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Kinney County Livestock Show sale raises \$42,175

The premium sale at the 46th Annual Kinney County FFA and 4-H Livestock Show Saturday collected \$42,175 up 43.8 percent from last year.

A total of 157 animals were shown at last weekend's local junior livestock show at the Kinney County Civic Center. Animals sold were up from 60 last year to 62 this year. The average sale was up 39.1 percent from \$488.75 to \$680.

Dietrich Davis, who won the steer showmanship award, sold the champion steer for \$1,250 to Cecil Atkisson.

Summer Allen won the Silver Shearer Award, which is based on the three highest placing lambs. She also won the junior division market lamb showmanship award. Her champion

finewool lamb sold for \$725 to the Bank & Trust.

Beth Ballew had the champion crossbred lamb, which brought \$1,000 from the Kinney County Wool and Mohair.

Megan McWilliams received the goat showmanship award. Her champion meat goat was purchased by Del Rio National Bank for \$700.

Ashley Resendez had the champion meat pen rabbit, which was bought for \$400 by the Kinney County Livestock Show Board.

Duquesa Hunt sold the champion breeding rabbit buck for \$400 to Edward Jones and Rent a Tire. Hunt also received the meat rabbit showmanship award. Her reserve champion breeding rabbit doe was bought

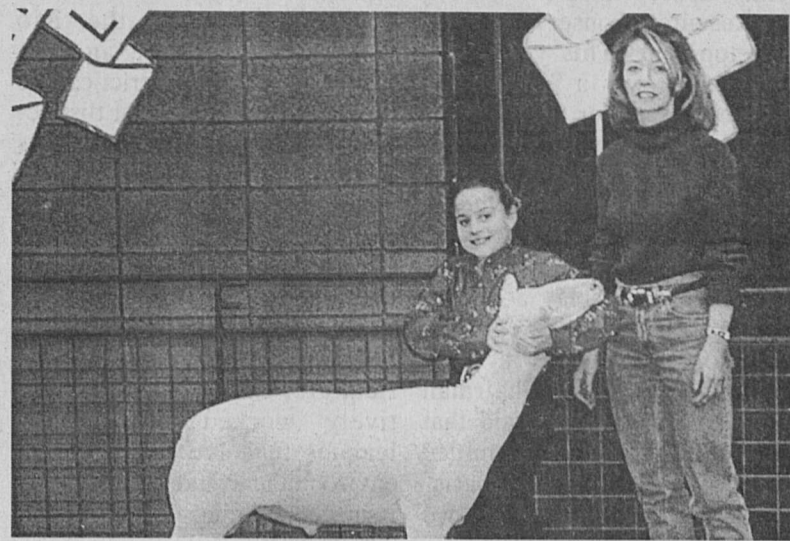
by Brown Automotive for \$400.

Bryan Calk's champion breeding rabbit doe sold for \$400 to the Brackett Rotary Club and Bubba's Beverage Barn.

Ramon Gutierrez sold the champion swine to Mariposa Ranch for \$875.

Taylor Dunbar swept the finewool ewe lamb division winning champion finewool ewe lamb, reserve champion finewool ewe lamb and champion pen of 3 ewe lambs. Her champion ewe sold for \$750 to Brown Automotive. The reserve champion was purchased by Pico and the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce for \$625. Pens of 3 are not part of the livestock sale.

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Summer Allen (left) with her champion finewool lamb and Lynn McC Carson, President of the local Bank & Trust. Allen won the Silver Shearer Award for the three highest placing lambs and the junior division market lamb showmanship award.

Briefs ...

Munoz returns

Former Brackettillian Dr. Michelle Munoz will be returning to our area in February.

Munoz will be joining the staff of Dr. J. Howard Carr.

Munoz grew up in Brackettville and graduated from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos with a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1995.

She then attended Baylor College of Dentistry in Dallas where she received numerous honors and awards for her scholarship and clinical skills.

She practiced in Dallas before making the decision to come home.

Dr. Munoz will immediately assume responsibility for the primary care of patients at Family Dentistry in Uvalde.

Camp Meeting

A Holy Ghost Camp Meeting will be held on January 21st - 27th at St. John Missionary Baptist Church, 116 W. Crockett St., at 6 p.m. nightly. Everyone is invited.

Commodities

Commodities will be distributed Monday, January 21, 2002. Being that we have to fill out new applications on every one, this is the time for you to come in. If last name starts with the letter A through G come in from 10 to 12 noon, H through P 12 to 2:00 p.m., and Q through Z 2 to 4:00 p.m. Please bring utility bill and other ID card.

Sector Statistics

Del Rio, Texas - The following is a report of the apprehensions by Border Patrol agents assigned to the Del Rio Sector for the period December 31, 2001 - January 6, 2002. The information is provided by station, and includes a sector total.

Abilene...11, Brackettville...109, Carrizo Springs...221, Comstock...29, Del Rio...208, Eagle Pass...405, Llano...22, Rocksprings...7, San Angelo...9, Uvalde...64, Sector Total...1,085, Other Than Mexicans...21

CP & L

Central Power and Light has informed Brackettville Mayor Carmen Berlanga of a Denial of Access to Meter Fee in the amount of \$65.00 which will be charged for every month CP & L cannot get access to its meter on customer property.

Typical causes for this include locked gates, dog(s) near the meter, enclosed meter or unsafe conditions.

Examples of unsafe conditions include overgrown vegetation, electric fence or threats of violence. The \$65.00 fee will be the customer's responsibility.

Voters approve Water District

By Flo Dean
Staff Writer

Both Proposition 1 and Proposition 2 were confirmed in Saturday's election to create a Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District and authorize an ad valorem property tax up to ten cents per \$100 of assessed evaluation to finance the groundwater conservation district.

Seven Initial Board members were elected. Darlene Shahan prevailed for Director At-Large, the District with 369 votes.

Robert Young, running unopposed in the Fort Clark Municipal Utilities District garnered 417 votes.

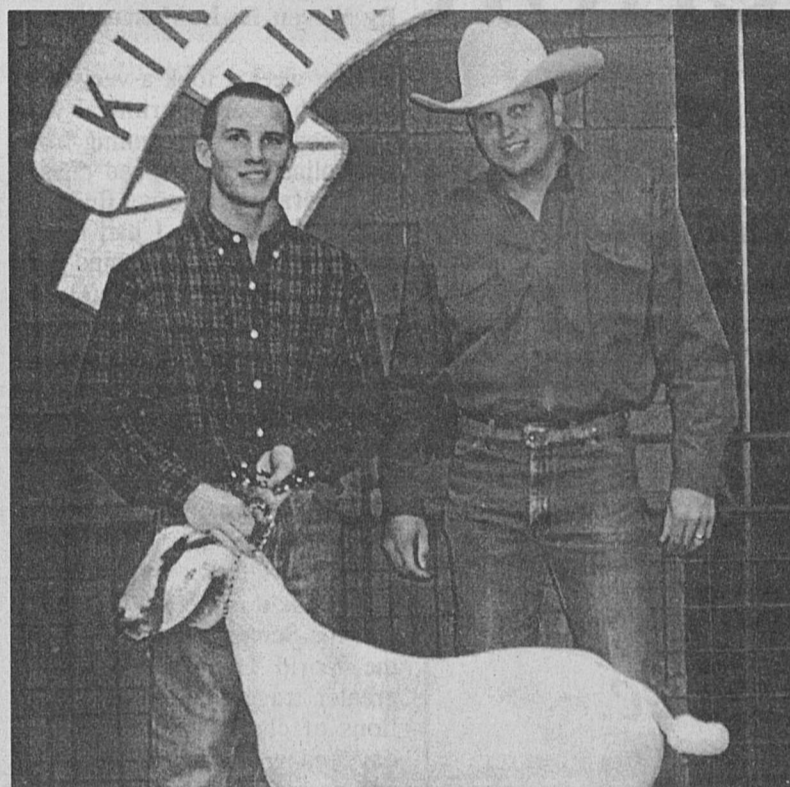
Henry Fuentes won the race for Director At-Large, Brackettville with 471 votes, while Tom Dorrell, unopposed for Director of Precinct 1, had 114.

