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Students included County having banner season in the Who's Who

A total of 43 students from this area are included in the 35th Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 2000-2001.

Who's Who, published by Educational Communications, Inc., Lake Forest, Illinois, is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving high school students.

Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon students' academic achievement

and involvement in extracurricular activities. Traditionally, 99% of Who's Who students have a grade point average of 'B' or better and 97% are college bound.

The 35th Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 2000-2001, published in 18 regional volumes, features over 750,000 students or just 5% of the nation's 15,000,000 high school students. They represent approximately 20,000 of the 24,000 public, private and parochial high schools in the country.

Who's Who students also compete for \$200,000 in scholarship awards and participate in the publication's Annual Survey of High Achievers, an annual opinion poll of teen attitudes. The book is distributed on a complimentary basis to up to 15,000 high schools, colleges, universities and public libraries throughout the country. To learn more about Who's Who Among American High School Students, visit www.honoring.com.

Local students selected include: Elizabeth A. Ballew, Celina R. Cano, Amanda M. Davis, Dietrich E. Davis, Jesse W. Davis, Lee Davis, Susannah Davis, Carissa De Los Santos, Levi Duncan, Hector A. Febres, Diamantina M. Flores, Sarah M. Gammill, Charles A. Gomez, Raymond T. Gomez, Isaac Gutierrez, Nancy C. Hill, Jared Hobbs, Candice C. Ingram, Julie N. Juarez, Nathan M. Luna, Manuel J. Madrid Jr., Nicole M. Mata, Megan A. McWilliams, Leslie E. Meyer, Sarah A. Meyer, Jaime A. Montalvo, Laura M. Negrete, Pedro J. Pacheco, Emily Petrosky, Arnold Pinales, Rodolfo J. Ramirez, Isela Ramon, Stephanie A. Samaniego, Star V. Smith, Tammy L. Smith, Theodore D. Smith, Ana E. Talamantes, Wacy W. Taylor, Ashley N. Thourout, Elizabeth J. Threadgill, Jeffrey G. Tipps II, Amanda Ward, and Brandi Wilson.

SWCD Contest

West Nueces-Las Moras Soil and Water Conservation District is holding their annual poster and essay contests.

"We do this every year in an effort to promote soil and water conservation awareness among youth," said Alana Flurry of the SWCD office.

The subject of the essay contest is Soil and Water Conservation. Contestants must be students 18 and younger. Essays may be a maximum of 300 words.

All essay entries must include a title page with the Title, Name, Address, Grade and Teacher's name if the essay was prepared for a particular class.

The deadline for the essay contest is January 18, 2002.

The theme for the poster contest will be "Habitat for Life" or "The Gift of Trees". Entries must be on half of a standard poster board or 22 by 14 inches. Contestants should be 12 and younger. All artwork should be flat, 3D is not allowed.

All poster entries should have the following information on the back: Name, Address and Grade including the Teacher's name if prepared for a particular class. Deadline for entry is January 25th.

Entries for both contest should be brought to the SWCD office or the County Extension office at the courthouse.

Prizes will be awarded to the winners. For additional information call 563-2414.

TxDOT offers winter driving tips

Rain during very cold temperatures can often develop into sleet or snow, which can create roadway hazards for motorists.

To minimize the potential hazards The Texas Department of Transportation offers the following tips for safe winter driving:

- * Make sure vehicle is maintained for winter weather conditions by checking fuel and antifreeze levels. Check tires, lights and battery. Use no-freeze fluid in the windshield washer reservoir to help keep vehicle windows clear in cold temperatures.
- * Listen to weather broadcasts prior to and during travel. Call TxDOT's toll-free highway conditions line at 1-800-452-

9292 or check Texas road conditions on the Internet at <http://www.dot.state.tx.us/hcr/main.htm>. During these conditions only make trips that are necessary.

- * Drive with caution on bridges and overpasses since elevated roadways freeze over first.
- * Stay in the vehicle if stranded or stalled and wait for help. Use car heater sparingly and with plenty of ventilation while doing so. Stay awake and move around as much as possible to maintain circulation and body warmth.
- * For severe winter weather keep flashlight, new batteries, jumper cables, matches, abrasive material (sand, kitty litter,

even floor mats), shovel, ice scraper, warning devices (like flares) and blankets in the vehicle.

- For long trips, take along water, non-perishable food, medicine and a cell phone. Inform others of your anticipated route and arrival time.
- * Plan ahead by allowing plenty of time for travel. Be prepared for possible delays by leaving early.
- * Buckle up and use child safety seats properly.
- * Do not drink and drive.

For more information, call Mark Cross at (512) 475-0942. Information about TxDOT is also available through the department's Web site at www.dot.state.tx.us.

Kinney County Arts Council Christmas tour of homes

By Woodie V. Hornburg
Contributing Writer

Schmidt House

Major Guy and Kim Schmidt and children, Danika and Andy, reside at No. 21 Colony Row. The home, built in 1873-74, is located across from the tennis courts and the southwest side of the nine hole golf course. For seventy years, the dwelling was occupied by Army officers and their families stationed at Ft. Clark.

What stories #21 on Colony Row could relate if only it could talk! If it could produce a scroll of notable historical military people, that walked through the entry ways of this dwelling, the list would be quite lengthy. Presently, the home is basking in the realization that another military family is in residence and "gussing-it-up" for Christmas.

A traditional formal tree will dominate the living room and the family room tree is decorated with the children's nutcracker, ballet shoes, and many related

ornaments. Various snowmen in all shapes and sizes welcome guests to the kitchen.

Entering the home from the street side screened porch, the front door opens to the entrance hall with a stairway on the left side.

To the right, a formal parlor and dining room extends through a double door opening to the family room.

"Homes Tour" tourees are in for a memorable trip down to yesteryear, with the exception of Major Schmidt's "Star Trek" collectibles displayed on a silver

aluminum tree.

Palidado Building

The only remaining vertical log construction (cedar posts) building in the Fort Clark National Register Historic District. Many of the Fort's original buildings used this construction technique, which was typical of frontier Texas.

Trees simply were not tall enough to allow for traditional "log cabin" construction. These often drafty and critter infested buildings were a source of common complaint by Army wives, contributing to the "glittering



This 9 point grossed 149 1/8 Boone and Crockett points unofficially. The deer dressed out at 185 pounds.

While the nation has been concerned with anthrax being used as a bio-weapon, locally hunters are worried about the naturally occurring variety.

Rumors of large losses due to anthrax have been passed from one hunter to another at service stations and coffee shops, as with most hunting stories expanding with each retelling.

When asked about the quantity and quality of deer Chuy Munoz said, "I've been doing this for 30 years and this is the best year we've ever had."

