately.

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

**Tuesday, July 3**  
 2:00 a.m., The check point advised the Sheriff's Office, about three men who were intoxicated. Deputy Karl Chism responded.  
 2:30 a.m., Linda Kay Dabney, 26, from Corsicana, TX, was arrested for a warrant out of Corsicana by Deputy Chism. Dabney posted bond the same day.  
 2:30 a.m., Ronald Dean Kraft Jr., 26, from Corsicana, was arrested by Deputy Chism for public intoxication. Kraft was released the same day for time served.  
 8:30 p.m., Fort Clark Springs Security, reported an accident near a local store on Hwy 90. Deputy Chism and Constable Cordelia Mendeke were advised.

**Wednesday, July 4**  
 9:50 p.m., An employee from Fort Clark wanted some assistance from a deputy for crowd control. Deputy Manuel Pena responded.  
 9:57 p.m., A report of fireworks being fired in town was made. Chief of Police Arnulfo Alonzo was advised.

**Thursday, July 5**  
 8:29 a.m., A man reported somebody had flooded the floor of the Middle School. Sheriff Buddy Burgess was advised.  
 5:30 p.m., A woman requested animal control to pick up the dog that had bitten a little girl.  
 6:15 a.m., A man reported an illegal wanted help for his friend who was seriously injured by a train. EMS was dispatched.

**Friday, July 6**  
 7:05 p.m., Isidro Lozoya

Ledezman, 56, from Mexico was arrested for a warrant out of San Antonio by DPS Trooper Tom Wylie. Ledezman is still being held.

5:27 p.m., An agent from the DEA Task force requested animal control. Reserve Deputy Larry Robinson was advised.

**Saturday, July 7**  
 1:55 a.m., A Border Patrol Agent radioed that there was a loose cow on Hwy 674.

11:34 a.m., A store owner reported having trouble with someone who ran into the store. Chief Alonzo responded.

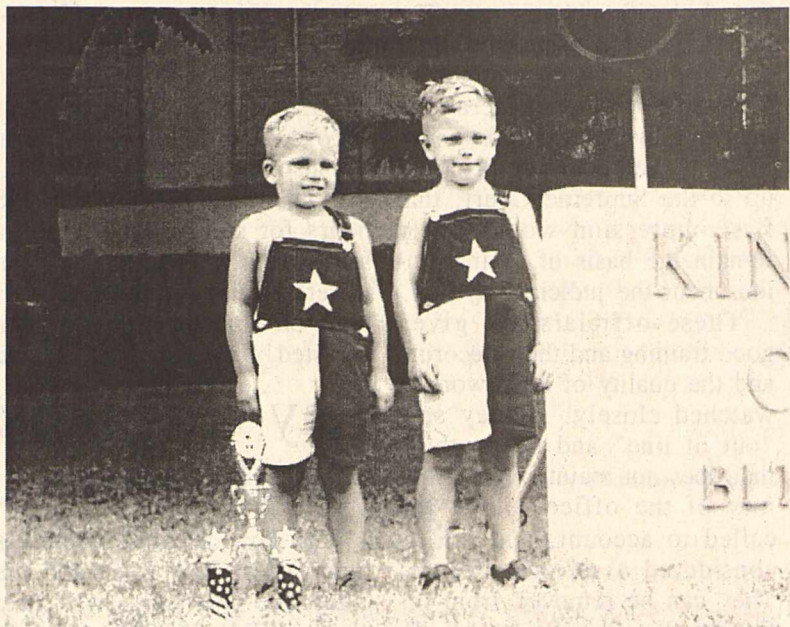
7:49 p.m., Fort Clark Security reported kids in a red pick-up

spray painting the car wash. Deputy Chism was advised.

11:35 p.m., Arturo Sanchez Perez, 29, from Del Rio, was arrested for DWI (driving while intoxicated) 1st offense by Trooper Welch. Perez posted bond the next day.

11:35 p.m., Lorenzo Gutierrez Meza, 30, from Del Rio, was arrested by Trooper Wylie for public intoxication. Meza was released the next day for time served.

**Sunday, July 8**  
 1:50 p.m., Manuel Castorena, 59, from Dale, TX, was arrested for DWI 1st offense by Trooper Welch. Castorena was released the same day on a P.R. Bond.



Walt Ashley, pictured left, and Webb Ashley, right, proudly stand next to the 3rd place trophy they, along with several other children, won for their entry in the Fourth of July parade, last week.

**DRT member wins "Outstanding Red Hat" award**

Uvalde - The Holiday Inn hosted the Purple Dress-Red Hat Club recently. Seventy-six women were in attendance, all attired in purple dresses and red hats. Guests were seated at tables labeled by months of the year. The month of your birth was the table where you sat. After the luncheon, all joined in singing Happy Birthday to themselves and a beautifully decorated birthday cake was served. Members of Caddell-Smith

Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, attending were Kitty Harrison, Kay Anderson, Nell McFadin, Pat McKelvy, Nadine Lasiter, and prospective member Betty Sparks.

