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## Horse club contract not renewed Border Patrol awards outstanding student

By Genie Robinson  
Contributing Writer

In less than a month it is possible that people living on Fort Clark Springs (FCS) will cease to hear the sound of horses hooves on its historic soil. It is also probable that the stables will be rendered unusable by anyone hoping to stable a horse.

On November 11th, a breach of the peace occurred at the stables. Two men, both Fort Clark Springs Horse Club (FCSHC) members, had an altercation. This spurred the scru-

tiny of the horse club's constitution and bylaws by FCS Association's Board of Directors and General Manager Maggie Kerr.

The horse club bylaws provides for the removal of any member whose conduct is unacceptable. In fact, in March of 1989 horse club members voted to remove a member for neglecting his horse, aggressive behavior towards fellow members, and riding his horse on the golf course which is restricted by FCS rules.

On November 17th the FCS

board declined to renew its current agreement with the horse club. In a November 20th letter to horse club members, Kerr stated, "If the Board of Directors adopts the new agreement, the Horse Club will be given the opportunity to submit an application under the terms of the new agreement." The letter also requires FCSHC to submit a constitution and a set of bylaws for review by the FCS board. In addition it said "In the event that a new agreement is not in place as of January 1, 2002 the Fort will rent stalls to individuals on a monthly basis under rules specified by the Fort."

However, on November 8th Kerr had already notified horse club members the agreement would not be renewed. That letter stated, "...all horses and equipment belonging to Horse Club members must be removed from the premises no later than December 31, 2001. Exterior (portable) stall fencing owned by members to maintain their separate pens shall also be removed by the same date." In the current agreement the horse club reserves the right to remove "exterior stall fencing"

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border Patrol awards outstanding student



Pictured above from left: John Paul Schuster, Ronnie Hobbs, Maria Martinez ("Outstanding Student Award" recipient), Bryan Campbell and Steve Mora.

Since 1995 the United States Border Patrol has been giving the Outstanding Student Award to a local high school student.

Several students are nominated by the school and then three of the Border Patrol Agents pick the winners.

Last Wednesday Maria Martinez was presented the "Outstanding Student" award by local Agents Ronnie Hobbs, Bryan Campbell and Steve

Mora.

Former recipients include Michael Aguirre, '95; Tanya McClure, Ramon De Leon and Courtney Harrison, '96; J. Wayne Ballew and David Honstein, '97; Wendy Goodloe and Colby Crosby, '98; Amanda Petrosky, Laura Lee Ballew and Oscar Sierra, '99; Jamie Bader, Jeffery Luna and Joseph Luna, '00; Lee Davis, '01.

## Briefs ...

### Tamale Dinner

All you can eat and drink Tamale Dinner. There will be door prizes, a D.J. and donations to support the Kinney County Livestock Show Sale. At the Kinney County Civic Center on Saturday, December 8 from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. For tickets contact: Alma Gutierrez at 563-3139 or Candy Hobbs at 563-2591 or Donna Schuster at 563-2731.

### 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.

### Commodities

The USDA Commodities will be at the St. John's Missionary Baptist Church on Monday Oct. 22 from 9 a.m. - 12 noon.

### Duplicate Bridge

Duplicate bridge was played at Fort Clark Springs in the Gorgas Room at 7 PM on Tuesday, November 27, 2001. There were 4 tables and the Howell Movement was used. The winners were: 1st-Ann Watts and Ann Malin; 2nd-Mona Miller and Dena Scott; and 3rd Dianna Daniels and Kay Roberts. A good time was had by all. Duplicate Bridge is open to all bridge players in the community. The only requirement is to have a partner and come to the Gorgas Room on Tuesday evenings at 7 PM. Each participant pays \$1 and prizes are awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. Join us and enjoy the company of other bridge players having a fun evening.

### Amateur Poetry Contest

A \$1,000.00 grand prize is being offered in a new free poetry contest sponsored by Celestial Arts. \$50,000 in prizes will be awarded during the coming year.

To enter send one poem 21 lines or less: Celestial Arts, PO Box 1140, Talent, OR 97540. Or enter online at www.freecontest.com.

Be sure your name and address on the page with your poem. The deadline for entering is December 29, 2001.

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## One dies in head on

Icy road conditions led to a fatal head on collision Wednesday, November 28th.

Virgal McCaffrey, a construction worker, was traveling east on Highway 90 when he lost control of his vehicle. The accident happened about 8 p.m., 6 miles east of Brackettville.

McCaffrey's '79 International Scout lost traction and crossed over into oncoming traffic. The vehicle was struck by a '90 Ford Bronco driven by Wesley Ballard, 48, of Beeville.

McCaffrey and both his passengers were thrown from the vehicle. McCaffrey, 40, of

Harper Texas, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Ballard, a computer technician, was on his way to a service call in Brackettville.

Ballard received severe head injuries and several broken ribs. Both of McCaffrey's passengers also received head injuries. All three survivors were transported to University Hospital in San Antonio.

Ballard was released from the hospital last Saturday.

McCaffrey's passengers were treated and released Wednesday night.



Sunday's wet road conditions led to two non-fatality accidents in Kinney County. The above Ford crew cab was passing traffic when it lost control, slid into the bar ditch and flipped several times. Both passengers were wearing safety belts and received only minor injuries. The accident occurred approximately 6 miles east of Brackettville on Highway 90.

## Candidates for KCGCD Board

### County At-Large

Darlene Shahan  
Joe York, Jr.

Jewel Robinson  
Anita Ertle

### City At-Large

Joseph Goebel  
Henry Fuentes

### Fort Clark Springs At-Large

Bob Young

### Precinct 1

Tom Dorrell

### Precinct 2

Cecil Y. Smith  
Sandy Watkins

### Precinct 3

Zach Davis  
Chris Ring

### Precinct 4

Roy J. Harris  
Stan Conoly  
Don Hood

By Flo Dean  
Staff Writer

Candidates for the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District Board met Monday evening to draw places on the election ballot.

Election will be held on Friday, January 12, 2002. Polling places will be: for Precinct 1, the EMS Building on Ellen St. Precinct 2 votes at the High School Auditorium on Ann St., Precinct 3 at the Brackett Senior Apts. Recreation Rm. on Spring St. and Precinct 4 at the Kinney County Library Fritter Room on Spring St.

Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Each voter will cast a ballot for four members of the board, one for each At-Large candidate (County At Large, City At Large and Ft. Clark Springs Municipal Utilities District At Large) and a vote for the candidate running in the voters' precinct. Ballots will contain all the At Large Candidate names but only the candidates running in the respective precincts.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each

weekday at the Kinney County Clerk's Office, Kinney County Courthouse, 501 S. Ann St., Brackettville, Texas between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., and between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on December 26, 2001 and ending on January 9, 2002.

In addition to confirming the creation of the groundwater district, and selecting 7 members of the Initial Water Board, voters will also be asked to confirm that the Board may, at its discretion, levy a tax of no more than 10 cents per \$100 dollars of assessed valuation. Initial directors will serve until the election of a permanent board in November, 2004. Temporary Board President Tom Dorrell pointed out that no expenses have been incurred by this board. County courthouse facilities and resources have been used whenever possible. State and County Attorney's offices have furnished legal advice. Board members have personally absorbed other costs, such as telephone fees.

If an ad valorem tax is necessary, it will be levied on such taxpayers as railroads and util-

ity lines that pass through Kinney County, as well as individual taxpayers.

When confirmed, the Water District may impose a fee on water exported out of the district, and may assess other fees as authorized by Chapter 36 of the Water Code.