Munoz owns and operates Chuy's Deer Processing.

Munoz received 4 deer Monday that averaged 156 pounds

field dressed. One 9 point unofficially scored 149 1/8 Boone and Crockett points. A 15 point scored 158 B&C.

While some survey data supports isolated areas of the county were hard hit, the vast majority of landowners and leaseholders reported no losses.

"We've had a mild, wet fall, deer don't have to come to feed during those conditions," said local resident Wes Robinson. "As soon as it freezes everyone will see more deer."

With the cold front that came in Tuesday night Robinson's theory will soon be put to the test.



Wes Robinson and Blake Junker took this 11 point while bowhunting together early Saturday morning. The buck had an 18 1/2 inch inside spread.

Briefs ... Christmas Party

On Saturday December 8 the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce invites you to join us at our Annual Christmas Party at the Post Theatre at Fort Clark Springs from 8-11 p.m. Caroline Kay and her band will be there for your listening and dancing pleasure.

Snacks and refreshments, bring your favorite beverage, door prizes. Please come and start the Christmas Season off with us.

Genealogical Society

The Southwest Texas Genealogical Society will have a meeting Saturday, December 1, 2001 at the Montell Country Club, Montell, Texas at 10:00 a.m. There will be a sign on the left side of Highway 55 as you drive north identifying the club. Members are asked to bring a covered dish. Meat and drinks will be provided by the society. Registration fee is \$2.00.

Freida Rosenow Rogers, an avid genealogist, and member of Southwest Texas Genealogical Society, will provide the program based on her recently published book, *The History of Montell*. Mrs. Rogers, a longtime resident of Montell, will include in her presentation a tour of historical points of interest.

Radio Classes

Amateur "Ham" radio classes will begin Monday December 3rd at 7 PM in the new EMS building in Brackettville. Anyone interested call Walt Bauguess 563-9360. There will be no charge, however, some books, etc. may be needed. Classes will continue each Monday evening as long as necessary for the students to be able to take the Federal Communications Commission examination to obtain a license to operate a radio station.

Cavalry Brigade

As sure as the sun rises in the east, FCS's Community Council's "Cavalry Brigade" will always spruce up FCS with a clean-up on the 1st Saturday of each month. Many projects are in the works for people with all levels of abilities in all kinds of weather. With a reward of free refreshments, a mouth watering free lunch at 11:30 a.m., and the best fellowship ever, volunteers should be clamoring to get their assignments on the steps of Shafter Hall at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1st.

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I just wasted the rest

But I could be wrong
By Chuck Hall

I read an article once that said that by their eighteenth birthday, the average person spends only 7% of his/her time in school. Being a former math teacher, I had to calculate for myself. Yep, that's just about right. Seven percent. That's not much.

Despite how much blame society heaps on schools for the decline in morality of our young people; irregardless of what parents think about how good or bad a job we're doing in public education, educators just don't have that much time to exert that much influence on the lives of kids.

Say what you want, but the simple fact is that students spend three times as many hours eating than they do sitting in my classroom.

They expend more time play-

ing than they do in all of their courses put together.

Their actual nighttime dreams will have more effect on the outcome of their destiny than I will.

Sometime I need to sit down and figure out what I did with the other ninety-three percent of my youth. Maybe I can compute some mathematical formula that will enable the children of tomorrow to better utilize their time allotment.

I could possibly create a method that would allow all of us to be happy with how kids grow up.

Probably not. All I would do was create another series of problems while trying to solve one that doesn't really need solving.

Our young people are not problems in search of a solution.

Nor are they solutions in search of a problem. But I could be wrong.



Pray for guidance

The Way I See It
By Steven R. LaMascus

I was browsing through the Internet news and found an interesting piece of politically correct insanity I'd like to share with you.

It seems that city officials in Edmonds, Washington have refused to accept a gift of a painting on the grounds that it might be construed as promoting Christianity.

The painting in question shows a group of firefighters at Ground Zero in New York City, huddled around an American flag.

The reason for the refusal by the city of Edmonds is that in the background are three faint crosses.

Edmonds City Attorney W. Scott Snyder says the city cannot accept the painting because of the religious symbolism. The paragon of patriotism goes on to say, "It's not city law. It's based on the Constitution."

It is truly amazing to me how so many supposedly educated people can so misunderstand such a really simple document as our constitution.

I am forced, in this instance, to conclude that Mr. Snyder has never read that document that he is so zealously trying to abide by.

Otherwise, assuming that English is his native language, he would be forced to conclude that for all intents and purposes the Constitution itself is full of religious symbolism.

I am frustrated to the point of insanity by irreligious, amoral incompetents who insist on misquoting the Constitution as a means of furthering their own political agendas. Mr. Snyder is simply another example of a liberal socialist who hates Christianity and loves the unattainable idea of perfect socialism, with him as one of the leaders.

He would have everyone worshipping money and praying to golden idols if it would give him the power and prestige he so desperately desires.

Christianity is dangerous to him. It teaches that his ideals are corrupt and sinful, and in his dark little mind he cannot accept the truth of that statement.

He wants to recreate God in his own image; and make the Constitution somehow support his heresy.

The fact that it says no such thing, or anything that can be in anyway construed to mean that, is immaterial to his infantile thought processes.

If the Constitution doesn't actually outlaw "religious symbolism" it should.

I don't know why this type of idiocy makes me so angry. I guess it is because I am a Christian, and an American, and am proud of being both. Mr. Snyder, on the other hand, and thousands more just like him, hate both Christianity and American Patriotism.

If the truth were known, he probably detests the American flag just as much as he hates the crosses.

He just can't say that in public because it would brand him as the traitor he is.

My question is this: When are the American People going to stop accepting this type of communist propaganda from such leftist dolts as Comrade Snyder?

Why are we afraid to stand up and tell these quisling atheists that we are tired of their lies and deceit, and reinstate the Christian ethic that made this country great?

It has to happen some time. If it doesn't, God will give this nation over to its enemies just like he did Israel.

We are strong, but we are not stronger than God.

It happened to Israel, it happened to Babylon, it happened to Rome, and it can happen to the USA.

You want to do something

worthwhile for your nation and your God? Pray for guidance, profess your Christian faith to others who are lost, be proud of being an American and a child of God. Act like a Christian!

James 2: 14-19 - "What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds?"

Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food.

If one of you says to him, 'Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed' but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it?

In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

But someone will say, 'You have faith; I have deeds.'

Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do. You believe there is one God, don't you?

Good! Even the demons believe that - and shudder." NIV

Silent killer

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

There is a silent killer lurking in the shadows. A killer that claims the life of one American every three minutes. A killer that is especially dangerous because the people most at risk often don't know it until it's too late.