Following the style show it was announced that Pat McKelvy from Brackettville was the winner of the Outstanding Red Hat Award. Pat's winning entry was a red straw, decorated with red roses and white net, designed by Nelda Archer,

also of Brackettville. The hat was reminiscent of the Hedda Hopper era.

All area women are welcome to attend the quarterly luncheons if they are over 60 years old and will wear a purple dress and red hat.

**Sell it fast  
 563-2852**

**Petrosky named to Provost's List at TLU**

Amanda Petrosky, a resident of Brackettville, was among those named to the Provost's List at Texas Lutheran University for the Spring 2001 semester. The Provost's List was announced by Dr. John T. Masterson, executive vice president and provost of TLU, to honor students who had earned a 3.5 cumulative grade point average with a minimum of 12 graded hours in the past semester.

Petrosky is a junior theatre major.

Texas Lutheran University, offering degrees in 27 academic disciplines and 10 pre-professional

programs. For more information on Texas Lutheran, visit the TLU website at www.tlu.edu.

**McKelvys host Brackett Betas**

The backyard of the home of Pat and Hubert McKelvy was the setting for a Pre-4th of July celebration for members of the Beta Sigma Phi chapters in Brackettville on Tuesday, July 3, 2001.

Delicious home made ice cream, cakes and brownies were enjoyed by the group. Those at-

tending were Arlys and Jack Simpson, Shirley Hadsell, Jan Chism, Luella and Dwite Gilliland, Rosemary and Joe Johnson, Mary Anne and C.C. Parker, Sondra Meil, Marla Madrid, Sherri Ellinger, John McNamara, Bobbie and Pack Waddill, and the hosts.



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## Strengthen your faith to resist worldly temptation

Empowering Families  
By Dr. Donald Smith

The two men embraced as the younger stepped out of the car. "It's good to have you home son. We've missed you."

"Thanks dad, I've missed you too. Help me with my stuff and then let's talk."

They shared a coke in the shade of the old live oak. A black and white dog snuggled up to the young man. "You know dad, last year I told you that State College was a pretty godless place. I was still strong in my faith and thought I could see it through. This year it's really tough. The guys in the dorm make fun when I go to church. The professors want to argue with me about my faith. They all seem to think that God is just a crutch for the weak. They sometimes put me down implying that I'm not very intelligent. There's a lot of pressure from my friends to do things I consider wrong. My roommate had his girlfriend in for the night when I went out of town to games and such. I don't know

if I want to go back next fall."

Well son, you've got all summer to think about it and strengthen your faith. You and I will spend time praying together about this. I know how hard it is. It's that way in the world of work too. You're beginning to get a taste of what the secular world is about. All around are people who are full of knowledge yet who never discern the Author of knowledge. They admire great beauty such as mountains and trees, lakes and rivers, the great oceans, and all the creatures that inhabit them. Your professors study these things in the smallest detail yet fail to discern the Artisan who gave them their design. A very wise man said long ago, "For if they so far succeeded in knowledge that they could speculate about the world, how did they not more quickly find its Lord?" (Wisdom 13:9).

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

## Ford educates Rotarians about being Justice of the Peace

By Frances McMaster  
Contributing Writer

Rotarians attended their regular weekly luncheon meeting Thursday, July 5, to hear Judge John Ford, Kinney County Justice of the Peace. Mr. Tino Guzman, Rotary program chairman for July, introduced Judge Ford and reminded the group that Ford had been a Rotarian and president of the club a few years back.

Judge Ford was originally from Delaware. He served in the Air Force and when he got out of the service, went to school to become a draftsman and ended up in sales and marketing. He is also a master sign painter. Ford was appointed to take Judge Alvin Hall's place when the former Judge retired. The election was held in April of 1998, and Ford won after a run-off with J.E. Mills. Judge Hall stepped down after the election, and Ford was appointed to take his place. Ford took over ahead of the January 1999 date when he was scheduled to do so. He has held the office for 3 years.

Judge Ford said that he "loved his job and found it very fulfilling." However, it was not at all what he thought it would be. He had thought of it as not being very demanding. He could imagine an old fellow sitting on a porch with his feet propped up and waiting for someone to come along who

wanted to get married. This was far from accurate.

Special training is given to Justices of the Peace, and because of being appointed, Ford had to wait to attend until the next scheduled session. He mentioned that the Chief Justice of Criminal Appeals spoke at the training sessions and said that they would notice that their election meant that their first name had been changed. They would be known in perception of the judiciary system in people's minds.

All over the United States, people who encounter the justice system experience Justices of the Peace as the first person they deal with in the system. The impression made by these Justices forms a lasting opinion of the justice system in general. No matter if this person were to stay in the lower court or progress up to the Supreme Court, that first impression would likely remain the basis of their opinion about the judiciary system.

