

The Brackett News



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City collection site found in violation again

Briefs ...

By Wes Robinson
Contributing Writer

Brackettville businesses and trash haulers received a letter last Monday morning from the City of Brackettville informing them the city would no longer be accepting their solid waste.

The city was informed by phone Monday morning it was in violation of the Texas Administrative Code by Manuel Arrendondo, Environmental Investigator for the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC).

The Texas Administrative Code Chapter 330, Subchapter A, Rule §330.2 states a citizens' collection station is a facility established for the convenience and exclusive use of residents (not commercial or industrial users or collection vehicles). It also defines commercial solid waste as all types of solid waste generated by stores, offices, restaurants, warehouses, and other nonmanufacturing activities, excluding residential and industrial wastes.

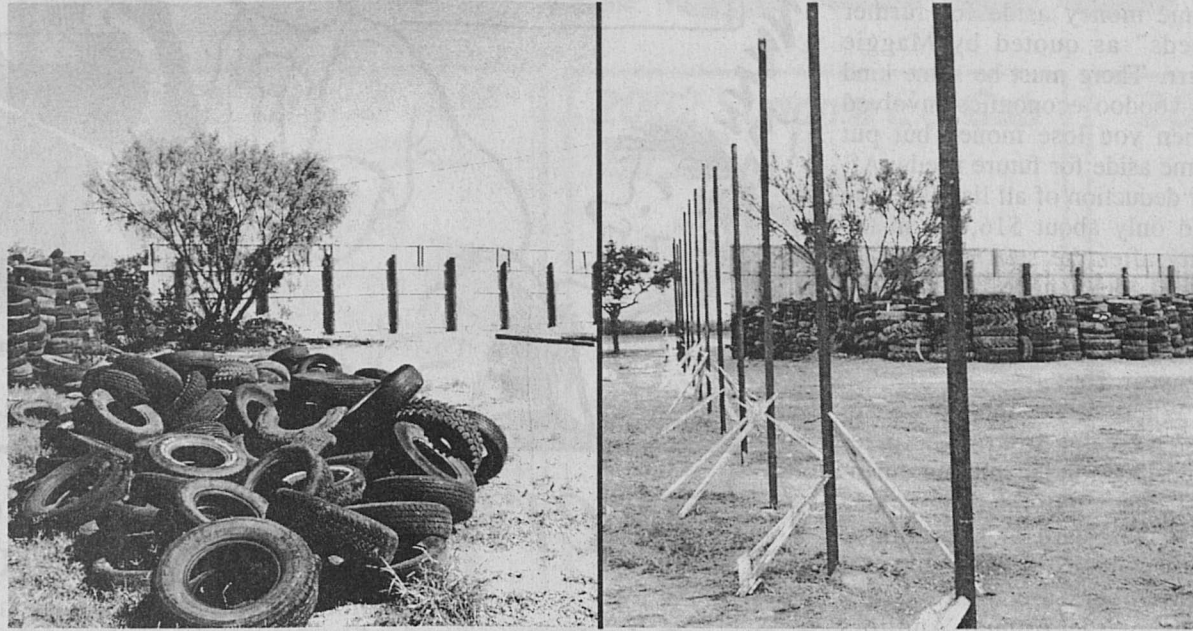
According to TNRCC Regional Director Jerry Pinzon this is the second time the city has been issued a violation for accepting commercial and residential waste delivered by collection route operators. The first violation was issued on February 25, 2000 shortly after the city insisted on fencing across a dedicated road easement. Second violations are considered category B and may be turned over to the enforcement division who can assess fines.

The city requested a 180-day variance from TNRCC late Tuesday afternoon. However, as of Wednesday morning that variance has not yet been granted by Executive Director Jeff Saitas.

TNRCC representatives told the city, after a January 13, 2000 inspection, the city was not operating as a citizens' collection site and would have to register as a transfer station. In addition TNRCC recommended the city not enclose the road easement with a fence. The city filed its application on March 26, 2001 and received authorization to begin construction on

August 30, 2001. The complaints apparently stem from the city council and administration's lack of action and/or refusal to address the concerns of adjoining landowners.

Wednesday afternoon March 20, 2002 Mayor Carmen Berlanga met with Guy



The west property line of the City Annex property looking northeast, October 20, 1999.

The west property line of the City Annex property looking northeast, November 10, 1999.

August 30, 2001.

Gammill, Gene Nixon, and Roe Lynch to discuss their concerns about some of the construction at the site. City Manager David Luna nor any of the council members were present.

Gammill explained to the mayor that the city was constructing their eastern fence, approximately 2.5 feet, inside

the road easement. City employees had measured the 20.5 foot road easement from Fort Clark Springs Fence not the property line.

The northeast corner is marked with a 6 inch cedar post the southeast corner with a 5/8 inch pin both were wrapped with

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Overeaters Anonymous

Overeaters Anonymous meets every Thursday evening at the Kinney County Library Annex room. Meetings start at 6:30. Men and women with a desire to stop compulsive overeating are welcome to attend. No dues. No fees. No weigh-ins. No diets.

Spiritual Poems

Great news for poets. The Texas Poetry Alliance is offering a \$1,000 grand prize in their annual spiritual poetry contest open to the public. There is no entry fee and everyone is invited to submit a poem.

To enter, send one poem 20 lines or less to: Free Poetry Contest, 3412 - A Moonlight Ave, El Paso, Texas 79904. Or enter on-line at www.freecontest.com. The deadline for entering is April 15. A winner's list will be sent to all entrants. The editors enjoy the right to publish the winning poems.

Monthly Statistics

Del Rio, Texas - The following is a recap of Del Rio Sector Border Patrol activities during February 2002:

Apprehensions
Abilene...125, Brackettville...1,635, Carrizo Springs...1,920, Comstock...172, Del Rio...1,573, Eagle Pass...3,667, Llano...73, Rocksprings...107, San Angelo...88, Uvalde...747, Sector Total...10,087, Other than Mexican...191

Drug Seizures
Marijuana Seized (pounds)...2,715.42, Value of Marijuana Seized...\$2,172, 336.00

Duplicate Bridge

Duplicate Bridge was played in the Gorgas Room at Fort Clark Springs on Tuesday, March 12, 2002 at 7 PM. The Mitchell Movement was used for five tables. The winners in the North/South were: 1st-Sara Richhart and Ruth Potter; 2nd-Ann Malin and Ann Watts; and 3rd-Joyce and Choppy Ambler. There was only one point difference between the first and third places. The winners in the East/West were: 1st-Sharon and Bob Boucher; 2nd-Kay Roberts and Dianna Daniels; and 3rd-Betty and Ken TeGrotenhuis. Spirited play was enjoyed by all.

"Youth Sunday" Perez, Fort Clark Springs to go to arbitration, ballots sealed



From left Leslie Meyer, Chris Petrosky, Amanda Petrosky, and Pastor Nathan Lafrenz

The Youth of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church conducted Sunday services under the direction of Pastor Nathan Lafrenz.

Leslie Meyer and Amanda Petrosky served as the ushers for this special service. Acolytes were Sarah and Laura Meyer, Sarah Meyer also assisted the Pastor in the Sunday Liturgy.

Scripture was read by Leslie Meyer and Chris Petrosky and

Emily Petrosky read the gospel and delivered a dramatic monologue titled, Mary, at the foot of the cross. A very meaningful service was enjoyed by the congregation.

Pastor Nathan Lafrenz presented \$500 Scholarships, from the proceeds of our January Bratwurst benefit presented \$500 scholarships to Amanda Petrosky, Chris Petrosky and Leslie Meyer.

By Flo Dean
Staff Writer

Judge Tom Lee presided over a hearing in District Court Friday to determine whether a Temporary Restraining Order, intended to keep auditors from destroying ballots from the Fort Clark Springs 2001 annual election, could be converted to a Temporary Injunction.

Plaintiff Roger Perez claimed the value of his property has been decreased by a "self-perpetuating board of directors". Perez was asking through his attorney, Gloria E. Hernandez, to have the TRO converted to a Temporary Injunction, to preserve the ballots for evidence in what Hernandez said would be a future lawsuit.

Hernandez stated her client was not asking for FCS to do anything different, and the intent of the injunction is only to be certain the ballots will not be

destroyed.

Mr. Perez told the court he was concerned because a copy of the election results were sent to the Kinney County Justice of the Peace, per a procedure set up some years ago, but were mailed to the JP at the FCS Post Office box.

It was ascertained that, according to the FCS Rules and Regulations, a procedure for arbitration has been set up when a member disagrees with fort management on an issue.

Lee asked General Manager Maggie Banner Kerr whether she could promise that the ballots would not be destroyed, and Kerr replied that the FCS board would have to determine that issue.

After a recess, during which a special FCS board meeting was convened with the board members present in court, Kerr informed Judge Lee that the

board was willing to allow the ballots from the 2001 election to remain with the Kinney County Sheriff while Perez and FCS submit to the arbitration process.

According to FCS Rules & Regulations, FCS will appoint two arbitrators and Perez will appoint one.

Judge Lee stated that he would, therefore, dissolve the TRO and not grant the injunction. The sealed ballots will remain with the KC Sheriff.

The parties were cautioned by Lee to do the arbitration during the next 30 days.

Quinton Etzel, attorney for Fort Clark Springs, asked the court for costs in the amount of \$411.34 for bringing the ballots from the accountant's office in Lubbock to Kinney County, and approximately \$1,800.00 in attorney's fees. Lee stated he would take this under advisement.

Crumleys' book about bio-terrorism

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

Guest speaker for the Brackettville Rotary Club on March 21 was author Karen Crumley. Frances McMaster, program chairman for March, introduced her.

"Karen and her husband, James, co-authored a book, "Weapon of Jihad", which was published in June, 2000. The timing of the book predated the terrorist attacks of 9/11 and the following anthrax incidents. The book was fiction, but the authors were uncannily accurate in their description of the attitudes and actions of the terrorists. They also have demonstrated the country's vulnerability to terrorist's acts.

How did the idea of this book come about? Karen had attended Texas Tech University at Lubbock and studied Microbiology. Among her fellow students were some Muslims, most were Iranians or Iraqis. Some were friendly; some stood to one side and were elusive. Karin observed this pattern and, as she put it, "These students were very bright, and intensely involved in learning about biological agents. They learned from us, then returned to their own countries—nations that ultimately became



Pictured are Rotarian Frances McMaster and guest speaker Karen Crumley

hostile to the United States."

The manner in which terrorists infiltrated the American culture is effectively described in the Crumley book as well as the actual methods used by these people. Ms. Crumley said she and her husband came up with these ideas simply by playing "what if" games. The plot of the book began to crystallize in their minds. It took them three years to write it and another to tend to the publication and promotion.