For Precinct 2, Cecil Smith won with 73 votes, Zack Davis for Precinct 3 with 102. Precinct 4 position was won by Don Hood with 158 votes.

Canvassing will be held at the Kinney County Courthouse at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 18th with Temporary and Initial Board members.

Election results For Against

Proposition	For	Against
Proposition 1	609	86
Proposition 2	373	281
Director At-Large, the District		Votes
Darlene Shahan		369
Joe York, Jr.		178
Jewel F. Robinson		72
Anita Ertle		72
Director At-Large, Fort Clark MUD		
Bob Young		417
Director At-Large, Brackettville		
Joseph Goebel		167
Henry Fuentes		471
Director Precinct 1		
Tom Dorrell		114
Director, Precinct 2		
Cecil Smith		73
Sandra Watkins		45
Director, Precinct 3		
Zack Davis		102
Chris Ring		63
Roy Jay Harris		5
Director, Precinct 4		
Stan Conoly		101
Don Hood		158



Joey Key York Award recipient Boyd Brotherton (left) with his reserve champion meat and Tony Ashley. Brotherton also had the reserve champion crossbred lamb.

Boedekar reports on Chapman crossing

By Flo Dean
Staff Writer

Paul Boedekar of Hunter & Associates, Austin, reported to commissioners at their meeting Monday, stating that he had taken a look at the remains of the topping on Chapman Crossing and found nothing objectionable about the contractor or the strength of the concrete. "We would have built a new crossing at Chapman, anyway, and for the amount of money allowed I don't know who could have done a better job."

Judge Senne said "We should go back and do it again when we can. This was an act of nature, and while we don't like to see state and federal funding go down the drain, sometimes things just happen. We'll try to fix it better next time."

Meanwhile, Boedekar said Cliff Fritter, Road and Bridge Administrator, has reported the

crossing is passable.

A request was made through the Governor's office to President Bush for disaster relief, but this was denied; there will be no declaration of disaster. A letter from Joe M. Allbaugh, Director of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to Governor Perry stated, "Based on a careful review of the damage assessment information, it has been determined that the impact of this event is not of a severity and magnitude that warrants a major disaster declaration. Effective response does not appear to exceed the combined capabilities of both the State and local governments. Therefore, I must inform you that your request for a major disaster declaration is denied."

In other action regarding road maintenance, the Commissioners were asked to clarify the amount of funds allocated for maintenance/improvement of

Spofford Roads. Spofford has \$9,000 in grant monies, remaining after installing septic systems and fire hydrants, that could be used on street improvement. Kinney County has an agreement to assist with road repair in Spofford, spending no more than \$1,000 in three years on fresh, crushed limestone. The county will proceed with the interlocal agreement, and assist with road repair in Spofford, with Spofford supplying funding and possible volunteers.

In other action, Commissioners drew twelve names from the Grand Jury List to comprise a Salary Grievance Committee. Nine members are required to serve on the committee.

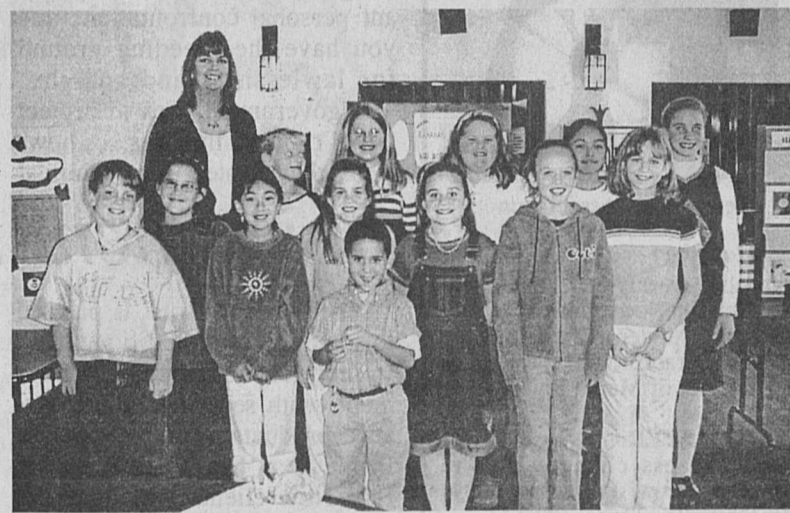
Commissioners approved removing disability coverage from the County Cafeteria Plan and authorize discontinuing the policy with Colonial during the current enrollment period. The

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Science Fair Winners

Ms. Paula Renken, Principal of Brackettville Elementary School. Rotary program chairperson for January brought winners in the Science Fair to the

Rotary Club meeting January 10. The students introduced themselves and explained their project.



Back row (L to R): Rotarian and Jones Elementary Principal Paula Renken, Anolda Watkins, Brooke Bowlin, Emily Calk, Chaito Sanchez, Bailee Allen. Second Row (L to R): Casey Couch, Emily Fuentes, Maria Martinez, Katie Yeager, Summer Allen, Harmony Pettett, Laura Swinson. Front Row: Rolando Gutierrez.

Daughters of Confederacy to honor Frank Fritter

Staff Writer
By Flo Dean

Frank Stafford Fritter was born February 3, 1827 at Stafford County, Virginia, the son of Augustus and Susan Fritter. From an early age Fritter was a stonemason, helping to build the courthouse in Memphis Tennessee. When rumbles of Civil War between the States reached him, he returned to his Virginia birthplace to enlist in the Confederate Army at Harrisburg on July 7, 1864, serving with Company A, Baird's Regiment, Texas Cavalry until his discharge in 1865.

Following the war Fritter went to San Antonio, then to El Paso and finally to Brackettville in 1867. In 1874, Frank Fritter married Annie Ross, the daughter of Captain William and Ann



Pictured above Frank S. Fritter early Brackettville resident and confederate soldier.

O'Hanlon Ross of Ireland. The Rosses were married in the United States and then planned to travel to California with a wagon train. Indians attacked the wagon train at the Pecos River, and the immigrants, including the Rosses, on the east side of the Pecos returned to what is now Brackettville for protection. The Ross family built a home, and ultimately a stockade on what is now Ann Street, across the street from the Brackett News Building. As a girl, Annie Ross fought Indians from this building. Ann Street was named after Ann O'Hanlon Ross. Mrs. Ross donated the land and funds to build the original stone Catholic Church that now faces Sweeney Street.

Frank Fritter was elected Sheriff of Kinney County and served from 1884 until 1892.

He helped organize the First State Bank of Brackettville and was a Director for many years. He was also a charter member of the Brackettville Blue Lodge No. 444, A.F. and A.M.

The Fritters had six sons and one daughter, Edward, Hancock, John, Dan, Sam, Patrick and Susie. Susie married Bert Odom. All the Fritter children except Sam stayed around the Brackettville area. Sam moved to Corpus Christie and served as Assistant Police Chief.