These officials are given good training and their decorum and the quality of their work is watched closely. If they step "out of line" and do anything that does not maintain the "dignity of the office," they are called to account, and this is considered a serious offense. They can be removed from office for this as well as for making mistakes in their rulings.

"What do you think are the duties of the Justice of the

Peace?" Ford asked. Scattered answers were offered from "performing marriages" to "issuing certificates of death."

He rifled through the table of contents for two procedural books covering the training course. One book covered criminal court actions and one covered civil. Numerous pages with topics indexed in each book made it obvious that extensive training is involved. Ford proceeded to read off duties and responsibilities covered in the course, mentioning stay of execution, right to garnish, deed restrictions, right to ownership of personal property.

Deferred disposition allows time for people given traffic violations to take a defensive driving course and their violation can therefore be kept off their record. Deferred disposition can also be used in cases of family violence in order to give 48 hours for someone to "reach a safe haven." The Judge also can lower or raise a charge. He sets bond on a person who has been arrested. The list went on and

on. The Judge also acts as magistrate. He must read all the papers involved in a case and determine whether or not the matter is appropriate to be heard.

Last year the legislature moved some matters previously dealt with by the District Court to the Justice of the Peace Court. For instance, where the Justice of the Peace Court has handled juvenile matters such as truancy, now juvenile delinquency matters have been added. Previously, the training course required 40 hours to complete; now it has doubled to 80. The courses are given in a number of cities around the state on the same day, and attendance is mandatory.

Judge Ford has an able staff of 3 people. The Chief Deputy Clerk is Ailene Reid. She worked for Judge Hall, and her help has been invaluable to both men. He expressed gratitude to his staff and, again, spoke of how much he enjoyed the work he was doing.

## Ray Price and the Cherokee Cowboys in concert in Uvalde

The Uvalde Arts Council's fund-raiser, Ray Price and the Cherokee Cowboys, will take place on July 28, 2001. Tickets are now on sale at \$25.00 each. There will be two performances just as it was scheduled for the original concert. Performances are scheduled for 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Ray's CDs and other memorabilia will be sold during and after each performance, and

he will sign autographs immediately following the second show.

The concert had been postponed and then cancelled due to Ray undergoing surgery.

Ray has been playing in Texas, Arkansas and Kentucky in the last four weeks and is now ready to come to the Janey Slaughter Briscoe Grand Opera House for a long awaited performance.

The Uvalde Arts Council would like to thank Uvalde and surrounding towns for being so gracious and supportive while they worked on making sure that Ray Price was well enough to come to Uvalde.

### A Word Of Thanks

We take this opportunity to express our appreciation to the Kinney County July 4th Committee for their hard work in coordinating the festivities for that day (July 4th). From the parade that morning through the fireworks that night, the day was a big success! Rendezvous Park was a great place for the community to join together and celebrate the holiday - thank you to the committee for insuring that the area was left clean. A big "thank you" is also extended to the Volunteer Fire Department for their assistance during the fireworks display at Fort Clark Springs on the evening of July 4th. We all enjoyed the fireworks and appreciated the fact that the BVFD was on hand with one of their trucks.

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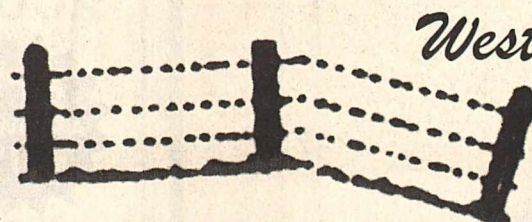
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## Resignations accepted, salary schedule set

Making A Difference  
By Taylor Stephenson

It's full speed ahead at BISD as we approach the beginning of the 2001-02 school year. The first day of classes for students is Wednesday, August 15. The resignations of Jimmy and Kaylia Thomas and Walt Brock came unexpectedly. Jimmy will be head football coach and athletic director at Pettus. Kaylia will teach in the Pettus school district. Brock will move closer to his family and friends at Hays ISD. Mrs. Kelley Meyer will take Mrs. Thomas' position at Brackett High School. We have hired one coach/teacher replacement. At the present time, we have 3 vacancies.

Susan Esparza has spent the past month getting handbooks revised for the board and school administration. The board has scheduled a short meeting this Thursday night to give the revisions a final review.

Salary schedules for BISD employees were approved by the school board last Monday night. The Board approved a schedule that will pay certified teachers \$1100 above the state

base in Texas. The Board also added a step to the salary schedule for those teachers with 22+ years of experience. The state legislature did not include a pay raise for teachers this year. Support staff will receive a raise of about 4%. Work on the budget has begun for the next school year. Dixie Brown is helping prepare financial data for review by the board and administration.

John Paul Schuster spends most of his time working with Marla Madrid on next year's high school schedule. They're progressing, but have the usual problems and difficulties that slow down this vital part of the work.

