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Woman falls from bridge County continues to explore feasibility of detention center

A Del Rio woman fell to her death last Thursday from the Sycamore Creek Bridge on highway 277. She was seen walking the bridge alone by a passerby at approximately 10:30 a.m. At 10:48 a.m. Kinney County Sheriffs office received a 911 call from a motorist reporting the accident. Department of Public Safety Troopers, Val Verde EMS and sheriffs office were dispatched to the scene. Val Verde Sheriffs office deputies, who were first at the scene, said the woman was dead when they arrived.

The 50 year old hispanic woman was found just before noon by her husband, who had been searching for her. The coroner will rule on the cause of death after the completion of an autopsy ordered by Justice of the Peace Felix Barrera. Although investigators will not speculate as to the cause of death they have found no evidence of foul play. **Editor's Note: The name of the deceased has not been published at the request of the family.**

By Wes Robinson
Contributing Writer

Kinney County Commissioners once again took no action on a proposed detention center at last Friday's special meeting. Commissioners were mainly concerned with having time to look over the 5th revision of estimates concerning the feasibility of the facility. Another concern was any conflicts that might arise if CiviGenics received funding for a 500-bed facility.

Representatives of Delgado Durrant told commissioners at Friday's meeting they no longer felt a 96-bed facility would be feasible. "I am going to focus on the 144 since that is what we have looked at. When we get to the 96 you'll see that's really not viable," said Flint Britton, of Delgado Durrant. Under the current revision, total cost with a 5% contingency is \$5.5 million. Construction costs are estimated at \$4.8 million. Professional fees, which include the site survey, soil and environmental surveys, architecture, engineering, etcetera are estimated at \$485,250. Currently, there are \$151,149 in anticipated contingencies that include a sprinkler system, booster pumps, two cargo vans with cells, and office equipment.

The current annual budget estimate is \$1.8 million. It includes \$738,000 in salaries and benefits for 36 positions. Cost of beds per day at \$12 totaling \$631,000. Cost of lease-purchase, which has been extended to 30 years, at \$412,000. The projected revenue totals \$2.1 million. It is based on an average of 130 beds being full per day at \$44 per day. For the facility to pay for itself it would have to have an average of 111 federal prisoners per day. Delgado Durrant's representative had hoped for the go ahead from commissioners to begin seeking funding for the project. CiviGenics, a Massachusetts-based company, originally proposed a detention center in May of 1998. Construction was halted in late 1999 when the company ran into problems funding the project.

Briefs ...

Cavalry Brigade

Galloping forward on "clean-up" projects, the FCS's Community Council's "Cavalry Brigade" will implement their scheduled monthly activity on August 4th. The mustering area for assignments is on the steps of Shafter Hall at 9:00 a.m. All cheerful volunteers are welcomed. There is a job for everyone, regardless of physical limitations. Besides contributing to the preservation of the beauty of FCS, the volunteers are rewarded with refreshments and a free meal from 11:30-12:30. What a great way to start the first Saturday in August! We have joy, we have fun and the blessings of tie binding fellowship!

Hagler on Dean's List

Local resident Katy Ann Hagler, was named to the Dean's List at Texas Tech University for Spring 2001. Hagler's major is Family Financial Planning. More than 3,900 Texas Tech University students qualified for academic honors lists at the end of the spring semester. Students who carried 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 qualified for the Dean's List.

Course completed

The Kinney County Appraisal District is proud to announce the successful completion, by employees Gene Slate and Elizabeth Luna, of Texas Association of Assessing Officer's Course 6 - Ad Valorem Office Administration, recently conducted in Austin. The course included 24 hours of classroom instruction and a final examination. Gene and Liz are the first employees of the Appraisal District, in their positions, to be registered with the Texas Board of Tax Professional Examiners as Tax Collectors. Both are working toward their RTC (Registered Texas Collector) certification.

Weekly statistics

Del Rio, Texas - The following is a report of the apprehensions by Border Patrol agents assigned to the Del Rio Sector for the period July 23-29, 2001. Abilene...38, Brackettville...195, Carrizo Springs...288, Comstock...20, Del Rio...173, Eagle Pass...584, Llano...6, Rocksprings...13, San Angelo...114, Uvalde...42, Sector Total...1,473, Other Than Mexicans...52.

Brackettville welcomes exchange student

This 2001-2002 school year the Brackettville Rotary Club will participate for the first time



Matthias Katzfuss

in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program by sponsoring inbound student, 16-year-old Matthias Katzfuss from Winterhausen, Germany. Matthias will be the first international exchange student to attend Brackett High School. Matthias will be arriving from Germany in less than two weeks. The Rotary Club has many pre-arrival preparations to accomplish. The most critical is the recruiting, screening, and selecting of qualified, responsible and willing host families. Rotary Youth Exchange Program guidance recommends three host families during the school year. As our Superintendent (and Rotarian) Taylor Stephenson so appropriately

states, this is our opportunity to make a difference in the life of a young man and allow him to experience life in an American community that cares. Hosting a Youth Exchange student from another country is a challenge and an opportunity. Involvement with an exchange student challenges a host family to become familiar with another culture, while providing the opportunity to share a young student's hopes and ambitions. These challenges and opportunities promise to enrich the lives of every host family member. The primary qualification to be a host family is simple. A willingness to accept a young person from a different culture into your home and make them feel a part of your family. During Matthias's stay with us the Rotary Club will work with the school, provide him with a monthly allowance, have frequent counselor contact, and facilitate moves to new host families.

For his part, Matthias will have a role as ambassador for his village, his country, and his sponsoring Rotary Club. Throughout his stay with us, Matthias will also participate in Rotary District Youth Exchange Program activities. If you would like to be a host family, please contact Bill Haenn (563-2323 or 2010) or Taylor Stephenson (563-2491) for an application. This is an exciting opportunity for our fine school and community.

Border safety initiative activities

Border Patrol Agents of the Del Rio Sector recovered the bodies of three individuals and rescued eight others during the week. July 23, agents from the Carrizo Springs Station located the body of a 22-year-old Mexican male on a Dimmit County ranch about 40 miles southwest of Carrizo Springs. On July 24, agents from the Del Rio Station located the body of a 15-year-old Mexican male south of Del Rio. The same day, agents from the Brackettville Station located the body of a 24-year-old Mexican male approximately 10 miles south of Spofford. July 23, agents from the Carrizo Springs Station located

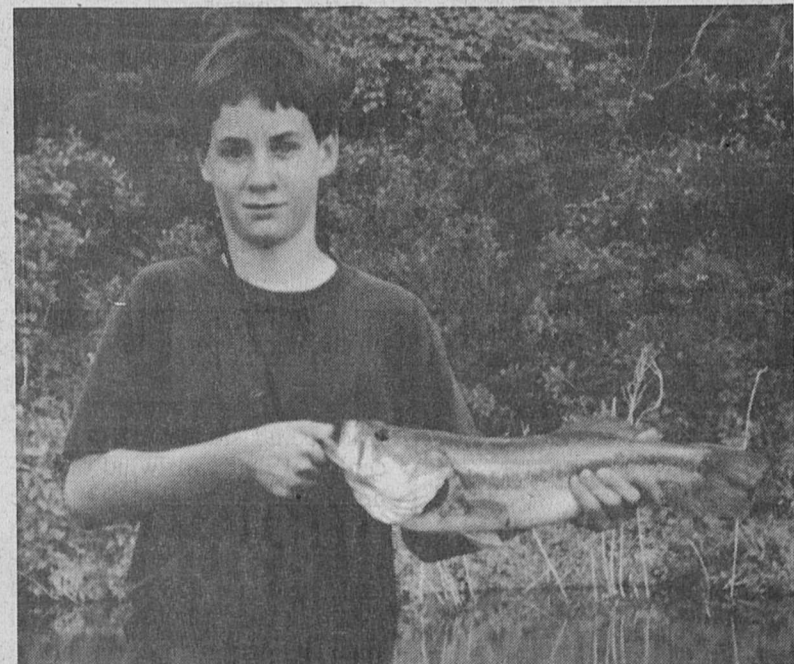
a 37-year-old male suffering from severe dehydration approximately one-quarter mile from the Border Patrol checkpoint on Highway 277. July 27, agents from the Del Rio Station assisted officials from Mexico in rescuing an adult male and an infant from the Rio Grande River near the Del Rio Port of Entry. They had become caught in swift moving waters and were unable to move. On July 29, agents from the Eagle Pass Station located five individuals on the side of Highway 57 approximately 11 miles north of Eagle Pass. The five were suffering from dehydration. One individual was treated for severe dehydration.