As we forge ahead into the holiday season, with pumpkin pies and candy canes, this is a fitting time to get a better understanding of diabetes - and raise awareness of the warning signs.

Diabetes impairs the body's ability to process food sugar into energy. You should know that some of the warning signs include fatigue, unusual thirst or weight loss, blurred vision and cuts or bruises that are slow to heal.

When the warning signs go ignored or undetected, horrible complications can result - complications like blindness, stroke, heart disease, kidney failure, and leg or foot amputations. Fortunately, modern medicine has shown that the afflictions of diabetes can be controlled with routine preventative care. Maintaining a good diet, exercising regularly and stabilizing blood sugar levels to as close to normal as possible, can dramatically reduce the chances of developing the harsh complications associated with diabetes.

However, without proper attention and treatment, diabetes can take over and control a person's life.

Searching for cures to deadly diseases like diabetes is important for every American. Diabetes costs Texas alone an estimated \$3 billion each year, taking into account medical costs and lost productivity. Investing in research saves tax dollars and more importantly, it saves the lives of our fellow citizens. For information regarding diabetes, call the American Diabetes Association at 1-800-DIABETES.

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Big Mama Sez!

There is nothing like an odor to stir memories.

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Communities work to curb binge drinking Doug Braudaway addresses Historical Society members

A stanza from the poem that a 13-year-old wrote after Brad McCue drank himself to death captures the tragedy of binge drinking: "Now people are sad/ Now people are crying/Because of your choices/Because of your dying."

Brad was a junior at Michigan State University when he downed 24 shots of alcohol to celebrate his 21st birthday. His blood alcohol level was 0.44 when he died—more than four times the legal limit.

Unfortunately, Brad's story is one of many sad tales of campus binge drinking. Each year, college students are killed, injured, assaulted, or negatively affected in many other ways because of alcohol abuse. Simply put, binge drinking is drinking too much alcohol in too little time.

of college student suicides, 95 percent of violent crime on campus, and 90 percent of campus rapes.

Fortunately, prevention efforts are taking place in college campuses and communities throughout the country. For instance, A Matter of Degree (AMOD) is a \$17.5 million effort by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the American Medical Association to curb binge drinking.

"This project differs from past efforts to reduce high-risk drinking by identifying it as a public health issue," said Tracy Bachman, project manager of the Building Responsibility Campus/Community Coalition formed by the University of Delaware and the city of New-

ark. Bachman said that enforcing stiffer penalties, notifying parents of drinking violations, and increasing the number of alcohol-free activities has led to fewer policy violations and has reduced the "secondhand" effects that high-risk drinking has on other students and community members.

Other AMOD participants have had promising results as well. For example:

- Louisiana State University and the city of Baton Rouge established alcohol-free family zones and non-alcohol beverage stations at all public parades, festivals and fairs.
• The University of Colorado banned beer sales in its football stadium, resulting in a 70 percent decline in arrests and a drop in the number of assaults.
• Florida State University banned alcohol advertising on campus and increased the availability of substance-free housing.
• University of Iowa and Iowa City participants beefed up liquor laws and penalties, eliminated a campus pub, and created an alcohol-free tailgate party area.
• Lehigh University in Penn-

sylvania experienced a dramatic reduction in crime, assault and public drunkenness when it instituted new student alcohol policies.

• The University of Vermont and the city of Burlington developed policies that are included in annual liquor license renewals for bars in the city.

• The University of Wisconsin at Madison agreed not to sell alcohol at sporting events in their new Kohn Center, forfeiting \$500,000 in alcohol revenues from one hockey season alone.

"This is a challenge for all campuses," said Sudi Ceglare, project manager of the RWJ Partnership Council in Madison, Wis. "Initially we were seen as this big thing that would take students' fun away. But a real networking has begun, and campuses are moving toward common solutions. We're reaching a point where the alcohol industry can't just look at us and turn away. We're too big a neighbor to ignore."

Ceglare said that sororities have also become part of the solution at UW Madison, going 'dry' by not having any alcohol at house parties.

"Eventually fraternities do what sororities do," said Ceglare. "Students are learning how to stay safe and have fun at the same time."

Visit www.stopcollegebinge.org to learn more about college binge drinking and the A Matter of Degree project.

By Frank Cheaney Contributing Writer

About fifty members and guests of the Fort Clark Historical Society exhibited great interest on Saturday, November 24, as Doug Braudaway, Del Rio historian and educator, presented a program entitled, "The History Behind Lake Amistad."

He made a point of the word "behind," emphasizing that his talk didn't deal with the archeology or the technology of building the dam, but rather the many years of legal discussions, and, yes, wrangling, between the United States and Mexico which preceded the construction of the dam between 1965-1969.

Just as the Falcon Dam, completed in 1953, served admirably to minimize the damage to the Lower Rio Grande Valley during the disastrous flood of 1954, Mr. Braudaway is convinced that the Amistad Dam greatly limited the damage to

Del Rio in the 1998 flood, as bad as it was.

The working name of the dam initially was "Diablo," to be named after the Devil's River.

President Eisenhower thought that was a terrible name, and is credited with having the name changed to "Amistad," meaning "friendship."

Christmas decorating in the Palisado Building, where the meeting was held, was already well underway, since the building is to be one of the featured stops on the home tour to be sponsored by the Kinney County Arts Council on December 2.

The decorations will then grace the historic building on the night of December 14 at 7:00 p.m., when the Society will hold its gala annual members-only Christmas party.

Betty Mathison won the door prize at the meeting, a gift certificate for \$5.00 worth of merchandise at the Sutler's Store. The next regular meeting of the Society was announced for January 27, 2002.

Members celebrated Thanksgiving

By Lynn McNew Contributing Writer

Members of Preceptor Theta Sigma joined with their husbands to enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner at Zettie's Restaurant on Friday, November 16, 2001.

A delicious dinner and fellowship was enjoyed by Louise and Earl Pflughoeft, Marge Geeze, Molly Schroeder, Luella and Dwise Gilliland, Doraline and Ken Keller, Bobbie and Pack Waddill, Arlys and Jack Simpson, Hawkins and Jack Huey, Pat and Clemmy McKelvy, Patsy and Ken Callan, and Lynn and Tom McNew.

On Monday, November 19,

2001, the chapter attended the Potluck at FCS Service Club.

After a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings, a short business meeting was held.

Members present were Patsy and Ken Callan, Jan Chism, Marge Geeze, Luella and Dwise Gilliland, Shirley Hadsell, Hawkins and Jack Huey, Doraline and Ken Keller, Pat and Clemmy McKelvy, Lynn and Tom McNew, Molly Schroeder, Arlys and Jack Simpson, and Bobbie and Pack Waddill.