After September 11, the Crumleys experienced a sudden rush of interest in the book. This sudden popularity was manifested in several ways. Some people even expressed

suspicion of the author's motives and about their knowledge of terrorists. During a radio interview, Ms. Crumley was asked why she should suggest to terrorists ways to sabotage the United States.

One of the reasons the Crumleys wrote the book is because they had come to the realization that the United States was ridiculously vulnerable to acts of terrorism, and they felt the need to call attention to this situation.

Small pox is a major threat because it is stronger and harder than most viruses, and it stands drying to 210 degrees

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Easter Egg hunt enhanced by Easter Bunny



Picture from left: Rolando Gutierrez, Michael Fenton, Ward Kerr with Easter Bunnys Ron Ladeau (left) and John Dixon.

An Easter egg hunt at Fort Clark Springs Sunday was sponsored jointly by the Brackettville Lions Club and Fort Clark Springs Recreation Committee. About 200 area children searched for 2,000 colorful eggs that had been hidden earlier by volunteer Easter bunny helpers. Ron Ladeau and John Dixon, in appropriate Easter

Bunny costumes, helped the youngsters search for eggs.

Two bicycles and a tricycle were given away, along with 43 other prizes. Ward Kerr and Rolando Gutierrez won the bicycles. Michael Fenton of Phoenix, Arizona who was visiting the Gammill family, was delighted to win the tricycle.

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A very wise man said long ago that many sin for the sake of profit and the struggle for wealth blinds the eyes (Sirach 27:1). The wise man also said that unless you earnestly hold fast to the fear of God suddenly your house will be thrown down (Sirach 27:3). Lifestyles/Page 4

■ Making a difference

TAAS results for Brackett Exit Level have been received. We're proud of students, teachers and of our school district. School/Page 5

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Letter to the Editor.... Where does the money come from?

On March 30, 2002, Fort Clark Springs Association will hold its Annual Meeting of the Membership. In past meetings we were told that the Association was in excellent financial position, that the Auditor's Reports showed only "paper losses", and that the future of Fort Clark was bright and secure.

Auditor's reports show that FCSA has lost \$2,387,241.00 in thirty years of operation, a total of \$893,522 in the last four years alone. In 2001, in spite of an increase of \$5.00/month in regular assessments, the loss was \$232,508. Part of this is due to depreciation however, the consolidated statements of cash flows shows a net decrease in cash of \$46,403 for 2001. Over the last four years the total net decrease has been \$115,243.

The condensed version of the financial status in the March, 2002 Newsletter shows that the Association is now losing an average of \$20,000 per month

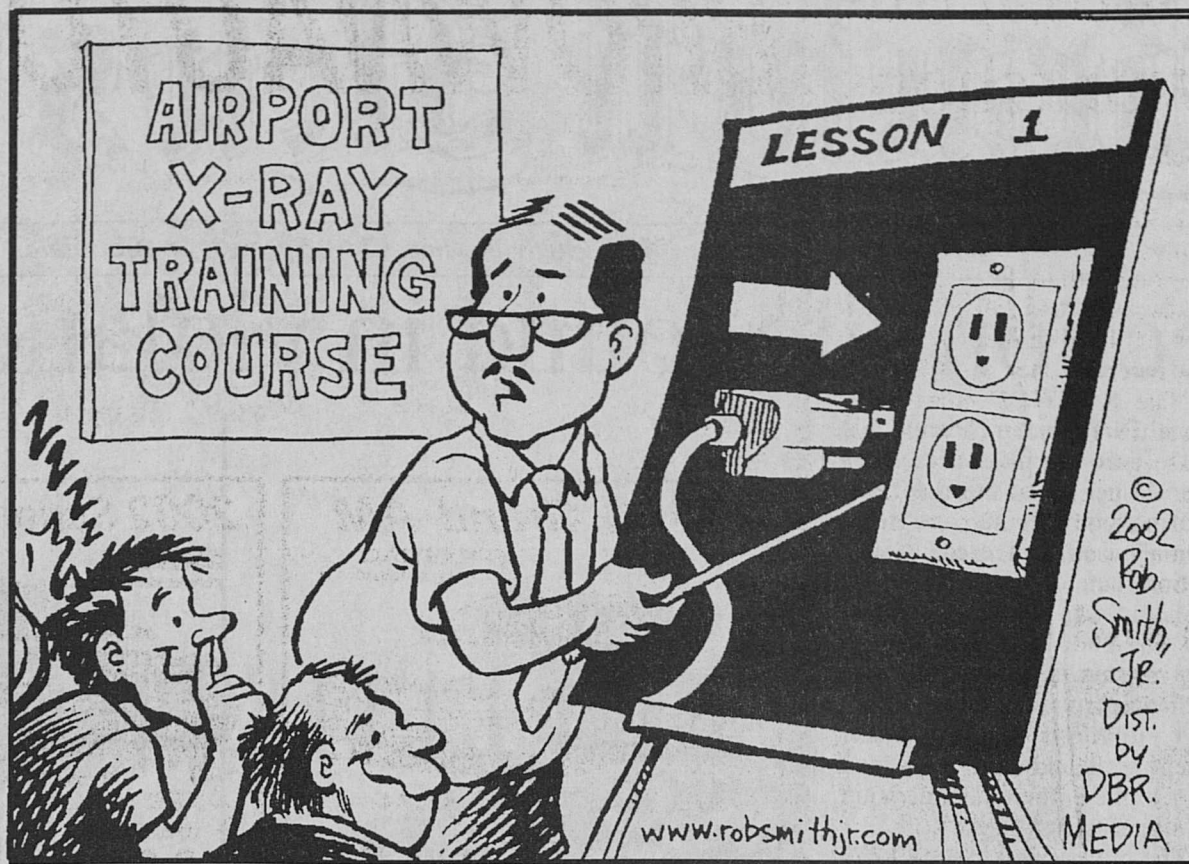
in the new fiscal year. Reportedly, "we are paying the accounts and have been able to put some money aside for further needs" as quoted by Maggie Kerr. There must be some kind of voodoo economics involved when you lose money but put some aside for future needs. After deduction of all liabilities we had only about \$16,000 in the kitty after the start of the new fiscal year, according to the Consolidated Financial Statement and Auditing Report for the year 2001.

Where is the money we are losing coming from? Who is responsible for the present financial situation of the corporation? Is it the Board of Directors or Management, or both?

Members are entitled to a copy of the Annual Auditors Report. Ask management for your copy and look at the figures.

Maybe we can prevent another outbreak of Enronitis!

Art Baker



Governmental agencies

The Way I See It
By Steven R. LaMascus

Do you trust your government? Do you believe that, at least in most cases, the U.S. Government is truthful with the citizens it is intended to serve?

If you do you are gullible, naive, and not very observant!

We have lost control of the government, which, according to our most sacred founding documents is bound by law to be a "government of the people, by the people, and for the people." Our governmental agencies have become self-perpetuating, self-serving, and totally deceitful. They do not care one whit for the people they are intended to serve; their only interest is in justifying their own existence, and accruing as much money, power, and prestige as possible for the heads of those agencies. They "cook" figures to mean anything but what they actually represent, tell bald-faced lies to cover up their own inadequacies, and assume powers that they were never intended to have.

Let's look at an organization that is near and dear to my heart, the United States Border Patrol. If there is a better trained, more professional group of law enforcement officers in the world, I have yet to encounter it. However, the morale of the average agent is lower than a snake's belly in a swamp. They are continually frustrated by the inconsistencies and untruthfulness of their higher echelon. They know how to do their jobs and are seldom allowed to do them. The politicians in charge of the Patrol, however, tell the public what a great job is being done, and how they have solved the illegal alien and illegal drug problems. It is total balderdash!

Have you ever heard of Operation Hold the Line? It is highly publicized as having stopped illegal alien traffic on a portion of the border with Mexico. That is a partial truth. The whole truth is that the Border Patrol has placed agents in specific spots in this area, told those agents to sit there for their entire shift, without moving, and has even handed out punishment to agents with enough self-respect and initiative to leave that little X on the ground to go a few hundred yards away and arrest illegal entrants. Everyone from Mexico to Tierra Del Fuego knows where those agents are and simply avoids them. The Border Patrol hierarchy uses the fact that apprehensions in that area are at a record low to demonstrate how incredibly effective they are.

It is a lie, pure and simple. They are catching fewer aliens because they have handcuffed their agents, and for all practical purposes, forbidden them from doing the job they know so well how to do. The fact is that illegal immigration in that area is probably higher than it ever has been; it is just that there is nobody out there where the aliens are crossing to find out the truth. On those six feet of border that each agent is physically controlling, the alien traffic has been halted. But not being stupid, the aliens simply go a mile up or down the border and cross with impunity. That is the truth! And it is just one of thousands of distasteful truths.

Years ago I was detailed to a Border Patrol camp north of Laredo. My job and that of my partner, was to apprehend the aliens suspected of pouring illegally through that particular stretch of the border. After a couple of weeks the figures showed that we arrested an impressive number of illegal entrants. The fact is that the figures were lies. All the aliens apprehended north of Laredo, whether or not they were caught in our area, or by us, were attributed to our operation. We really caught no more than usual, but that fact would not serve to further the ambitions of certain Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs. The sad truth is that they had no compunction at falsifying the figures to prove their pre-supposed ideas. That particular chief was very fond of using "empirical data" to prove his point. I often wondered what his definition of empirical was.

This is the norm in government today. That is why you so often see some whistle-blower bring to light a governmental conspiracy to defraud the American People. Telling the truth would not serve to bring fame and glory to the department heads. Lies work much better. And there is no shame in their black hearts.

We have too many politicians in politics today. What we need are more people who are honest, industrious, and have the welfare of America at heart. The sad thing is that almost never are those types promoted in our current government. The occasional black sheep with integrity slips through the fence and rises to a position of authority, but he is badly outnumbered, and the rest of the bureaucratic sycophants do their best to turn him into a deaf mute. Oh well, I have said before that the definition of politics (poly ticks) is "multiple blood-suckers". I guess it's still true. Maybe what we really need is a giant can of insect repellent!

Lamentations 5:21&22 - "Restore us to yourself, O Lord, that we may return; renew our days as of old unless you have utterly rejected us and are angry with us beyond measure." NIV

ANWR - Protecting a Natural Resource

Capitol Comment
By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

A tiny sliver of land in the northeast corner of Alaska could hold the key to America's energy independence. The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, or ANWR, has been at the center of the energy debate in Washington, D.C., and around the country. The entire refuge is 19.5 million acres, roughly the size of South Carolina. But the area we need to develop is only 2,000 acres - smaller than many Texas ranches. Underneath its soil is a vast pool of oil that could help us reduce our reliance on other countries, particularly those in the Middle East.