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The two fishermen



Justin Calk and Cullen Duncan can be found almost everyday out fishing on the Las Moras Creek. Justin, pictured above, caught his 7 lb.-22" prize bass back in May. Cullen, pictured below, caught his 19" bass back in April. The two avid fishermen have caught many bass and catfish in the creek.



Free courtesy patrol services available; next LEPC meeting planned

EMS Update
By Carolyn Rutherford,
EMS Director

This week's update contains some really good information I believe all citizens of Kinney County can use. Do you know that Texas has a free courtesy patrol on major freeways in major cities? These groups will actually change a flat tire, give you gas if you run out, help start your car or call a tow truck if you need it. Know what else? You pay for it with your taxes! When you travel in the areas listed below, be aware of this added service to the taxpayer! Austin (6 a.m. - 10 p.m. Monday through Friday) 512-832-7310; Dallas (4:30 a.m. - 10 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday) 214-320-4444 or 214-512-2726 beeper; Ft. Worth 24 hours a day except Friday and Saturday Midnight to 6 a.m. 817-370-6656; Houston 6 a.m. - 10 p.m. Monday through Friday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday 10 p.m. - 6 a.m. 713-225-5627; and San Antonio 24 hours a day 210-422-7782 or 210-220-7118 beeper. Thank June Kaminski for this information. Hope you never need it, but if you do, you'll be prepared.

The Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) for Kinney County met last night; however, we did not have a quorum so we exchanged information which has come in since our last meeting, May 29. So the public knows, these meetings are considered Open Meetings and the public is invited and encouraged to attend. The purpose of the LEPC is specifically directed towards handling hazardous materials incidents; at the same time, however, the Committee also plans for disasters of all kinds. Our next meeting is Monday, October 22, 2001 from 6-7 p.m. at the EMS Building on S. Ellen St. Here is some additional information to help you in an emergency - according to Texas Department of Health, "recognizing an emergency is the first step in getting assistance for an ill or injured person." The most common emergencies are car crashes, severe chest pains, obvious broken bones and serious burns. Not all emergencies are as easily detectable. You should call 9-1-1 immediately if any of these conditions are present: serious external bleeding; unconsciousness for any length of time; neck or spinal injuries; signs of heart attack (pressure or fullness in the chest, lightheadedness, fainting,

sweating or shortness of breath; unexplained weakness or paralysis; no signs of breathing, choking, broken bones or head, chest, or abdominal injuries. Using a good dose of sound judgment and common sense will help; factors such as stressful events, pre-existing medical conditions or abnormal behavior may signal that a person needs an ambulance crew or a doctor to evaluate the situation. When you call 9-1-1, stay calm or have someone else make the call. The dispatcher will ask important questions, which usually include the address or location of the emergency, your name and the telephone number where you are, the name of the injured or ill person, and specific information about the injury or the illness. Stay on the phone with the dispatcher until you are told to hang up. Send someone to wait near the street or in the parking lot to direct the ambulance to the person needing the help. Do not move the injured or ill person unless he or she is in immediate danger. Do not give the person anything to eat, drink, or smoke. Try to keep this person calm and quiet while reassuring her or him that help is on the way. It also will help if you take a Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation. **Continued on Page 3**

Bonilla's spending bill approved

Washington, D.C. - Congressman Henry Bonilla has announced that the House of Representatives has approved the Agriculture spending bill. Mr. Bonilla is Chairman of the House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee and was responsible for shepherding the bill through the legislature. "I'm proud to help make a difference for farmers and ranchers across Texas and the nation," said Chairman Bonilla. The Agriculture Appropriations Bill funds \$74.2 billion for agriculture programs, through

the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and other agencies. This amount is \$234 million more than the president's requested amount. "We all refer to this legislation as an agriculture bill, but it does far more than assist just basic agriculture. It also supports human nutrition, the environment, food, drug and medical safety. This is a bill that will deliver benefits to every one of our constituents, every day, no matter where they live or what they do," said Chairman Bonilla.

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I could be wrong
By Chuck Hall

July 30, at 8:16, in the Nix hospital, in San Antonio, I got my second grandchild. It is a girl. She weighed in at 8 lbs, 15 ozs, and was 21 inches long. Mom and baby are both doing fine. She has her father's dark hair and beautiful blue eyes. She's a doll. She's going to break more than one heart during her lifetime.

I've got to say a few words of praise to her dad. He's such a good father. He's a good man in every sense of the word. I don't mean to slight my other sons-in-law, because they're great too, but Chip was so proud

of that new girl that he couldn't hold it in. He smiled until his face hurt. I know the feeling.

Kasey and Chip have a neat little family. A boy, and now a girl. I can hardly wait for them to grow up. I want to see what they will turn into, what they will become. Whatever it is I know we'll all be proud. I hope that you won't tire of reading about two grandchildren. I'm sure you'll find them the subject of more and more of my articles. I'll try to use titles that give you clues as to the nature of my writings so you can trash the ones you don't want to read. You probably do that any way.

But I could be wrong.

Border Transportation Committee set up

(Austin) - A state advisory committee to focus on transportation challenges along the Texas-Mexico border is being created as a result of recent legislation and action by state transportation officials.

The seven-member Border Trade Advisory Committee, to be appointed by the commission at a later date, was given preliminary approval, Friday, by the Texas Transportation Commission during its regular monthly meeting, which was held in Laredo. The advisory committee will identify and make recommendations on how to address mobility needs along the border as a result of growing international trade. In determining its recommendations, the committee will consider the importance of international trade between the U.S. and