The next chapter meeting will be Monday, Dec. 3, 2001, at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Mylo Unruh.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Monday, November 19

2:35 p.m., A man requested a deputy to check if his wife was stranded on Hwy 90 east. The Val Verde Sheriff's Office was advised.

5:01 p.m., A school bus was reported stuck in the mud out on FM 1572 and Hwy 131. The school was notified.

Tuesday, November 20
8:15 a.m., A United States Border Patrol Agent reported a dead body west of town by the Sycamore Bridge on the north side of the Hwy on Mud Creek. The Justice of the Peace and Sheriff Buddy Burgess were both informed.

Wednesday, November 21
7:02 p.m., A motorist reported a reckless driver that was headed west bound on Hwy 90. DPS Trooper Tony Ashley was notified.

8:00 p.m., Deputy Manuel Pena responded to a minor accident in the parking lot of a local grocery store.

Thursday, November 22
10:56 a.m., DPS Trooper Tom Wylie responded to a reckless driver.

9:10 p.m., Deputy Pena responded to a welfare concern. 11:35 p.m., A border patrol agent responded to loud music.

Friday, November 23
9:40 a.m., Deputy Larry Robinson responded to a fender bender at a local store.

10:45 a.m., The Kinney County Sheriff's Office responded to a stolen vehicle.

4:00 p.m., Deputy Pena responded to a lost license plate. 10:56 p.m., Joseph Omar Salas, 21, from Burleson TX, was arrested on a fugitive war-

rant by Trooper Ashley. Salas posted bond the next day.

Saturday, November 24
1:16 a.m., Deputy Karl Chism responded to a stolen range stove.

3:58 p.m., A resident from Spofford reported a train had been blocking Hwy 131 for about an hour. Railroad dispatch was advised and took care of the problem.

5:20 p.m., Deputy Pena responded to a maroon Chevy truck that drove off without paying for gas.

5:38 p.m., A vehicle with fire on its tail pipe was reported to be one mile south of Laughlin's Air Force Base. The Del Rio Police Station was advised.

9:09 p.m., A mule was reported on FM 2804.

Sunday, November 25
2:15 p.m., Goats were reported loose on Hwy 131.

3:17 p.m., Game Warden Henry Lutz responded to trespassers.

5:00 p.m., DPS Trooper Robert Cano and Deputy Pena both responded to a reckless driver on Hwy 90 east.

6:20 p.m., Simon Contreras Jr., 41, from Crystal City, was arrested by Trooper Cano for Driving While Intoxicated 1st offense. Contreras is still being held. 11:35 p.m., Fort Clark Security reported a motorist had not exited from the fort.

Monday, November 26
4:05 a.m., The Border Patrol checkpoint informed the Sheriff's Office, that a tanker truck ran off the road and hit a tree. Trooper Wylie was advised.

Duplicate Bridge

Duplicate Bridge was played at Fort Clark Springs in the Gorgas room at 7 PM on Tuesday November 20, 2001. There were 4 1/2 tables and the Howell Movement was used. The winners were: 1st-Ruth Potter and Sara Richhart; tied for 2nd were Ruth Wilks and Laverne

Schaefer as partners and Dena Scott and Mona Miller. It was a cool, occasionally rainy evening that was a great night to be indoors playing a fun game with good company. It was also fun for the returning winter Texans to see their buddies who brave the TX heat in the summer.

Merry Christmas and Seasons Greetings The Giftbox 302 Spring Street We're Kicking Off the Holiday Season with our annual Open House Nov. 26 thru Dec. 1 Mark your calendar now and stop by from 9 AM to 5:30 PM. Please join us for Refreshments and our Pre Christmas Sale. 25% off during open house. excluding cards, flowers & balloons Register for Door Prize to be given away on Dec. 3rd.

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Auto theft carries hidden costs Sickness or disability is acceptable

Nationwide auto theft costs consumers about \$7 billion annually and according to the Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA) of the Texas Department of Transportation most of these costs are hidden.

The average citizen does not give these types of costs much thought until he or she becomes a victim of auto theft. It is usually at this point that citizens discover getting a vehicle stolen is more expensive than ever imagined.

During October Texans are urged to observe "Watch Your Car" month, which calls for heightened awareness about auto theft and how to prevent it.

"Most people don't take into consideration all of the costs that can arise when a vehicle gets stolen - not to mention the accompanying hassles," said Susan Sampson, acting director of ATPA.

Discovering that more is owed on a vehicle than an insurance company is willing to pay for the loss is always an unwelcome surprise said Sampson. Vehicle replacement costs can also complicate things.

"This is just where it starts," Sampson said. "Other financial factors to consider include insurance deductibles and replacement costs for personal items that may have been in a vehicle when it was stolen."

Vehicle owners should also be prepared for the possibility of insurance premium increases. Add to all of this the difficulties that come with getting to work or school without a car, and the cost of the crime continues to rise. Auto registration and insurance documents kept in vehicles can also present a security risk since they provide personal information - such as a home address.

Sampson said at least 250 cars or trucks are stolen in Texas every day and auto thefts outnumber other property crimes by three to one in the state.

ATPA urges Texans to help reduce their chances of becoming an auto theft victim by practicing the following safety tips:

- Always lock a vehicle and take the keys when it is not in use.
- Never leave a car unattended with the engine running.
- Always park in well-lighted areas.
- Use an anti-theft device such as an engine or fuel-kill switch, steering wheel lock, column collar, alarm or tracking system.

ATPA reports that 93,111 cars were stolen in Texas in 2000, and once again, pickup trucks continue to be the most popular vehicle for theft. GM and Ford pickups top the list, followed by the Honda Accord, GM Suburban, Oldsmobile Cutlass, Toyota Camry and Dodge pickup. Remember to watch your car. For more information, contact Susan Sampson at 512-374-5101 or 1-800-CAR-WATCH.

Empowering Families By Dr. Donald Smith

"Dad, I met a new kid named Danny. He lives around the corner. I think I'd like him for a friend. What do you think Dad?"

Well Jimmy I'm proud of the way you make friends. You're good at picking kids that aren't going to be a bad influence. Tell me about Danny."

"He's real nice to everybody and makes good grades. I haven't seen him do anything to get in trouble."

He likes baseball so we hit it off quick. I think you'd like him Dad."

"He sounds like someone I would like. How about having him over to meet your mom and me."

Maybe you could do some homework together or play one of your video games. Have you been to his house and met his mom and dad?"

"Yeah Dad, we played ball over there yesterday. His mom

is real nice but I don't know about his dad. He doesn't say much, just lays on the couch watches TV and drinks a beer. He didn't seem interested in what we were doing."

"Where does Danny's dad work?"