Temporary Board President Dorrell voiced his concerns, saying, "We need a way to estimate the volume available in the aquifers, we need to know the recharge factor and we need to know the time factor - the time it takes to recharge the water. This information is not now available to us."

"We need to be good stewards, to try to insure that the aquifer is not crippled so that subsequent generations will have water."

Mona Miller, a member of the Temporary Board who is not seeking election to the Initial Board says she will work with the new Board in writing grants to obtain funding other than tax levies for Water District expenses. Funds are available from the Texas Water Board and TNRC, and application forms

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## Base schedules King honored with luncheon December tour

Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas - Local residents and visitors are invited to tour this pilot training installation at 9 a.m. Dec. 12. This event is designed to help the public learn about operations and equipment used to train Air Force and international military pilots at Laughlin.

Visitors are offered a firsthand view of the aircraft and simulators used to train more than 400 pilots each year. They also see the maintenance effort that keeps aircraft ready to fly more than 350 flights every day. Tours begin and end at the Del Rio Civic Center. Participants should dress comfortably and be prepared to walk up to a mile. An Air Force vehicle will depart from the center at 9 a.m. and return by 11:30 a.m. To guarantee a seat on the

tour, participants are asked to sign up in person at the Del Rio Chamber of Commerce office. Visitors are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis; therefore, each attendee should be listed individually on the sign-up sheet.

Up to 40 visitors may attend each tour and guests under 18 years of age must be accompanied at all times by a legal adult guardian. Please be aware that no tobacco use is permitted in Air Force vehicles or buildings at any time, and military buses are not equipped to accommodate wheelchairs.

For more information on tour programs or Laughlin Air Force Base in general, contact Jim Teet by telephone (830) 298-5980 or via e-mail at jim.teet@laughlin.af.mil.

State Representative Tracy King was honored recently with an appreciation luncheon in Brackettville. The luncheon, attended by approximately forty prominent Kinney County officials, was a "Thank You" for Representative King's service to rural electric consumers.

Daniel G. Laws, General Manager/CEO of Rio Grande ECI, discussed the issues affecting rural electric consumers in today's changing climate of deregulation of the electric utility industry. He thanked Representative King for his concern in dealing with legislative matters affecting those in rural areas. Also taking part in the appreciation luncheon, was Larry Oeffinger, General Manager/CEO of Medina Electric Cooperative, who also expressed his appreciation for Rep. King's attention to serving the needs of those in rural South and Southwest Texas.



Left: State Representative Tracy King, receives a custom-made antique electric meter lamp from Daniel G. Laws, General Manager/CEO of Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Larry Oeffinger, General Manager/CEO of Medina Electric Cooperative, Inc. The lamp was a thank you gift for service to rural electric consumers. It was inscribed in exaggerated regional vernacular, "Ya Done Good!"



## Letter to the Editor

### Unsung heroes recognized

Unsung heroes are being taken for granted. Post Master, Leonel G. Juarez, and his postal employees work daily to serve our needs, always with a smile as warm as a hug. They see that our letters and packages are delivered in a speedy manner and our mail is delivered even without our post office box being part of the address.

I was picking up my mail the other day, my eyes watering and my nose smarting from the fumes of bleach. I was told it was a way of killing Anthrax.

I suddenly realized how brave our postal workers are and how much they have to put up with to serve us. I had to put up with bleach fumes a few minutes, the postal workers had to put up with them all day.

I hear plenty of grumbling about the postal workers, the mail took too long to arrive, the postal worker got the mail in the wrong box, etc. I have done it myself.

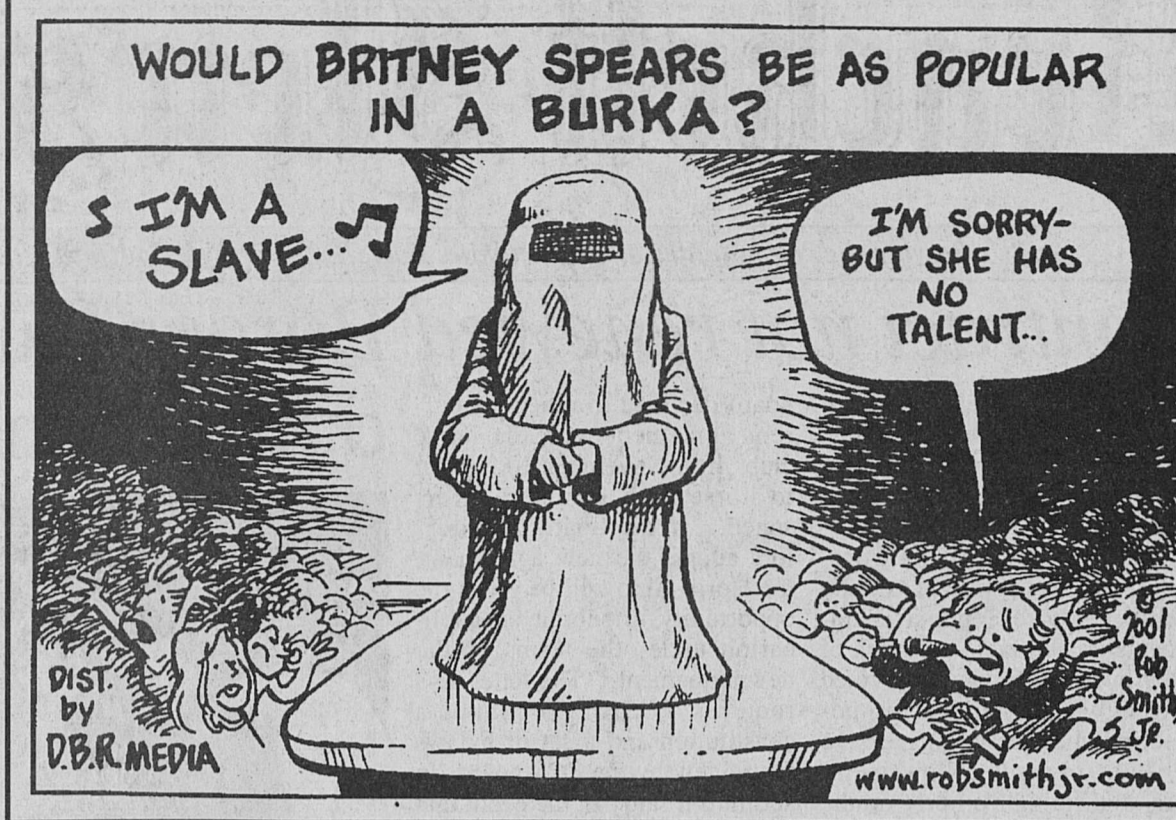
But, our Brackettville post office is really outstanding, compared to big cities like Phoenix, Seattle, or New York. There

you wait and wait in line and when you get to the counter, the postal worker acts like you are just a junk piece of mail to be processed. Delivery to go across the city, not the nation even, can be as long as three weeks. If a letter is missing the PO box, it is returned to sender, unlike here, in Brackettville, where the postal workers patiently look up missing PO box numbers so our precious mail can be delivered.

Here, in our rural community, our mail service is very important. It brings us the news, important announcements, messages of great joy and, sometimes, of sorrow. Come rain or shine, our postal workers are continuing to deliver our mail, despite great personal risk of possibly being the victim of a terrorist attack whether a bomb, anthrax, or an aggravated patron with a gun.

Maybe, next time we go in for stamps or to mail a Christmas package, we should remember to tell them thank you.