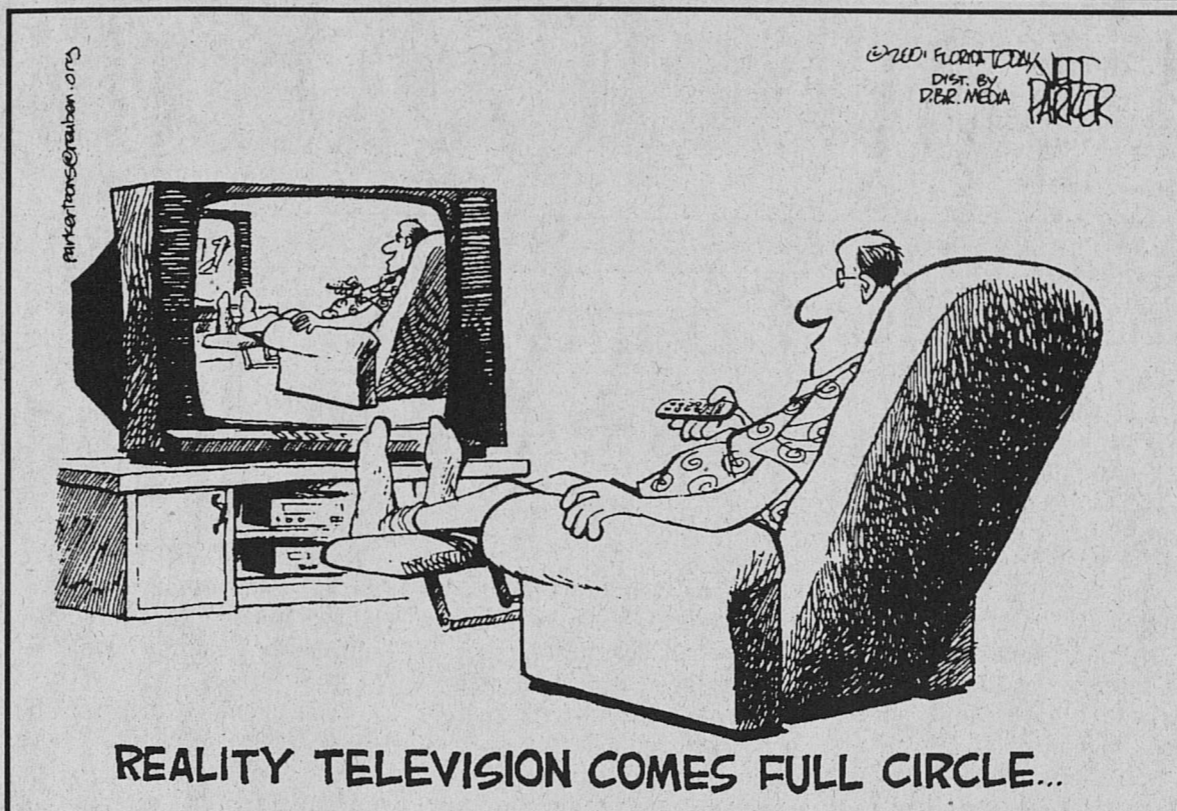
Mexico, the amount of trade activity along the Texas-Mexico border and potential funding for border infrastructure.

The committee is a result of Senate Bill 195, authored by state Sen. Eddie Lucio, Jr. of Brownsville.

"The establishment of the Border Trade Advisory Committee will provide the Border region greater representation in the Transportation Commission, providing us a better forum to address our transportation needs," said Lucio.

International trade has significant impacts on the state's infrastructure system, according to state transportation officials.

Texas' ports of entry are used by 79 percent of all US-Mexico truck traffic and approximately 16 percent of all truck travel in the state is NAFTA-related.



Being vulgar is not necessary

The Way I See It
By Steven R. LaMascus

How many people do you know (men primarily, I would suspect) who can't seem to complete a sentence without using a curse word? Most of us know at least one person who is incapable of speaking without resorting to four-letter words. How do you feel about that? Do you think that person is highly intelligent and a pleasure to speak to? Or do you think that, maybe, he/she is a boorish lout with the IQ of a corn cob? Yeah, that's what I thought you thought. You see, no matter what the actuality may be, that is the way most people feel about those among us who are truly profane and vulgar.

I don't know why it is today that so many men seem to think that it is necessary to use sentences filled with overflowing with profane expletives. It has become so common that most of us just accept it as another annoying fad and go about our business. Cursing is now so common in public places that sometimes we don't even notice it. Women, children, and anyone else within earshot are treated to a string of colorful vulgarities guaranteed to increase the vocabulary of any ten-year-old and insult the sensibilities of the more refined among us. If you are one of those who use profanity continuously here is what the rest of the citizenry thinks.

The first impression is that the speaker is uneducated, uncouth, and probably stupid. If he must resort to excessive profanity to express himself, especially in public places, he can't be very bright. He is probably not smart enough to have a decent job so he probably just drifts from job to job doing minimum wage day labor until he is fired for incompetence. He is thought of as unclean. People want to avoid him because he is also, most likely, a violent bully with a bad temper. They don't want to talk to him or ask his opinion because they don't need the opinion of a man whose IQ is matched by his boot size. Besides which, who wants to talk to someone who obviously doesn't know enough words to carry on an intelligent conversation?

He is also probably a drunk. He goes home to his rundown trailer house and sits in front of the TV in his dirty underwear and drinks cheap beer until he passes out. He claims he is not a "(bleep) alcoholic" because he has never attended a "(bleep) meeting." It doesn't matter if you are the most intelligent person on earth, have one doctorate in quantum physics and another in literary history, and are worth more than Bill Gates. It doesn't matter what your core beliefs are. It doesn't matter if you give millions to charity, and single-handedly support a small underprivileged third world

country. If you are a profane, vulgar person the above is what others think about you. How does it feel?

You may delude yourself into believing you don't care, but that is simply rationalization. You and I both know that deep down in your soul you really do care what others think.

Most of us utter an occasional curse word in the throes of anger or pain.

While I try to avoid profanity I catch myself occasionally saying something I shouldn't. I'm human (surprise, surprise) and every once in a while I get angry or excited and let my mouth override my good sense. But when I do I try to apologize and hope that the persons offended forgive me and realize that I really do know enough words to speak intelligently.

Just remember this: Profanity is not cute, funny, colorful, masculine, or anything else, except vulgar. If you continuously use profanity to express yourself, you are vulgar. If you cannot express yourself in other ways you are precisely what you appear to be. If you like being thought of that way, go ahead. But don't be surprised when someone confronts you someday and advises you that if you want to use that kind of language you can do it somewhere else and asks you to leave. And remember this - they will be right and you will, as usual, be wrong!

Truck stop: Texas at the center of the NAFTA truck debate

Capitol Comment
By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

It's no news to most Texans that the North American Free Trade Agreement, NAFTA, has been a driving force in our state's strong economy.

NAFTA is the most productive trade alliance in the world, with nearly 400 million people producing close to \$10 trillion worth of goods and services - and Texas has benefitted greatly from being situated at the very center of that whirlwind of economic activity. By 1999, the value of Texas exports to Mexico had reached \$41.1 billion, up from \$23.8 billion in 1994. In fact, 47 percent of all U.S. exports to Mexico originate in Texas. This has brought us thousands of highly skilled, well-paid positions in electronics, high technology and other industries.

However, the trade agreement's potential has yet to be realized in its entirety. Under the 1994 accord, Mexican trucks and drivers were given access to border zones in 1995. By 2000, foreign-owned trucks were to have full access to all U.S. highways, which hasn't happened because NAFTA does not and cannot require the United States to admit vehicles that don't meet American standards. Concerns over safety and other issues have postponed full implementation of NAFTA's

trucking provisions.

Texas is at the center of the ongoing NAFTA truck debate, as well. Nearly 70 percent of current truck traffic coming from Mexico into the United States enters Texas, impacting our roads and state inspection facilities to a greater extent than any other state. Texas witnessed 2.4 million crossings of Mexican trucks last year. That number stood at 510,000 the year NAFTA was passed.

One of the major stumbling blocks to full implementation is the absence of resources that would allow U.S. and Texas officials to thoroughly inspect and monitor trucks operating on our roads and highways.

To accomplish that, we need:

- * Inspection facilities with the capacity to handle the increased traffic.
 - * Adequate numbers of well-trained inspection personnel.
 - * The ability to enforce weight limitations; Mexican trucks are permitted to carry a maximum gross weight, including the truck itself, of 117,000 pounds, compared to a limit of 80,000 pounds for U.S. trucks.
 - * The ability to collect reliable information on and monitor the safety records of all trucking firms and their drivers, regardless of their country of origin.
- Right now we are able to inspect only a small percentage of

trucks that cross into U.S. commercial zones along the border. Of the ones that are inspected, a third are turned away for safety violations. Clearly, additional inspection facilities and staff are needed immediately.

