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Project Graduation gets boost



From left: Mary Martin, Ron Wiley, J.D. Martin

By Flo Dean
Staff Writer

Ron Wiley of Fort Clark Springs, representing Del Rio American Legion Post #298 Monday presented a check for \$250.00 to Mary and J.D. Martin, also Fort Clark residents. The Martins work to raise funds for the annual Project Graduation, a drug and alcohol free graduation party at the La Fonda Ranch. This year's 39 Brackett graduating seniors may, if they

choose, be transported after graduation to the ranch for an all night chaparoned party featuring food, fun and games and prizes.

Each student is also allowed to take one guest. This has been an immensely popular event in past years.

The Martins worked with the Del Rio committee for Project Graduation before moving to Fort Clark. Anyone wishing to donate may contact either Mary or J.D. at 563-2809.

King and Queen candidates for Cinco de Mayo will be raising funds

By Flo Dean
Staff Writer

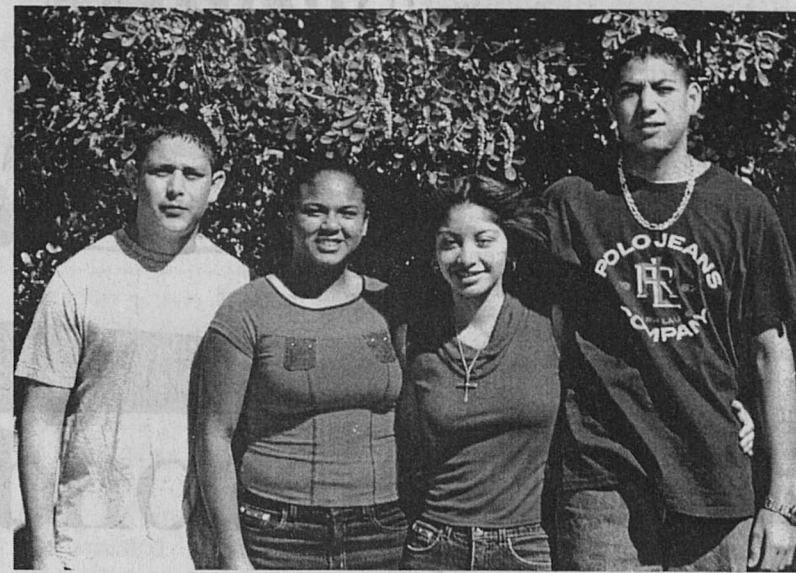
Four local youngsters will be competing for King and Queen of the Cinco de Mayo Festival, scheduled for May 4th at the Civic Center.

Candidates for Queen are Vanessa Williams, 15 and Samantha Pina, 15.

Vanessa, who is a 9th grade student at Brackett High is the daughter of Joe and Yolanda Williams.

Samantha, also a 9th grader is the daughter of Ramiro and Marivel Pina.

Candidates for King are Lito Escamilla, a 15 year old 9th grader. Lito is the son of Gracie and Joe Escamilla. Oscar Sierra, III, son of Tilda and Oscar Sierra is also running for King. Oscar is 15 and a 9th grade student. The winners of the King and Queen contests will be those two candidates who raise the most money during the next few weeks until the Festival. With their sponsors, they will be involved in various fund-raisers



Cinco de Mayo King and Queen candidates. From left: Lito Escamilla, Vanessa Williams, Samantha Pina, Oscar Sierra, III

such as a cakewalk, barbeque, raffles, and baseball games. They also plan to place jars where those who wish to contribute, and support a candidate, can make a donation.

The Cinco de Mayo celebration will be sponsored by the Las Moras Hispanic Organization and funds raised by the can-

didates will be used for scholarships and to assist with community events.

The winners will be announced at a formal dance the evening of May 4th.

For information call Yolanda Williams at 563-2407 (work) or at her home, 563-2362.

Briefs ...

Red Cross

Representatives of the American Red Cross will be in Brackettville Friday, April 5th, 2-5 p.m. at the EMS building, to assist with repairs to personal property. For more information call 563-2513.

Caddel-Smith Chapter

The Caddel-Smith Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, will sponsor the planting of a Stephen F. Austin Heritage Oak Tree at the Brackett School Complex on Friday, April 5, 2002 @ 2 p.m. Local 5th and 6th grade students will be participating in the ceremony. The public is invited to attend.

City Election Update

June Kaminski has filed as a write-in candidate for Place 5, Alderwoman. She will be opposing incumbent Johnny Samaniego. Mayor Carmen Berlanga will be running unopposed since the withdrawal of Albert (Abbie) Garcia from the race on April 1st.

Runoff election Tuesday, early voting through Friday

Kinney County Clerk's Office Wednesday morning reported 207 early voters in the runoff election for County Judge. Incumbent Herb Senne will face Tommy Seargeant in the April 9th election.

Early voting will be conducted through Friday, April 5th at the Kinney County Clerk's Office, Kinney County Courthouse, 501 S. Ann St., Brackettville, Texas, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. and between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Voters must have a Voter's Registration Certificate or any other form of identification.

The election will be conducted on Tuesday, April 9th from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the following locations: Precinct 1 at the EMS Building on Ellen St., Precinct 2 votes at the High School Auditorium on Ann St., Precinct 3 at the Brackett Senior Apts., Recreation Room on Spring St. and Precinct 4 at the Kinney County Library Fritter Room on Spring Street.

Hamburger Sale

Brackett High 2002 Seniors will be selling a hamburger plate, with chips and a drink, for \$4.00 Tuesday. Look for them in the front Parking Lot at the High School at Noon. Tickets can be purchased in advance from any Senior for \$3.50.

KCGWCD Board adopts tax rate

By Flo Dean
Staff Writer

Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District Board members Tuesday resolved to adopt a 4 cent ad valorem tax rate. Kinney County voters approved up to a 10 cent rate at an election in January.