Sincerely,  
Patricia A. Moffatt



## The road to life

The Way I See It  
By Steven R. LaMascus

I am sad. One of the icons of my youth is gone.

I grew up in the sixties. I can barely remember a time when I did not know about The Beatles. I loved their music and was depressed for days when they broke up the group.

They were incredibly talented, and wrote and performed songs that will, in all probability, be immortal. My Sweet Lord, Michelle, Yesterday, Penny Lane, Strawberry Fields, Hey Jude, and many more touched our teenaged hearts and made us think pleasant thoughts of love and happiness during a time of strife, war, civil unrest, atomic bombs, and racial hatred.

We needed The Beatles at that time and place.

John Lennon, my least favorite Beatle was murdered by a maniac many years ago. His death was sad, but did not really touch my heart. The Beatles were already a thing of the past and John was a bit weird anyway. Just take a look at Yoko Ono and you'll see what I mean.

Now George Harrison is dead from that plague of the Twentieth Century, cancer. He was 58-years-old — just a few years older than I am. He was not murdered in the prime of his life by some nut.

He died of natural causes. It makes me face my own mortality and look at my own life

much more closely than I like, but that is not the real reason I am sad. I am sad because I am fairly sure that George, as gentle and kind and talented as he was, is not going to be in Heaven when I get there. You see, George was a believer in the Hindu religion. He was the one who got all the other Beatles involved with the Maharishi Mahesh Yogi.

George spent his life looking for spiritual fulfillment. What makes me sad is that, like many others in the entertainment industry, he apparently allowed public opinion to keep him from looking in the only place he would have found what he so desperately sought. Instead of turning to Christ for true fulfillment he searched the world for enlightenment and found nothingness.

It is depressing when you understand that, in Hollywood, if you profess to be a Christian you are branded a religious nut, and for all intents and purposes, blackballed by the industry. However, if you claim to be Buddhist or Scientologist, or believe in channeling spirit guides from other planets, you are a member of the inner circle and are toadied to and coddled by the upper crust of entertainment.

The sad truth is that most of these people don't really believe in anything.

They want to be accepted by their peers in Hollywood and their beliefs are whatever is popular at the moment. If

someone suddenly told them it was popular to bathe in cow manure and worship used toilet paper, they would jump on the bandwagon and scream that they were true believers in dirty Charmin.

George Harrison was a kind and thoughtful man. He did a tremendous lot for various charities. He gave himself to service to others on more than one occasion. But his good deeds won't earn him a place in Heaven. I'm sorry if you don't like that, but it is fact. No one can earn a place in Heaven by what they do on earth. It simply isn't possible. None of us are worthy of the Glory of Heaven. We deserve death and a permanent place in Hell. Like it says in the Bible, "The wages of sin is death." And if you will notice, sin is singular in this instance. It only takes one.

I wish that when I arrive in Glory, George Harrison was going to be there. But he made the wrong choice. He was given the same options as everyone else and chose the wide road to damnation, and I am truly sorry. I pray that you won't make that same wrong decision. Because the only road to life is through Jesus Christ.

Matthew 7:13,14 — "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."

## HIV/AIDS prevention & treatment

Submitted By  
Congressman **Ciro D. Rodriguez**

(Washington, DC) As we assess the threat of further terrorist attacks, new challenges are testing the nation's resolve and determination.

Without question, we must devote the critical resources necessary to defend the American homeland from threats of biological, chemical, cyber, and nuclear attacks. Emergency response preparedness, security at nuclear power plants and local aquifers, and the improved screening at airports and other transportation centers, though burdensome and costly, are key components to an appropriate terrorism response. But in this time of new challenges, we must not forget old ones either. The ravages of disease have not taken a vacation in this new era.

December 1<sup>st</sup> marks World AIDS Day, a stark reminder that death comes in many forms. September 11<sup>th</sup> taught us that no nation is immune to the horrors of terrorism.

December 1<sup>st</sup> should remind us that the same is true for deadly diseases.

Twenty years after HIV was first documented by the Centers for Disease Control, AIDS has claimed close to 25 million victims world-wide.

The global epidemic has devastated the rich and poor, the

famous and not-so-famous, the young and old. From villages in sub-Saharan Africa to colonias on either side of the US-Mexico border, communities around the world have suffered the ravages of AIDS.

The Centers for Disease Control estimates over 900,000 Americans have contracted HIV. Another 250,000 Americans are believed to live without the knowledge that they, too, have been infected. In these situations, the tragedy is doubled.

Those who are unknowingly infected lose precious time in treating the AIDS-causing virus and the disease has a much higher probability of spreading.

Despite reports indicating a decline in AIDS diagnoses in the United States, the domestic HIV infection rate remains at an overwhelming 40,000 new cases each year.

Among Hispanic and African-American communities, the HIV infection rate is growing at an alarming pace.

AIDS infection is still one of the leading causes of death among Hispanics aged 24 to 44.

AIDS is the leading killer of African-Americans - accounting for more deaths than homicide, drugs and alcohol, cancer and heart disease combined.

Outside the United States, these statistics are even more tragic. Worldwide, more than

8,000 men, women and children die from AIDS everyday and more than 36 million people are living with HIV. The CDC predicts that this number will increase to 100 million in the next 5 years.

World AIDS Day, the only international day of coordinated action against AIDS, brings messages of compassion, hope, solidarity and understanding to virtually every corner of the globe.

It's about fighting the prejudices faced by people living with HIV, and it's about motivating decision makers to take action. The fight against HIV and AIDS is far from over. Recently, I joined several of my colleagues in the House of Representatives to urge President Bush to devote more than \$1 billion to combating the global spread of HIV/AIDS, and other deadly, contagious diseases.

Around the world, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria combine to kill more than 17,000 men, women and children every day. The \$1 billion we seek would be allocated to the US Agency for International Development (USAID) to support a wide range of results-based interventions, from education and prevention to the procurement of drugs to be used in the testing and treatment of those at risk of contracting HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.

## Lending A Helping Hand

By Henry Bonilla  
U.S. Congressman, 23rdDist.

The holiday season is upon us, and what a wonderful time it is to spend with family and loved ones reliving old memories and making new ones. While we cherish these special moments, we should not forget about those among us who are not as fortunate. All around our communities are hard working folks who, because of unfortunate circumstances, cannot stretch their paychecks for enough food for themselves or their families. Setting aside a portion of your afternoon or weekend to assist those less fortunate than us could make a huge difference — especially in this holiday season.

This country was built on individualism, which includes an individual's responsibility to his or her neighbors. Part of this responsibility is to lend a hand to a neighbor in their time of need. By giving a little of yourself, you not only empower your neighbor, but you also make your community stronger and more united.

In these small Texas towns people are naturally charitable. Texans haven't forgotten to make it a priority to give something back to our communities. And it's not like you don't have anything else to do. You lead busy lives. You work, take care of families, go to church, coach little league, and yet still make the time to volunteer.

Many people think heroes are the people who beat the odds and achieve the impossible. But the people who do succeed against the odds aren't the only heroes. America is full of them. Heroes are the people who not only recognize that the world is full of need, they do something about it. They get up in the morning and decide they are going to do something to make their community a better place.

The opportunities to help are boundless. If you're not involved, get involved. Make the decision to just do it. Whether it's stopping along the highway and picking up trash, or organizing a fundraiser to donate money to charity.

You can make a difference. And to those who are already doing it, a hearty thank you. Giving to those in need around us, helping our neighbors, and assisting those with special needs — that is the true meaning of the holiday.