The actions of vandals to the school carpet in the junior high was despicable. A person or persons turned on water and let it run on the new carpet through the closed doorway. We're not happy with this action and hope that law enforcement gathers up the vandals soon. This type of brainless action slows the progress of this fine school district. We will file charges against those who are found to have vandalized the school. The good

news is that the carpet appears to be safe and was dried out fast by the fast action of Richard Terrazas and John Paul Schuster. Susan Esparza helped focus the support staff on action that needed to be taken quickly on this problem.

We'll sell the lumber from the bleachers in lots of 21 (3 stacks of 7). We'll do it in the next couple of weeks, and it will be by advertised bid. The lots will be identified as lot #1, #2, etc. There are about 392 pieces of 2"x12"x16 feet. Check it out and watch for the details of the sealed bid.

Colors for auditorium curtains, seats, carpet and drapes were approved by the board Monday night after Sara Terrazas chaired a committee to make recommendations to the board. I think you'll like it.

There are several new homes being built in Brackettville. I hope for continued growth of Kinney County. Our trip to New Mexico and the Texas Panhandle was lots of fun. As school gets closer, take time to get away for a day or so. Have a great week!



Pictured are participants in the Brackett Tigerette Volleyball Camp. From left to right - front row, Carly Young, Valerie Davis, Summer Allen, Anolda Watkins, Elva Garcia; second row - Erica Garcia, Samantha Mossman, Chaito Sanchez, Ashley Stephenson, Hayley Harris, Daphne Hunt, Kristin Meyer, Bonnie Brotherton; third row - Lindsey Brotherton, Cassie Mata, Lola Cano, Bailee Allen, Kara Yeager, Laura Meyer, Nadine Terrazas, Cathy Herman, Vicki Resendez, Brandy Brotherton; fourth row - Coach Brotherton, Leslie Meyer, Whitney Hobbs, Divina Pena, Cassandra Gomez, Emily Valenzuela, Brandy Smith, Courtney Frerich, Johnna Wardlaw, Kailani Glass, Juliann Ashabranner, Timmeke Simmons and Tiffiny Blore. Those who attended, but are not pictured are Dana Bonner, Jessica Crane, Stephanie Bonner and Nadia Santellano.

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Agencies, which runs the program.

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cal food banks, pantries, emergency feeding sites, and community - and faith -based organizations, which distribute the meat to families in need.

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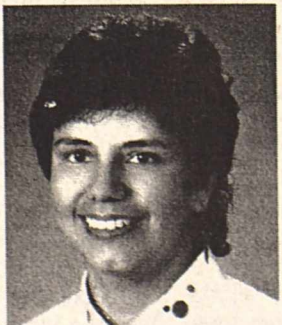
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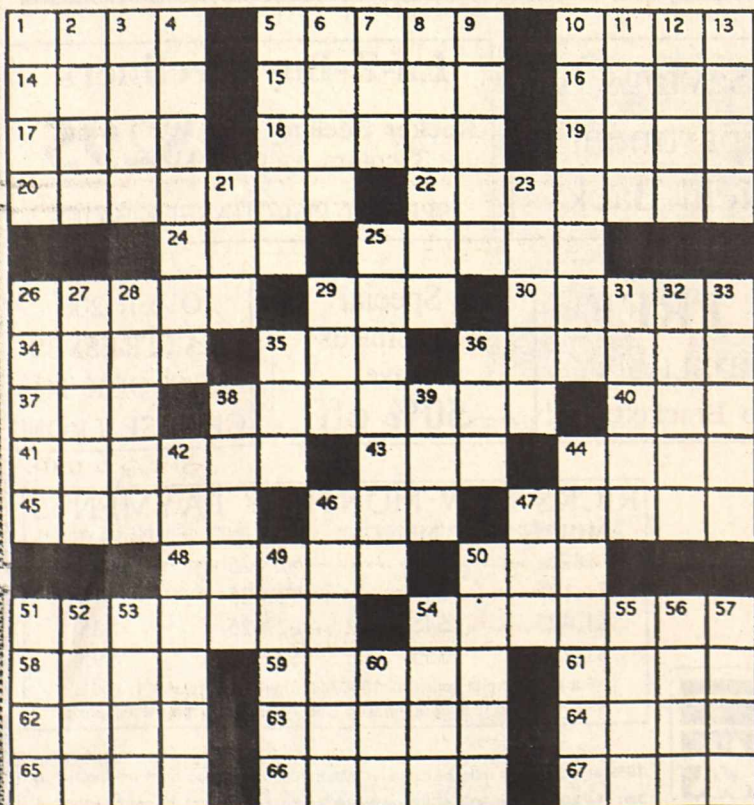
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 Trivia Time Answers (c) 2001 DBR Media, Inc.  
 1. A.P.D.; 2. 12; 3. Brown; 4. "Star Wars"; 5. Saturn, Uranus, Neptune; 6. London; 7. Notre Dame; 8. Enrico Caruso; 9. Charles de Gaulle; 10. Norman Rockwell's

**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—forward, backward, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?