Congress and the President are moving forward to make the NAFTA trucking provisions a reality. The Senate Appropriations Committee last month approved a measure I outlined that provides \$100 million for border inspection stations, inspectors and other border infrastructure improvements, the lion's share of which would go to our state. It only makes sense for these resources to be located in places where they will be most effective.

This legislation reflects Congress' commitment to full implementation of NAFTA, and to keeping American highways safe at the same time. It outlines rigorous safety oversight requirements that cannot be met unless we also provide the resources needed for quick, comprehensive monitoring of all commercial trucks and buses.

I voted for NAFTA and I support free trade. But we cannot throw open our borders completely until we have put in place the personnel and facilities necessary for conducting large-scale, routine inspections of all trucks that cross our border.

Return to sender

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

Robert Byrd is a living legend in the United States Senate. He is a Democrat from West Virginia who has been in office for 43 years. I have disagreed with him on most issues over the years, but today I salute him for a decision he's made.

Senator Byrd is refusing to accept his tax rebate check from the IRS. He has issued a statement saying, "I am not going to keep it because I have been a critic of the tax cut and am very much opposed to this tax cut." Byrd added that he believes "someone who feels as strongly as I do and has spoken out as strongly as I have" should not keep the rebate."

I salute Senator Byrd for putting his money where his mouth is and standing firm in his conviction. I strongly disagreed with Senator Byrd during the tax cut debate. I voted for the tax cut with enthusiasm. I felt strongly that the federal surplus was a result of the government overtaxing its citizens. Why would the government take more money than it needs?

Throughout the debate I told opponents they would be free to return their checks to the government. Needless to say, I didn't have many takers. That's why Senator Byrd's conviction stands out. He must believe in his heart that those rebate checks should stay in government hands. Not only is he sticking with that belief, he's also following-through on it.

Surveys showed that about 40 percent of the American people agreed with Senator Byrd during the tax cut debate. Imagine how much money the government would get to keep if every last opponent of the tax cut returned their check. Wouldn't that please all of those who felt the tax cut was wrong?

This is a great country with great disagreement among its people. Regardless of how you feel about the tax cut, I would hope that we would all stop and think about the freedoms we have to express ourselves and the opportunities that follow to prove our conviction.

For those who favored the tax cut, enjoy your rebate check for whatever suites you. For those who fought the tax cut and would like to follow Senator Byrd's lead, the place to send your check is the U.S. Treasury Department at 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20220. Senator Byrd and others opposed in the U.S. Senate will gladly spend your rebate for you.

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Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Monday, July 23
 10:49 a.m., Chief of Police Arnulfo Alonzo, responded to a one vehicle accident in town. EMS and the Fire Department were advised.
 12:10 a.m., A woman reported that her heart-shaped pendant with a sapphire was lost. There is a reward for the return.
 7:14 p.m., A woman reported a suspicious box in her storage room. Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter responded.
 11:05 p.m., Deputy Karl Chism responded to a dog that had been run over. A city employee was advised.

Tuesday, July 24
 4:05 a.m., A Border Patrol Agent reported a dead illegal alien on Hwy 131 and FM 1572. The Justice of the Peace and Deputy Chism were advised.
 7:26 a.m., DPS Trooper Richard Slubar responded to a minor accident in town, a horse trailer had hit a telephone pole.
 2:30 p.m., A loose horse was reported. A city employee was advised.
 6:31 p.m., Del Rio DPS reported a possibly intoxicated motorist that was heading towards town. DPS Trooper Tom Wylie was informed.

Thursday, July 26
 10:30 a.m., Jose Angel Morquecho, 34, from Dallas, was arrested for warrants out of Dallas and Bexar County by Trooper Slubar. Morquecho is still being held.
 10:48 a.m., A man reported

that a woman had jumped from the Sycamore Bridge on 277. Del Rio's EMS responded.

Friday, July 27
 12:42 a.m., Two miles east of Brackett, on Hwy 90 a man was reported asleep off the road. Deputy Manuel Pena Jr. responded.

Saturday, July 28
 8:35 a.m., An employee from Security Link reported the alarm in the high school was on. Sheriff Buddy Burgess was advised.
 2:37 p.m., A woman reported the signal lights on Hwy 90 intersection were malfunctioning. An employee from the Texas Department of Transportation was advised.
 6:00 p.m., Juan Jesse Vital, 29, from San Antonio, was arrested by Deputy Pena for terrorist threat. Vital is still being held.
 8:00 p.m., The Sheriff's Office received several prank calls. Constable Cordelia Mendeke was advised.

Sunday, July 29
 2:22 a.m., Deputy Chism responded to a woman who reported her jewelry stolen.
 2:38 a.m., A woman reported that a man had threatened to drive off the Sycamore Bridge.
 12:20 p.m., A woman reported that a man called from another city and threatened her. Deputy Pena responded.
 8:55 p.m., A woman was reported stranded on Hwy 90 east by the weather ball. Deputy Chism was advised.

Haenn shares plans with Rotary

Brackettville Rotary Club
 By Frances McMaster

The Brackettville Rotary club met Thursday, July 27, and learned that the club has a chance

EMS update

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 (CPR) course and some first aid training as well. If you live a long way from town this is really vital!

I hope you or your loved ones never need to call 9-1-1, but if you do, be prepared. Reading this article is the first, best step!

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Planning for the future together

Empowering Families
By Dr. Donald Smith

Taking a sip of coffee, Joan sighed deeply. She seemed resigned to her problem being hopeless. "I don't know what else to do," she said. "Jim and I just can't seem to get it together. Our financial situation is in shambles. All we do is buy things and then we argue about where the money goes. We've been married for five years and we have nothing to show for it except bills and debts."

"I know how you feel," Diane said. "Dave and I had the same kind of problems. We even had separate checking accounts like you and Jim. We thought we had agreed on who would pay what in terms of the household bills, but it never worked the way we wanted it to. Each of us just became more and more selfish with our own

money."

"What did you do about it?" Joan asked.

"Well, Diane answered, "the first thing we decided was that we couldn't solve the problem by ourselves. We found a good Christian counselor who could be realistic with both of us. She showed us that our individual selfishness with money would ruin our marriage. We were able to develop a plan. We put all of our money and bills together, got our debts paid off and then learned how to do with less. Since then we've been able to save a little each month for a nest egg. We had to learn how to talk to each other about the bills and about what we could spend. It brought us closer because we communicate more and we sacrifice for each other."

A very wise man said long ago that it is smart to save for the future. It is the fool that spends all that he gets (Proverbs 21:20). A prudent man can see the difficulties that lie ahead and prepares himself for them. On the other hand the simpleton goes blindly on and then suffers the consequences (Proverbs 22:3). This column is brought to you by the St. Henry deOsso Family project working in Brackettville to strengthen families, faith and education.

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Tax credit checks sent to 529,000 Texans so far; IRS publishes answers to frequently asked questions

Austin - The Treasury Department will send out 8 million advance payment checks today nationwide, marking the second week of a mass mailing that is expected to continue until the end of September. This week's checks are worth about \$3.4 billion.

So far in Texas, 529,000 advance payment checks have been mailed for a total of \$222.23 million. The IRS estimates 6.061 million checks will be sent to Texas taxpayers for a total of \$2.583 billion when the mail out is completed later this summer - for an average of \$426 per check.

The IRS emphasized that taxpayers don't need to call, fill out special forms or do anything else to receive the check. The IRS will automatically initiate any check due once it has processed the person's 2000 tax return.

The IRS has handled large volumes of calls on its toll-free hotlines since mailing notices about the advance payments to taxpayers who filed returns earlier this year. The IRS noted that much of the information taxpayers are looking for may be found in the notices or on the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov.

To help taxpayers with questions about the advance payments, the IRS has these answers to some of the most common questions being asked.