Beholden to Foreign Nations America's dependence on foreign oil has increased from 30 percent in the 1970s to nearly 60 percent today. In September 2001, the same month that the terrorists attacked the United States, we imported more than 1.2 million barrels of oil a day from Iraq. Last year we paid Iraq a record \$4 billion indirectly for its oil! We must break this reliance - we are at war, and we face further terrorist threats. The President has called on Congress to open up ANWR and protect the United States from rogue nations whose actions could severely disrupt the flow of oil into our country.

Environmental Protection If we don't explore in the ANWR, we will continue to come up short in meeting our nation's energy needs. We will have to continue importing oil from countries like Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela, and perhaps across the Bering Strait from Alaska in Russia. If we don't open up the ANWR, exploration in Russia will go forward, but without the strict environmental regulations and regard for the natural habitat that American policy would ensure. Such Russian exploration would open the Alaskan channel to a fleet of foreign oil tankers, putting the area at risk for increased oil spills and other environmental hazards. The most responsible environmental protection will come from the United States.

Tapping a Vast Resource Oil fuels the United States. It provides about 40 percent of the energy Americans consume and 97 percent of our transportation fuel. The oil industry employs nearly 1.4 million of our citizens and is a critical sector of our national economy.

Exploration in the ANWR has the potential to yield 16 billion barrels or more of oil, almost doubling our current national reserves. Geologists estimate that the ANWR holds more oil than in all of Texas. Each barrel we produce within our own borders is one less barrel we have to import from nations like Iraq.

Protecting the Alaskan Habitat Environmental groups have distorted the public's perception of the effects that exploration would have on the Alaskan habitat. Prudhoe Bay, an area just west of the ANWR, is one of the largest oil fields in the world. It opened for exploration more than 25 years ago and has since produced 13 billion barrels of oil. Careful regulation and oversight of the surrounding habitat

Your truck, your choice

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

A mother leans into the backseat of her SUV. She buckles the seatbelt around her oldest daughter and adjusts the car seat for the baby. Finally she climbs into the drivers seat. Confidently, she begins to head out of the driveway and off to soccer practice.

This mother is confident. She knows that her children are protected and safe in the vehicle she drives. Last week we narrowly escaped having this right taken away. The right to choose safety and comfort in a vehicle came under close fire.

You see, some people in Washington believe the government has the right to decide what type of car you drive. I am referring to an attempt by the Senate to raise corporate average fuel economy standards (CAFE) in vehicles.

We are all interested in preserving our environment and decreasing our dependence on foreign fuel. But these measures should not come at the expense of jobs and lives. Now more than ever, we should be watching over American jobs and the American economy. Raising CAFE standards would do more harm than it's proponents care to admit.

As a father myself, I find the most terrifying and troublesome aspect of this proposal to be the amount of American lives it put at stake. CAFE standards force automobile manufacturers to sacrifice safety to build light weight cars that meet federal mandates. These vehicles do not offer the structural support necessary to protect our families in accidents. There is no excuse for putting our children's lives on the line. As if lost lives are not enough, this proposal would have also cost countless American jobs.

These standards would have forced American automobile manufacturer's to build cars similar to their European competitors. Those competitors already specialize in manufacturing smaller vehicles. This fact alone, gives foreign markets a benefit over American manufacturers.

This measure would have cost American jobs during a time in which we are struggling to survive an economic downturn.

Those members of the Senate understand that the safety of your family and your job should not be determined by the government's faulty decision making.

I applaud the Senate for their mindful decision. The right to choose safety for American lives and American jobs still belongs to you.

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Big Mama
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Garner up pleasant thoughts in your mind,
for pleasant thoughts make pleasant lives.

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KCGCD Board continues rules workshops

By Flo Dean
Staff Writer

At a workshop March 20th the KCGWCD Board continued to formulate rules for the district and agreed to send the most complete version to Jace Houston, Attorney at law, for review. Houston has agreed to charge the district \$100 an hour based on time spent with a cap of \$2,000 until the board authorizes additional expense.

credit for \$10,000 is being set up at The Bank and Trust in Brackettville, and the Texas Water Board is considering a low rate loan to the district. The funds will support district activities until ad valorem tax funds are received later in 2002.

The KCGWCD Board will meet on Thursday, March 28th and again on Tuesday, April 2nd for its regular meeting. Both will be held at 1:30 p.m. in the Kinney County District Courtroom.

Taco Express Grand Opening



Pictured are Kinney County Chamber Directors: Ricky Alvarado, President, B. J. Hale, Secretary, Shirley Hadsell, Treasurer, J.D. and Mary Martin, Amelia Soto. Joe and Gracie Escamilla, daughter Brionna, son Lita Escamilla, Richard and Blanca Ortega, daughters Mirza Clarke and Brenda Rodrigues and family, sons Ricky and David Ortega. Not pictured: Joey and Christina and granddaughter Alana.

Photo by Chamber member Jewel Robinson.

The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce attended a Grand Opening Saturday of Escamilla Taco Express, newest Chamber member.

& Shake and the car wash on Highway 90, the Taco Express will be open Tuesday through Friday, 7 am to 2 pm, Saturday 7 am to 5 pm and Sunday 7 am to 2pm.

Benefit roping for Doug Taylor family total success

By Flo Dean
Staff Writer

Laurie Scott, one of the sponsors of the Team Roping and Barbeque held March 16th to benefit the children of Doug Taylor, said the event earned almost \$11,000. There were 338 teams paid to eight places. First through 4th had added prizes, with 1st and 2nd place winners receiving buckles, 3rd place breast collars and 4th receiving ropes.

Railway Feed in Del Rio.

The barbeque served 450 to 500 plates and Scott said they had to obtain more meat from the Lions Club, who were preparing meat for the event.

Richard Newell and Friends provided music at noon, and Wild Ride played for the dance following the roping.

Scott said the only expense the event incurred were \$1,250 paid for the roping steers and small items such as plastic utensils for the barbeque, and chute help which cost \$100. All other proceeds went to the Taylor Children's Trust fund.

The sponsors said they had received great community support for the roping event.

Sam's Boot Corral and Sundown Construction furnished first place prizes, Joe Everett and Tom Barksdale, J. Dobbins and Ted Luce donated the second and third place prizes, and the ropes were contributed by

Kinney County Sheriff's Report ...

Sunday, March 17

2:40 p.m., A woman reported a threatening phone call.

Monday, March 18

5:35 a.m., A resident from Spofford reported two loose horses on Hwy 131. Deputy Manuel Pena was advised.

Tuesday, March 19

7:10 a.m., Val Verde Hospital reported a local woman had been bitten by a dog. Deputy Pena advised the owner and a city employee.

7:24 a.m., DPS Trooper Tom Wylie responded to the alarm at Middle Rio Grande Workforce office.

11:55 a.m., Seven illegals broke into the radio repeater room at a local ranch and were picked up by border patrol. Sheriff Buddy Burgess was notified.

6:30 p.m., A woman reported broken windows at the court house. The judge was informed about the damage.

7:00 p.m., Deputy Pena reported numerous broken windows at Henderson and Fort St.

Wednesday, March 20

11:42 a.m., Oscar Garcia, 49, from Del Rio, was arrested for Driving While License Suspended by DPS Trooper Tony

Ashley. Garcia was released on a bond the same day.

Thursday, March 21

1:52 p.m., Constable Mendek reported the traffic lights on Hwy 90 were acting up. The Texas Department of Transportation was notified.

2:30 p.m., Manuel F. Gallardo, 42, from Del Rio, was arrested for county warrants.

Friday, March 22

No time shown on report. Ricardo Jacques, 61, from Brackettville, was arrested for a warrant out of Presidio County by Deputy Chism.

11:10 p.m., Deputy Pena responded to a damaged fence.

Saturday, March 23

8:49 a.m., A man requested a deputy to check on his friend. Constable Mendek responded.

3:35 p.m., The Val Verde Sheriff's Office was informed about loose cattle on Hwy 277.

Sunday, March 24

1:15 a.m., Eujanio Flores Jr., 22, from Brackettville, was arrested for criminal mischief by Deputy Chism. Flores was released the same day.

10:44 p.m., A woman requested a deputy to check on her neighbor. Deputy Pena was advised.

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SPRINGTIME SAVINGS

<p>2002 Grand AM PONTIAC DRIVING EXCITEMENT</p> <p>APR as low as 0.0% #1044 MSRP \$18,600 Brown Disc. \$1,103 Bonus Cash \$2,002 \$15,495*</p>	<p>2002 Sonoma Ext Cab GMC We Are Professional Grade™</p> <p>APR as low as 0.0% #1242 MSRP \$20,170 Brown Disc. \$1,673 Bonus Cash \$2,002 \$16,495*</p>	<p>2002 Grand Prix PONTIAC DRIVING EXCITEMENT</p> <p>APR as low as 0.0% #1246 MSRP \$22,285 Brown Disc. \$1,288 Bonus Cash \$2,002 \$18,995*</p>
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<p>2002 Century BUICK</p> <p>APR as low as 0.0% #1276 MSRP \$22,647 Brown Disc. \$1,650 Bonus Cash \$2,002 \$18,995*</p>	<p>2002 Sierra Ext Cab GMC We Are Professional Grade™</p> <p>APR as low as 0.0% #1445 MSRP \$25,999 Brown Disc. \$2,502 Bonus Cash \$1,500 \$21,997**</p>	<p>2002 LeSabre BUICK</p> <p>APR as low as 0.0% #1003 MSRP \$26,379 Brown Disc. \$1,382 Bonus Cash \$2,002 \$22,995*</p>
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<p>2002 Bonneville PONTIAC DRIVING EXCITEMENT</p> <p>APR as low as 0.0% #1294 MSRP \$26,360 Brown Disc. \$1,363 Bonus Cash \$2,002 \$22,995*</p>	<p>2002 4x4 Sierra Ext Cab GMC We Are Professional Grade™</p> <p>APR as low as 0.0% #1405 MSRP \$30,289 Brown Disc. \$3,289 Bonus Cash \$1,500 \$25,447**</p>	<p>2002 Sierra 3/4 Ext Cab GMC We Are Professional Grade™</p> <p>APR as low as 0.0% #1237 MSRP \$30,340 Brown Disc. \$2,843 Bonus Cash \$1,500 \$25,897**</p>
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<p>2002 Yukon SLE GMC We Are Professional Grade™</p> <p>APR as low as 0.0% #1435 MSRP \$36,336 Brown Disc. \$3,339 Bonus Cash \$1,500 \$31,497**</p>	<p>2002 Yukon XL GMC We Are Professional Grade™</p> <p>APR as low as 0.0% #1365 MSRP \$37,872 Brown Disc. \$2,875 Bonus Cash \$1,500 \$33,497**</p>	<p>2002 Eldorado ESC</p> <p>SAVE OVER \$7,500</p>
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Struggle for wealth FCHS Members Who Am I, Really?