Today's Category: MONEY — FOREIGN & DOMESTIC

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**Trivia Time** by Walter Branch

1. What degree was Woodrow Wilson, the first dyslexic politician, to earn?
2. How many days was John Wilkes Booth able to elude capture?
3. What color shoes did U.S. Army soldiers wear until September 1, 1956?
4. What George Lucas film was turned down by Universal and United artists before Fox made a huge success with it?
5. What three planets' first letters spell the word, sun?
6. What European city lost 4,000 people to a "killer fog" of carbon dioxide in 1952?
7. According to the novel, in what cathedral was Quasimodo the bell ringer for?
8. When asked what he thought of Babe Ruth, what tenor said he didn't know because he'd never heard her sing?
9. Who led the Allied armies into Paris on August 25, 1944?
10. Whose 324 Saturday Evening Post covers are on display in a Philadelphia museum?

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

July 12.....Gerald Ivey	July 16.....Carmen Berlanga
July 13.....Claude Roberts	July 16.....Hugh Coates
July 13.....Henry Smith	July 16.....Carmen Hernandez
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July 13.....Bea Workman	July 17.....Mike Bowlin
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July 14.....Lou Sofaly	July 17.....Maria Elena Pena
July 15.....Nancy Frerich	July 17.....Davina Rios
July 15.....Woodie Hornburg	July 18.....Rosalie Boysen
July 15.....Brent Smith	July 18.....Antonio Pena
July 18.....Louise Reese	

**HOROSCOPES**

by Charles Cooper

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You're unsure of how a loved one is feeling about you. Now is not the time to press for answers. By week's end, you're back on an even footing.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) This is a good week to explore that possible career change. However, keep this to yourself for now. Those around you may not be as understanding as you'd like.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Try to avoid taking advantage of someone who's always there for you. Sometimes, this person needs some reassurance from you. Be sure you're able to pick up on those signals.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) It's fine to want to help people. However, don't push the point. You could go too far and become a nuisance of a meddler.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) This isn't the week to pursue purchasing that luxury item you've had your eye on. Instead, go over your finances carefully. Once you have, you'll know when the time is right.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A child needs to learn that not everything can go his way all the time. Exercise that tough love. Over the weekend, peace and harmony are restored.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) You're right to be upset at your mate's deception. However, avoid being confrontational. A gentle, measured approach is what will solve the problem.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You have a tendency this week to drift off in daydreams. This doesn't sit well with co-workers. Make a monumental effort to concentrate on what's at hand.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) It's a good week to sit back and let others take the lead. You don't always have to set the tone. Remember, you're surrounded by capable co-workers.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) A happy financial surprise comes your way this week. However, be sure you use this wisely. Perhaps paying off a debt is better than reckless spending.

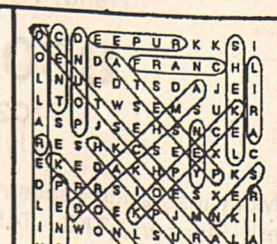
**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You're unhappy when a loved one disagrees with your opinion. Take an easy-going approach. You can't always see eye-to-eye.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Try to avoid bringing your work problems home. If you must discuss them, be open to what loved ones have to say. You just could learn something.

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**Roaring Twenties Solution:**

1. Cent	11. Pence
2. Deutsche mark	12. Peseta
3. Dinar	13. Peso
4. Dollar	14. Pound
5. Drachma	15. Rial
6. Franc	16. Rupee
7. Gulder	17. Rupiah
8. Kopeck	18. Sen
9. Kroner	19. Shekel
10. Lira	20. Yen





# The best job with benefits Are you truly willing to follow after Jesus?

Gateway Ministries  
Pastor Charolette Corey

I found the best job in town. The job description is to be a child of God. The benefits are as follows...

As a child of God you have the right to choose to revere him and love him above all others. You have the right to follow his word and place it above all other word. You have the right to seek first his kingdom, love your neighbor be an ambassador of peace, honor all men, love the brotherhood, honor those God has placed over you, stand against the evil one, take every thought captive, tear down strongholds of the mind which have been built up against your God, produce good fruit, prosper, be in health, and share all these things with others. (Matt 5:9, 6:33, 7:17, 22:37-38, Luke 10: 27, 11:4, Romans 15:14, II Cor. 10:4-5, 3 John 1:2, 2 Cor 5:20, 1 Peter 2:17).

Since the word of God gives

you these freedoms, nothing else can stand against it. No weapon formed against you shall prosper. (Isaiah 54:7). You can say "In God I have put my trust. The Lord is my Helper. The Lord is on my side; I will not fear what man can do unto me. (Psalms 56:11, 118:6, Heb 13:6). "When I cry unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know for God is for me." (Psalms 56:9)

You have the right to use the name of Jesus "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, the glory of God the Father." (Phil. 2:10-11)

Why do you have this right? Because He "hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus" (Eph 2:6) "Through Him we both have access by one Spirit unto the

Father." (Eph 2:18)

You are strengthened in your inner man by the might of His Spirit, because Christ dwells in your heart by faith, and being rooted and grounded in his love, are able to comprehend what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height of his love, and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge and be filled with the fullness of God. (Eph. 3:14-19) Last but not least, "to have eternal life." John 3:16.