1. Who doesn't qualify for an advance payment check this year?

If you did not pay any income tax for 2000, you are not eligible for the advance payment. Your 2000 return will show if you did not pay income tax. If line 51 on Form 1040 is zero, there was no income tax and you will not receive an advance payment check. Form 1040A filers should look at line 33; 1040EZ filers, line 10.

If you could be claimed as a dependent on another person's 2000 return, you are also ineligible for an advance payment. Look at Box 6a on Form 1040 or 1040A. If you used Form 1040EZ, look at which box you checked on line 5. If you left Box 6a blank, or you checked "yes" on Form 1040EZ's line 5, you will not get an advance payment.

2. I moved after I filed my taxes - how will my check get to me?

If you've moved since filing your tax return, you should file

a change of address form with the U.S. Postal Service. Unlike some government checks, these can be forwarded to a new address.

3. I paid taxes last year, and I wasn't anyone's dependent - how come I'm not getting an advance payment check?

You may have paid Social Security taxes or self-employment tax, but you must have paid income tax for 2000 to get an advance payment check.

For this information, look at your Form 1040, line 51 - if it's zero, then you did not pay any income tax. For Form 1040A, see line 33; Form 1040EZ, see line 10. Line 56 of Form 1040 or line 35 of Form 1040A are not the correct lines to check - they include other taxes and advance earned income credit amounts.

4. I had income tax withheld from my pay all year - why does the IRS say I didn't pay any tax?

You may have had income taxes withheld from your paychecks, but then you got all of that withholding back through a refund.

This would happen if your exemptions and deductions reduced your taxable income to zero, or if certain credits, such as the child tax credit or education credits, reduced your tax to zero. In such cases, you did not pay any income tax and you do not qualify for an advance payment check. But if you had a tax liability before subtracting the Earned Income Tax Credit, you would be able to get a check.

5. I think my advance payment check is the wrong amount - what can I do?

Your check may have been reduced - even to zero - by taxes you owed or by non-tax federal debts, such as certain child support obligations or student loans. In such a case, you should receive a letter explaining the reduction.

The advance payment amount is based on the information shown on your 2000 tax return or as adjusted by the IRS during processing. The IRS cannot re-figure the amount because of later adjustments or an amended return.

6. I heard that the advance payments were for \$300, but mine is only \$100 - is there any way I can get the rest?

The advance payment is based on your 2000 taxes, but

your situation may be different this year. If your advance payment - before any reduction for taxes or other debts - is less than the maximum permitted for your filing status, you may be able to claim an additional credit when you file your 2001 tax return. The maximum amounts are \$300 for single or married filing separately; \$500 for head of household; and \$600 for married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er). A worksheet in the tax instructions will help you to figure any credit you qualify for, based on your 2001 tax data.

7. My spouse and I made more than \$12,000 last year - how come we're not getting a \$600 advance payment check?

The advance payment is based on your taxable income, not your gross income. Your taxable income is what's left after you subtract your standard or itemized deductions and your personal exemption amounts.

For example, a couple with two children would have four personal exemptions, worth \$11,200, and a standard deduction of \$7,350, for a total subtraction of \$18,550. This couple

would need gross income of at least \$30,550 to have a taxable income of \$12,000 and get the maximum \$600 advance payment.

8. I filed my return by mid-April and I know the IRS received it because my tax payment check was cashed. Why haven't I gotten a notice about my advance payment?

Some taxpayers who filed their returns by the April deadline and sent a payment with the return may not yet have received a notice about their advance payment check. If you are getting a check, you will receive a notice, but it may not arrive until a week or two before the check does. If you are not eligible for a check, you will receive a notice that effect after your return is processed.

When the IRS prepared the names in June for the initial notice mailing, it had not finished processing all the returns filed in April. This is because it first processes the payment checks, then the refund returns, and finally the returns that came with the payments. The IRS usually completes this third stage of processing sometime in July.

The 119th St. Louis Day Celebration

Castroville is gearing up for its 119th St. Louis Day Celebration Sunday, August 26. This fun-filled day, dubbed "Homecoming for the State of Texas" by the Texas Tourist Agency, is held under the shady pecan trees at Koenig Park on the Medina River. Castroville is only 15 miles west of San Antonio on Hwy 90. A wonderful atmosphere for a Sunday out with the entire family and great entertainment for all ages.

St. Louis Day began in 1882 with a handful of St. Louis parish families and their friends gathering at Biediger's river bottom near Castroville to celebrate the feast day of their patron saint, St. Louis of France. That first picnic cost the parishioners just \$25, and the entire tab was footed by the St. Louis Men's Society of the parish. Needless to say, both the cost of putting on the festival and its attendance has increased tremendously since its humble beginning.

This year's celebration will begin at 9 a.m. with Mass in the historic 131 year old St. Louis Catholic Church. San Antonio Auxiliary Bishop Bernard Popp,

DD, will celebrate the Mass and St. Louis Pastor, Rev. Jim Conway will assist. The famous internationally known Liederkranz Men's Choir from San Antonio will sing during the Mass as they have the past 18 years.

Serving of Alsatian style sausage and barbecue dinner with all the trimmings will be from 11 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

There will be activities, games, specialty booths and entertainment of all kinds throughout the day. Old favorite booths and activities like Bingo (Lic #121477), Trash 'n Treasures, Plants and Pretties, and Kiddie Korner, with a wide assortment of rides, games and prizes for youngsters, will be entertaining and relaxing for the guests.

Plenty of free parking is available at or near the park, and free shuttle bus service will run frequently between the park and the church square for more convenient parking. Also, as in past years, admission is free to enter Koenig Park. For more information visit www.castroville.com or email stlouisday@yahoo.com.

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Teachers report to school August 8, class schedules to be out soon

Making a difference
By Taylor Stephenson

All school employees will report to work on Wednesday, August 8 at 8:30 a.m. New teachers will receive an orientation from school administrators on Tuesday, August 7. Teachers will have two additional staff development days on Thursday and Friday. Teachers will have two workdays in their classrooms on August 13 and 14. The first school day for students is Wednesday, August 15.

School activity is picking up this week as the Tiger Band has begun its rehearsals. The cheerleaders are working at school with their sponsor. Football and volleyball teams will report on Monday, August 6. Physicals are scheduled for this Thursday, August 2. We're grateful to United Medical Clinic and its fine staff of doctors and support staff for this service. Thanks, especially to Rose Mary Slubar

for her leadership. High school student schedules are being finalized. High school counselor, Michelle Frerich, will send a letter to all high school students telling them what day that their class is to come to pick up schedules.

Junior high student schedules are not complete and more information will be available in next week's paper. Elementary students who attended school last year will be assigned classes and will receive a letter from their teacher soon. Otherwise, report the first day of school on Wednesday, August 15, and class lists will be posted on teacher's doors.

Don't forget the changes in the school dress code for students and staff that are effective with the first day of school. If you have questions, contact your school principal for clarification.

BISD's school budget is in preparation. Dixie Brown is

compiling budget figures for the next school year. Marla Madrid prepared staff salary and benefit costs. We're moving along trying to determine if revenues are sufficient to take care of the projected costs.

Student and staff handbooks have been sent to the printer. Susan Esparza worked through changes in the books to get handbooks ready before the first day of school.

Football bleachers are coming along nicely. Mike Bizzell and staff is doing a good job constructing bleachers at the football stadium. Hill Construction will have the science lab, annex and elementary improvements ready. Our school auditorium will take longer with seats to be installed before November 1.

We're excited about the new school year. Don't forget the tax-free holiday on school clothes this weekend. Have a great week!

(ARA) - It seems just like yesterday that the school bell rang and classes were dismissed for the summer. But already, parents everywhere are beginning to panic because of the annual battles they will face trying to get their kids excited about the school year.