"Well, his mom's a teacher. Danny says his dad works sometimes but a lot of the time he doesn't have a job."

"Jimmy, sometimes a man doesn't work because he's sick or disabled. Sometimes it's because he just can't get a job. What do you think is the problem Son?"

"Danny says that his dad is kind of lazy and he drinks a lot. They live off what his mom makes."

I kinda feel sorry for Danny. When the kids at school talk about their dads, he just keeps quiet."

"We can learn from this Jimmy. Always remember that barring sickness or disability, it is the man's responsibility to be the primary wage earner for the

family. A very wise man said long ago that a man is a slave, a disgrace and a shame when a wife has to support her husband (Sirach 5:21)."

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



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Flavio and Mary Talamantez, Sr. are proud to announce the birth of their first grandchild, Alexis Sophia Talamantez. Alexis is the daughter of Armando and Yvonne Talamantez; she was born on October 16, 2001 in McAllen, Texas.

Alexis is also welcomed by her maternal grandparents, Paul Maldonado of Austin, TX and Maria Maldonado of Dallas, Texas, her great-grandparents Raymond G. Talamantez, Juan and Vivian Gonzales of Dallas, TX and Guadalupe Maldonado of Dallas, TX, and her aunts and uncles Flavio, Jr., Valerie and Raymond Talamantez and Malissa and Belinda Maldonado of Dallas, TX.

OUTDOORS

Turkey call competence

By Ricky Joe Bishop
Contributing Writer

Today's advanced turkey call designs make good calling technique much easier to master than in the past, but going in cold is not the way to go gobler hunting. A bit of pre-season practice helps any turkey caller and it is vital if you are

trying to master a new call type.

The many turkey hunting videos (such as Realtree's "All Stars of Spring" series) available are a good and enjoyable way to learn what turkeys sound like. As you watch them also watch how the live turkeys respond to calling. This is a great learning tool that has become available only in the last few years. The

purely instructional videos and audio tapes go into specific instructional in great detail. Most call companies make these for sale along with their calls.

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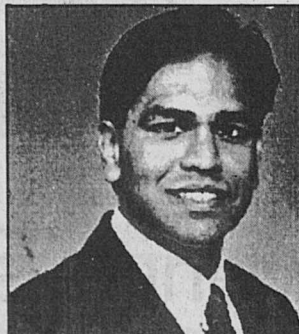
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Tigers represent community well All District Team Varsity Tigerettes

Making a Difference
By Taylor Stephenson

The first cold spell of the season is headed our way this week after Thanksgiving. Forecasters predict rain with temperatures that could be close to freezing by the time this paper is printed. If it's cold in Kinney County, it's frigid in most of the other parts of the country. So, count your blessings.

One of the highest seasons in the liturgical calendar of many churches is Advent. The first Sunday in Advent, four Sundays before Christmas, is this next Sunday.

Folks around Brackettville and Fort Clark Springs are putting up decorations for Christmas. At my home, we have decorated the inside and the tree. Outside, like most of you, we're waiting for a new roof necessi-

tated by hail damage several weeks ago.

College football during Thanksgiving week held many surprises. Underdog teams beat both Oklahoma and Nebraska. Texas and Colorado will play in the Big 12 Championship this weekend. Stockdale, which eliminated the Brackett Tigers, is still playing. They are a surprise winner that peaked at the end of the regular season. Poth is still playing in the larger AA school division. Uvalde won its first playoff game and was beaten this past weekend. Bob McCall is proud that Iraan is a contender in Class A, playing Stratford this weekend.

Our Brackett Tigers played some sound football all year long. They represented our community well playing one of the best seasons ever for BHS. We're proud of Coach Yeager,

our assistant coaches and of the young men who provided great fun and enjoyment for us this year. The Cheerleaders sponsored by Mrs. Brandt and band, directed by Mr. Guidry, got better each time they performed. Thanks to our community for its support all year long.

Basketball season has begun, and there are lots of young folks playing. Head Coaches Nowlin and Creel have begun their practices. We'll be slow developing, but I'm betting on the Tigers and Tigerettes this year. Both teams will have lots of heart.

There are only two and a half school weeks until Christmas. Final semester grade averages are recorded on each student's permanent record. This is a wake-up call for those students who have grade problems to work hard the next few weeks. Have a great week!

These are the Tigerettes that made all district. 1st team: Mayra Aguirre - Junior, Duquesa Hunt - Senior, and

Erica Meyer - Senior. The 2nd team are Susannah Davis - Senior and Vanessa Castillo - Junior.

7th grade girls win

By Jenifer Harris
Contributing Writer

The 7th grade girls basketball team took another win Monday after a long holiday break. The Sacred Heart Crusaders of Del Rio traveled here to play a hard fought game. The young Tigerettes had a slow start but came out on top 42-21. High scorer for the Tigerettes was Emily Valenzuela with 16

points. Lola Cano pitched in 10, with 8 pts. from Nadine Terrazas. Allison DelBosque and Laura Meyer each had 4 pts. Also helping out with outstanding passes and good hustle were Loraine Mendoza, Natasha Smith, Monica Talamantes, Cynthia Jaso, Kara Yeager, and Samantha Davis. The young Tigerettes have another home game against Del Rio on Monday, December 3.

By Gregg Nowlin
Contributing Writer

The Tigerettes traveled to La Pryor last Monday, Nov. 19th to play the Lady Bulldogs. It was a hard fought game and the Bulldogs pulled away in the end to take the victory 56 to 38. Playing well for the Tigerettes was Ashley Smith with 22 points, Stephanie Bonner with 5 points and 12 rebounds.

Also Duquesa Hunt with 7 rebounds. The next game was here, this Tuesday against Menard.

Middle School Basketball Schedule 2001-2002

Date	Opponent	Teams	Time
November 29	@Del Rio	7B/8B	5:00
December 3	Del Rio	7G/8G	5:00
December 3	@Natalia	7B/8B	5:30
December 13	Del Rio (Sacred)	7G/8B	5:00
January 5	@N.C. Tourn	8G/8B	TBA
January 7	@Natalia	7G/8G	5:30
January 7	Natalia	7B/8B	5:30
January 12	@Knippa Tourn.	7G/7B	TBA
January 14	Comstock	8G/8B	5:30
January 17	@Del Rio (Sacred)	7G/7B	5:00
January 21	@Del Rio	7G/8G	4:45
January 21	Del Rio	7B/8B	5:30
January 24-26	@Comstock Tourn.	7G/7B	TBA
January 26	@Rocksprings Tourn.	8G/8B	TBA
January 28	Del Rio	7B/8B	5:30
January 28	@Del Rio (Sacred)	7G	5:00

8th grade basketball

By Tiffiny Blore
Contributing Writer

The 8th grade girl's basketball team has played three games so far this season. We lost the first game, but won the second and third.