Empowering Families
By Dr. Donald Smith

Dave was reading the paper and drinking coffee. Thinking aloud he remarked, "This ENRON thing is getting a lot of press. To tell you the truth I'm tired of hearing it."

Bill working close by commented, "It's a tragedy. I can't help but think of all those innocent people who lost their jobs and investments. It's just another example of the rich and powerful shoving it to the little guy. These giant corporations ought to be made to pay." "Well," Dave said thoughtfully. "I can think of one big corporation that has been good to you and me. If it weren't for this company we wouldn't have good jobs."

It isn't riches, power or even big corporations that are bad. It's the greed that their managers sometimes get caught up in. A very wise man said long ago that many sin for the sake of profit and the struggle for wealth blinds the eyes (Sirach 27:1). People at the top get so greedy that they're blinded to the needs of their employees and their community until it's too late. "Yeah," said Bill, "I can see that. Even the good they do is for selfish reasons. ENRON spread money all over."

"And," Dave continued, "ENRON did it to buy favor and

influence they weren't willing to earn the hard way. We can be sure that the top ENRON management will someday take their turn at bat."

"But," said Bill, "that still doesn't repair the damage done to a lot of good employees." "Bill, there's some good lessons in this," Dave said.

"We all make bad decisions at times. The higher up we go in anything, whether it's the company or the government or our social clubs, the more our bad decisions are going to affect others who are under us in some way. The wise man also said that unless you earnestly hold fast to the fear of God suddenly your house will be thrown down (Sirach 27:3)."

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

Goodies from G.G.

Are you as weak as I am when you find fresh veggies at a give away price? I must save money, but how can I use so much of the same veggie! We don't like leftovers! Why not give this a try?

Steam a large head of cauliflower, broccoli or asst. squash until tender/crisp. Remove only

By Elizabeth Gibbs
Contributing Writer

Fort Clark Historical Society members and guests attended the meeting at the Palisado Building. During the meeting, conducted by Larry Mendeke, the McCord family presented a very generous donation in memory of Alan McCord. Walt Bauguess accepted their gift and acknowledged Alan's generosity in doing volunteer work for the Historical Society during his residence at Fort Clark. Even during serious illness, Alan volunteered. The FCHS lost a good friend in Alan and our members miss him. Another gift was presented to FCHS by Larry Mendeke; a TV set large enough to be seen by members. Phil Coburn, curator of the museum, presented an interesting and informative talk about the doomed Delores Colony. The colony was located eight

miles south of the present Fort Clark and 18 miles north of the confluence of Las Moras Creek with the Rio Grande. Colonists, financed by the Rio Grande Land Company, reached the site in March 1834. They struggled with the arid, inhospitable land and nearly starved. The news of the Goliad and Alamo disasters in March 1836 led to the final abandonment of Delores. The colony failed for several reasons; lack of money, inadequate research and planning, and, one could say, the selfishness of some of the leaders of the colony and the land company. Although the colonists continually feared attack by the Comanches, the Indians never attacked them. However, when the last small group of colonists left Delores they were attacked by the Comanches on April 4.

The men were killed and Sarah Ann Horn and Mrs. Harris and their children were carried off. Sarah Ann Horn's book, "Comanche Bondage" written after her release from a two-year captivity is the best record of the Delores Colony. The April 27 meeting of the FCHS will be at 10:00 a.m. in the Palisado Building. Lisa Evans from the National Park Service will present a program on Trails and Rails. Come at 9:30 for Coffee and refreshments.

But I could be wrong
By Chuck Hall

The young lad was about 6 or 7 years old. I was passing through the library and he was too. Quite a cute kid. He greeted me very politely. "Good morning Mr. Burks." I didn't know if I had been complimented or insulted. I still don't.

I thought about kicking him in the seat of the pants and telling him to go tell his mother who had done that to him. No, no I'd better not. Mr. Burks, like myself, gets into enough trouble all by himself. He doesn't need any of my help. I thought it best to let sleeping dogs lie. I politely corrected the boy and quietly went on my way and let him go on his. Two days later, at the Post Office, a lady approached me. "Are you

Chuck Hall? Really?" My mind raced.

Well as fast as mine can race. Maybe strolled would be a better term. Am I really Chuck Hall? Was this a trick question? Had I gone through with my original plans and dropkicked the youngster in the rump? Who was she and what were her intentions? How could I get out of this dilemma?

I looked around. There was no one near to point me out in case I decided to deny my very existence. But no one to point out to Chuck Hall either. "Yes. Yes I'm Chuck Hall." "Oh. Some of your articles are good." She walked away and disappeared as quickly as she had appeared in my life.

Some of my articles are good? Some? Good? Obviously, a lot of folks could be wrong!

Art Club Members

By Mary Batey
Contributing Writer

Congratulations are in order for four of our Art Club members who did exceptionally well in the Del Rio Art League Annual Judged Show. We are very proud of their success. To quote the Del Rio Art League we at Fort Clark, also try to enrich and exhibit and enjoy our community.

Lately we have had more casual visits from people coming to the fort but there are several Fort Clark members who do not know where our wonderful Art Club is located. We are on the second floor above the maintenance com-

plex. On Mondays and Saturdays we have an art sign very visible in front of the building. Y'all are all welcome.

The following is a list of the winners in the judged show: Best of Show; Elizabeth Gibbs, First Runner Up; Connie Armbruster, Oil and Acrylic Entries; Honorable Mention, Elizabeth Gibbs 1 time, Connie Armbruster 3 times, Water Color and Pastel Exhibits; Susan Esparza 2nd place, Student entries, Jean Levert Hood 3rd place, Miniature entries, Jean Levert Hood 1st and 3rd place and 1 honorable mention, Connie Armbruster 2nd place, Elizabeth Gibbs 2 honorable mentions.

Garden Club

By Joyce Bergey
Contributing Writer

The Mountain Laurel Garden Club of Fort Clark will be hosting our annual flower show on Saturday, April 6th, from 2-4 p.m. at the Service Club.

The show's theme, "A Flower Garden Of Movies" Will Feature

displays and arrangements coordinated with a movie title, making this a unique and delightful event. In conjunction with the show, we will also be having a plant sale.

Be sure to mark this date on your calendars and join us for this fun event. Admission and refreshments are free!

Old Quarry Variety Show

By Lynn McNew
Contributing Writer

The Old Quarry Society will present the annual Variety Show on Sat. March 30, 2002, at 7:30 p.m. at Post Theater. As in past years, Pat Melancon will serve as a very able and entertaining Master of Ceremonies. The acts

include adults and young people, with vocalists, instrumentalists, story tellers and dancers.

For season ticket holders this is the last program on your current ticket. Individual tickets are available for \$4.00 each at the Adult Center or by contacting 563-2205.

Crumley guest speaker

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centigrade. It is easily transmitted from one person to another. If you think you are safe because you had a small pox vaccination and have the scar to prove it, think again. The vaccination lasts a maximum of 30 years, and it is really effective for only about 5.

Small pox is not easily diagnosed. It takes 10 to 12 days after exposure for the patient to run fever and develop flu-like symptoms. Four more days pass before a rash appears. It may be mistaken for the measles, but the rash pattern is different. Instead of the rash running from the trunk out toward the limbs, as it does with measles and chicken pox, it runs in the opposite manner, which can easily be overlooked by the physician.

Biological weapons have been used throughout recent history. In the French, Indian War, the French passed out blankets used by small pox victims to the Indians who easily contracted the disease. The illness weakened their defenses and the French overwhelmed them.

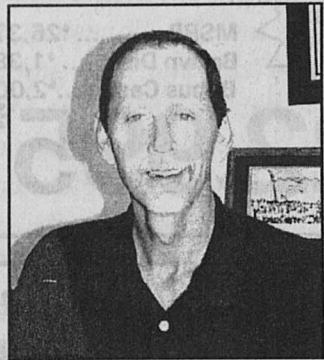
In the United States, small pox has been regarded as eradicated.

Only relatively small amounts of the vaccine have been available to be used for such things as immunization of soldiers who might be sent where the disease exists.

Since the anthrax scares, the vaccine is being manufactured, but time is required to accumulate a stockpile. Furthermore, it is being stored in the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta. By the time an epidemic would be recognized, so much time would have elapsed that the effects would be disastrous. Large quantities of the vaccine should be made and stored across the United States so that it would be available if the need arises. Citizens should have the opportunity to be vaccinated if they choose. A very small percentage of deaths do occur as reaction to the vaccine, but at least the choice should be available.

One must "think outside the box" to anticipate how terrorists might attack. Karen and James Crumley have certainly done that. Let us hope the government will listen and take action before other disasters occur. We need the chance to refuse that tempting, nice warm blanket.

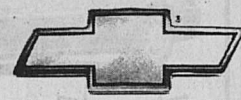
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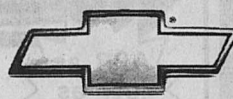
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Correction!

Dave Carleton's ad in last weeks paper had the wrong email address. The correct address is supertrooper68@hotmail.com

We apologize for any confusion.
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Seniors Excel in Tennis High School Track Mastery of curriculum

By Bonnie Brotherton
Contributing Writer

The varsity tennis teams competed in the Sabinal Tennis Tournament this past week and came home with two medals.

Levi Duncan lost to Yeargin of Bandera but defeated Rothe from Dhanis, Scotty from Nueces Canyon, Hackebell from Hondo, and teammate Matthias Katzfuss to win the boys singles consolation medal.

On the girls side of the tournament, Michelle Bizzell lost to the eventual tournament champion, but came back to win three matches and take home Consolation honors in singles.

This week the girls will play Nueces Canyon in a practice meet on Monday and the boys will travel to Medina for a dual meet with Bandera and Medina on Thursday. Their next tournament will be on April 5 in Knippa.

The High School girls had a track meet on Saturday March 23rd in Uvalde. Brackett placed 1st with a score of 173 and won the Uvalde Relays.