At the present time, Frank Fritter's granddaughter, Agnes Fritter Vondy and his great-grandsons, Cliff Fritter and Johnny Fritter live in Brackettville. Cliff is Kinney County Road and Bridge Administrator and Johnny is Kinney County Deputy Sheriff.

Agnes Vondy recalls her

grandfather as a very old man with a long, white beard sitting in a chair at the Fritter Home, which was located on Thomas Street and later burned.

In addition to his civic duties, Frank Fritter also operated a saloon, "The California Exchange" at about the same location as the present Kinney County Jail. Agnes remembers her mother relating that the street was off limits to ladies, primarily because of the brothels that were also located there. Lucy Stratton (later the wife of Pat Stratton and Agnes Fritter Vondy's mother) and a friend dressed as men in order to walk down the street and see what was going on. As they were walking along, someone started chasing them, and that ended their venture into the area.

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Resource Conservation and Development

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

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Representative Henry Bonilla today announced the creation of a new Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Area in the 23rd District of Texas.

The USDA has chosen the Rio Grande-Nueces as the new RC&D area. This section of the 23rd district consists of nine counties including: Dimmit, Edwards, Kinney, LaSalle, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, Zavala and Val Verde. With this recent addition, almost 100 percent of Mr. Bonilla's district is covered by Resource Conservation and Development Areas.

"I'm pleased to announce that almost 100 percent of my district consists of Resource Conservation and Development areas," said Mr. Bonilla. "This selection will mean improved water quality, enhanced wild-

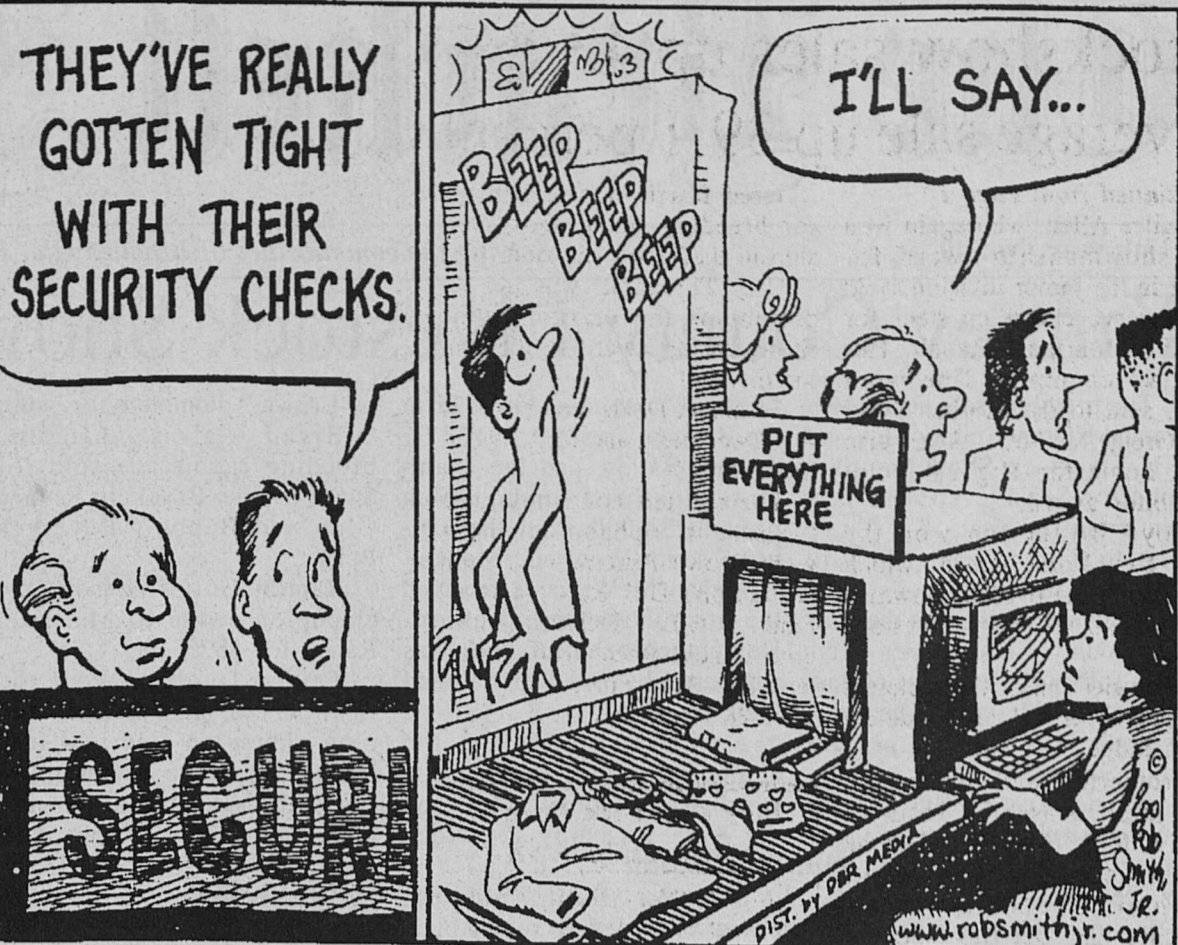
life habitat, more jobs and business and the protection of important heritage sites. That's good news for everyone living in and visiting the natural treasures of the Rio Grande-Nueces area." Mr. Bonilla is chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, which recently appropriated \$48 million for Resource Conservation and Development. This year's appropriation was a \$6.125 million increase over Fiscal Year 2001 funding. Chairman Bonilla played a significant role in securing the Rio Grande-Nueces counties as a new RC&D area.

"I was proud that my subcommittee could play a role in securing a better living environment for the people in these communities," said Chairman Bonilla. "I've always said that the Agriculture Subcommittee touches lives on a daily basis. This is living proof that what we do makes a difference."

RC&D areas are locally led by grassroots councils comprised of volunteers, civic leaders and locally elected officials. RC&D projects provide practical solutions for community development, land and resource conservation, environmental enhancement and water management.

The people of the Rio Grande-Nueces area and the people of the 23rd district can be proud of this important distinction," said Mr. Bonilla. "This section of Texas has a lot to offer. By becoming a RC&D area, we're ensuring that the Rio Grande-Nueces is a treasure for many generations to come."

As chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Mr. Bonilla has actively worked with his colleagues to solve many of the environmental and conservation issues concerning Texas and the 23rd district.



Correction

The front page headline should have read: Montalvo challenges Bland's petition not Montalvo challenges Bland and Massingill. We apologize for any inconvenience we may have caused.

Does everyone deserve a second chance?

The Way I See It
By Steven R. LaMascus

Last week I took a very hard line with a career criminal who had been guilty of running from the police in high-speed chases on several occasions. Because of a lack of space I had to cut short the reasoning behind that hard-line approach. I would like to expand on that theme this week. I would like to start by quoting from the Fox News site a piece of an article attributed to Karen Davis, Ph.D. and president of the United Poultry Concern - a chicken rights group. (Yep, that's what I said, "chicken rights".) She says:

"I think it is speciesist to think that the September 11 attack on the World Trade Center was a greater tragedy than what millions of chickens endured that day and what they endure every day because they cannot defend themselves against the concerted human appetites arrayed against them."

This is what we are facing in the United States today! This imbecilic attitude that makes chickens equal to humans is destroying still another of our basic human concepts. Add to the above stupidity the fact that the average citizen today is doing everything possible to avoid unpleasant personal confrontations and you have the breeding ground for lawlessness and anarchy. The government tries to protect "civil rights." In doing so, however, they protect the criminal

and leave the law-abiding citizen holding the bag. We cannot take offensive action because it will make us guilty of a crime. The criminal, the real hard-core outlaw, and the common garden-variety bully, don't care about our welfare. They take advantage of our inability to defend ourselves. They know that we are reticent to take physical action against them, because we are afraid of the legal consequences. That is the same mentality used against us by the halfwit chicken rights activists and other morons of that ilk.