The first step in treating any health epidemic is to heighten public awareness. If we do the job of educating right, people will have the tools to seek the proper health care and avoid the emergency situations that result from neglect.

At home, Federal initiatives have brought valuable resources to the war against AIDS, but education remains the most effective tool in disease prevention.

Unfortunately, in too many parts of the world, people have neither the resources nor the ability to seek treatment. We should not forget that the global spread of infectious diseases often reaches our shores.

While researchers continue their quest for a cure, hundreds of thousands of Americans infected with HIV and AIDS are caught in a painful battle against the fatal disease and against a prohibitively expensive health care system.

Outside the United States many millions more lack even the basic knowledge to prevent the spread of these diseases.

Education and early intervention work. We can help overcome the AIDS epidemic by promoting education and prevention efforts in communities throughout the world and provide individuals who are at risk the opportunity to seek testing and treatment.

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### Big Mama Sez!

The length of a film should be directly related to the endurance of the human bladder.

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# Past Rotarian president speaks

By Frances McMaster  
Contributing Writer

Guest speaker for the Rotary Club's weekly meeting on the thirtieth of November was Joe Hardin, immediate past president. During the past week, Hardin had been involved with his children and was helping with research for his son's science project. The topic he had chosen was "Why does the size of the moon appear larger when on the horizon than at its apex?" The topic sounded easy enough—no earth-shaking information or conclusion is involved. Hardin said that it isn't easy to measure the moon, but his son decided to take photographs of the moon on the horizon and at the apex and measure the difference. His son thought his photographs agreed with the research, but Hardin thinks the boy actually mixed up the pictures unconsciously making them agree with the research.

However, the research is wrong because it actually says that the moon appears smaller on the horizon. Hardin feels that he, himself, will have a hard time letting go of this problem, not only because it is intriguing, but because he does not have a satisfactory explanation. To Hardin, it is still an unsolved mystery, and he isn't alone. This phenomenon was noticed thousands of years ago in China and Greece, and no perfect explanations were found then either.

The size difference has to be an illusion since the moon obviously doesn't change its size, and its orbit is circular around the earth. Research credits two effects.

First, the moon is farther away at the horizon. It is exactly the radius of the earth farther away. Hardin suggested we imagine ourselves standing on a ball, which is the earth, and

place you on top of it, looking at the moon which is orbiting the earth in a circle. Measuring from the horizon, the distance to the moon will be the radius of the earth farther away. That is a 2 percent effect reduction of the visual size of the moon mentioned in the research. Secondly, the refractive quality of the atmosphere also reduces the visual size of the moon to the retina by 1.7 percent.

Most people would agree that the moon looks larger, not smaller, as it comes up on the horizon so something else is involved. Many different hypotheses have been explored but haven't proven correct. One interesting factor is that visual effect can change a person's perception. Hardin showed some pictures of objects depicted in such a way that they appeared to be different in size when they were actually the same. The photographs fool most people, however, some people don't see the illusion.

Hardin's family did some experimenting of its own and suggested Rotary members try it. When you are on the road from Brackettville to Del Rio, railroad tracks can be seen close to the road.

Hardin suggested we stop, get out of the car and observe that the tracks, they appear to grow smaller and closer together as they move into the distance.

This is an illusion, but the visual effect creates the perception of distance. Hardin said, that if you get out of your car, observe this, then turn away from the tracks and lean over and look at them through your legs, the illusion goes away. He and his family tried this, he said, so if you saw someone on the side of the road on the way to Del Rio, standing in such a weird position, you know now what was happening. Scientific

research was taking place. Among explanations of why the rising moon's size is distorted is that we may have no visual reference such as buildings or trees on the horizon. Look at the rising moon when you are on the ocean, or when flying in an airplane looking over the clouds with no reference points. Then, you will experience no illusion. Hardin said that the thing he has stressed to his children is that the important thing is learning the scientific method. At the Science Fair, the most impressive experiment or the one with the

most visual appeal is not necessarily the best. The important thing is learning the process of scientific investigation—setting a hypothesis and researching and processing the proper information with the right controls and doing it correctly. Hardin let his son present his material as his son had found it, and the result will be discussed by the family after the experiment is judged. This whole process is a learning experience within a learning experiment. It contains a valuable lesson that will not be soon forgotten.

## DRT breaks ground on \$650,000 educational facility

By Pat McKelvy  
Contributing Writer

Caddell-Smith Chapter members joined in the ground breaking ceremonies on the Alamo's new educational facilities on Tuesday, November 20, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. at the site of the new 74 seat amphitheater on the Alamo Complex. The new facility is designed to assist in serving the educational needs of the more than 2.5 million visitors.

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT) has raised \$550,000 towards its goal of \$650,000 to build the Educational Arbor/Amphitheater and restore the historic Gallagher Building.

The DRT has reached 85% of its goal through grants from private foundations. To raise the remaining 15% the DRT is announcing a new development campaign that will give everyone the opportunity to become a tangible part of the Alamo.

Personalized brick pavers specifically designed for the Gallagher Building's courtyard and gardens will be sold for \$100 each. It is anticipated that many people who cherish what

the Alamo represents will want to take this opportunity to honor or memorialize loved ones or purchase a paver in their own name and become a part of the Alamo story. (Brackettville area residents may contact Pat McKelvy for detailed information on purchasing pavers).

Those private foundations recognized for their commitment to this important education based initiative were The Ewing Halsell Foundation, Robert J. and Helen C. Kleberg Foundation, USAA Foundation, SBC Foundation, Meadows Foundation, Vollney E. Dibrell Trust, Semmes Foundation and the Amon G. Carter Foundation.

## What you need to know about Christmas tree lights

Those strands of holiday lights look innocent enough, but when you plug too many into the same outlet, you run the risk of overloading a circuit. Signs of an overloaded circuit are lights that flicker or dim; a TV screen that shrinks in size; an outlet or switch that feels warm to the touch. Another is a tripped circuit breaker or a blown fuse. Before you begin to decorate, it's a good idea to check out the

## Kinney County Sheriff's Report .....

**Monday, November 26**  
8:35 p.m., A resident from Quemado reported three cows on Hwy 1908.

10:10 p.m., A man reported possible trespassers out on his ranch.

10:50 p.m., A woman was trying to reach her son that was heading east. The Border Patrol Checkpoint was advised.

**Wednesday, November 28**  
6:30 p.m., Chief Deputy Fritter responded to a stranded motorist east on Hwy 90.

8:07 p.m., A man reported an accident on Hwy 90 east by the weather ball. The Fire Department, Funeral Home, Justice of the Peace, DPS Troopers Tom Wylie and Tony Ashley were all advised immediately.

**Thursday, November 29**  
1:30 p.m., Juan Pablo Muñoz, 33, from Del Rio, was arrested for delivery of marijuana less than 1/4 oz. by Deputy Guidry.

1:55 p.m., A man reported a stolen BBQ pit.

6:01 p.m., Chief of Police Arnulfo Alonzo responded to an intoxicated person on Hwy 90 in front of the car wash.

**Friday, November 30**  
1:40 p.m., Mitchell Travis Wilson, 45, was arrested for possession of marijuana over 2 oz. and under 4 oz, possession of prohibited weapon and no drivers license by Deputy Manuel Pena. Wilson is still being held.

3:30 p.m., A woman reported a trespasser in her home. Chief Alonzo was advised.

**Saturday, December 1**  
6:30 p.m., Deputy Manuel Pena Sr., found an American Express card, and turned it in to the Sheriff's Office.