Divina Pena, Courtney Frerich, Tammy Smith and Amanda Davis placed 3rd in the 400 relay. Divina Pena, Vanessa Williams, Stacy Castilla and Amanda Davis placed 2nd in the 800 meter relay. Vanessa Williams, Stephanie Coronado, Juliann Ashabranner and Stacy Castilla placed 2nd in the 1600 meter relay. Juliann Ashabranner placed 1st and Nicole Mata placed 2nd in the 3200 meter. Stephanie Bonner placed 1st, Tammy Smith placed 4th and Courtney Frerich placed 5th in the 100 meter hurdles.

Stephanie Coronado placed 2nd in the 800 meter, Vanessa Williams placed 3rd in the 100 meter, Stephanie Coronado placed 4th and Divina Pena placed 5th in the 400 meter.

Courtney Frerich placed 1st, Stephanie Bonner placed 3rd and Tammy Smith placed 4th in the 300 meter hurdles. Stacy Castilla placed 5th in the 200 meter, Juliann Ashabranner placed 1st and Nicole Mata placed 3rd in the 1600 meter. Shannae Simmons placed 6th in shot put, Tammy Smith placed 3rd and Vanessa Williams placed 4th in the TJ. Tammy Smith placed 2nd in the long jump, Stacy Castilla placed 1st and Courtney Frerich placed 2nd in the high jump.

Making a Difference
By Taylor Stephenson

TAAS results for Brackett Exit Level have been received. 34 of 34 students passed the reading level. 32 of 33 passed the math. The results show that our school focuses on student mastery of curriculum.

These results were from the high school level. We're proud of students, teachers and of our school district. These are indicators that are most important in assessing whether the school is getting the job done or not. Keep up the good work!

Brackett High School presented its UIL one act play, "Dear Papa", Monday night in the BHS Auditorium. Lynn McNew has done a grand job directing outstanding performances by Tammy Smith, Duquesa Hunt, Emily Petrosky and Eliot Stone. The play is a good one, and was performed well. The remodeled auditorium was used for the first time for high school play. The audience could hear every word of the performance. We're proud that our Board of Trustees had the foresight to remodel this facility.

Brackett's district high school UIL academic contest was held Tuesday in Natalia. BHS had 27 students participating in academic events.

This is good representation for our high school of 170 students. UIL contests for elementary and junior high students were held earlier. Thanks to students who participate and to teachers who sponsor UIL Academic.

Congratulations to Henry, Cathy and Dylan Lutz on the birth of baby Allyson Marie this past weekend. Henry is vice president of the Board of Trustees. Cathy teaches junior high students and serves as TAAS coordinator.

Teachers and students look forward to the Easter break that includes Good Friday and the Monday following Easter. We're very busy with athletic and academic competition along with complet-

ing classroom assignments.

The hail and rain this past week was a confirmation that West Texas weather continues to be unpredictable. The hail was damaging enough to once again cause us to put on new roofs.

The old roof looked great and was only a few months old. There was some good in that we had an inch of rain with the hail. Rain is predicted for this Saturday. Enjoy the Easter weekend! Have a great week!

Brackett ISD Activity Calendar

Thursday, March 28
HS Track, Carrizo Springs
Monday, April 1
9:00 AM B Golf District: Brackett, 9:00 AM G Golf District: Brackett
Tuesday, April 2
4:00 PM V Baseball DIST Natalia (A), G Softbl DIST Three Rivers (H) 7:00 PM
Wednesday, April 3
8:00 AM HS Spring Photos/Softball-Boys Golf, Auditorium, 3:40 PM Brackett District Advisory Committee, 5:30 PM Senior Parent Meeting, Auditorium

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Boy's golf go to Uvalde

By Coach Wilkins
Contributing Writer

The boy's golf team went to the Uvalde Tournament on Monday the 25th. They competed in the 3A and under division. They placed 4th out of 15 teams. The team consists of Chase Neuman (84), Ryan Benton (79), Whitney Massingill (87), Robbie Looney (89), Carl Dalton (89), Anthony

Munoz (94), and Eliot Stone (105). Ryan tied for 3rd place with his score of 79. They did well competing on this course.

The Brackett Golf Teams will host the first leg of the District tournament here at Fort Clark on Monday April 1st. We would like to thank all the help we have received from Fort Clark, The Men's Golf Club, and our parents! Thank you very much!

Invitational Track Meet

The varsity track team traveled to Uvalde to compete in the Uvalde Invitational Track Meet last Saturday. The team finished 5th overall. Eliot Stone won the 100 meter dash with a time of 11.10. Mark Kesteloot placed second in the 400 meter dash with a time of 53.90. The 400 meter relay team consisting of Raymond Gomez, Tony Rosetti, Jaime Puente, and Eliot Stone placed

second with a time of 45.29. Eliot Stone also placed 4th in the 200 meter dash and Tony Rosetti finished behind him in 5th place. Doug Sanchez finished 4th in the discus with a throw of 112 feet and 11 inches. The 1600 meter relay squad finished fourth with a time of 3:43.93. Other members of the team that competed include: Jason Smith, J.P. Pineda, Glenn Morgan, and Boyd Brotherton.

Junior High Girls

The Junior High 8th and 7th grade girls had a track meet with Center Point on Friday March 22. The team total for the 8th grade girls was 143 which put the team in second place.

Timeka Simmons, Rachael Swinson, Brandy Smith and Ashley Castillo placed 1st in the 1600 meter relay. For the 800 meter relay Timeka Simmons, Dana Bonner, Brandy Smith and Ashley Castillo placed 1st.

and Brandy Smith placed 2nd in the 300 meter hurdles. Ashley Castillo placed 2nd and Dana Bonner placed 5th in the 200 meter. Jessi Crane placed 5th in the 1600 meter. Tye Taylor placed 6th in discus, Timeka Simmons placed 5th in the TJ, Rachael Lethco placed 2nd and Timeka Simmons placed 4th in the long jump, Rachael Lethco placed 1st and Brandy Smith placed 6th in the high jump.

For the 7th grade girls Lisa Morgan, Kara Yeager, Danika Schmidt and Nadine Terrazas placed 4th in the 1600 Relay. Danika Schmidt, Lola Cano, Laura Meyer and Kara Yeager placed 6th in the 800 relay.

Lola Cano placed 5th in the 2400 meter, Lisa Morgan placed 6th in the 400 meter and Lola Cano placed 3rd in the 1600 meter. Rachael Lethco placed 1st

4H Club

By Ashley Smith
Contributing Writer

Last Monday night the Kinney County Senior 4H club held their monthly meeting in the courthouse. The group recognized the stock show participants over the whole year and congratulated all contestants on their hard work. A spring fundraiser was also discussed.

Remember that all members need to turn in their \$5 to help with the spring fundraiser.

The club was also honored to have a guest speaker. Mrs. Phyllis

Meyer gave a program about real estate.

Many 4Hers took delight in learning about the process of running a real estate business. Thank you, Mrs. Meyer.

Also the Prime Time registration is due April 8 and the Spectra registration is due by April 26th in the extension office.

The next meeting will be April 16th at the Kinney County Courthouse.

If you are interested in the 4H club or have any questions, be sure to join us!

The City of Brackettville

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surveyors tape. In addition to being marked, the metes and bounds are clearly described in the warranty deed from Richard Rudman to the City of Brackettville.

"What I don't understand is if you still have 20 feet, what is the problem," asked Berlanga.

"We don't have 20 feet (from the property line)," responded Gammill.

Anyone can measure it and see that the city's fence is in the road easement, this writer did. The city collection site sign and city billboard are also located in the road easement.

Nixon told the mayor that the city had fenced across the road she and her family used to enter their property.

"I've used that road for 25 years, said Nixon. "All I want is a gate so I can use that road," she added. Nixon asked the council for permission to build the fence herself in November of 1999 in order

to prevent people from dumping on her property. No action was taken by the council for lack of a motion.

Shortly before that meeting the city had started clearing its western fence line some 20 feet inside Nixon's property line. Nixon told the equipment operators to get off her property. Under advisement of City Attorney Pat Dodson, Luna had the property re-staked.

"The complaint on the particular side you're talking about, was with you and your brother, on the fact that you felt the tires were on your property," Luna said at the 1999 November meeting. "When we re-staked it we picked up more property. When you talked to me about the gate I had no problem with it. Where I did have a problem about the gate was after you refused to pay half of the survey for having it staked," Luna added.

The tires were over the property line and contrary to Luna's assertion, the city did not gain any

additional property.

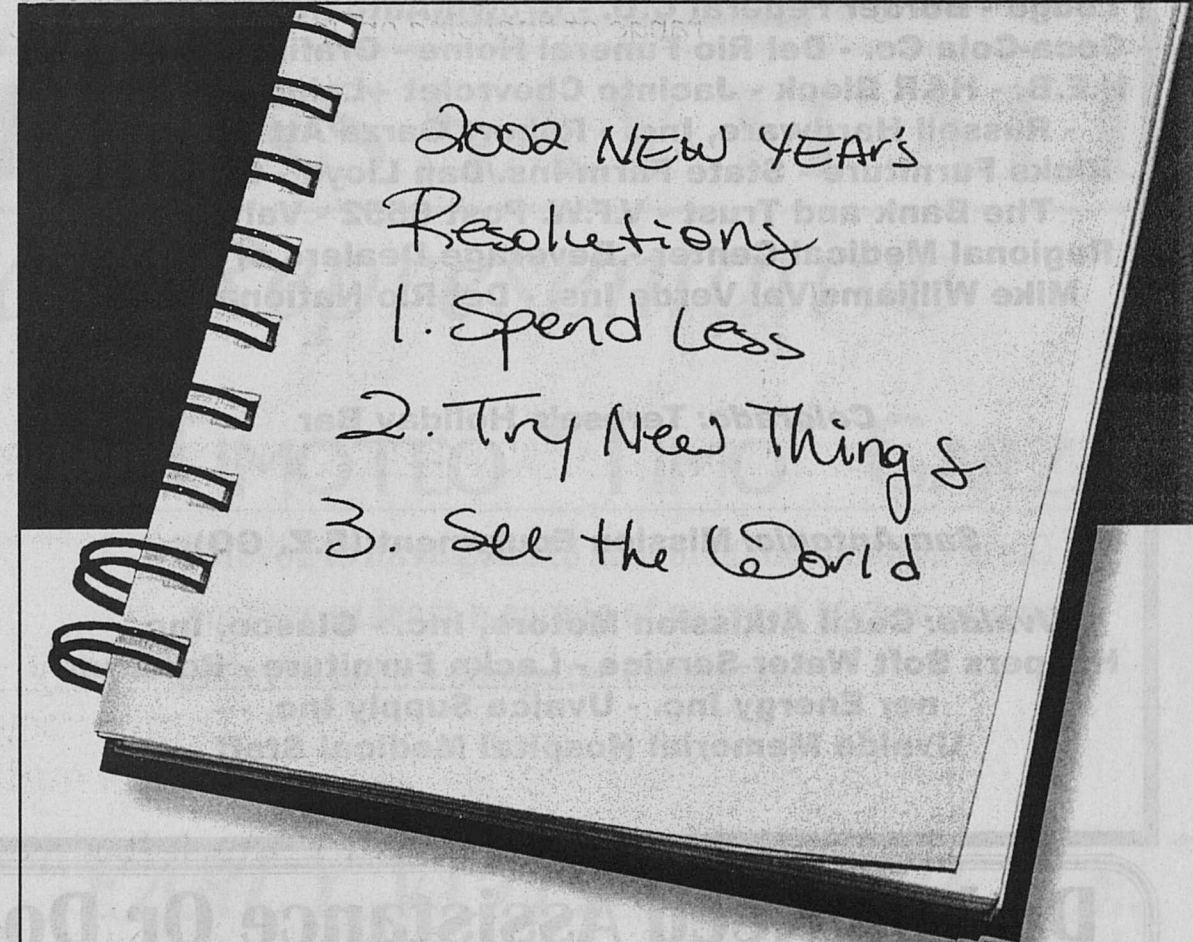
Nixon maintains that she knew where the property lines were and was not obligated to pay half of the re-staking when the city was clearly encroaching on her property.