This may be a parent's worst nightmare, but it's one that must be faced given these facts:

- * Students who have one or more parents involved in their education are more likely to get an "A" and less likely to be suspended, expelled or repeat a grade.
- * Teacher surveys show that involved parents are the single most important partners public schools need to help students learn. Also, teachers provide more support and encouragement to children whose parents are involved.
- * It's a matter of money. According to the Department of Education, students with involved families are much more likely to graduate from high school, and will earn an average of \$200,000 more in their lifetime than high school dropouts.

bad experiences with schools, so they are reluctant to get involved," said Roxanne Spillet, president, Boys & Girls Clubs of America. "Our goal is to break this cycle of disengagement by providing high-yield learning activities that can bring children and families together to enjoy learning."

The best news yet is that parents can easily engage themselves in their child's educational efforts by doing the following:

- * Read aloud with your child every day.
- * Talk with your child about the value of hard work and the importance of education.
- * Show your child that you are learning, too. Let them see you reading for pleasure, and

talk with them about ideas and events that affect your life.

- * Check homework every night.
- * Ask your child about what happens during the school day. Don't accept "nothing" as an answer! Instead, try asking, "What was the most interesting thing you learned today?"
- * Limit your child's television viewing on school nights. Children who watch too much television learn less and get lower grades than students who watch less.

If you'd like more helpful hints on how to battle the back-to-school blues, visit www.bgca.org or www.jcpenney.net and download your free issue of Learn & Live, a newsletter for parents.

Texas plan for gifted students needs full implementation and public accountability

By Amanda Davis Batson, Ph.D.
Contributing Writer

The Texas Education Code for Public Education defines a gifted and talented student as:

- a child or youth who performs at or shows the potential for performing at a remarkably high level of accomplishment when compared to others of the same age, experience or environment, and who:
- exhibits high performance capability in an intellectual, creative or artistic area;
- possesses an unusual capacity for leadership, and
- excels in a specific academic field.

These are the students who will, one day, be CEOs and blue-ribbon teachers, Pulitzer Prize-winning writers and groundbreaking scientists. They come from all socioeconomic levels and from all ethnic backgrounds, and they have the potential to be the leaders of

their generation. Gifted children are clearly intended, under the education code, to be treated as a "special population" students that need a curriculum geared to their needs, much as students with limited English proficiency or those with disabilities need.

The code requires a comprehensive state plan for gifted education and it is specific about how schools' gifted programs are rated. However, schools and districts participate in the ratings system on a voluntary basis. In order to be rated exemplary, among other requirements, schools must provide special instruction for gifted students in four core subject areas, as well as arts, leadership and creativity. Virtually no school district in Texas provides the level of instruction that is outlined in the state plan. Of the 1,041 school districts in Texas, not one has gifted programs rated exemplary and only three are rated recognized. These ratings are not publicized and are not counted toward the overall rating of the school, so there are few accountability measures in place to ensure that the plan is implemented fully.

When I first tackle this subject with a new audience, the first reaction is frequently, "So what? If these kids are so bright, they'll do fine without special assistance." Unfortunately, that couldn't be further from the truth. An unchallenged gifted child can slip through the cracks of our education system forever, and each youth we lose is an enormous loss for Texas.

We can begin to rectify this situation, if we encourage our elected officials to see the importance of putting teeth into the existing education plan for gifted children. These are the priori-

ties we need to work on now to lay groundwork for meaningful legislation in 2003 when the legislature reconvenes:

- First, Texas needs to set high standards with well-defined accountability measures for the education of gifted and talented students, K-12. Progress continued on this effort in the 77th Legislature, but accountability standards directly related to gifted education still are lacking.
- Second, Texas must expand the scope of the reading initiative and any other new statewide initiatives to provide challenges for gifted students. TAGT has worked with the Texas Education Agency to develop guidelines for teaching primary gifted readers. TAGT stands ready to assist with similar efforts related to the state-wide mathematics initiative recently signed into law by Governor Perry.
- Third, Texas must increase funding to provide appropriate educational services for gifted and talented students from kindergarten to grade 12. We must place particular emphasis on additional funding to serve more gifted students from lower-socioeconomic backgrounds.
- Finally, Texas must require certification in gifted education for teachers of gifted students. Teachers of other special populations are required to have special credentials. Not so for teachers of gifted students. Teaching gifted children is as challenging as teaching other "special" populations, and it is essential that our state's certification system reflects that fact.

It's time to give gifted and talented students access to education that is right for them. We must make education for these leaders of tomorrow a priority today.

We all scream for ice-cream!

By Susan Combs, Agriculture Commissioner
Contributing Writer

Hot Texas summers call for some cold comfort, and ice cream does the trick for many Texans. In fact, more than 1 billion pounds of Texas milk were used in ice cream and other frozen products last year alone.

Ice cream has become an American staple, with each person consuming about 23.2 quarts of ice cream, ice milk, sherbet, ices and other commercially produced frozen dairy products a year. Texas ranks third in the nation in number of gallons produced, and the frozen dairy product industry has become a major market for our dairy farmers. The top five counties in terms of milk production are Erath, Hopkins, Comanche, El Paso and Archer.

It's no surprise Texans are ice cream lovers, considering our warm weather, healthy dairy industry and the simple fact that ice cream tastes good on a hot Texas day. Ice cream also has many useful nutrients and is a great source of calcium.

Older children, teenagers and adults older than 50 need three servings daily from the milk group, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Guide Pyramid. Others need two servings daily. Fat-free and low-fat ice-creams have become readily available; the low fat varieties have three grams or fewer in a four-ounce serving.

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

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Trivia Time by Walter Branch

1. What Wall Street hotshot, after refusing to shower during his first 10 days in prison, was stripped and thrown in the bath by fellow inmates?
2. What Swiss city was the site of the first post-WWII summit conference in 1955?
3. What does the "B.F." in B.F. Goodrich stand for?
4. What inventor said, "Sleep is an acquired habit. A man doesn't need any sleep"?
5. What Old West outlaw brothers had the given names, Bob, Grat and Ermit?
6. What character on "Cheers" turned out the bar lights on the final episode of the sitcom?
7. What period of time do scientists call a nycthemeron?
8. What Tchaikovsky ballet includes "Dance of the Sugar-Plum Fairy" and "Waltz of the Flowers"?
9. Who became the first black actress in 50 years to win an Oscar in 1991?
10. What war introduced the submarine snorkel?

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HOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
Don't rely solely on your charm this week in business. You should have solid plans in place. This weekend, domestic concerns are foremost.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
While you're not happy with a bigwig's criticism, use this to your advantage. You could learn something. Later in the week, it's time for relaxation and romance.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
A friend approaches you for a favor early this week. However, you're in no position to grant it. Instead, try to look for a more concrete way to help this person.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Your mate comes to your aid with solace and support. That work situation really has you down. However, by week's end, all gets put into perspective.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
You have a particular talent which will be tapped this week. However, avoid overtaxing your energy. Over the weekend, spontaneity rules.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
A few minor spats are possible with a loved one. However, you're successful in changing this person's mood. By week's end, you enjoy peace and harmony.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
You're unprepared for that expense which arises as the week begins. However, your mate has a practical solution. This weekend, revamp the family budget.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
Rely on your instincts where business is concerned. You'll find you can't go wrong. The dating single could be in for quite a surprise this weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
Keeping your word is a matter of honor to you. However, someone close to you will disappoint you by doing the opposite. It's best, though, to keep your temper in check.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
Your mate has a tendency this week to be overly extravagant. Do your best to rein this in. A heart-to-heart talk is in order over the weekend.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
You have a need for solitude this week. However, a loved one isn't amenable to giving you your space. Be honest, but avoid being too blunt.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
Harmony reigns on the domestic scene. In fact, you and your mate see eye to eye on just about everything now. This weekend, plan a special getaway for just the two of you.