You have these rights because you have accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior. If you haven't yet, don't you think the benefits outweigh the doubts. "Apply Within" (your heart). Repent of your sins and ask Jesus into your heart as Lord and Savior. The boss is full of unconditional love, mercy, and grace...and the benefits are heavenly!

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

Frontier Baptist Church  
By Pastor Dave Crowe

What if? What if the New Testament was yet to be written because our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, had only been born 30 years ago and was just now ready to begin his ministry.

You are out front of the "Stop and Shop" pumping gas into your car, the first time you see Jesus walking up the highway. With him are six other people, Simon Peter, his brother Andrew, John and his brother James, Philip and his close friend Nathaniel.

From some distance, it is obvious that they are homeless vagabonds, wanderers without any means of transportation, other than walking. They are in need of a place to stay for a few days, with hot meals, a place to sleep, a place to bathe and maybe even wash their clothes.

Jesus walks right up to you and says, "Follow me." Would you say yes as Matthew did? Would you take them all to your house and give a party in their honor? Would you invite all your friends? Would you defend them to your family, friends and neighbors?

A few days later, could you/would you leave all the comforts of your home and forsake everything that you possess (ex-

cept the clothes on your back) and follow him on down the road?

Follow him, no matter where the road leads? Follow him, no matter what happens, and never look back or return home. Follow him even to the death? Or would you be like the rich young ruler, who once asked Jesus, "Good teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?"

Jesus told him, "Sell all that you have and give the money to the poor and come, take up the cross and follow me."

He could not, because he felt that the price was much too high. Could you? Will you?

"What good is it for a man to gain the whole world yet forfeit his soul?"

Jesus also told his disciples, "It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Also, "With men this is impossible but with God all things are possible."

The great news is that the New Testament has been written and is available to everyone to read. It tells the wonderful story of Jesus' birth, life ministry, death and resurrection. Over 2,000 years ago, Jesus bought and paid the price of our passage (with his blood) from this life, here on earth, to be with

him eternally in glory, in heaven.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in Him, shall not perish but have eternal life."

There's a real rock that you can grab onto and hold. Here is a promise to you from Jesus, himself. "And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or husband or children or lands, for my name sake shall receive a hundredfold and shall inherit eternal life."

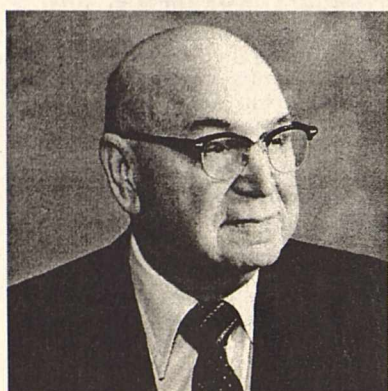
Jesus also tells us, "For I have come to set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me. And he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. He who finds his life will lose it and he who loses his life for my sake will find it."

"Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my father in heaven."

When Jesus says, "Follow me." Say, "Yes."

## Obituaries...

### Sterling C. Evans



Sterling C. Evans, age 101, passed away July 5, 2001 in Del Rio, Texas. Sterling was born August 5, 1899, to the late John Henry and Emily Evaline Crutchfield Evans in Medina County (Black Creek settlement), Texas. In addition to his parents he is also preceded in death by his wife Catherine Thomas Evans, a sister, Ollie Orline Evans, brothers, James William and John Temple Evans. He is survived by nieces, Louise Evans Gettys of Columbia, S.C., Jane Evans Mullins of Castroville, TX, & Mrs. James William Evans, Jr. of Morino Valley, CA.

Sterling co-founded the Friends of the Sterling C. Evans Library at Texas A & M University and served as its first president. Sterling was a 50 year member of the board of directors for American General Insurance Co. and board of director for the Del Rio National Bank. Sterling and Gus Wortham were premier breeders of Santa Gertrudis cattle.

He was also a member of the Board of Regents (formerly Board of Directors) at Texas A & M University. Mr. Evans played a key role in making military training optional and admitting women, two decisions which spurred the growth and enhanced the reputation of the University. Sterling graduated in 1921 with a degree in Animal Husbandry. For many years Sterling was the "most senior" Aggie. He was a banker and rancher with a career that spans more than seventy-five years.

He often judged livestock show lambs throughout West Texas when his first job was as the District Extension agent in the Plainview area. He was the agent for twelve years and covered over thirty-three counties. In 1934, Mr. Evans was chosen to be the first President of the Bank for Cooperatives (formed by an Act of Congress in 1933 for farm credit). In December of 1940, he became President of the Federal Land Bank and his major role in farm and ranch finance in Texas really bloomed. During the twenty years until he retired in 1960, the FLB of Texas became the model for farm and ranch long-term financing throughout our nation. This financing has touched all agriculture.