I do not wish to see anarchy in this country. Neither do I wish to see a socialist society. But without serious restructuring of our criminal justice system, that is exactly where we are headed. We will have no choice. We will be forced to take the law into our own hands - anarchy; or turn our day-to-day lives totally over to the government - socialism/totalitarianism.

There are a multitude of symptoms that this country is headed toward a societal collapse.

The fact that the crook I wrote about last week was free to again endanger the citizenry is only one.

The PC Gestapo that tells us what we can think and what we can say is another. The fact that we cannot protect our families and ourselves in our own homes without fear of being imprisoned is another. The far-reaching and sometimes criminal ac-

tions of certain governmental agencies is still another.

The government has, for all intents and purposes, become immune to citizen oversight. So many things over which the states once had jurisdiction have become federalized that it truly does frighten me. Why should the federal government have jurisdiction over the actions and decisions of state and local police agencies?

Why should the federal government be able to tell the school and citizens of Kinney County, Texas, what we should teach and whether or not we can have a prayer before our football games? Why does the federal government have the arrogance to think that it knows more about what is good for us than we do? Also, why can we not put career criminals where they absolutely cannot do harm to anyone, ever again?

I believe with all my heart that everyone should have a second chance, and sometimes, under certain circumstances, even a third chance.

But there does come a point where there are no more chances, even for petty crimes. Also, when the law says the penalty for such-and-such a crime is ten years, why does the same law allow the criminal to get out of prison after only two or three years? And why, if imprisonment is supposed to be punishment, do we try harder all the time to make it a pleasant experience? I thought punishment

was supposed to be unpleasant.

Was I wrong, or just that naive? Do I want revenge? No! I want justice, and I seldom see it today in the United States. And that makes me very sad, and more than a little angry.

When that loud-mouthed moron sitting at the next table in the restaurant starts cussing his head off because he thinks it makes him look like a big man, and I ask him to stop because I am trying to eat lunch with my wife and daughter, and he tells me to drop dead, and I punch his lights out, I am the one who is going to be arrested. Is that justice? How many such situations can you think of?

All this could be stopped. The sores could be healed; the bullies put in their places; the criminals dealt with properly. The United States could again become an idyllic place to live. All that we have to do is return to the time when the Gospel ruled our actions and our government. It is so simple! All the answers are in the Bible. They always have been. We just don't look there for them anymore. We're too sophisticated, too modern. Psalm 128 - "Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways. You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your sons will be like olive shoots around your table.

This is the man blessed who fears the Lord." NIV

Investment services available at Bank & Trust

The Bank & Trust is pleased to announce the addition of an Investment Services Department, with securities and insurance products available through Prime Vest Financial Services, Inc. Now clients will have access to a full service brokerage department, as well as an experienced, licensed Representative to help with their investment decisions.

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Anita Ortiz has recently joined The Bank & Trust family as their new Investment Representative. A graduate of The University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelors Degree in Accounting, Anita has over ten years of experience in the financial services industry. Her past experience in banking, real estate lending, and investment services gives her a well-rounded base of knowledge to help clients with any financial need that may arise.

For the last eight years, Anita was employed by Merrill Lynch, one of the largest and most respected financial services firms in the industry. Her most recent position was as the Financial Planning Specialist for

central and south Texas, supporting 10 offices and over 150 brokers in the discipline of Financial Planning. Financial Planning is the process of prioritizing life goals and then putting in place the financially related actions that are necessary to accomplish those goals. "For most of our clients, making sure they achieve their retirement goals will be the number one priority. For others, it could be educating their children or leaving a lasting legacy for their heirs. Financial Planning can help you develop a road map to achieve those goals by using various investment vehicles, tax strategies, and insurance products." A Series 7 and 66 Registered Representative, Anita is able to provide investors with knowledgeable insight and guidance to help meet their investment goals. Although located out of the Del Rio branch, Anita will be readily available to the bank's valued Brackettville clients.

Finding a trusted financial advisor to work with is an important step to investing. A good investment advisor will take the time to understand your financial and personal situation before making any recommendations. A financial advisor should help educate and guide you through the decision process so that you are aware and comfortable with the risks. This is more important than ever given recent



events. Anita adds, "Recent events have shown us all that we must stand ready for the unexpected. Any sound investment plan can be interrupted by forces beyond our control. My job is to help clients understand that their personal financial security has never been more deserving of their undivided attention. Reviewing for proper insurance coverage and doing some basic estate planning with an attorney is just as important as having a solid investment portfolio."

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Big Mama See!

When you're over the hill, you pick up speed.

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Stockshow sales up 43.8% Average sale up 39.1 percent

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Bailee Allen, who again won the showmanship award for steer in the junior division, sold her reserve champion steer for \$800 to Mariposa Ranch. Her reserve champion fine wool lamb sold to the Florida Hunting Group for \$600. Allen also took home the Highest Point Exhibitor award.

Boyd Brotherton won the Joey Key York Award, which is given to the overall showman of the Kinney County Livestock Show.

The selection of the recipient is made by an unknown, out-of-town judge.

Brotherton sold his reserve champion crossbred lamb to H.E.B. for \$700. He also had the reserve champion meat goat, which sold for \$600 to Wardlaw Ranches and Del Rio National Bank.

Juliann Ashabranner had the reserve champion meat pen rabbit. It sold for \$375 to Rancho dos Angeles.

Bianca Stewart's reserve champion breeding rabbit buck was purchased for \$450 by Rancho dos Angeles.

Elizabeth Threadgill sold her reserve champion swine to Fort Clark Springs and Tom Saylor for \$600.

Stanford Conoly had the reserve champion pen of 3 ewe lambs.

Jared Hobbs won the showmanship award for market lamb.

Ashley Smith won the showmanship award for finewool ewe lamb.

Whitney Massingill was the recipient of the Most Improved Feeder Award and the swine showmanship award.

Katie Braesicke won the meat rabbit showmanship award in the junior division.

Mason McWilliams received the junior division market goat showmanship award.

Jared Harris was recognized for breeding sheep showmanship in the junior division.

Clay Threadgill was the recipient of the market swine showmanship award in the junior division.

Susannah Davis won both the 4-H Sweetheart and FFA Sweetheart awards.

The top ten contributors to the sale in alphabetical order were Brown Automotive, Cecil Atkission, Del Rio National Bank, H.E.B. - Del Rio, Mariposa Ranch, Rancho dos Angeles, Tamalada Fundraiser, The Bank & Trust, and Uvalco Supply.

Joey Key York Overall Showmanship Award

The following is a list of winners of the Joey Key York Award, presented at the Kinney County Livestock Show:

2002	Boyd Brotherton
2001	Beth Ballew
2000	Dietrich Davis
1999	Lindsey Brotherton
1998	J. Wayne Ballew
1997	Savanah Massingill
1996	Amber N. Davis
1995	Susannah Davis
1994	Charlotte Rose
1993	Justin Coates
1992	Kimberly Ahrens
1991	Jennifer Shahan
1990	Stephanie Ahrens
1989	Jesus Aguirre
1988	J.T. Will Shahan III
1987	Kasey Lee Hall
1986	Tammy Frerich
1985	Toby Frerich
1984	Westley White
1983	Lashawn Wardlaw
1982	Seth A. Kaplan
1981	Tana McCarty
1980	Doug McCarty
1979	Joel J. Voss
1978	Brenda Foust
1977	Mark A. Baxter
1976	Marcelino Valdez Jr.