**Sunday, December 2**  
12:40 a.m., A TxDOT employee was advised the Sheriff's Office about an accident on Hwy 90 east of Del Rio. DPS Trooper Tom Wylie and the Del Rio Police Department were advised.

1:06 p.m., A TxDOT employee advised the office about a truck roll-over on Hwy 90 east of town, one mile from Fritters Park. Deputy Pena responded.

3:00 p.m., Michael Andrew Askins, 19, was arrested for trespassing on railroad property Misd. C, by Rail Road Police Terry Carraccu. Askins is still being held.

3:00 p.m., Jeremiah B. Pendleton, 19, was arrested by Police Carraccu for trespassing on railroad property Misd. C. Pendleton is still being held.

3:00 p.m., Steven Brooke Neckerly, 46, was arrested for trespassing on railroad property Misd. C, by Police Carraccu.

3:00 p.m., Kelso Kavin Hunt, 32, was arrested for trespassing on railroad property Misd. C by Police Carraccu.

10:58 p.m., The Uvalde Police Department informed the station that they were chasing a vehicle on 55 north.

condition of each light strand. If you find broken or cracked sockets, loose connections, or frayed or cut insulation, it's best to discard that strand and buy a new one.

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### NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION JANUARY 12, 2002

#### NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR CONFIRMATION OF THE KINNEY COUNTY GROUND WATER DISTRICT AND INITIAL DIRECTORS

To the registered voters of the County of Kinney (Brackettville), Texas:  
(a los votantes registrados del Condado de Kinney Brackettville, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on Jan. 12, 2002, for voting Confirmation of The Kinney County Water District and Initial Directors Election.

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 6 de 2002 para votar en la Eleccion Especial para La Anmienda Consitucional.)

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If the county clerk is not the early voting clerk, the information in the block is required.

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# True love of God I still am thankful Ballot positions

Empowering Families  
By Dr. Donald Smith

"Dad, why do certain people want to blow themselves up and kill other people in the process?"

"What people are you talking about Jeremy?"

"Well, there's been a lot of it lately. The men who flew airplanes into the World Trade Center and then today a couple of guys blew themselves up and injured and killed a bunch of people in Israel. We were talking about it in history class today in school. Some kids think that suicide bombers are religious people who are trying to bring justice and equality to their land."

"What do you think, son?"

"I think they're crazy," Jeremy replied. "A lot of people would agree with you and a lot of people would agree with the kids in your history class. I have another opinion."

"What's that, Dad?"

"Well, the question is, why would someone be willing to kill themselves just to kill other people?"

They appear to be obsessed with death.

There's nothing constructive in what they teach or in what they do.

They use religion as a mask. Jeremy, do you know who is the author of death?"

"I think it's Satan, Dad."

"You're right, Jeremy. Satan is the father of evil and brought death to the Garden of Eden in order to destroy our relationship with God."

We have to look at the facts. Suicide bombers are evil people who have an obsession with death.

They mistakenly think that their actions bring them the approval of God. However, their God is Satan.

A very wise man long ago said, 'It was the wicked who with hands and words invited death, considering it a friend, and pined for it, and made a covenant with it, because they deserve to be in its possession (Wisdom 1:16).'

We must pray for such people and hope that they find the true God of love."

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

But I could be wrong  
By Chuck Hall

I had a most delightful holiday. Thanksgiving has to be my favorite festival. No shopping to do, plenty of food to eat, football games to watch, what's not to like?

Tillman continues to be a joy. His vocabulary is growing faster than he is.

And his mind turns much faster than his old granddad's does.

I have to leave when he's asleep. I sneak away because I don't like the fussing, the crying, the temper tantrums, and the overall childish attitude. And I don't think Tillman likes to see his grandfather act that way either.

Little Sarah gets prettier every day. She oohs and ahhs and tries her very best to talk to everyone.

She'll grow up faster than I want her to. I will be a granddad again soon. This summer I will await my third grandchild.

Charlie and Terry are expecting. Well actually only Charlie, no I guess they both are expecting, oh never mind. You know what I mean. I really don't know what to hope for. I already have a grandson and a granddaughter so I just want another grandchild. Maybe they'll have twins.

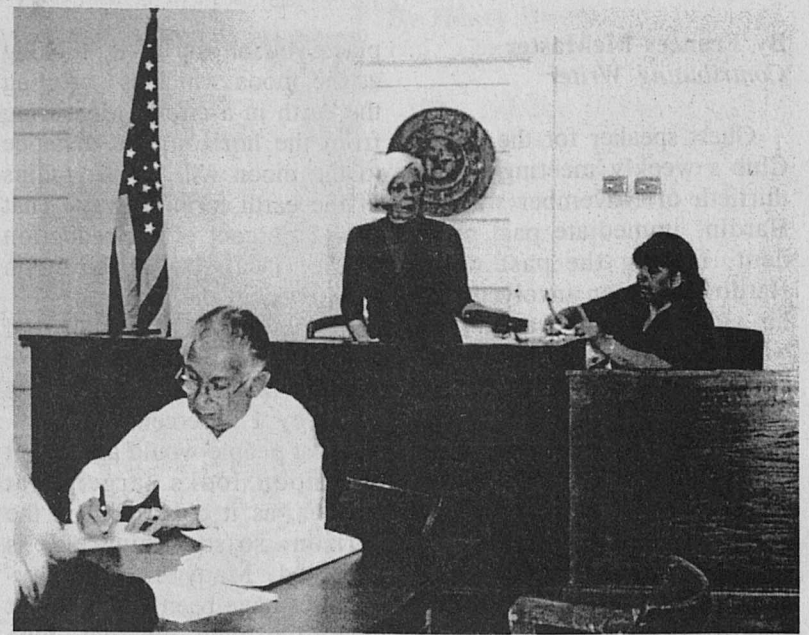
One of each would be nice. Nice for me, but my brother said after his wife had twins that he wouldn't wish that on his worst enemy.

He claims they are never hungry at the same time, they're not wet at the same time, but they are usually awake at the same time.

Alvin says his twins were more than twice the trouble of a single. He claims they were more like four times the amount of work that one would have been.

Anyway the blessed event will happen this summer around late July.

I am truly blessed. No, not wrong this time.



Water board candidates draw for ballot positions. Left to right; candidate Henry Fuentes, Mona Miller, secretary of temporary board and Silvia Gomez from the county clerk's office.

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have been requested.

Last January after the first public meeting to discuss the formation of a county water district, Judge Senne stated that "The purpose of a water district is to assure the longevity of our water resources so waters of Kinney Country are in adequate supply for community growth, community needs. It is not to keep water from being transferred or transported from here, it's simply to manage the resource within its capabilities."

In March an independent committee made up of county citizens representing various municipalities, governing bodies and the community in general sent House Bill 3243 to the Texas State Legislature. The bill

was written to create a Water District with the intent to retain local control over water rights and resources, and to serve public use and benefits. A County resolution at that time noted increased awareness of Texas' vulnerability to drought, and of the limits of the existing water supplies needed to meet increasing demands of population growth.

House Bill 3243 became law on September 1st and County Commissioners appointed Joe York, Jr., Henry Fuentes, Mona Miller, Tom Dorrell, Cecil Smith, Darlene Shahan and Stan Conoly to serve as members of the Temporary Board. Deadline for candidates to file for the Initial Board of Directors was November 28th.

## Christmas Concert

By Lynn McNew  
Contributing Writer

The Voices of Fort Clark will present their annual Christmas Concert on Saturday, Nov. 8, at 7:00 p.m. at Post Theater. This year's presentation will be a cantata "Come to the Manger" by Mark Hayes.