To add to all these problems neither fence is straight. Both fences bow out either into the adjacent property or road easement.

Gammill and Nixon also told the mayor, at last weeks meeting, the city was not picking up the wind blown trash around the site.

The city council held an emergency meeting to discuss TNRCC Enforcement yesterday morning but took no action.

The city will have to notify TNRCC at the completion of construction for the transfer station. At that time TNRCC will inspect the facility and may grant authorization provided it has been constructed according to the site plans. The deadline for completion of the site is August 30, 2003.



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Federal import requirements for Mexican feeder cattle

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has raised health standards for importing Mexican feeder cattle in order to protect U.S. animals from tuberculosis (TE), a bacterial infection that can cause internal lesions in the lungs, lymph nodes, or other internal organs. On April 1, 2002, feeder cattle (steers and spayed heifers) from Mexico will enter the U.S. under health regulations published more than a year ago in the Federal Code of Regulations by the USDA's Veterinary Services. By 2003, the USDA will tighten regulations again, when international rules will require exporting countries to fully meet US-equivalent standards for cattle TB eradication.

"Texas cattle producers import approximately a million Mexican feeders each year. On April 1, entry regulations for these animals will be tied directly to the prevalence of TB in their Mexican state of origin, or their region within a Mexican state," commented Dr. Linda Logan, Texas state veterinarian and head of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory authority.

"Mexican feeder animals have offered excellent opportunities for cattle producers," she said. "Cattle TB, however, continues to be a problem in many Mexico states, and we must continue to assure that imported animals are properly tested for TB before they enter Texas. Infected animals can spread the disease by coughing,

bellying or snorting. The bacterial-laden aerosol that they expel can be inhaled by animals nearby or could contaminate feed. If we have TB introduced into our herds, our ability to trade interstate or internationally would be restricted."

Dr. Logan pointed out that in April 2001, the USDA's Veterinary Services published an interim rule requiring Mexican feeder steers to originate from herds that had recently been tested for TB. The USDA then agreed to grant waivers to the whole-herd test, if Mexican states could demonstrate sufficient progress in eradicating TB prior to April 2002.

During the past five months, USDA-sponsored teams have conducted in-depth TB status reviews

in 16 Mexican states with active TB eradication programs. The teams, comprised by state and federal regulatory veterinarians, trade association representatives and laboratory specialists, determined that only one Mexican state and portions of five other states could be granted a waiver of the whole-herd test requirement.

Feeder cattle from most other Mexican states will have to originate from tested herds and then also undergo an individual animal test. Some states will be prohibited from shipping feeder cattle to the U.S. due to inadequate TB eradication programs.

"Prior to pasteurization, or heat treatment of milk, humans could contract the disease from infected cows. Today, human TB cases in the U.S. are rarely, if ever, traced to the cattle form of the disease, due to a combination of slaughter surveillance, pasteurization of milk and disease eradication," she said.

"We have worked closely with Mexico on TB eradication since 1988, when the USDA began offering training and technical support," she said. Since 1994, Mexican cattle have been imported under a 'consensus agreement' established by the state veterinarians in Texas, California, Arizona and New Mexico. At least 20 other U.S. states incorporated a more stringent, yet uniform program for imports."

A Binational Committee, with eight American and eight Mexican representatives, also has been meeting three times yearly to formalize status review findings, and discuss TB, brucellosis and trade issues. Dr. Logan also pointed out that, over the years, groups of regulatory personnel and producers from California, New Mexico, Texas and Arizona, and other participating states conducted program reviews in Mexican states. She said they monitored TB prevalence in Mexican herds, inspected laboratories, checked slaughter surveillance techniques, and shared ideas and experience.

The new federal requirements will advance the TB eradication effort by protecting all US states that may receive Mexican cattle," pointed out Dr. Richard Ferris, area veterinarian-in-charge for the USDA's Veterinary Services in Texas. "The USDA-sponsored teams will continue to review Mexican states as they make progress, so the regulations for each state change." He said USDA specialists in Riverdale, Maryland, are preparing maps delineating the boundaries of TB regions within Mexican states. The maps are to be ready prior to April 1.

As of April 2002, only feeder cattle-steers and spayed heifers from a designated portion of Sonora (which borders Arizona) may be imported into the U.S. without a TB test, because this area has an infection rate of less than one infected herd per 10,000," Dr. Ferris commented.

"As always all Mexican cattle must be officially identified with a blue ear tag imprinted with the name of its Mexican state. The animals must also be accompanied by a certificate of origin, which documents where the animals came from," explained Dr. Suzanne (Suzy) Burnham, TAHC's new binational liaison, who is stationed in San Antonio. She said the imported animals must also carry an "M" brand on the hip and will be inspected for fever ticks at the import station at the border.

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"Feeder cattle must have a negative TB skin test before being imported, if they come from Yucatan; a designated portion of Coahuila, our direct neighbor to the south; Sinaloa; the remaining portion of Sonora; or a designated segments of Aguascalientes or Jalisco," said Dr. Burnham. She said these states or portions of states have between 1 and 5 infected herds per 1,000 herds.

Dr. Burnham explained that an accredited veterinarian conducts a TB skin test by injecting tuberculin into the skin or "caudal fold" under the animal's tail. The site is examined 72 hours later for redness, swelling or other reaction, which indicates the animal may have been exposed to or infected with TB.

"Mexican states that did not obtain a whole-herd test waiver from the USDA include Tamaulipas and portions of Baja California, Campeche, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Durango, Jalisco, Nuevo Leon and Veracruz," said Dr. Burnham. "These states will export feeder cattle under the interim rule because they have an infection prevalence greater than 5 infected herds per 1,000 herds in the state or area."

"The parent herd (including the feeder cattle being exported) must have tested negative for TB within the previous 12 months. This will prevent cattle exporters from assembling untested feeder animals from a number of sources shortly before shipment," explained Dr. Burnham. She pointed out that each of the exported animals also must be individually TB tested again. The animals are to move under an important permit from the USDA.

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"Feeder cattle must have a negative TB skin test before being imported, if they come from Yucatan; a designated portion of Coahuila, our direct neighbor to the south; Sinaloa; the remaining portion of Sonora; or a designated segments of Aguascalientes or Jalisco," said Dr. Burnham. She said these states or portions of states have between 1 and 5 infected herds per 1,000 herds.

Dr. Burnham explained that an accredited veterinarian conducts a TB skin test by injecting tuberculin into the skin or "caudal fold" under the animal's tail. The site is examined 72 hours later for redness, swelling or other reaction, which indicates the animal may have been exposed to or infected with TB.

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Spring Turkey Hunting

By Henry Lutz
Contributing Writer

Austin, Texas - The good news for the novice turkey hunter is that there will be a lot of young gobblers out there this spring. That's also the bad news for the serious turkey hunter.

Having an abundance of turkeys is a good problem to have, according to John Burk, Texas Parks and Wildlife turkey biologist. "It'll be a challenge to get an adult bird this spring because we had such a boom hatch last year," he noted. "If you enjoy the game, you're going to see a lot of action this year. If you're a long beard hunter, it could be frustrating."

Rio Grande spring turkey hunting season opens March 30 in South Texas and runs through May 5. In the remaining 129 counties having spring hunting for Rio Grande turkey, the season begins April 6 and runs through May 12. The bag limit is four gobblers per license year.

Because of the high number of jakes and jennies in the mix this spring, says Burk, mature Rio Grande turkeys will have a tough time. "When the jakes outnumber the adult gobblers, the young ones tend to flock together and will run an older bird away. It's like being chased by a gang of angry teenagers. After awhile, an older gobbler will get quieter and is reluctant to answer a call."

Mature gobblers also stop answering calls once they are paired with a hen and although most jennies do not breed in the first year, gobblers don't pick up on that fact and will hang with a hen anyway, Burk added.

"That makes it tough on hunters. I'd recommend concentrating on the latter part of the season when most of the hens are nesting. Not all of the action happens during opening weekend."

Hunters are reminded that a Texas turkey hunting stamp is required in addition to a valid Texas hunting license.

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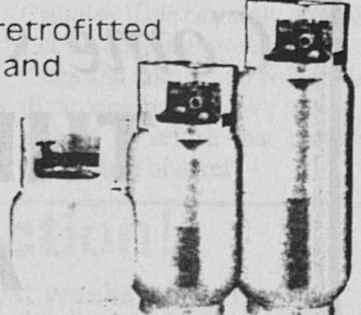
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Diabetes, high blood pressure can lead to kidney failure

Kidney disease, diabetes, high blood pressure. These ills are more and more linked these days, creating an array of health problems for people.

"We have seen a steady increase in the number of people coming onto the Kidney Health Program at the Texas Department of Health (TDH) with diabetes as the primary cause of kidney failure," said Phillip Walker, Chief of the Bureau of Kidney Health Care. In 2001, more than half the program applicants (53 percent) had a primary diagnosis of diabetes.

Following diabetes, hypertension, or high blood pressure, is the next leading cause of kidney failure for Texans. Last year, 23 percent of Kidney Health Care Program applicants had a primary diagnosis of hypertension.