Ramon Gutierrez and his champion swine with buyer Chris Ring of Mariposa Ranch.



Ashley Resendez with her champion meat pen rabbit and Tony Ashley.



Taylor Dunbar with her reserve champion finewool ewe lamb and purchaser Ricky Alvarado, Chamber of Commerce President and manager of Pico #15. Dunbar sept the finewool ewe lamb division in last weeks stockshow.

2002 Champions

The following is a list of champions from the 47th Annual Kinney County FFA and 4-H Livestock Show:

Exhibitor	Breed
Dietrich Davis	Steer
Summer Allen	Finewool Lamb
Taylor Dunbar	Finewool Ewe Lamb
Beth Ballew	Crossbred Lamb
Taylor Dunbar	Pen of 3 Ewe Lambs
Megan McWilliams	Meat Goat
Ashley Resendez	Meat Pen Rabbit
Duquesa Hunt	Rabbit Buck
Bryan Calk	Rabbit Doe
Ramon Gutierrez	Swine



Dietrich Davis won the steer showmanship award and sold his champion steer to Cecil Atkission.

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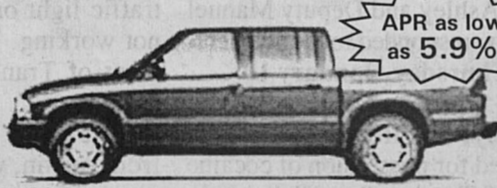
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Brown Disc. \$3,475
\$14,495

'01 SONOMA CREW CAB



APR as low as 5.9%

#9783
MSRP \$26,038
Brown Disc. \$4,043
\$21,995

'02 SIERRA EXT CAB P/U



APR as low as 5.9%

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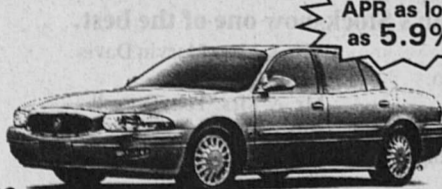
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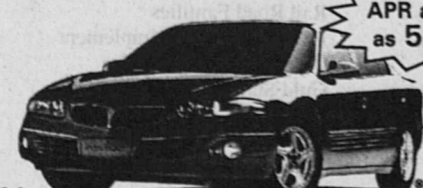
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Think before you speak Who wants kids?

Empowering Families
By Dr. Donald Smith

"Lori, the meat's too dry. I can't eat it. I don't like it cooked this way."

With her head lowered, Lori glanced at the children who were looking apprehensively at their father. Trying to make it a joke,

she said laughingly, "Oh it must have been a dry chicken." The children, still looking at their father, feigned laughter and went on eating.

They could feel their mother's embarrassment.

Ted had a habit of finding something to criticize in his wife's cooking at most meals. Finally,

Lori decided that she had to talk to him about it.

A week went by with more of the same but still no opportune time to talk to Ted. Lori didn't want to call him down in front of the kids but she was getting increasingly bitter.

The more she thought about it the more she knew she had to talk to Ted.

Lori changed her bedtime routine and sat in the chair by the dresser instead of getting ready for bed. Ted noticed. "What's the matter honey?" He asked.

Determined to make it a civil conversation, Lori tried to remain unemotional.

"Ted, I know you don't mean anything by your little criticisms of my cooking but it's getting to me. I'm becoming bitter and defensive and I don't like some of

Commissioners Court

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three county employees who have had automatic premium deduction from their pay have agreed to pay their premiums directly to Colonial, relieving Kinney County of any possible liability involved with a disability claim.

Texas Department of Transportation will be approached regarding a possible portable weights and measures station in the Brackettville area. Traffic has increased tremendously since the NAFTA free trade agreement, particularly on Highway 277 from Eagle Pass to Del Rio. Kinney County has 14 miles of this route.

my feelings. If I were the only one affected, it wouldn't matter. I'm worried about the children. Suzie is beginning to criticize what I fix for breakfast and sounding just like you.

You don't notice it because you're gone by the time the kids are up.

Please Ted, we need to change. The kids are learning from what you say."

Long ago a very wise man said that inappropriate talk is like the wrong music at a funeral (Sirach 22:6).

And a father must set the example for his children in his speech, in his conduct, in his love, in his faith, and in his moral purity (1 Tim. 4:12).

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

When I was growing up I used to feel sorry for people that didn't have children.

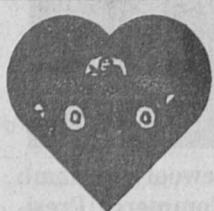
Even at a tender age I fully understood what a joy I was to my mom and dad. I eagerly awaited the day that I had children of my own. The articles from the last two weeks have related to people that were not fortunate enough to have children. Why is it that some of the people that seem to have excellent parental qualities remain childless? Maybe they only seem to have good maternal instincts. Perhaps those of us with kids have been burned out by chasing ruggats around at 90 mph. I became an old man and lost a lot of my youthfulness trying to get my ankle-biters out of trees and down off of cabinets before their mother got home.

My kids did more destruction in the few short years that they

inhabited my home than all of the tornadoes, hurricanes and typhoons since the beginning of time put together. They destroyed steel balls and anvils. Glass was not safe within 500 miles of our house. "Child-proof"? Don't make me laugh. Childproof did not apply to my children. If my daughters had been around when the Titanic went down, I am sure they would have been suspect. I know they could have done a quicker, messier job than the iceberg did.

My kids thought they were supposed to sleep North-South in a bed that ran East-West. I'm sure my nose felt comfortable to their feet.

And they wiggled and moved around during the night like a pet coon chasing crickets in the moonlight. Suddenly I feel sorry for the folks that don't have grandchildren. My grandchildren don't have any of the annoying habits my kids used to exhibit. But I could be wrong.



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Sincerely Yours,
Christopher Ring

Fritter to be honored by Daughters of the Confederacy next Sunday

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The United Daughters of the Confederacy are sponsoring a District VI Confederate Heroes Celebration from January 18 to 20 at Brackettville. Agnes Vondy, who will soon celebrate her 93 birthday, will attend the dedication of a marker to be placed on Frank Fritter's grave in the Brackettville Masonic Cemetery on Sunday,

January 20th. She plans to read a brief Fritter history and will wear a period dress and a hat which belonged to her great-aunt, Virginia Ross. Harry T. Vondy, Agnes' son and his wife Lupe of San Antonio will also attend, as will Agnes' grandson from Houston, Blair Davis and others.

The public is invited to attend the ceremonies at the Masonic

Cemetery. A car caravan will be leaving from the Burger & Shake parking lot at 1:30 Sunday, led by Terry's Texas Rangers, SCV Camp, from Johnson City on horseback. The Frontier Guard, SCV Camp, from Junction will conduct the ceremonies. Brackettville Masonic Lodge will participate.

Frank Fritter died in 1915.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report ...

Monday, January 7

7:36 p.m., A resident from Fort Clark requested a deputy. Deputy Karl Chism responded.

7:56 p.m., A 911 call was received. A transit was reported seen on Hwy 90 west, sixteen miles from Uvalde. The Uvalde Police

Department was notified.

Tuesday, January 8

8:05 p.m., A woman reported a dark van driving up and down Hwy 90 and Ann Street with no lights. Deputy Chism was advised.