Soloists for the evening will be Melanie Jones, soprano, Dee Manty, alto, Frank Cheaney, tenor and Nathan LaFrenze,

baritone. Also included in the performance is a children's choir with Timmeke Simmons as soloist.

Cathie Conrey serves as accompanist for the Voices, who are under the direction of Lynn McNew.

Mark your calendar and plan now to attend one of the highlights of the holiday season, "Come to the Manger" Saturday, November 8th, 7:00 p.m., Post Theater.

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**Happy Holidays!**



### All-District Football Selections Middle school Parents be encouraged in education

The 2001 30-AA All-District Football Selections are defensive newcomer of the year: Dietrich Davis. Second team: Terrell Freeman - Defensive Tackle; Jesse Davis - Defensive End; and Jared Hobbs - Defensive Back.

The first team are J.J. Rivas - Defensive Tackle; Carlos Gomez - Defensive End; Miguel Hernandez - Inside Linebacker; Manuel Madrid - Outside Linebacker; David Campos - Outside Linebacker; and Lee

Davis - Defensive Back. The offense team are: second team Miguel Hernandez - Offensive Guard; Tommy Gomez - Offensive Tackle; Levi Duncan - Tight End; Raymond Gomez - Running Back; and Lee Davis - Wide Receiver.

First team J.J. Rivas - Offensive Tackle; Carlos Gomez - Offensive Guard; Philip Munoz - Center; David Campos - Running Back; and Jared Hobbs - Quarterback.

### Middle school basketball team

By Jenifer Harris  
Contributing Writer

The 7th grade girl's basketball team fell to Del Rio Monday night.

The 7th grade girls got off to a slow start with the half score being 15-10.

The final score found Del Rio on top with a score of 30-14.

High scorer for the young Tigerettes was Emily Valenzuela with 12 points followed by Nadine Terrazas with 2.

Several of Brackett's team members found themselves in foul trouble early in the game.

Also competing in the game was; Loraina Mendoza, Natasha Smith, Monica Talamantes, Allison DelBosque, Lola Cano, Cynthia Jaso, Kara Yeager, Laura Meyer, Samantha Davis. The team's next game will be December, 13 at home against Del Rio Sacred Heart.

Making a Difference  
By Taylor Stephenson

This week, we welcome our migrant students back to Brackettville. We have about 15 students and their families that return in late November from the jobs that they do in other states.

Our district has about 55 total students whose families are involved in seasonal agricultural jobs in other states.

Gloria Jimenez works closely with these migrant families to get them back into the school setting. Teachers in Brackettville work extra hard to help these folks get caught up with schoolwork. Texas State law requires school districts to help with the transition. Most of us have coats and jackets hanging in our closets that others could wear. During last week's cold weather, I heard requests from San Antonio churches and shelters for coats and jackets and blankets for the homeless.

I am not aware of homeless families in our community, but there are those who could use coats and blankets.

Brackettville churches might provide information on how we could help.

Brackett High School's student council in conjunction with the Brackettville Lions Club will sponsor a canned food drive to make baskets for the needy of our community for the holiday season. Most all of the students will be helping with this drive.

Chuck Hall, BISD's federal programs coordinator, held a luncheon for school Title I staff and parents this past week.

Positive suggestions came from the meeting from the parents and staff that attended.

Parents are encouraged to be involved in the education of the children. As Mr. Hall announces more parent training programs, please make every effort to attend. The school board will meet in regular ses-

sion at 6:00 PM on Monday, December 10. We had a superb month in November at BISD. Thanks for your support of BISD. Have a great week!

### Horse club members left out in the cold

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owned by members." Removal of the fencing by club members will render stables virtually unusable.

Last Friday the horse club met to amend their current constitution and bylaws according to suggestions by FCS board members as well as some of their own changes.

At the meeting FCS board member Tom Saylor was present as a representative of the board and Kerr was also present for part of the meeting. Saylor verbally assured members that he would suggest an extension of the current agreement to the board of directors.

Horse club members have found themselves in a quandary about what to do with their horses. If a new agreement has not been reached by the first of the year there may be no fencing to enclose their horses.

Horse club members may have to decide whether to keep their horses tied up at the stables for an indefinite period of time, relocate the animals, sell them, or change residence.

In the meantime, according to the last letter to horse club members, a new agreement is currently being drafted by FCS's attorney

for consideration by the board of directors.

Some FCS board members have suggested restricting the number of stalls each horse club member is allowed to utilize. No specific number was determined during the discussion.

As stated in Kerr's last letter, the history of the Fort revolves around its cavalry days.

No one interested in FCS or its history can imagine it without horses. Who can imagine one of our brave Cavalry Soldiers without seeing him astride a horse? FCS without stables and horses would not be the fort we all know and love today.

One can only hope that FCS, the Horse Club, the board and Kerr can find an immediate and equitable solution to the above mentioned issues.

Not to do so would be risking the loss of a grand and beautiful legacy that all Fort Clark Springs members and visitors have enjoyed for many years.

**Editors Note:** Fort Clark Springs General Manager Maggie Kerr granted an interview to The Brackett News but declined to be recorded. Due to potential litigation concerning the matter we chose not to conduct the interview.



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13 Run	45 Opposite of round-about	3 9, to 90	37 Word with sign or watch
14 Pop	47 Part of the moment?	4 Ascended	40 Whole
15 Bring upon oneself	49 Songs	5 Lounge about	44 River in Tuscany
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22 Dip lightly into water	63 Easy stride	10 English, science, math	53 Sacred song
23 Giggle	64 Asian or Caucasian	11 Ms. Lee	54 ___ pie
24 Increase suddenly	65 Fido's neighbor	12 Let go of	55 Belgian river
26 Czech river	66 Stink	13 Fly lightly and rapidly	56 Months: abbr.
29 Vagabond	67 Winglike	20 One billion years	57 Preposition
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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?

Today's Category: **MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS**

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**Trivia Time by Walter Branch**

1. What country calls its organized crime the Yakuza?
2. What computer network linked nearly all of the world's 20 million electronic mailboxes in 1992?
3. What daily newspaper was considered a must-read for aspiring yuppies?
4. How many of the songs from the Beatles' album, "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band," were released as singles?
5. Who is the only U.S. president to have survived two assassination attempts by women?
6. What 1993 Swedish car was touted as having exhaust fumes cleaner than the surrounding air?
7. What movie star posed in a white bathing suit looking over her right shoulder in World War II's most famous pinup picture?
8. How many people received life sentences for the murder of Malcolm X?
9. What city's Home Insurance Company building was the first to be called a "skyscraper"?
10. What did the license plate read on James Bond's Aston Martin in the movie, "Goldfinger"?