The first was played on November 13th against Del Rio. We lost that game 15 to 22.

Our second game was on November 19th against Del Rio White. We won 23 to 19. Our third game was November 26th against Comstock. We won that game 34-7. The leading scorer was Rachel Swinson with 8 points. Also, scoring 6 points each were Ashley Castillo, Tye

Taylor, and Tanya Molinar. The leading rebounders were Ashley Castillo and Brandy Smith. The girls are working hard in practice every week,

and it can be seen in the hustle and teamwork on the floor. Their next game will be on Monday, December 3rd at home, against Del Rio.

JV basketball

By Tiffiny Blore
Contributing Writer

Brackett girls JV won a tough game against Comstock Varsity on November 26th. This is the 3rd game of the season with 2 wins and 1 loss. The final score was 40 to 35. Leading scorer was Stacey Castilla with 13

points. Also scoring 6 points each were Courtney Frerich and Valerie Terrazas. Kristi Meyer and Whitney Hobbs each made a three-point shot. Congratulations on a much deserved victory! Their next game will be on December 11th against Nueces Canyon at home at 5 p.m.

Are our students safe from lead poisoning?

Submitted by John Opelt
Executive Director

Call them courtroom chameleons. By day-under the glare of the courtroom-they wear a neck brace to feign injury. But come nightfall the neck brace comes off and all pretense of injury are abandoned. Forget the diagnosis. No need to look at the x-rays. It's the appearance of injury that plays well with the jury. Some school districts around the state are putting on the proverbial neck brace and adopting this chameleon strategy in filing lawsuits against former makers of lead-paint and pigments.

With little fanfare and barely a mention on the school board agenda, about 25 Texas school districts have lined up for what they hope is a multi-million dollar handout.

The initial lawsuits claim that classrooms and buildings have been contaminated by lead, exposing students and teachers to "substantial risk of lead poisoning". Yet those same districts are telling parents their schools are safe. Both cannot be true.

This "one-story-in-court-and-another-in-public" charade is quite confusing. Parents deserve answers to some simple and basic questions.

Did the schools even test for the presence of lead paint before hiring lawyers and agreeing to sue? If so, what tests have been done by school districts or health officials and what have those tests revealed?

Have any students actually contracted lead paint poisoning?

If so, which schools pose the greatest risk? What maintenance programs are in place to repaint chipped and flaky paint to minimize the risk of lead-based dust? Incredibly, these lawsuit-filing school districts have been totally mum on the issue, except apparently for their demand of huge sums of money from the lawsuits.

Parents have not even been notified of the individual suits-they had to read about them in the newspaper.

The existence of the lawsuits and the corresponding lack of communication with the parents

is alarming.

Ron Scott, a lawyer for one of the district's filing suit is quoted in a Houston Chronicle article as saying: "This isn't a panic issue. People don't need to feel their schools are unsafe." This is the same lawyer who signed off on a lawsuit that says there is a "substantial risk of lead poisoning." What are we to believe?

If the schools are safe why are they filing a lawsuit? If the schools are unsafe what is the immediate health hazard to our children? These districts have either put kids at risk and have been dishonest to parents, or they are being dishonest in their lawsuit in an effort to get money they do not deserve.

Either way, they have left thousands of parents in the dark with little or no explanation.

It is logical to presume that any school built in the 1950's or before may have had lead-based paint at one time or another. But if lead paint is found, the remedy apparently is simple to paint over it. That is what the Federal Government recommends. Lead-based paint has not been widely available for interior use for forty or more years.

In all probability schools have repeatedly painted over exposed or worn surfaces in their regular course of maintenance.

If they have not, they should upgrade their maintenance practices, not hire a lawyer.

It is time that the school districts put their neck brace charade aside and gave us a lesson in candor.

Parents and students would appreciate the honesty.

Opelt is the Houston Director of Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse.

His son is a senior in Houston's Spring Branch School District, one of roughly 25 districts that have agreed to sue former lead paint makers.

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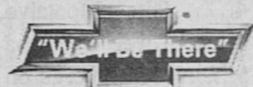
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Trivia Time by Walter Branch

- 1. What country's national anthem begins with the words, "From peaceful Ypiranga's banks"?
2. How many numbered segments are there on a dartboard?
3. What began on June 25, 1950?
4. Who painted "The Blue Boy"?
5. What was the favorite TV freeway of Martin Milner and George Maharis?
6. In what mountains did Rip Van Winkle fall asleep?
7. What disease do the French call la rage?
8. What month's birthstone is chrysolite?
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10. What plant takes its name from the Italian for "beautiful lady"?

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HOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper
ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're a bit off-center mentally as the week begins. You're able to shake this off, though, by midweek. Over the weekend, your charisma leads to increased popularity.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Sometimes, you can charm the birds right out of the trees. This is one of those weeks. Utilize this to your best advantage without compromising your principles.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You have an innovative business idea, but it will be hard to rally support. Patience is the key. Eventually, those skeptics will come around.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You're not in the mood to cut a friend some slack for a slight transgression. If you don't lighten up, you're endangering a good relationship. Try forgiving and forgetting.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Someone you admire steps off that pedestal you'd placed that person on. Remember, we're all merely human. Anyone can make a mistake now and then.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You get most of your work done in the beginning of the week. Later, restlessness kicks in. A social event over the weekend is just what's needed.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A co-worker is just itching for an argument this week. Don't fall into that trap. This person's personal problems are spilling over into the workplace.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You tap into your artistic side. This leads to new discoveries about yourself. Follow through on this.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) That ugly green monster, jealousy, rears its head in romance. Be careful. This could cause you to make some stupid errors in judgment.
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We are more alike than you think

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

In preparing for my sermon this coming Sunday I read a story about a pastor's friend that never went to church. When the pastor finally overcame his reluctance to speak to his friend about it, the answer he received was a great shock to him. His friend told him something like, "I can't go there! The people there are so much better than I am!" Unfortunately, in the story I read, the pastor responded with a cliché, "All who go to church are sinners, my friend."

Of course the pastor is right in one sense. We are all sinners! However, for most of us there are all sizes and shapes of sin, with our own being the smallest and least significant of course.

This story brings quickly to mind two parables. First there is the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector that are praying in the temple. The Pharisee is offering thanks to God that he is not a sinner like the tax collector while the tax collector is confessing his sin and asking God for mercy (Luke 18:9-14). The second is the parable of the speck in the neighbor's eye.

Here Jesus makes his point directly, "Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye?" (Matthew 7:1-5) Both of these parables, it seems to me, reflects the human inclination to value ourselves against "the other," just as the man in the original story evaluated himself as somehow of lesser worth than people who go to church. In my personal opinion, sin is about turning our backs on God.