Wednesday, January 9

4:38 a.m., A United States Border Patrol Agent reported a white pick-up near Spofford spot lighting. Game Warden Henry Lutz was notified about the situation.

6:20 a.m., Kokikapa Elizondo, 25, from Eagle Pass, was arrested for hunting at night by Game Warden Lutz. Elizondo was released the same day on a \$2,000 bond.

6:20 a.m., Abelino Elizondo, 40, from Eagle Pass, was arrested for hunting at night by Game Warden Lutz. Elizondo was released the same day on a \$2,000 bond.

7:48 p.m., A woman reported an accident on Hwy 90 east, ten miles from town. DPS Trooper Tony Ashley and Deputy Manuel Pena Jr. responded to the accident.

Thursday, January 10

5:45 p.m., Zackery Daniel Langlely, 18, from Uvalde, was arrested for possession of cocaine by DPS Trooper Tom Wylie. Langlely was released on Saturday with a \$7,000 bond for possession of cocaine and \$1,200 for possession

of marijuana with Alamo Bail Bond.

5:45 p.m., Joe Angle Vega, 18, from Uvalde, was arrested for possession of cocaine by Trooper Wylie. Vega was released on Saturday with a \$7,000 bond for possession of cocaine and \$1,200 for possession of marijuana with Alamo Bail Bond.

9:59 p.m., Deputy Pena notified the station that the alarm at a local store was on. Deputy Pena advised that everything was ok.

11:21 p.m., The Del Rio Police Station reported a herd of goats on FM 3008.

Friday, January 11

6:00 p.m., Quinton Clark, 22, from Brackettville, was arrested by Deputy Chism for a warrant out of Comal County for aggravated assault.

Saturday, January 12

1:30 p.m., Constable Cordelia Mendeke radioed to report the traffic light on North Street was not working. The Texas Department of Transportation was advised.

3:45 p.m., Jaime DeLuna, 27, from Austin, was arrested for expired drivers license, no insurance, display fict/license plate, and display fict/inspection sticker by Chief of Police Arnulfo Alonzo.

DeLuna was released the next day with a \$500 cash bond for fict inspection sticker and \$500 cash bond for fict. license plate.

6:30 p.m., Chief Alonzo, Constable Mendeke, and Trooper Wylie responded to a red suburban that drove off without paying for gas.

Sunday, January 13

12:54 a.m., A man reported that someone was trying to enter his home. Border Patrol found two illegal individuals.

1:08 a.m., Adam Edward Caton, 17, from Fort Clark, was arrested for Interference with Public Duties by Deputy Pena Jr.

10:30 a.m., Joe E. Sandoval Jr., 36, from San Antonio, was arrested for disorderly conduct by Chief Alonzo. Sandoval was released for time served.

2:30 p.m., Deputy Manuel Pena Sr. reported an illegal at his residence. Border Patrol was notified.

7:28 p.m., The Eagle Pass Police Station reported a possible roll over on Hwy 277 north. Trooper Wylie notified the station that he found nothing.

7:40 p.m., A blue van was reported driving recklessly on Hwy 90 west. Chief Alonzo responded.

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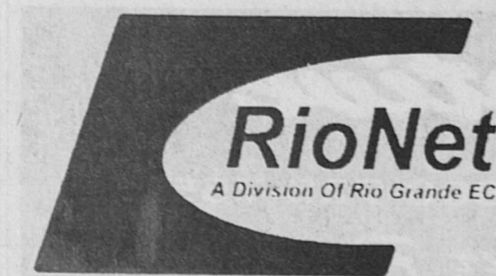
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Eighth Grade Girls Win 7th grade girls basketball Nueces Canyon Tournament



Contributing Writer By Tiffany Blore

The 8th grade girl's basketball team went into the Christmas holidays with a loss against Del Rio. Everyone played hard, and the game was close.

The final score was 25-26. The leading scorer was Ashley Castillo with 11 points. Also scoring were Jessi Crane and Cassie Mata, each with four points, Timmeke Simmons and Tye Taylor each with two points, and Roxanna DeHoyos and Brandy Smith each with 1 point.

Our first game back was against Natalia on January 7th. Again we played hard, but came home with a loss.

The final score was 20-22. The game was fought to the end with Natalia scoring their final basket with seven seconds left on the clock.

The leading scorers for Brackett were Jessi Crane and Ashley Castillo, each with eight points. Also scoring were Roxanna DeHoyos and Timmeke Simmons, each with two points.

Losing both of these games by such a close margin pushed us to work harder, and on Saturday,

The 7th grade girl's basketball improved their record to 4-2 with a win over Natalia last Monday night in Natalia.

The young Tigerettes won 17-14 over Natalia with Nadine Terrazas scoring 6 points.

Lola Cano and Emily Valenzuela pitched in 4 with Kara Yeager adding 3.

The teams traveled to Knippa for the annual Jr. High tournament on January 12.

The teams lost to Knippa and Sabinal.

The team played a great defensive game.

Competing in the tournament was Loraina Mendoza, Natasha Smith, Monica Talamantes, Lola Cano, Nadine Terrazas, Kara Yeager, Laura Meyer, Danika Schmidt, Emily Valenzuela,

Samantha Davis, and Rachel Lethco.

The team will travel to Del Rio Thursday to play Del Rio Sacred Heart.

Brackett ISD Activity Calendar

Thursday, January 17
5:00 PM BKB 7G/7B
Del Rio (Sacred) (A)

Friday, January 18
5:00 PM BKB JVB/VG/
VB Dilley, Dist. (H), Pay roll cut-off

Monday, January 21
4:45 PM BKB 7G/8G
Del Rio (A), 5:30 PM BKB 7B/8B Del Rio (H), School Holiday/Martin Luther King

Tuesday, January 22
5:00 PM BKB JVG/VG/
VB Three Rivers, Dist. (H) Jr & Sr meet w/Herf Jones, Auditorium, AM only

Wednesday, January 23
Jr & Sr meet w/Herf Jones, Auditorium, AM only

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JV Girls

Contributing Writer By Tiffany Blore

The Girl's JV team came back from the holidays with a win against Pettus on January 8th. This followed a loss to Three Rivers on January 4th.

Those scoring in the Pettus game were Amanda Davis with seven points, Valerie Terrazas with five points, and Shanae Simmons and Tammy Smith with four points each.

The leading rebounder was Shanae Simmons with 12. She also had five steals and one assist.

Also playing well were Valerie Terrazas and Amanda Davis. Valerie made four rebounds, three steals and three assists.

Amanda made six rebounds and six steals.

The JV plays Natalia on January 15th and goes to the Rocksprings Tournament on January 19th.

Improving BISSD

Making a Difference By Taylor Stephenson

BISSD received word that E-Rate Funding has been granted for \$166,000 for internal connections (hubs, file servers, and wiring), Internet access and Telecom services.

The grant written by Frank Taylor, BISSD's technology director, is a good one that allows us to stay in the front of technology needs of staff and students. Congratulations Frank for a job well done!

The voters of Kinney County approved the creation of a Groundwater Conservation District for Kinney County.

The elected directors have a major challenge as they establish procedures and policies for the new district.

The Board will be a good one. They will represent Kinney County well.

Our school district will begin a major roofing project soon. In the fall, large hail did major damage to built up roofs.

The school board appointed a committee to make decisions be-

fore the RFP is advertised.

The committee members include Tim Ward, Lloyd Lee Davis, Henry Lutz, Richard Terrazas and all school administrators.

Monday, Jan. 21, is a holiday for students and staff in honor of Martin Luther King.