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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**HOROSCOPES**

by Charles Cooper

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You make some important new business contacts this week. One person in particular will prove valuable in the future. Over the weekend, feel free to invite guests into your home for a social event.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) It's not a week to dwell on past grievances. Put these behind you once and for all. A domestic problem crops up over the weekend.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You're sprinting toward the finish line with a project at work. Be sure, though, all the details are addressed. One tiny slip-up could set you back.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) That special loved one is feeling particularly needy this week. Be considerate of this and utilize patience. A little understanding will go a long way in the relationship.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Some soul-searching and rearranging of priorities grips you this week. That's understandable in light of recent events. However, avoid giving into pessimism.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A casual, off-handed remark has you seething with resentment. However, since this was made by someone who doesn't know you too well, try to brush it off. In the long run, it's totally unimportant to your life.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) You can't always be the world's savior. Feel free to turn down a request for help from someone who's been draining you. This person needs to learn how to deal with problems on his own.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) It's a back-and-forth week for you. Progress is made and then setbacks occur. By week's end, you're exhausted and frustrated; get some rest over the weekend.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) It's not the time to involve yourself in a friend's difficult financial situation. This mess has nothing to do with you. Instead, pay more attention to family matters.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Collaborative ventures are favored this week. A partner's brainstorm is positively inspired. Later in the week, romance comes your way.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) A minor irritation shouldn't be blown up into something major. Let it pass. Ultimately, you realize it has no real significance in your life.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Finances are looking rosy for you. This puts you in a good mood. Don't let an uncooperative co-worker put a wrench in these good feelings.

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**Roaring Twenties Solution:**

1. Accordion
2. Bassoon
3. Bugle
4. Fiddle
5. Fife
6. Flute
7. Guitar
8. Harp
9. Horn
10. Mandolin
11. Oboe
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16. Trombone
17. Trumpet
18. Tuba
19. Ukulele
20. Xylophone

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# Life offers two roads to travel Provide light to the world

Frontier Baptist Church  
By Dave Crowe

The man stood there clutching his chest, he was crying like a baby, screaming at anyone who would listen, "what is the truth?"

Just once could someone, simply tell me the truth?

The man had long since forgotten the question!

Today, I'll attempt to share with you the truths, it will be hard because, I also do not know the questions, your questions.

Today, I'll share many words of wisdom, much good advice and much food for thought, food for the mind, your mind.

Life offers only two roads to travel, the way of the righteous and the way of the wicked. In every generation the number of the righteous is always small. Be sure that you are counted among them because God provides, protects and nourishes the righteous.

Follow the faithful road. God's rewards supersedes the benefits of the wicked.

Godly people can always place their confidence in God because he listens to them and puts joy in their hearts.

At any time you can ask God for a new sense of direction, and a new sense of joy and love. God still grants requests. Then, when tensions mount, stop and thank God for his love.

God's power can take the most negative of situations and turn them into positive realities. There is no crisis that can go beyond the bounds of God's creative power.

Remember this, God is, never deaf to his children's cries for help. He hears, he listens, he responds.

The evil, wicked and deceitful people of this world define

just how a world without God behaves. Yet, the righteous live according to God's high moral standard, making decisions as if God were their constant companion, because he is!

We're always going to have problems but, God satisfies us as nothing else can because he holds the power and protection we so desperately need. Trusting him brings contentment and believe me when I say that contentment is a difficult virtue.

Nothing on this earth can satisfy our deepest Longings, only God can! Throughout our trials God provides us with a place of refuge, in a broken world, God provides the only stability.

I have great news for you! Jesus thinks that you are great! He thinks that you are terrific and I can promise you a very positive self-image, when you start to see yourself as Jesus sees you. You must love Jesus as much as he loves you. No! You must love him more!

Friends may come and go but God will be with you always. God will be faithful during our troubled times.

God delivers those who persevere in their faith.

God allows us to face adversity so that he can demonstrate his faithfulness to us, while increasing our faith in him.

Did you know that God engineers circumstances through which he can reveal himself to you and I, it's true.

As God's people we must learn to trust him with everything. This trust involves commitment, patience, delight in the Lord and obedience.

This is what faith in Jesus is all about, knowing and loving him in a personal way and entrusting our very lives to him. Putting our eternal lives into his hands.

Whether we are suffering because of sin or righteous, we can rejoice that God is there to pardon our sin and defend us from our enemies.

God will deliver you from your troubles. The wait may be difficult but you can be thankful for the outcome and you can tell others about it.

God says, "That you need to persevere. After you have done his will, then you will receive your reward."

Here is another truth, nothing occurs beyond the reach of God's power. The awareness of God's Power provides us with rest and encouragement.

The world can be overwhelming at times, but remember that God has everything under control.

I've given you the answers, now let me ask a few questions.

Do you hunger for Jesus Christ? Do you yearn to spend time alone with him in prayer? Is he the most important person in your life? Do you eagerly turn to His gospels to learn more about Him? Are you making an effort to die to anything that would inhibit, diminish, or threaten your friendship?

Now you have the truths, the questions and most of the answers. Use them wisely.

such a world He came. Into such turmoil He introduced His peace. Part of the miracle of His birth is that love is stronger than hate. Peace can survive war. Salvation is not only possible; it is here—if only we will take. "And the angel said unto them, Fear not, for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people... Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to god in the highest, and on earth, PEACE, good will to men'" (Luke 2:10 & 13).

Thank you, Lord, for the greatest news of all—that the Light of the world can overcome the darkness.

We pray this Christmas season for all the war-torn countries and for all the military people protecting us and fighting for peace in our world. You are welcome to worship with us anytime at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. God Bless You!

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

It is another day of anguish in our world. No, I am not talking about the Longhorn's loss to Colorado on Saturday. I am talking about the loss of life on Saturday and Sunday in Jerusalem and Haifa, in Israel. People who were fanatic in their political and religious beliefs killed many innocent bystanders in a mall and on a bus. A mall and a bus, places we have all been and never felt a moment of concern for our lives. And in a few moments time, even these everyday places bring an uneasy feeling. Will the mall be safe when next I visit it? Will the next bus trip I take end in my death?

I am saddened by the thought that any believer in the One True God - Muslim, Jew or Christian - could see any of God's children as political objects, to be dealt with as expendable to the political ends one chooses. For me the war being waged in Israel is as detestable as the September 11th killings.

Perhaps even worse, for the killing in Israel/Palestine is about turf/territory/land and who rules it.

At the epicenter is Jerusalem, a city sacred to three religions and all of their sects. And each of the participants believes that their God has given them special rights to that land. As much as they might argue, I don't believe the struggle is religious in any sense. And I also do not believe that God considers any single place more sacred than any other.

Isn't that what he had Nathan tell King David? The God of Abram our common forefather is a God of justice and mercy and not a purveyor of violence. Perhaps the Old Testament, the Hebrew Scriptures that our faiths share is partly to blame. We are led to believe that the God of Abram was a warrior God, a God who fought on the side of his chosen people. God was given credit for victory and defeat.

If the war went well it was by God's will. If the war went bad, it was because God needed to

punish his children for some wrong.

In my opinion these stories of faith were created to explain how the people called Israel either won or lost conflicts. Since they were the "chosen" people of God, their victories were because of their chosenness. And in a like manner, losses could only occur to the "chosen" people if God allowed it.

The God of ancient Israel had to be a warrior God because the people called Israel were a warrior people.

Today, we fall into the same trap. When the attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon occurred, the cry went out that God was allowing the wicked United States to be punished for not allowing prayer in school.

When the decision came to pursue the terrorists to their lair and seek retribution, the cry rang out, "God Bless America!" Well, God does bless America, but it isn't because our cause is more right or just than any other, it is because God is GOD. God chooses to offer grace and love to all peoples, not a nation or a race or a creed but to all of God's creation.

God tells Isaiah, "I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach the end of the earth," (Isaiah 49:6).

Let each of us by our example, be a light of non-violence to the rest of the world. If we each refuse to return violence for violence, perhaps others might see that God has a plan of peace and love for the entire world.

One good example begets another until there are enough to convince the politicians that the politically correct thing to do is to look for peaceful solutions to violent problems.

Until then let us keep those who are forced into violent confrontation by circumstance in our prayers.

Please join us Sunday at 10:45 am for our worship service.