"In Texas, more than 30,000 people have chronic kidney failure, or end-stage renal disease," Walker said. Nationally, about 20 million American have some form of kidney disease, and millions more are at risk.

According to the National Kidney Foundation, more than 50,000 new patients each year will require kidney dialysis or kidney transplants to live.

With diabetes, the body does not produce or properly use insulin. It is insulin that regulates the amount of glucose or sugar in the blood; and without it, the body is unable to convert glucose to energy, leaving large amounts of sugar in the blood.

Eventually, small blood vessels in the kidneys become damaged by a scar-like material that builds up on the capillary walls of the kidneys, leading to kidney damage. High blood pressure can damage kidneys by constricting blood vessels, cutting off the blood supply to the kidneys and starving them of oxygen and nutrients.

Over time, the kidneys are damaged and eventually become incapable of performing essential functions.

Warning signs of kidney-related disease include:

- Burning or difficulty during urination;
- More frequent urination, especially at night;
- Swelling of the feet and hands;
- Blood in the urine;
- Puffiness around the eyes;
- Pain in the small of the back that is not aggravated by movement;
- High blood pressure.

Kidney failure can be prevented or delayed if diagnosed early enough in its progression and treated properly, according to recent findings published by the National Kidney Foundation. The foundation recommends that all individuals who are at increased risk for chronic kidney disease have their blood pressure monitored and their blood and urine tested for signs of impaired kidney function. Those at risk for kidney failure include people with a history of diabetes or high blood pressure and those with a family

history of chronic kidney failure, diabetes or hypertension.

Kidney failure due to diabetes or hypertension can be prevented or delayed. "Scientific advances, including the use of medications and strict dietary management, have improved treatment and management of these diseases and the prevention of kidney failure," Walker said. Diabetics should have a yearly micro-albumin urine test to detect early onset of kidney failure so treatment interventions can be started as soon as possible.

"Anyone who experiences any symptoms of kidney disease should report them to a doctor," Walker said. People with a family or personal history of diabetes or hypertension should see their doctor regularly. The Bureau of Kidney Health Care was established in 1973 to provide financial assistance to Texans diagnosed with end-stage renal disease. During its 28 years of operation, more than 69,000 Texas residents with end-stage renal disease have received financial assistance for access surgery, dialysis treatments, hospitalization, medication and transportation costs incurred in the treatment of this disease.

Fish oil supplements don't help AD/HD symptoms

Houston - Parents looking for an alternative to stimulant medications for children with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder in children cannot rely on DHA supplements, researchers at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston have reported.

DHA, or docosahexonic acid, is a fatty acid found in fish and fish oil. DHA is normally present in high concentrations in brain membranes, where it is thought to be involved in maintaining the brain's electrical wiring.

The researchers hoped to improve the transmission of nerve impulses in the brain and, as a result, the symptoms of AD/HD by increasing the blood levels of DHA.

"This study shows that supplemental DHA is not a quick cure for AD/HD," said Dr. William Heird, a Baylor professor of pediatrics and a fatty acid expert at the Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor. "But, the relationship between DHA and AD/HD deserves further study."

Understanding meningococcal meningitis can prevent its spread

Meningococcal meningitis is a rare disease in the United States, usually occurring as isolated cases.

And while it is contagious, it is not as contagious as the common cold or the flu according to Dr. Kate Hendricks, director of the Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Surveillance Division at the Texas Department of Health (TDH) "People cannot get it just by being in the same room for a few hours with someone who has it."

Reports of even isolated cases of meningitis can create public concern.

But understanding the illness, its symptoms and method of transmission can help ease worries and help prevent infections, Hendricks said.

Anywhere from 100 to 250 people a year in Texas will get meningococcal meningitis, with the highest number of cases occurring in late winter and early spring. In 2000, 146 cases were reported in the state, with nine deaths. Preliminary figures from TDH show 173 cases in 2001 with 16 deaths.

The illness, an infection of the layers of tissue covering the brain

and spinal cord, is caused by the bacterium *Neisseria meningitidis*. The infection is spread through sneezing or coughing directly in someone's face, kissing, sharing eating or drinking utensils or in other ways that allow saliva or respiratory droplets from an infected person to get into the mouth or nose of another person.

Meningococcal meningitis is neither an airborne nor a foodborne illness. According to Hendricks, to reduce the risk of getting or spreading the illness cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, wash your hands frequently and do not share eating or drinking utensils.

Early symptoms of the bacterial illness include:

- Sudden onset of fever
- Intense headache
- Stiff neck
- Nausea often accompanied by vomiting; and
- A skin rash that looks like small, purplish red spots

"Anyone with these symptoms should see a doctor immediately," Hendricks said. "It can be lifesaving."

Also, an infant with a fever of 101 degrees or higher and who is not easily wakened should be seen

by a doctor."

People with meningococcal meningitis also may be confused or drowsy and sometimes may go into a coma from which they cannot be awakened.

Those with the illness must be hospitalized and treated with antibiotics.

"Family members or close contacts will usually be advised to take antibiotics to reduce their risk of getting meningitis," Hendricks said.

About 10 percent to 20 percent of infected people die, many within hours of the first symptoms. Others may suffer complications such as brain damage, blindness, loss of hearing, kidney failure or amputations. With proper treatment, however, many people recover fully.

The bacteria lives in the noses and throats of humans, usually without making people sick. The incubation period, or time between exposure and development of symptoms, ranges from two to 10 days but is typically three to four days.

TDH and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevent do not recommend restricting travel, school or group gatherings such as at sporting or cultural events when meningitis occurs in the community. "The risk is very small in those settings because transmission of the bacteria requires very close exposure," Hendricks said.

A vaccine that protects against four strains of meningococcal meningitis is available for people over age 2 but is not routinely given in the United States. It is not helpful for treating close contacts of cases because it takes at least two weeks for the protection to begin. In addition, the vaccine's protection lasts only a few years; and if a person ever needs to be vaccinated again, the immune system may not respond as well the second time.

Vitamin supplement allays fear of rickets in children

Houston - Even though rickets is making a comeback, it can be prevented easily with vitamin supplements, according to experts at Baylor College of Medicine.

The most common cause of this bone-deforming disease is a vitamin D deficiency.

"The body can make all the vitamin D it needs when the skin is exposed to reasonable amounts of sunlight," said Dr. Steven Abrams, a professor of pediatrics at Baylor. "But, modern lifestyles and cultural factors often limit

children's sun exposure, which makes dietary vitamin D essential." Infant formulas are fortified with the necessary amount of vitamin D, but human milk contains relatively little.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends supplemental vitamin D drops for breastfed babies whose exposure to sunshine is limited.

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 1. Bamble; 2. Rocks; 3. Howard Hughes; 4. "Dynamite"; 5. John Kennedy; 6. A
 gelding; 7. The Soviet Union; 8. Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles; 9. President
 Abraham Lincoln; 10. A mosquito

ROARING TWENTIES

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

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Trivia Time by Walter Branch

1. What animated Disney classic was based on a book written in the 1920s carrying the subtitle, "A Life in the Woods"?
2. What is the crocodiles swallow which enables them to dive very deeply into the water?
3. Who passed away in 1976 leaving behind a fortune worth \$1.5 billion?
4. What show did ABC air to compete with "Dallas"?
5. While running for president, who said that his father told him, "Don't buy a single vote more than necessary. (I won't) pay for a landslide"?
6. What is a castrated horse referred to as?
7. Who claimed in 1985 that AIDS was invented in a U.S. laboratory and spread by American soldiers?
8. What characters from Nintendo were heroes of one of the most popular movies in the 1990s?
9. To whom was President Buchanan talking when he said, "If you're as happy entering this house as I am leaving it, you're the world's happiest man"?
10. What do you call a Moslem house of worship?

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HOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
 It's a good idea this week to spend some time spiffing up your appearance. A wardrobe check is in order as well. You end the week with increased self-esteem.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
 The devil is in the details this week for you. You'll find yourself frustrated midweek over a difficult work project. A co-worker has the answers.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
 Your mind wanders as the week begins, causing some consternation among bigwigs. By week's end, you are sharper and more attentive. This weekend, a social outing revolves around an outdoor activity.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
 This isn't the time to break a friend's confidence, even if you think it's for the best. This person is counting on you. Your compassion will be appreciated.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
 Get a grip on that leonine temper. If you don't, you're liable to blow at precisely the wrong time. By the weekend, you're ready for much-needed R&R.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
 Those of you on a diet find yourself tempted to slip up this week. Indulge yourself in just one little treat. By the weekend, you are back to your disciplined self.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
 A break in your work routine is welcome as the week begins. However, don't carry this forward so that it lasts the entire week. There is much to be done.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
 Keep your spending habits in check. If not, your good credit rating could be jeopardized. This weekend, a family member needs your attention.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
 You're in a lazy mood this week. There's nothing much pressing going on at work, and you're happy about that. Perhaps you could wangle a few days off.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
 Your romantic partner needs to feel on an equal footing with you concerning joint decisions. Make this happen. If you don't, the resulting brouhaha could threaten the entire relationship.

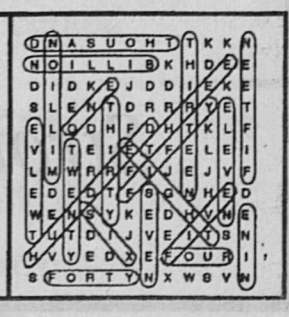
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
 You have an innovative idea which gains a lot of attention on the job. Be sure, though, you have the details worked out. This weekend, romance is in the air.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
 Nothing of major import takes place this week. This is just as well as far as you're concerned. By week's end, you're ready to tackle a domestic problem with a clear head.

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Communing with God and each other Resurrection of Jesus Christ

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

Today is Maundy Thursday of Holy Week. It is the day during which Jesus joined his friends in table fellowship and was then betrayed by one of those friends. It is a day of remembrance of the origin of a church sacrament, Holy Eucharist (Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:15-20). It is a day of remembering a new and final covenant offered humanity by God in which the forgiveness of sin was guaranteed by the act of unselfish love that Jesus was ready to perform on Good Friday.

Because the Eucharist is a Sacrament of the Church, we often are in awe of it and see it only as a time to remember. Beyond the bread and cup, the body and blood of Christ, there is a special feature of Communion that we often do not notice. That night when Jesus gathered with his followers for the Passover Meal, the setting was intimate.

They were to share the meal and tell the stories of Passover, as had been the custom of Jews since the Exodus. It was a time of fellowship and ritual, of closeness and worship. Those who were there with Jesus had been his "family" for the last three years or so. With him were men and women who had given up their everyday lives to follow the Rabbi, to learn at his feet

The power of Jesus

Gateway Ministries
By Pastor Charollette Corey

Lightning, high winds, hail, and heavy rain recently hit our neighborhood. The trees, bushes, and flowers look beaten down by the torrent of harsh weather.