Most federal and state employees also will be off on that day. We're trying to better articulate our school calendar with the holiday schedules for other major employers in the county.

Days are getting longer and nights shorter as we move closer to spring. Each day, we gain about 2 minutes of sunlight. It's a pleasant change. Congratulations to those who exhibited livestock at our county show this past weekend. The Saturday barbecue was well attended. We're proud of the Kinney County youth who worked so hard with their animals to get them ready for the show. Have a great week!

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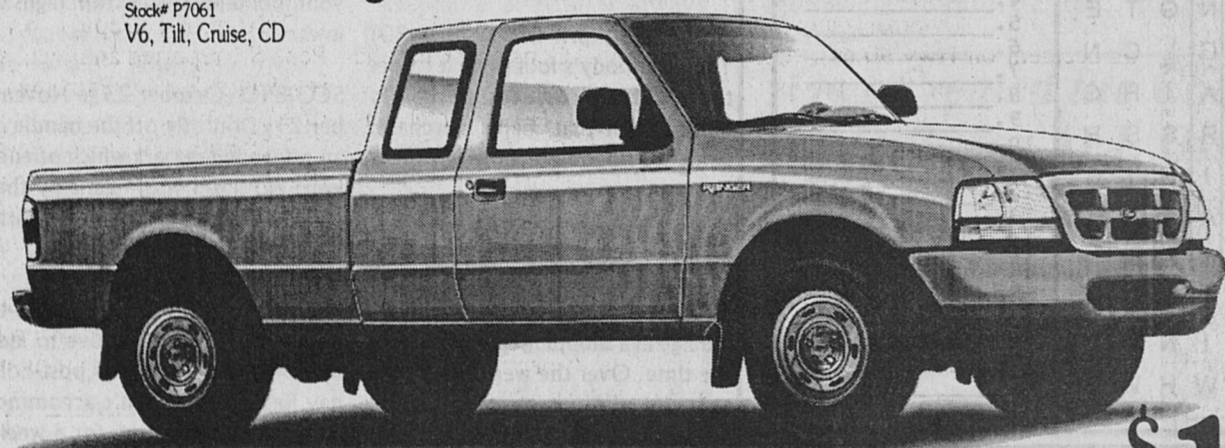
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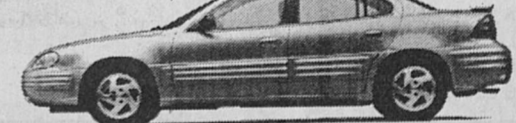


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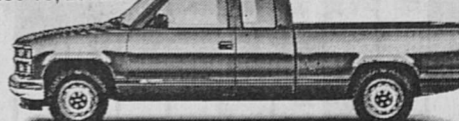


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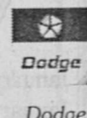


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| 22 Spread by hearsay | 54 Foreigner's opposite | 10 Soaks up | 49 Makes an opening wider |
| 24 Drink | 58 By | 11 Lion's greeting | 50 Ocean phenomena |
| 25 ___ Gantry | 59 Went public with | 12 Playwright William | 51 Dagger |
| 28 Pursue stealthily | 61 Wrap-around garment | 13 Lifeless | 52 Fruit |
| 29 High ball that is caught | 62 Corn holders | 21 Club member | 53 Boat items |
| 30 Religious man | 63 State | 23 Intends | 54 Copper |
| 34 Vegetable containers | 64 Baseball's Slaughter | 25 Great joy | 55 District |
| 35 Woman's article | 65 Gaelic | 26 Trains for a fight | 56 Personalities |
| 36 Take out a policy on ___ king | 66 65 Across | 27 Sign in front of an apartment building | 57 Cartoonist Thomas |
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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—forward, backwards, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?

Today's Category: LANGUAGES

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Trivia Time by Walter Branch

- What are the names of the adult Dalmatians in "101 Dalmatians"?
- What world leader was excommunicated by Pope John XXIII on January 3, 1962?
- What was the only work Jonathan Swift got paid for in 1726?
- Who was the first Jewish woman to be named Miss America?
- What continent was believed to be comprised of two islands until explorer Finn Ronne's expedition proved otherwise?
- Who wrote: "These are the times that try men's souls"?
- What is an integrated circuit mainly composed of?
- What nation exported the most cars to the U.S. in 1948?
- What is the name of the tall cap worn by bishops?
- What state became the first to prohibit all alcoholic beverages in 1881?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| January 19.....Chuck Endris | January 21.. Hortense Hernandez |
| January 19.....Lois Endris | January 21.....Andy Perez |
| January 19.....Guy Wilson | January 22.....Avian Pacheco |
| January 20.....John Reyes | January 22.....Elisa Salazar |
| January 20....David Seargeant, Jr. | January 22.....Samantha Smith |
| January 20.....Tommy Seargeant | January 23.....Candy Tyer |
| January 23.....Mary L. Veltman | |

HOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) An inability to think clearly plagues you in the beginning of the week. Perhaps you need a rest. Schedule a vacation day, if possible.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're nobody's fool when it comes to what things cost. You're right to hold off on that major purchase. Sales are bound to come up in the future.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Fiscal responsibility is the key this week. Although you're tempted to indulge in a shopping spree, this isn't the time. Over the weekend, social activities take up most of your time.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) If you want to get to the bottom of a domestic concern, enlist the cooperation of family members. Air your differences, and you all feel better. Some time spent on your own is best this weekend.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's a good time to re-evaluate career plans. Later in the week, a friend needs some reassurance. You're just the person to provide it.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Avoid the tendency to dig your heels in during an argument with your mate. You are not always right, despite what you feel. By week's end, peace is finally achieved.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Business advice comes from an unexpected source. However, since it all makes sense, don't hesitate to implement it. Over the weekend, your mood fluctuates from highs to lows.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Don't fly off the handle at an offhanded remark which offends you. No harm was meant by that person. Perhaps the offending party was trying to be funny.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You'd love to kick up your heels, but your post-holiday finances just won't accommodate this. Instead, aim for a week-end of low-key socializing. Drag out those board games and have some friends over.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Some are asked to sign important contracts this week. Be sure, though, to read the fine print. The devil, as they say, is always in the details.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You usually seek out some feedback when contemplating a new idea. For now, though, keep to your own counsel. You need to solidify things before giving voice to them.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A co-worker's problems are being unburdened on you. Try to remain objective. There's no need to make these troubles your own.

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Roaring Twenties Solution:

- Arabic
- Aramaic
- Chinese
- Danish
- Dutch
- English
- Finnish
- French
- German
- Greek
- Hindi
- Hungarian
- Italian
- Japanese
- Latin
- Norwegian
- Polish
- Slovak
- Spanish
- Yiddish

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"Compromise chills the souls" Love one another

Frontier Baptist Church
By Dave Crowe

Another David, in another time and place, repeatedly told everyone that would listen. "Take refuge in the Lord my God."

He would say, "The Lord is my rock, the Lord is my strength."

"In God, I will put all my faith and trust." "The Lord is my fortress and my avenger." David loved the Lord, his God.

David wrote in all, 150 Psalms. I've heard it said that David's book of Psalms could and probably should have been called God's book of common prayer!

The Psalms are a collection of hymns and petitions. Some are meant to be sung, some are prayers, some are reverent, while others are just plain defiant.

All are intensely personal and all have but one purpose and that is to give us the words to say when we stand before God.

In the Psalms, David praises his God while praying more often than not for deliverance from one enemy or other.

David is in constant search of redemption, mercy, justice, forgiveness and righteousness, for both himself and his people.