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Roaring Twenties Solution:

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10. Desk	20. Telephone

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Say yes to God and do your part You can always trust God

Gateway Ministries
Pastor Charolette Corey

Do you lead a life worthy of your calling? Are you humble and gentle? Are you patient with others, making allowances for each other's faults because of your love for Christ Jesus? Are you united in the Holy Spirit with the other believers in Christ Jesus? Have you bound yourself to them with peace?
The believing body of Christ has this promise, "We are all one body, we have the same Spirit, and we have all been called to the same glorious future. There is only one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and there is only one God and Father, who is over us all and in us all and living through us all." (Eph. 4:1-6).
"Do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way

you live. Remember, he is the one who has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption.

Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of malicious behavior. Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you." (Eph. 4:30-32).

Why does this message of love and forgiveness repeat itself over and over again through the New Testament? It is because God is love and we are blessed with the gift of living in this age of grace and mercy.

Like little children, we are toddlers that have to be fed daily by God's living word. If God repeats himself in his message to

us over and over again, then it is because we just are not perfected in it yet. He doesn't slap us around when we "poop in our diapers." He lifts us up and washes us off and encourages us to go on with a better effort.

The only way we can achieve this "work of holiness" is to keep our eyes on Jesus (our hero, our Savior, our Lord, our First Love, our Beloved) and say "yes" to his word, feel his comforting gaze upon us and know that through the anointed power of Jesus Christ you can do anything that he asks you to do.

He is the author and finisher of your faith and he will finish this good work that he has begun in you. Just say "yes" to God and do your part.

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

Frontier Baptist Church
By Dave Crowe

Inspiration. When was the last time that you were truly inspired? Inspired to do something different, something out of the ordinary, at least for you?

Inspiration. Where does it come from and why? Why does it seem that some people are inspired a lot, while other people are rarely inspired, if ever?

Webster's Dictionary defines inspiration as a prompting. Often times a Divine influence to creative action that arises within the mind. A small seed somehow gets planted deep in our brain and it begins to grow and grow until it is manifested into an idea.

There are those of us that firmly believe, "that whatever

man can conceive, man can also achieve." An idea or inspiration, when nurtured and allowed to grow to maturity, can and will take us anywhere. Only with devotion and dedication can you take an idea and then turn it into reality. We will invest as many hours, days, weeks, months or years, whatever is required to see it through.

I once read, somewhere, that inventors actually go through five mental steps from conception of an idea to the completion of a product. They begin with a situation, then observation, now comes inspiration, then exploration and finally, application.

You're asking, "Dave! What is your point?"

Here it comes please be patient with me.
To stay strong and healthy, we feed our bodies a steady diet of good food. We exercise our bodies to become stronger, faster, better.

When was the last time, you fed your mind and your soul, for that matter, something healthy? God sends us spiritual food the same way that he provides for our stomachs. God opens the doors of heaven every day and gives us just the right amount for today's hunger. How hungry are you? Do you have a big appetite, little appetite or none at all?

Some days, we will receive a lot, on other days, a little is all that will be needed. A steady diet from God will build a healthy soul, mind and body that will last us a lifetime. Understanding and knowledge come to us little by little each day of our lives. Only God knows how much is enough.

For each of us, the amount is different.

Happiness comes to those who go beyond the realm of thinking and enter into the realm of doing, of accomplishing whatever task is at hand. This will take ambition and some real get up and go.

What is this thing called ambition? I once heard it described as "that grit in a man's soul which creates disenchantments with the ordinary and puts the dare into dreams." There is nothing wrong with having a roaring hunger for achievement. Let me warn you that God does not tolerate blind ambition or one having distorted or unhealthy values. God wants us to think and dream and build. He also wants us to let Him guide our efforts. He wants us to place our faith in Him.

In faith, we may not know where we are being led, but we can love and know the one who is leading us. This can be an exciting time because, for one thing, we will have to act in faith on what we do and don't already know.

God will guide us, as we weigh outward circumstances. We can rest assured that God's faithfulness does not waiver, ever. It is the one constant in this world or universe.

God knows how to move you when the time comes for you to be moved. There isn't anything that God does not know. He knows where you are and where you should be. He knows what's happening to you and what should be happening to you.

You can trust God to be God, always.

Using reason and tradition to study scripture

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

Some more from the Wesleyan tradition regarding the Scriptures. As I said last week, Wesleyan churches understand that the Bible contains all the guidance necessary to find salvation and that we are aided in understanding the Scriptures by using tradition as enlightenment. John Wesley also taught that reason and experience are valuable in providing insight into the scriptures.

Reason, a term made notable (or vulgar depending on your perspective) by the Age of Enlightenment, can be very helpful when applied to reading the Bible. For instance, verses 18 through 21 of the 21st chapter of Deuteronomy says that "if any man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey his father or his mother, and when they chastise him, he will not even listen to them... then all the men of his city shall stone him to death; so you shall remove the evil from your midst." Now, who among us could begin to follow the letter of this

law given by God to Moses for the people called Israel? First of all, if we killed all of the kids who are rebellious or disobey their parents from time to time, we might not have any "next" generation! And, even if we could agree that killing rebellious, disobedient kids is the right thing to do, who among us would want to use the gruesome custom of stoning? So, when we apply reason to help us illuminate scripture we have to conclude that some of the scripture (like this selection) is specific to the time of the author and is not of use in Brackettville in the year 2001.

Likewise, John Wesley suggested that our personal spiritual experience is of assistance in discerning God's will in the Scriptures. No! I am not advocating a "personal, experiential" understanding of scripture! I do though believe like Wesley that as we study scripture with the aid of tradition and reason we may find our spiritual experience a third valuable tool. God not only spoke to Abraham, Jacob, Noah, Moses, the Prophets, the Judges, Jesus and the

Apostles, but God also speaks to each of us. We are today's recipients of God's prophecies, of God's revelation, of God's comforting Word. As we commune with God in prayer and meditation, we can, if we listen closely, hear God offering His revealing advice on how the Scriptures, His Word, makes sense right now, right here. God calls each of us to be a disciple, to understand through scripture how to bring others to a relationship with Him and how

to live a life that is Christ-like in Brackettville, Texas in August of the year 2001. Can you hear God calling or are you having someone else listen for you so they may tell you what God wants of YOU?

Join us at First United Methodist Church at 10:45 am Sunday, as we seek to understand our relationship with God and lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving that God gives His Word to guide us.

The Holy Ghost confirms truth

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
By Sister Coombs and Sister Nelson

The Holy Ghost is a member of the Godhead. He has a body of spirit.

His body of spirit is in the form and likeness of a man.

He can only be in one place at one time, but his influence can be every place at the same time.

Without the Holy Ghost, we can never know that Jesus is the Christ. The Savior himself said: "...No man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost" (1 Cor. 12:3).

"And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou has sent" (John 17:3). It is by the power of the Holy Ghost that we are led to understand and live the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The convincing power of the Holy Spirit is so great that there can be no doubt that what it reveals to us is true.

President Joseph Fielding Smith said: "When a man has the manifestation from the Holy Ghost, it's an indelible impression on his soul, one that is not easily erased. It is Spirit speaking to spirit, and it comes with convincing force."

A manifestation of an angel, or even the Son of God himself, would impress the eye and mind, and eventually become dimmed, but the impressions of the Holy Ghost sink deeper into the soul and are more difficult to erase... through the Holy Ghost the truth is woven into the very fiber and sinews of the body so that it cannot be forgotten.