It can take many forms, but from a God's-eye view one sin is just exactly like another. Returning to the story I read, the pastor convinced his friend that he would not feel out of place in church, the man came to church, and lived in a healthy relationship with God, neighbor and self from then on. So, in one

way the pastor's cliché was on target.

Because we are all sinners, if we can get past how we feel about ourselves (good or bad) and how others perceive us, then we can get on with living as sin-prone children of God caring for one another in times of trial and jubilation.

The important thing is that we begin to recognize our own sins (before we look for those of others) and strive to overcome them with the help of our church family and God's grace.

Whatever your reason for staying away from church, please don't! We in the church are certainly no better than you and might even be worse. If you worry that we might judge you wrongly, don't. We are just as afraid that you might not like us.

If you don't know much about the Bible, we're in the same boat. We are still learning each Sunday.

If you don't have much money to put in the offering plate, join the crowd.

We struggle to make the church budget meet the basic necessities. If you don't have fancy clothes, don't worry.

We try to look at the soul to find the things that really matter about another person.

What we don't have on our own we pray for God to provide - love, forgiveness, courage, patience, humility, compassion and guidance (among other things).

Where we have weaknesses, we ask God to help us learn new ways. Where we feel incompetent we ask God to bring us help-

ers from within our church family.

We are more alike than you might think. We laugh! We cry! We hurt! We stumble and fall! We make mistakes large and small! We overeat! We go hungry! We want too much and get too little! We are the best and the worst of humanity! Thank God, He doesn't leave us that way forever!

Come join us at First United Methodist Church on Sunday at 10:45 am as we come together as God's children.

A group of people who are in need of each other's support as we attempt in our flawed ways to help God bring the kingdom of heaven to this little patch of dust, sage and mesquite called Brackettville here in West Texas.

Having joy in your spirit

Gateway Ministries
By Pastor Charlotte Corey

Are you looking for the second coming of Jesus? Are you ready? The ten virgins "went forth to meet the bridegroom" but only five of them were wise.

This is a good time for each of us to pray for wisdom.

Let's look at what made the five wise virgins have success.

Waiting on the return of Jesus (our groom) has been an ongoing occupation of all the body of Christ (his bride) since Jesus ascended unto heaven.

But just like them we are told "Why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

Acts 1:11. Jesus wanted them to go on with their lives and get busy in an active relationship as well as fellowship with him.

He equipped them for success with the power of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 1:8). He sends this same Holy Spirit to each believer to enable each of us to not only endure through rough

times, but to be a witness unto him unto the uttermost part of the earth.

The Holy Spirit is your oil that provides the light (his word) to walk in the path of Jesus, and be a part of his wedding.

If you become disillusioned and caught up with the things of this world, you shall not be in the habit of continuing to "be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord" and being able to thank God in all things, both good and bad.

It is a constant relationship that fuels your spirit even through the darkest times.

Things will not get easier in this world. If you do not have both a relationship and fellowship with Jesus, no one can give their relationship to you when the harder times come.

Just like the five foolish virgins who didn't bring enough oil to last them until the bridegroom came.

They were so busy trying to get enough oil, they missed the wedding party, "and the door

was shut." Matt. 25:1-10.

The Spirit of God is moving too and fro throughout this land, seeking to find true believers who are not sleeping and caught up with the things of this world.

Will you have grieved the Holy Spirit and caused him to shun you because he finds you watching violence, sex, or witchcraft on TV, playing violent and witchcraft-filled videos, gossiping about others, griping about the way things are?

Or will he find you with a humble heart, loving your neighbor, trusting in the Lord, walking in his righteousness, having joy in your spirit, and a fervent anticipation for the wonderful and awesome nature of God to move upon this earth as the last of his prophetic words are played out? Stay busy in well doing. Do not grow fainthearted. Stay strong in his word. Experience his presence.

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

Blessed is the man

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

How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts! My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young even thine altars.

O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they who dwell in thy house; they will be still praising thee. Selah.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee, in whose heart are the ways of them;

Who, passing through the Valley of Baca, make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools.

They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of

Obituaries.....

Henry Smith Carolina Antu

Henry F. Smith of 70762 Sunrise Dr. Edwardsburg, MI passed away peacefully on Nov. 26, 2001 at Regency Place in South Bend, IN.

He was 84 years of age. Henry was born in Detroit, MI on July 13, 1917 to Charles and Anna Smith.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years Virginia (Vander Yacht), four sons, Hendrick (Tania) of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Rex (Marcine) of Mason, MI, Michael (Christine) of San Clemente, CA, Andrew (Joan) of Edwardsburg, a daughter, Vickie Piper (Edward) of Dimondale, MI, and one sister, Mildred Straayer of Roseville, CA, a brother-in-law, Dr. W.C. Vander Yacht (Audrey) of Anniston, AL. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, and two nephews.

In retirement, Henry and Virginia traveled widely covering all 48 continental states, Mexico, Canada, Europe, Asia, and Africa.

They spent their winters at their condo in Fort Clark Springs, TX and summers at their home in Edwardsburg.

Henry was a Master Mason, and member of Eastern Star, Saladin Shrine, and Hope United Methodist Church of Edwardsburg.

Memorials may be given to the Hope United Methodist Church of Edwardsburg or Cass County Hospice.

Visitation was at 2-4 and 6-8 Thursday, Nov. 29 at the Mayhew Funeral Home 26863 W. Main St. Edwardsburg. Services were held at 10:00 a.m.

Friday at the Mayhew Funeral Home with burial at Ft. Custer National Cemetery, Battle Creek, MI at 2:30 p.m. with full military honors by the United States Air Force.



Carolina Castillo Antu passed away on November 18, 2001 in Del Rio, Texas.

She was born July 11, 1915 to J. E. Castillo and Josefa Gonzalez in Uvalde, Texas.

On August 15, 1936 Carolina married Jose L. Antu. They were the parents of 8 children and had been together 57 years when he passed away.

She was preceded in death by sons Joe Henry and Richard. Survivors are daughters: Mary Irma Proulx, Josie Jones, Mary Lou Marciletti, Earnestine Welch and Elvia Cerdera; 14 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren; sisters: Dolores Flores, Amelia Garza and Elenor Menchaca; brothers: Alberto and Alejandro Castillo.

Mass was held at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church at 10: am, November 21, 2001. Graveside services followed at the Catholic Cemetery.

Pallbearers were grandsons Richard Proulx, Michael Proulx, Robert Armendarez, Freddie Marciletti, Inventino Cirilo Jr. and Kevin Czechowicz.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of G. W. Cox Memorial Funeral Home @ 114 Fletcher Dr. Del Rio, Texas 78840.