Over and over again David writes, "O Lord save me!" "O Lord have mercy on me!" "O Lord hear my prayer!" "O Lord deliver me!"

If there ever was a man who lived a life filled with ups and downs, it was surely David. He bounced back and forth between red letter days and black gloomy, doomy days.

He was sometimes blessed

and sometime cursed. Loved by some and hated by others.

David like our Lord and savior Jesus Christ (who 600 years later would be born into the house of David) was both a shepherd and a king.

As a small shepherd boy, God chose David to replace Saul (whom had lost favor with God) as king over Israel.

Through God and with his help, David slew that Philistine giant Goliath.

You can read all about the life and times of David the Shepherd boy and the man who would be king in 1st and 2nd Samuel and 1st Kings of the Old Testaments.

David was after God's own heart and he could do no wrong. He was never defeated in battle and he was never wrong in his judgements.

As king, David begins his reign in prayer to God and continues in faith. His enemies are subdued and the nation is strong and unified.

All was well until the 11th chapter of 2nd Samuel, when he comes face to face with some forbidden fruit by the name of Bathsheba.

As he gazed upon her naked body, he became overly heated, dazed and confused. As testosterone surged, he wanted her! He sent for her!

He slept with her! It mattered not that she was married! There were appetites to be satiated! Filled, he sent her away to be forgotten.

It had happened so fast, it was so impulsive, it was so passionate. She was so beautiful, so desirable, she now, so pregnant.

Instead of coming to his senses and realizing that he

made a huge mistake. Not only had he committed adultery but had caused her to sin as well. Instead of going to God with a repentant heart and asking for forgiveness, what does he do?

He begins to connive and lie and when that doesn't work, he has her husband killed.

A little sex has now led to murder.

Is this the same David that once was the shepherd that we loved so much? Is this the same boy of faith?

Is this the same righteous man that had God's heart? How could things go so wrong? Satan had entered into the picture, as he so often times does! David had stopped listening to God.

To awaken David, God took the life of the child and spared David's. God sent Nathan to David and Nathan's prophecy comes true.

"Scars and bloodstain shall be upon his home forever."

In time, David repented and confessed his sins and asked God to forgive him, which God did.

It seems that the sins of the Fathers are re-visited upon the children.

As one of David's sons, rapes his own sister and the other son, kills his brother for doing it.

Let me close by saying this, it must also be true that "Compromise chills the soul", because some of the final words written about David are the saddest.

In 1st Kings 1:1, It says "Now King David was old, advanced in years; and they put covers on him, but he could not get warmed."

There it is, this weeks food for thought, digest it slowly.

Gateway Ministries
By Pastor Charolette Corey

"I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live: That thou mayest love the Lord thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days..." (Deut. 30:19).

When we choose life, it means that we choose to agree with the will of God. We choose to obey his word. We choose to do and say what is right. We choose to forgive, love unconditionally, have compassion, be courteous and respectful.

In the face of fear, we choose the word of God that says, "For

God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." (II Tim. 1:7).

In the face of injustice, we choose to forgive, even as God's word says, "When you stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses." (Mark 11: 25)

In the face of doubt, we choose faith as Jesus said, "Have faith in God...whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith....What things so ever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

(Mark 11: 23-24).

In the face of hopelessness, we choose hope, "Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:" (Acts 2:26) "And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." (Rom. 5:4).

In the face of hate, we choose (unconditional) love. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16) "...Love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." (John 13: 34-35).

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

Comfort and peace

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

As the saying goes, "As wine gets better with age, so we also get better as we age!" Have you ever wondered what you are getting better at as you age? In light of a recent birthday, I am now wondering just that! It seems that the older I get, the crankier I become. Somehow as my joints become more arthritic, my fuse gets shorter. I find myself snapping at the ones I love. I guess that my consciousness focuses more on self and less on others.

Since my frequent pain brings self more to the surface, I guess I just tend to stay there, thinking of all the things that have been going wrong for me. I lose perspective! I have dear friends, Allen McCord, Cubie Kurtz, Frank Ekenroth, Jim Schaeffer, P. M. Moore, and Evelyn Whitley among them, who help me whenever I start visiting Meville for too long at a time. People like these struggle with more physical difficulties than I and still find a means of looking first at the others around them who need their support and comforting word. In their presence I find humility, the virtue I most need. I thank God for bringing these and others into my life to help me place what's going on with

me in proper perspective. It is no accident that more people are a part of communal religious pursuits than standing alone in their relationship with God. God meant us to be in relationship - he saw that it was not good for Adam to be alone, so he created Eve and community was begun.

When I was at the darkest moment of my life, there was something at my core that knew that I could only heal and become whole again by returning to the community called Church. Instinctively I knew that I could find in The Body of Christ the meaning and the example of Love. I was guided to a people, the children of God, who would show me unconditional love regardless of who I had been before. There was a means of grace present within the community of faith that would help me know forgiveness - of self and others.

It is difficult as a pastor to find a way to reach out to every hurting soul, even though the desire to do so is great. If I could, I would give to each of you who are hurting at this time and in this place an introduction to the comfort and peace I have only come to appreciate and truly embrace in the Church.

For me, it is there that God fully reveals God's self in the study of Jesus as God incarnate

and the lives of God's saints in the here and now. Thank you God! Please join us Sunday at 10:45 am for our weekly worship service. Come and receive God's gift of healing and wholeness. There is a family waiting here who will love and cherish you more than you can imagine. And you deserve it!

Our Father

St. John's Baptist Church
By Rev. William P. Adams Sr.

After this manner, therefore, pray ye: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen. For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. St. Matthew 6:9-15. Amen.

Blessed be the Lord, because he hath heard the voice of my supplications. Psalms 28:6 Amen

Making Friends

St. Mary Magdalene Church
By Lynn McNew

As we prepared to move from Illinois to Texas many years ago, some friends had a farewell party for us.

As we recalled and laughed about the many joys we had shared in our friendship, I remember thinking apprehensively about finding new friends.

"Oh, don't worry, you'll soon make new friends, my friends reassured me.

"But how?" someone else asked. "I've never moved, but I may have to some day."

Well, in the conversation that ensued, we all gained some good suggestions for not only how to make a friend, but how to be one.

I thought about those suggestions the other day, and decided whether or not you are moving to a new place, these suggestions are always worth sharing. These are some ways to make a friend:

- 1) Invite someone to have coffee with you...or if you have children, invite her child to play with your child. The important thing is just inviting her (or him).
- 2) Take a small gift-maybe a jar of homemade jelly, or even a flower.

3) Write thank-you notes for small pleasures received. How to be a friend:

1) Listen, really listen, to your friends. People need to know their feelings matter.

2) When a friend is down, write, call, or extend an invitation for tea or just a quiet time together.

3) Be tolerant of a friend's oddities-we all have them.

So what is friendship really all about? Proverbs 17:17 tells us "He who is a friend is always a friend."

An Arabian proverb says: "A friend is one to whom one may pour out all the contents of one's heart, chaff and grains together, knowing that the gentlest of hands will take and sift it, keep-

ing what is worth keeping and with the breath of kindness blow the rest away."

Finally, we remember the familiar saying, "A friend is someone who knows all your faults and loves you anyway."

Lord, thank you for my friends.

This week, I'm going to try to make a new friend, and be a friend to an old one.

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

Thanks
I would like to thank all of the people who voted for me in the Water District election on January 12, 2002.
Thank you Sincerely,
Jewel F. Robinson

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Correction

Ft. Clark does not pay taxes on unsold memberships. They do pay taxes on their inventory of lots. Tommy Seargeant

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