The Holy Spirit confirms truth through such feelings such as joy and peace. When we hear truth we should ponder it in our hearts and ask God in sincere prayer to confirm it to us through these feelings. In this way we may "know the truth of all things."

The Holy Spirit loves through us

St. Mary Magdalene Church
By Lynn McNew

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. This is another in the series of articles on the Holy Spirit, His gifts and what He means in our daily lives.

It sounds so simple; it turns out to be so hard! To love some others, sure: some people are easy to love. But if you knew a certain individual in my family... my church... my neighborhood! To treat all people decently, to be civil, to accord them their rights—that, with great self-control, I may manage. But to love them? The selfish, the arrogant? God alone could love some of the people I meet everyday.

And God alone does—His Spirit within me—makes me capable of what I myself could never do. This is what drew the multitudes to those first Christians: their love for one another. "The community of believers were of one heart and one mind. None of them ever claimed anything as his own; rather, everything was held in common" (Acts 4:32).

Were those first Christians perhaps naturally sweeter, more generous, than people in the twenty-first century? It certainly didn't sound that way during Jesus' lifetime, as they bickered over who would take first place in the coming kingdom! But here they were, putting others' interests ahead of their

own. "Nor was there anyone needy among them" (Acts 4:34), onlookers wonderingly reported.

And not only poverty began to disappear among this little band of faith-filled believers, but disease as well! Wherever these first Christians went, healing followed, both for themselves and for everyone they met. But these Christians praying so willingly for the well-being of total strangers—these were the same men who not so long ago had wanted to call down fire from heaven to consume those who didn't belong to their circle.

What had happened to the cantankerous little group who had followed the rabbi from Nazareth?

Pentecost had happened. The coming of Jesus' Spirit, not as an external presence issuing commandments too hard for ordinary humans to follow, but as the power to keep those commandments, welling up from deep inside. From the time of that first Pentecost, Christians have made the wondrous discovery: not that we have become more loving, but that we have made room for Him.

"Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all Thy quickening powers; kindle a flower of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours." [Isaac Watts, 1707]



Holy Spirit, use my feet and hands and voice to love the people You bring to me today; not only those who are easy to love, but the unlovable as well.

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THE LOWER COLORADO River Authority (LCRA), with the LCRA Transmission Services Corporation, hereby gives notice of its "Application to Transfer Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to LCRA Transmission Services Corporation" which was filed with the Public Utility Commission on July 24, 2001, pursuant to the Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA), Tex. Util. Code Ann. § 37.154 (Vernon 1998 & Supp. 2001) and Subst. R. 25.101(d) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas. The LCRA's Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (Number 30110) is being transferred to an affiliated non-profit corporation, the LCRA Transmission Services Corporation (the Corporation), which will operate the facilities in the same manner as the LCRA. If the transfer is approved, the same management and personnel that operate the facilities today will operate them under contract to the Corporation. Customers will not see a change in cost or quality of service. This transfer is to be effective no later than December 31, 2001. Persons with questions about this project should contact Becky Motil, Manager, LCRA Regulatory Relations at (800) 776-5272, ext. 4033 or (512) 473-4033. Persons who wish to intervene in this proceeding or comment upon action sought should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, at P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission at (512) 936-7136. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is August 25, 2001, and a letter requesting intervention should be received by the commission by that date. Correspondence concerning this proceeding should reference Docket No. 24419.

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS having claims against the estate of Sterling C. Evans, deceased. Notice is hereby given that original letters testamentary for the Estate of Sterling C. Evans were issued on July 30, 2001, pending in the County Court of Kinney County, Texas, to John H. Lindsey in Case No. 985. The residence of John H. Lindsey is Houston, Texas. The mailing address for the independent executor is c/o Dorothy Ann Kinney, 904 S. Monroe, Amarillo, Texas, 79101. All persons having claims against this estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated this 30th day of July, 2001. Dorothy Ann Kinney, Attorney for the Estate.

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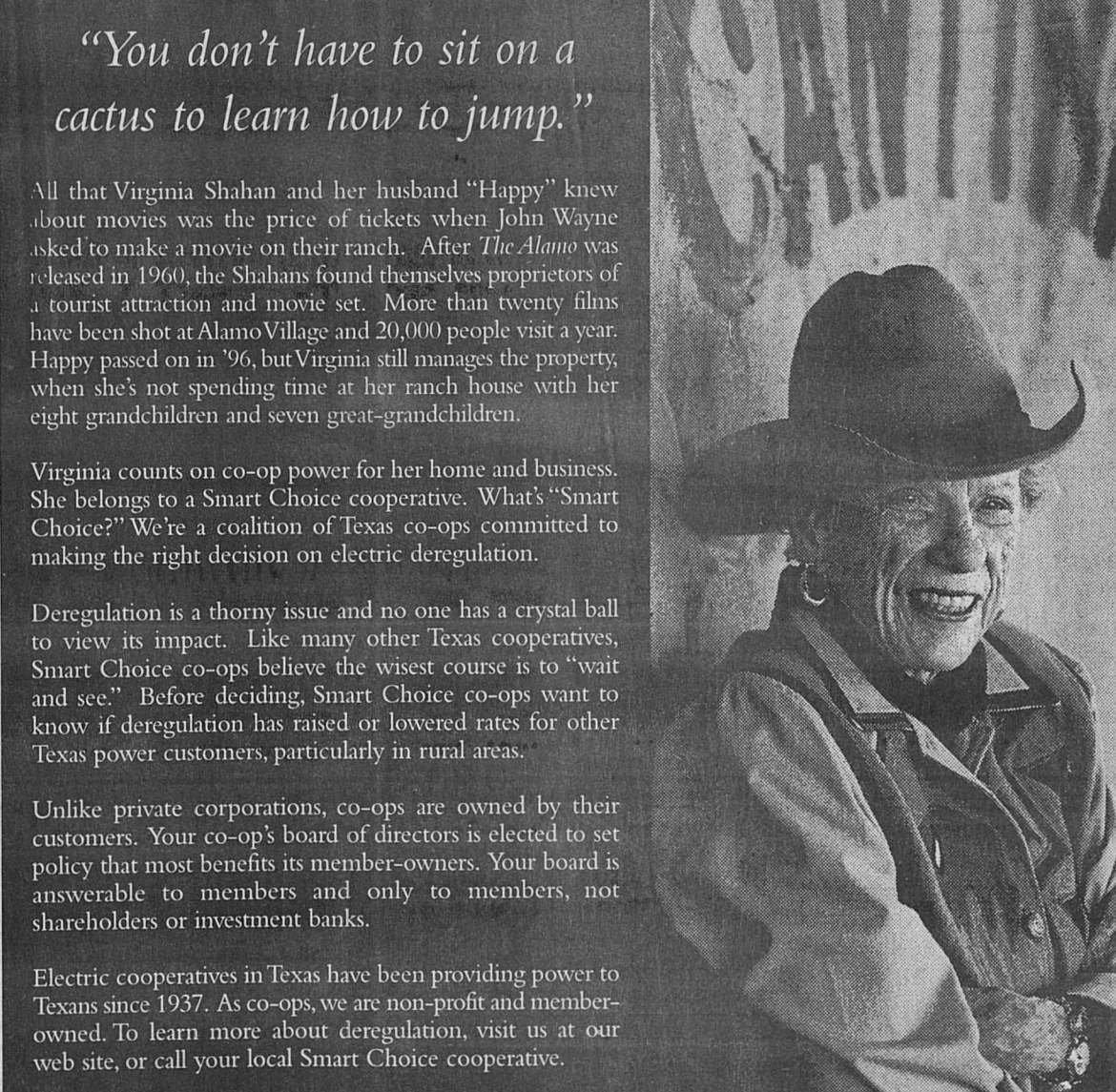
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