Following the sixties, Mr. Evans was very active in personal business which included ranching interest in Central New Mexico, Louisiana, and Texas. He owned the U-Bar Ranch in Bexar and Medina Counties. Three years after Mrs. Evans death in 1981, Sterling sold the ranch, moved into Castroville, where he lived and maintained his office for ten years. During the 1990s, he purchased and operated a substantial spread, raising fine sheep, goats, and cattle in Kinney County northeast of Brackettville, Texas. Pallbearers will be John H. Lindsey, Douglas W. Davis, John Stewart, Coach R. C. Sloclum, Dr. Eddie Joe Davis, Frank H. Cheaney, David Winters, and Dr. Fred M. Heath. Honorary Pallbearers are Dr. Ray M. Bowen, William N. Stokes, Harold S. Hook, John J. Wasson, and W. J. McChesney.

Visitation was Monday, July 9, 2001, from 8:30 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. at the Tondre-Guinn Funeral Home in Castroville, TX. Funeral service was Tuesday, July 10, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. at The First Baptist Church in Castroville, TX. Following was the interment at the Castroville Community Cemetery.

### Arthur Norris

Arthur Ardell Norris, age 80, died at his home in Brackettville, Texas on Monday, July 2, 2001. He was born July 17, 1920, in Ford City, PA and grew up in Philadelphia. He enlisted in the Army in 1941 and served overseas on Ascension Island during World War II. After the war he enlisted in the US Air Force and was honorably discharged in 1959. He then served in the Air Force Reserve until 1963.

During the 1960's and 70's Art worked for Martin Marietta Corporation (now Lockheed Martin). His work in the aerospace industry took his family all over the United States and into the Pacific at Kwajalein, in the Marshall Islands. After early retirement from Martin Marietta, he worked in Iran for Lockheed Aircraft until the fall of the Shah of Iran. In 1980, he and his former companion, Margaret Mendiaz, moved to Fort Clark Springs at Brackettville, Texas. A talented actor, writer, dancer, and gregarious host, he and Margaret were active in the Fort Clark community for many years.

He is survived by his former wife, Marjorie Norris, daughter, Leslie Norris and granddaughter, Heather Rich, of Menomonie, WI; daughter, Lynne (Scott) Myers of Gobles, MI; former wife, Virginia and daughter Susan of Pennsylvania; former wife, Rose, of Philadelphia; brother, Robert (Irene) Norris of Mt. Pleasant, IA and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wade and Pearl Norris; brother, John (Peggy) Norris; sister, Marie (Nick) Spross; and son, Wayne Norris.

Visitation was on Friday, July 6, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Del Rio Funeral Home, 200 East Garfield, Del Rio. A memorial service will be held in Menomonie, WI later this month. Arthur's ashes will be interred at Fort Snelling National Cemetery, St Paul, MN.

## Smart sun safety in the great outdoors

Ahh, the great outdoors...the smell of fresh flowers, the sounds of birds singing and the lawnmowers humming and the vibrant colors of the season. This environment is so inviting, but without your tightly knit clothing, SPF 15 sunscreen and wide brimmed hat, the outdoors can be hazardous to your health.

A recent study by Dr. Rigel found the use of a broad-spectrum sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of 15 or higher is essential when outdoors, whether at the beach or in the mountains. Reapplying sunscreen every 2 hours is the most important factor in determining the effectiveness of sunscreen.

"Sunscreen is the best de-

fense from damaging sunburn, which could ultimately lead to increased melanoma risk later in life," says Dr. Rigel.

Previous studies have confirmed that sun exposure is responsible for the development of at least two-thirds of all melanomas, the deadliest form of skin cancer. Intermittent sun exposure, which is often recreational and frequently occurs daily for prolonged periods of time, is also closely linked to melanoma.

The study reinforced the AAD's recommendations for effective sunscreen use:

- Wear a broad-spectrum sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15.
- Use sunscreen every day

if you are going to be in the sun for more than 20 minutes.

- Apply sunscreen to dry skin 15 to 30 minutes before going outdoors.

• When applying sunscreen, pay particular attention to the face, ears, hands and arms, and generously coat the skin that is not covered by clothing.

• Reapply sunscreens every two hours or immediately after swimming or strenuous activity.

Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States, with more than 1 million new cases diagnosed every year. It is estimated that 51,400 people in the United States will be diagnosed with melanoma in 2001, a 9 percent increase from 2000.

## The Holy Spirit gives us grace

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 the Spirit—the beginning of the 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 he means in our daily lives.

The streets of Jerusalem onto which those 120 newly-minted evangelists erupted, were even more packed than usual. From all over the known world, pilgrims had thronged to the holy city for the ancient feast of Pentecost. Observed fifty days after Passover (pente means "fifty" in Greek), this was the day when Jews celebrated the giving of the Law on Mt. Sinai.