Come and help us find the peace of God within us that might provide a light to the world.

## Love is stronger than hate

St. Mary Magdalene Church  
By Lynn McNew

"Security measures have been intensified in the Holy Land," the newscaster reported. "Special efforts are being made to protect tourists from any outbreak of hostilities among opposing groups here." That was in 1986, and, sadly, today the same newscast could be made—and probably will it makes me sad to think of celebrating the birth of our Lord in the midst of hatred and in the shadow of war.

And yet, maybe that is part of the miracle. When Christ came into the world, people were not at all ready to receive Him.

It was a world of conquerors and prisoners; people obsessed with power and determined to seize it from each other. The threat of war was on all sides and only fools spoke of peace. Survival—that was what mattered. Salvation—impossible. But into

## Forgiving one another

Gateway Ministries  
By Pastor Charlotte Corey

There is a lot of eating going on during the holiday season. Guilt can creep up on a person if they are not careful. Of course God does not want us to be gluttons. He wants us to take good care of the "temple" of God.

The temple I am talking about now is our earthly body which houses his Holy Spirit.

We want to make sure that it does not become defiled by evil coming into our hearts by "evil thoughts, pride, adulteries, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, or foolishness; All these evil things come from within, and defile the man." (Mark 7:18-23).

We are bombarded daily by TV, radio, magazines, books, billboards, and the advice of our peers which can sometimes seduce us into participating in things which blasphemes God, or contradicts his word. Keeping our eyes on Jesus Christ is the best answer.

Our priorities are (1) doing what he would do and (2) glorifying our Heavenly Father. Jesus is our banner and our

"plumb line". He keeps us walking on the straight and narrow way.

The way to holiness and sanctification. Remember he said, "Be ye holy, even as I am holy." (1 Peter 1:15-16).

How we "decorate and light up" our souls are sometimes the only "bible" that other people read. We light up our souls with the living word of God.

(John 1:1, 8:12) Decorate your soul or "put on...bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering, forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, also do ye." (Col. 3:12).

Let our hearts be as humble as the stable in which Jesus Christ was born. When the king is born in your heart, this humble abode becomes the reigning temple.

Even "wise men" seek out the place and give homage. So let us choose to give homage to God's living word and let the light of Jesus Christ shine as a beckoning star to all those around us. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

## Obituaries...

### Ramon DeLeon

Ramon DeLeon, age 68, passed away November 21, 2001 in Del Rio, Texas. He was born February 9, 1933 in Balcones, Mexico.

He was preceded in death by his parents Ramon and Maria DeLeon.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years: Alejandra Balderas DeLeon they were married October 13, 1955.

He is survived by 6 sons and 1 daughter which include: Ramon DeLeon, Jr. and wife Melva, Cesar DeLeon and wife Olga, Pablo DeLeon all of Brackettville, TX. Ana Aguilar and husband Martin, Cecilio DeLeon and wife Michelle of Stephenville, TX, Rodrigo DeLeon and wife Judy, Reginaldo DeLeon and wife Melinda of Big Lake.

He has 17 grandchildren, one great grandchild, and five sisters and 3 brothers.

Services were held Saturday, November 24, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary of Magdalene Catholic Church in Brackettville, Texas.

Burial followed at Kinney County Cemetery.

of Galesburg, Irma Martinez of Galesburg, Grace (Robert) McGee of Austin, TX, Veronica Martinez of Monmouth, Margaret Nelson of Austin, TX, Sarah (Kevin) Neiman of Monmouth, Ruth (Charles) Brentise of Cameron, Rachel Martinez of Galesburg and Noel Martinez of Monmouth, 15 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, two sisters, Elizabeth Sustita of Austin, TX and Febe Rivera of Del Rio, TX and one brother, Mondo Huerta of Del Rio, TX, along with nieces and nephews.

Her parents and one brother preceded her in death.

Mass of the Christian Burial was at 10:00 A.M. Friday, November 30, 2001 at Immaculate Conception Church in Monmouth with Fr. Kevin Creegan officiating.

Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Monmouth.

Friends called Thursday afternoon at Hoover-Hall Memorial Chapel, Monmouth where her family were present from 6:00-8:00 P.M. with a rosary service that began at 5:45 P.M. Thursday.

A memorial fund has been established to be designated later.

### Raquel Martinez

Raquel Huerta Martinez, 68, of Galesburg, IL, died on Monday, November 26, 2001 at St. Francis Medical Center, Peoria.

She was born January 24, 1933 in Del Rio, TX, the daughter of Candelario and Senona (Munoz) Huerta.

She was reared and educated in Texas.

Raquel married Porfirio Martinez on May 21, 1950 at Del Rio, TX and he survives.

They moved to Kirkwood in 1968 and then into Monmouth in 1969 and to Austin, TX in 1983.

She worked at the Texas State Hospital in Austin, TX for 16 years, retiring in 1999 and returned to Monmouth and then moved to Galesburg.

Surviving are her husband, Porfirio of Galesburg, nine children; Porfirio H. Martinez, Jr.

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By Rev. William P. Adams Sr.

Ye have heard that it hath been said, thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy; But I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them who despitefully use you, and persecute you.

That ye may be the children of your Father, who is in heaven; for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

For if you love them who love you, what reward have ye? Do not even the publicans the same?

And it ye salute your breth-

ren only, what do ye more than others? Do not even the heathen so?

Be ye, therefore, perfect even as your Father, who is in heaven, is perfect.

(Spiritual maturity) Matt. 5: 43-48

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Six weeks ago, several letters containing anthrax were delivered to Congressional offices in Washington, D.C. Experts have suggested that the most recent letter could have killed hundreds-of-thousands of people had it not been quickly detected.

Because of this, all incoming mail has been confiscated by the U.S. Postal Service. The mail is being shipped to an off-site facility in Ohio where it is tested for any traces of biological contamination. If you have sent me any recent correspondence, this is why you have not received a response.

Checking the mail is an issue of security for the thousands of people who work in these office buildings on a daily basis. But because of these unique circumstances, our offices have not received mail in more than six weeks. A huge backlog of correspondence has been created.

I'm thankful to report we expect mail delivery to resume shortly. However, it will be at a much slower pace. If you have urgent circumstances and need to reach my office in a timely manner, I suggest you contact one of my offices by phone. I have district offices in San Antonio, Del Rio, Laredo, Midland and Washington, D.C. Please don't hesitate to fax messages or reach me via my website at www.house.gov/bonilla.

If you plan on sending written correspondence, please remember to use approved mail procedures. Include a return address and complete mailing address. Please keep tape, staples and external decorations to a minimum. Properly addressed mail will take less time to reach the offices.

In the meantime, I apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

*Paid for with official funds from the office of Representative Henry Bonilla.*

**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.

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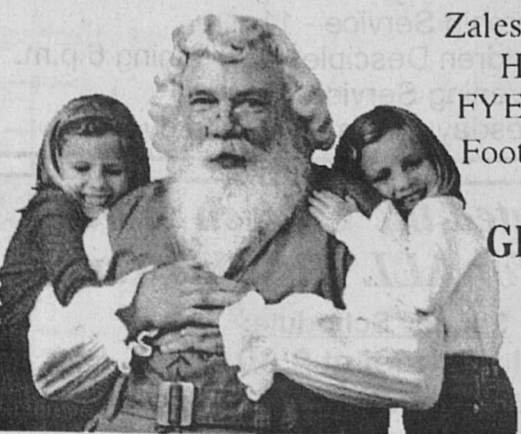
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