Secrets and surprises

St. Mary Magdalene Church
By Lynn McNew

If months had second names, I think December's would have to be Surprise! Ever since God sprang the surprise of Bethlehem on the world, the days of December have been filled with unexpectedness, tucked full of wrapped astonishments, big and small.

This is not going to be an easy holiday season for many Americans, or people in many parts of the world, for that matter. There will be many empty chairs at holiday tables, both from people who were lost on Sept. 11 and those who are fighting in far-off places to protect and defend us.

There are people without jobs, who are struggling to put food on the table let alone gifts under the Christmas tree. There are people who are ill, lonely, scared, facing some difficult times and the unexpectedness of the unknown.

We received an e-mail from our son in Kosovo on Thanksgiving Day. He explained how he had eaten two Thanksgivings dinners, because he ate at noon with his men who were not on duty, and again in the evening with the others after the shift change.

He will do the same thing on Christmas Day because he wants his company to be as much like a family as possible.

Did he tell us this so we would say, "What a wonderful thing to do?" No. I think my son's concern for his men comes from the Christian heart he has, more than from a sense of duty.

The other day a man walked up to me and gave me a hug. He said, "I read in one of your articles that you like hugs, so I

want to give you one." First, I responded with delight at exchanging a hug with someone; then, I thought about how humble I feel when I see my little article on a page filled with beautiful articles written by some of our local ministers. Sometimes, I feel very much "out of my league."

Then I think of how many times when I sit down to write and I can't seem to put it together.

I ask the Holy Spirit to guide me and help me find the words to say. Do I write every week so someone will pay me compliments? No. I like to think that maybe something I say will touch someone's heart or make someone laugh. I really would not care if my name weren't even on it. As you enjoy the secrets and surprises of this month, bestow a few of your own. A poinsettia left at someone's door, a warm coat sent to a needy child, cookies

delivered to a lonely friend, caroling outside the window of a shut-in...only be sure you do it in secret. For that's where the real joy of surprises comes from. Matthew's gospel tells us: "Keep your deeds of mercy secret, and your Father who sees in secret will repay you" (6:4). Just as giving and doing for others will put a smile on your face, your Father, Who knows every secret, will smile.

Lord, I thank You for the presents that will soon begin to appear under our Christmas tree, but more than that, I thank You for Your presence.

You are welcome to worship with us anytime at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. And I would like to send on a special request from my son, "Remember when you say your prayers and go to bed tonight, that somebody's son is standing guard somewhere wearing the US Flag on his shoulder." God Bless You!

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Public Notice

EMS Public Hearing To Be Held Regarding Kinney County EMS Personnel Temporary Shortage

There will be a public hearing at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, December 6, 2001, at the Kinney County EMS Station 401 S. Ellen, Brackettville, Texas. The purpose of this hearing is to heighten public awareness of the ramifications of having an EMS which is in noncompliance with the law. Notice is hereby given that Kinney County Emergency Service has requested a variance from the Texas Department of Health to operate said EMS while not being in compliance with the law. The variance, if approved, would allow Kinney County EMS to operate emergency vehicles while responding to and transporting emergency patients. The public is encouraged to attend.

If you would like additional information, please contact Carolyn Rutherford, EMS Director at the office 830-563-9090 Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., or visit us at 401 S. Ellen St.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR FINANCING, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF DETENTION FACILITY

(Kinney County Commissioners Court)

Sealed proposals addressed to the Kinney County Commissioners Court will be received on or before 12:00 o'clock P.M. on January 11, 2002, at the office of the County Judge, Herb Senne, P.O. Box 348, Kinney County Courthouse, 501 Ann Street, Brackettville, Texas, 78832 for the financing, design, construction, operation and management of a 330-bed adult detention center/facility. The proposal shall be in conformance with the Request for Proposal Specifications available at the above address.

Significant bond, indemnification and insurance requirements will be placed on the successful respondent, including the provision of performance and payment bonds. All contract requirements of the Request for Proposal Specifications and Section 351.103 of the Local Government Code (V.T.C.A.) will be required to be agreed to and met by the successful respondent.

The financing proposal shall provide for lease-purchase of the Facility by the County, with an option to purchase, and transfer of legal title upon payment of all lease payments. The County shall have no liability or cost for the Facility financing except to the extent of prisoner housing contract revenues actually generated by the Facility. The financing proposal shall include all costs of planning, financing, design, construction, equipping, furnishing and start-up of the Facility, including all costs of land and professional fees.

Operation and management will be required to be in conformance with the rules and regulations of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, the Operation and Management Agreement between the successful respondent and the County, and rules of jurisdictions housing prisoners at the Facility to the extent made applicable by the terms of the prisoner housing contracts with those jurisdictions. The compensation for the operation and management of the Facility will be paid on the basis of a per prisoner, per day fee, payable solely out of the net revenues of the Facility, and from no other source, after first application of gross revenues to the Lease obligations.

Design of the Facility must be by competent design professionals licensed in the State of Texas with significant experience in the design of detention facilities. The design and construction of the Facility must be in accordance with the standards of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, and the successful respondent must obtain all required approvals and certifications of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. Respondents shall present a firm bid for the design, construction, equipping, and furnishing of the Facility in accordance with the requirement of the Request for Proposal Specifications.

The successful respondent will be required to provide all development and project management services necessary to assure timely financing, design and construction of the Facility in accordance with the successful proposal, the plans and specifications, applicable contracts, and the project budget.

The County will not obligate its funds or tax revenues to pay for any component of this project, including the operation and management of the Facility, and the sole source of funding for repayment of financing, operation and management or other associated costs and expenses shall be the revenues actually generated by the Facility and received. The financing shall not be a debt or obligation of the County, and, upon, termination of or default on the financing, the County must have no liability or obligation for repayment of the financing.

The Kinney County Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to select the proposal most advantageous to the County, and reserves the right to waive any irregularity in the proposals received.

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10	11 Andrea Morris Audiologist Dr. G. Sherrod Adult Cardiologist Dr. J. Schroeder Pediatric Cardiologist	12 Dr. J. Ramirez Adult Cardiologist	13 Dr. A. Dinesman Ear, Nose & Throat	14 No Urology
17	18 Andrea Morris Audiologist	19 Dr. J. Espinoza Adult Cardiologist	20 Dr. A. Dinesman Ear, Nose & Throat	21 No Urology
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To schedule an appointment with any of the above physicians call (830) 703-1730 or 775-8566 ext. 1730. All physicians see patients at the Val Verde Regional Medical Center Outpatient Center, 801 Bedell Ave., Del Rio, Texas.