Debris covers the ground all over town. Sometimes our lives look like the aftermath of a storm, limbs knocked off, family trees looking nude from having the leaves almost stripped from them.

Some things may even look dead, yet, the resurrection power of Jesus gives us hope and a purpose. Jesus reminds us when he said in John 5:28-29, "The hour is coming, in which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation."

"I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." (John 11:25-26). "For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin.

Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him; "Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once; but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin; but yield yourselves unto God, as those

and to love him as brother, mentor and father figure. This was The Family Meal of the Jewish Year. So, Jesus gathered his "church family" around him and began to share as they had for those few years. Yet there was a difference this time. Jesus broke with the traditional words and ritual. He inserted new words about himself and his body and his blood. Jesus created in that moment a new family tradition founded in the Story of God and God's People - yet updated to bring new insight to God's presence and purpose in this special meal. When we sit, kneel or stand at God's table and partake of the Eucharist we are not just following Jesus' command to remember him (Luke 22:19) we are also enacting our segment of the story of God, with God, in the intimacy of a family setting.

We participate with Jesus, and with one another in the closest way possible, a family meal, in recognizing and accepting the grace of God in the forgiveness of sin. As with any meal, there is nourishment present at God's table.

There is nourishment for the body, but even more so for the spirit. On Maundy Thursday we celebrate the special offer God has made that we might be God's adopted children (chosen to be loved) who are invited without exception to dine with God and God's other children in the heavenly feast. Thanks be to

that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you; for ye are not under the law, but under grace." (Romans 6: 5-14).

There will be new buds, fresh leaves, and new growth in your life. When you have done all to stand, ...keep standing. (Ephesians 6:11-19). The Resurrection Power of Jesus will bring you through. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

This Much

By Rev Brother J
Contributing Writer

There he did it again! It was so cute to watch him do it. He did it more often for his mother than me but sometimes he would even do it for both of us. The first time he said it he was about two years old and was in the kitchen helping his mother bake some cookies. She asked him if he loved her. He answered with a cookie in one hand and a small cup of milk in the other, "Mama I love you this much" as he spread his arms out as far and wide as he could. To hear him say that warmed our hearts and sometimes it would even bring tears to our eyes. We loved our little son very much and we

God. This evening at 6:30 pm we will gather with Jesus, his friends and ours to share the Eucharist and our special relationships in our Maundy Thursday worship service.

On Easter Sunday, begin your day with the Church Alliance's Sunrise Service at 7:00 am at the amphitheater in

He Is Risen

St. Mary Magdalene Church
By Lynn McNew

Think about Mary Magdalene-she must have spent a long, dark night with all the others who had faithfully followed Jesus to Jerusalem only a few short days ago. Now she has risen before dawn, gathered her assortment of oils and wrapped herself tightly in a cloak to warm her against the early morning chill. Now her heart is heavy, but she moves with purpose on the way to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body. Soon she reaches the tomb and shrinks back from the entrance in dismay. The stone is rolled away. . . the linen cloths remain in place, but the tomb is empty. . . Jesus is gone. Where? How? Had Mary Magdalene forgotten what You had said, Jesus? Had her doubts grown so big during the darkness of the night that she was stunned to find Your tomb empty? Slowly the first fingers of dawn lighten the eastern sky.

And with each ray of light, softly at first and then glowing in its full radiance, comes the truth. . . HE IS RISEN. . . HE IS RISEN! On the third day You rose again, Jesus, just as You promised. Think about the disciples. Their voices were hushed, a quiet muddle of wonder and excitement, of fear and disbelief. What were they to do now? The body was gone-Peter had seen the grave clothes, and the women said an angel had told them that Christ was risen. Could it be. . . what He had told

the Old Quarry. Then join us at First United Methodist Church for our Easter Worship at 10:45 am.

Please wear your Easter bonnet and bring your sense of awe and wonder, for this close to Holy Week can bring a renewed sense of closeness to your relationship with God and God's children.

them? Or was this just a cruel hoax? Deep in their own private worlds, the eleven wrestled with their thoughts, only occasionally speaking. "Peter, are you sure?" Andrew pleaded. "I want to believe, oh, how I want to believe. But, alive?" There was talk about hanging it all up, talk about going back to the fishing boats in Galilee and returning to their former lives. In their misery, no one even noticed that there was someone else in the room with them. That is, until He spoke: "Peace be with you." And from the back of the room there came an excited cry of exultation: "He Is Risen!"

Think about us today, Easter morning 2002. We also have our long nights of doubt, of wondering if God is listening, if He is there. Is it worth it to try to teach our children values in this day and age? Why should we yet again offer help to someone who just continues to waste what they have? Do we go about our daily lives with a heavy heart because our lives are not what we want them to be? Only three words-and yet, each who heard them knew that at that very moment the world as they knew it had ceased to be. For brought into being for all time forward was the gift of hope, the promise of eternal life and the blessing of God's absolute love. He Is Risen! . . . and with those words, the spirit of the disciples lifted and they rose and moved into the world as one, bearing the glorious tiding of our Lord's Resurrection. Today as we hear those words again, we can rejoice in the same promise, we can go forth in our lives bearing the glorious tiding of our Lord's Resurrection. We can once again feel the wonder of His Love. He Is Risen-Thanks Be To God! You are welcome to worship with us anytime at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. Special services this week include the Evening Mass of the Last Supper at 7:30 p.m. tonight. Good Friday starts with "Reflections on the Seven Last Words of Christ" by Jim Bader and Joe Goebel at 2:30 p.m., followed by Stations of the Cross in both English and Spanish, outside at 3:00 p.m.

Evening services will be at 7:30 p.m. The Easter Vigil Mass will be Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m. A regular schedule of Sunday Masses, Spanish at 8:00 a.m. and English at 10:30 a.m. will be Easter Sunday morning. God Bless You!

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
By Nathan Lafrenz

This week we bask in the glow of the Resurrection, the paradigm event of our Christian Faith. It is this celebration of the victory by God over the power of death in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ that defines who we are as Christians. Because of God's victory over death we have hope. We are a people of hope, full in the knowledge that if God has the power to raise Christ from the dead, we also live in this hope as well, that we too will experience the glories of eternal life. In the Lutheran Eucharist liturgy we read that we pray for the resurrection of our lives. This means more than just praying for eternal life. Praying for the resurrection of

our lives means we can experience new life here and now. The same power that can and will raise us to eternal life can raise us out of every difficulty, heart-break, and tragedy that we can experience. We are promised new life while we live. We can receive God's grace in our daily lives through the gift of the Holy Spirit. God can give us victory over whatever assails us today and tomorrow. We don't have to let yesterday rule our lives. Easter is about new life, new hope, new opportunities. As St. Paul writes, If God is for us, who can win against us? Nothing can separate us from the love of God. Come and celebrate the victory of the resurrection at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church each Sunday morning at 9:00AM.

The Son Is Arising!

By Rev. Ken F. Sellers, Jr.
Contributing Writer

The Church Alliance of Brackettville presents an Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 am on March 31st. Pastor Bob Corey of Gateway Ministries will bring our message.

The Voices of Fort Clark will be providing musical praise and thanksgiving. Other Church Alliance participants will be Pastor William Adams of St. John's Baptist, Pastor Dave Crowe of Frontier Baptist, Pastor R. D.

Holloway of First Baptist, Pastor Nathan Lafrenz of Our Redeemer Lutheran, Pastor Charlotte Corey of Gateway Ministries, Ella Chambers of St. Andrew's Episcopal, Father Cornelius Scanlan of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic and Pastor Ken Sellers of First United Methodist.

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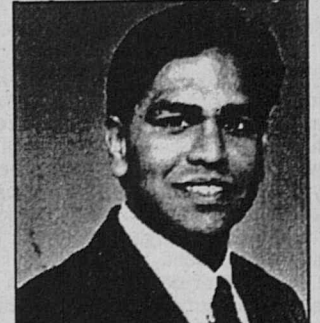
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It's finally spring - at least according to the calendar. As we move into a new season, you may adjust your lifestyle, your schedule and even your wardrobe. But no matter what time of year it is, some things shouldn't change - such as your investment guidelines.

Of course, everyone's financial situation is different. Your needs, goals, tolerance for risk and time horizon are all different from those of your neighbors and co-workers. And yet, when it comes to intelligent investing, there are some "universals" - common sense rules that can work for everyone.

Here are a few of these guidelines:
Rebalance your portfolio - Every year or so, it's a good idea to review the mix of stocks, bonds and cash instruments in your portfolio. Over time, your financial situation will change, so you may need to adjust your portfolio accordingly. For example, as you get nearer to retirement, you may want to move some investment dollars from "growth" instruments to income-producing assets. And sometimes, your portfolio can evolve without your realizing it. Suppose you decided that you wanted a certain percentage of your portfolio in growth stocks. If the value of these stocks increases to the point where it exceeds the desired percentage, you may be taking on more risk

than you're comfortable with. If that happens, it's clearly time to rebalance.

Lower your risk - Examine your portfolio for low-quality fixed-income investments or ultra-risky stocks. If you find them, give some thought to making some adjustments. In any market climate, you can purchase high-quality investments with reasonable levels of risk. Your investment professional can help you find these vehicles and then discuss the consequences of making adjustments.

Review your cash balance - It's always a good idea to have from six months' to one year's worth of living expenses available in a highly liquid vehicle, such as a money market account. But beyond that, if you have too much "cash" in your portfolio, you may be depriving yourself of opportunities for long-term growth or current income. Once you're sure you have cash set aside for emergencies, put the rest to work for you.

Never stop investing - When is the best time to invest? Today, no matter what's happening in the market at any given point, you will always have goals you want to meet - college for your kids, a comfortable retirement, etc. If you are going to meet these goals, you must invest consistently. And the sooner you start investing, the more time you will have for your money to potentially grow.

Diversify - At any given time, you'll find different classes of investments moving in different directions. Stocks may be up, while bonds are down. Or growth stocks may be up, while international stocks are down. Or municipal bonds may be up, while government-sponsored, mortgage-backed securities are down. You simply can't afford to put all your dollars in any one type of investment. By spreading your money around a variety of vehicles - stocks, bonds, treasuries, etc. - you'll take advantage of the asset classes that are prospering, while cushioning the impact of the ones that are slumping. By following these few basic guidelines, you'll help position yourself for investment success - winter, spring, summer and fall.

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