What a momentous event that had been! The most significant in their long history: the point

at which a frightened group of runaway slaves had become a nation. And so the faithful had come, on this day of Pentecost twelve hundred years later—from Egypt, from Persia, from Rome—filling the narrow streets with their varied costumes. It was the Law that drew these diverse races and cultures to Jerusalem that day. The Law that gave them their common identity and their strength.

But now, here in Jerusalem on this particular Pentecost, an even greater event had occurred. The giving, not of the Law, but of the Spirit. The forging, not of a nation, but of a Church that would include all nations. The transforming of a timid group of followers into the leaders of a world revolution.

The Law had laid down a set of rules that showed people how to live. "In other words, the Law was our monitor," St. Paul

would put it, "until Christ came to bring about our justification through faith" (Gal. 3:24).

Now, with the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost, those rules were henceforth to be inscribed not on tablets of stone, but on the human heart. The Spirit was to achieve what the Law could never in fact accomplish: implant Jesus' own mind and will in you and in me.

"Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do" [Edwin Hatch, 1866].

Holy Spirit, what will you have me do today?

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

## Trust in Lord and do good

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

They who trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth forever. As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even forever.

For the rod of the wicked

shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous, lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity.

Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts.

As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, the Lord shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity; but peace shall be upon Israel. Psalms 125

## Repentance

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Repentance is the way provided for us to become free from our sins and to receive forgiveness for them. When we sin, we knowingly act against the will of God, making our souls "dirty." No unclean thing can dwell with God. Through the Atonement, Christ's suffering in Gethsemane and on the cross, we can become clean. We repent when we feel sincere sorrow for our sins, confess, stop doing them, and keep the commandments.

Repentance sometimes requires great courage; much strength; many tears; unceasing prayers; and untiring efforts to live the commandments of the Lord so that our happiness and joy can be sweet and exquisite.

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS** of proposed Texas highway improvement contracts. Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read. Construction/Maintenance contract(s), District: Laredo Contract 0922-21-003 for New Park Roads, Parking Areas and Campsites in Kinney County will be opened on August 8, 2001, at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office. All prospective bidders are encouraged to attend the pre-bid conference for Contract 0922-21-003 to be held on July 19, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. at the Kickapoo Cavern State Park Lodge. Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 3967, State Office, Construction Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, Texas, 78704, Phone: 512-416-2540. District Office(s) Laredo District, District Engineer, 1817 Bob Bullock Loop, Laredo, Texas, 78043, Phone: 956-712-7400. Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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**Public Notice**  
**Kinney County**

**Texas Community Development Program Contract No. 718097**

The County of Kinney has completed the Kinney County Road Reconstruction and Low Water Crossing Project, of which \$154,388.00 was funded by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Texas Community Development Program Contract No. 718097. Kinney County utilized these contract funds to meet the twenty five percent (25%) match required by FEMA. The funds were utilized to reconstruct county roads and water crossings damaged by the August 22 and August 23, 1998 flooding. Kinney County applied approximately thirty-four thousand (34,000) tons of crushed aggregate limestone base material to reconstruct approximately one hundred nine thousand four hundred forty linear feet (109,440) of county roads. In addition, Kinney County constructed one permanent low water crossing on the Nueces River.

Construction took place, as defined by FEMA, at the following locations:

County Road	FEMA No.	Location
Standart Road	77	between U.S. 90 and RR 693
Chapman	78	along the west Nueces River
KC Ranch Estates	79	west of Brackettville
Anacacho Road	80	south east of Kinney County
Schubach Road	81	East of Brackettville N. of U.S. 90
Tularosa Road	82	north end of FM 3199 to end
Standart Road	83	between RR 693 and State 131

A final public hearing to review and receive comments on the program performance including the actual use of funds will be held at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 17, 2001, at the Kinney County Courthouse.


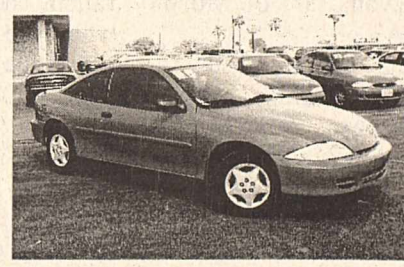

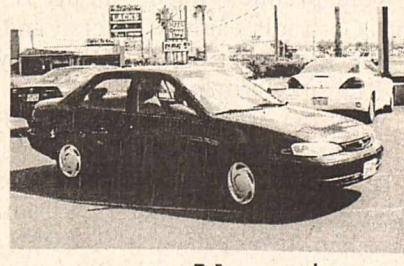




All citizens and interested groups are invited to attend and comment on this matter. Those persons unable to attend the public hearing may submit their views to the Honorable Herb Senne, Kinney County Judge, Kinney County Courthouse from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or mail them to:

Honorable Herb Senne, Kinney County Judge  
P.O. Box 348  
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