In other action, the board approved setting up a 6% line of credit to \$20,000 at Bank and Trust in case funds are needed before tax monies are available later in the year. The board has also applied for a \$6,000 Moody Grant, and is pursuing a low interest (2.5%) loan from the Texas Water Development Board.

Comments from legal coun-

sel regarding By-Laws, District Mission and Statement of Guiding Principles were not available at this meeting and will be presented at the May meeting.

There was discussion regarding spacing and pumping limits with input from the audience. Most of those attending were irrigators who said they were concerned about the amount of water that would be allotted for agricultural use.

Board President Cecil Smith promised to visit with ranchers and get information on their needs and expectations. "We'll be looking into it more before we come up with a figure."

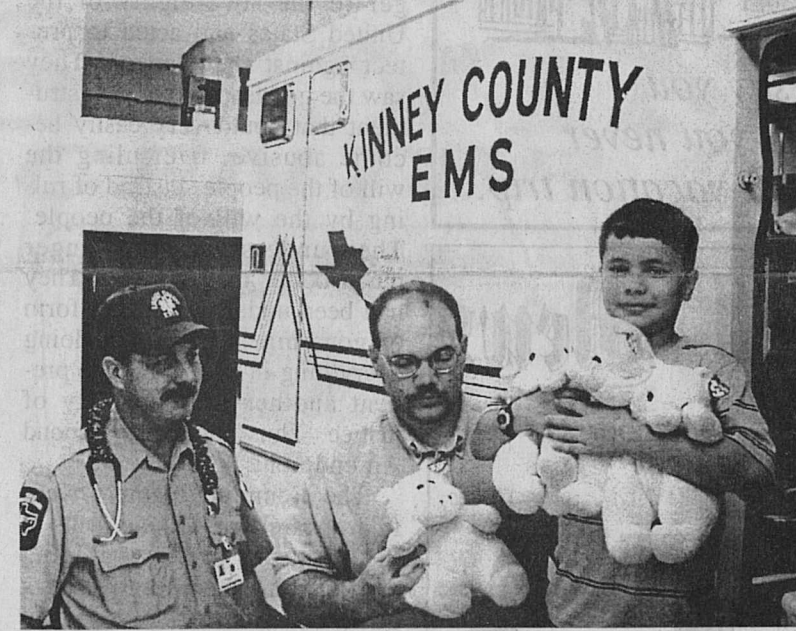
Bob Young said, "We want to conserve water for all the people in Kinney County, and

wouldn't ask for an open-ended program. There have to be some kind of limits. We need to do everything we can to make sure agriculture has the water they need."

The board set another meeting for Tuesday, April 9th at 1:15 p.m. in the Kinney County Courthouse, District Court Room. John Ashworth, Senior Hydrologist for L. B. Guyton, technical advisors to Region J Water Planning Committee has been asked to attend. L.B. Guyton developed the Region J 50 year water plan.

The next regular meeting of the KCGWCD Board will be Tuesday, May 7th, 1:15 P.M. at the Kinney County Courthouse, District Court Room.

Rewards of giving



By Carolyn Rutherford
Contributing Writer

Here's a great story (that really happened right here in Brackettville) about the rewards of giving. Cody Blankenship, the son of Eunice and James Blankenship, Jr., is a nine year old, wise beyond his years. He was sitting in Sunday School one day and thought how a kid that was hurt or sick might be comforted by a soft, friendly toy to help him through the troubled times.

It was a labor of love for friends unknown that caused him to collect stuffed toys from his classmates. At EMS, we are touched by his thoughtful and humane idea.

Wouldn't it be great if this kind of wonderful idea carried through to us adults? I know how proud his parents must be of their kind and loving son. Thank you Cody for being such a great young man.

Weather Alert! Weather Alert! Are you interested in being able to tell when to take shelter from the weather? Recent weather events here in Kinney County really brought this reality home.

Hail hurts! Larry Eblen from NOAA in Austin is visiting us once again with his popular course, Storm Spotters. In it, he recalls historic disastrous storms affecting this part of Texas.

The training is on Monday evening, April 8, 2002, at the EMS Station 401 S. Ellen St. from 6:30-9:30p.m. Please call us here to sign up for a slot so we can let him know how many handouts to make. There is no charge for this course. Join us as we learn more about

what we fear the most - violent weather.

As the weather gets hotter, please remember to drink lots of water. If you work outside and sweat a great deal on humid days, you can lose as much as 1 quart of water through your sweat every 30 minutes! This means that you should drink water to replace that amount of loss while you work in the heat and humidity.

If you develop muscle cramps to the stomach, hands, or legs or become dizzy with nausea with or without vomiting, seek cool shelter immediately.

If the signs do not go away after 5-10 minutes, you need to call 9-1-1.

Heat stress can be a killer for small children, infants, the chronically ill and the elderly. Those of us who are healthy must keep an eye out for them as well as ourselves on the coming hot humid days.

If you have an emergency, call 9-1-1. EMS will respond 24 hours a day to assist you. Our primary ambulance responds with a minimum staff of two TDH certified personnel. Any calls subsequent to that first call may be staffed with crews less than TDH requirements allows; our personnel variance allows us to staff 2nd and 3rd ambulance with one EMS certified attendant.

Be assured that in all cases and at all times, our patient is cared for by at least one EMS certified attendant. If you have questions about this policy or this article, please call us at 830-563-9090 or visit us at 401 S. Ellen St. Monday through Friday 8am - 5pm.

Fort Clark Springs elects board members

By Flo Dean
Staff Writer

Three new members of the FCS Board of Directors were announced at the association annual meeting Saturday. Tom Saylor and Frank Cheaney were returned to the board for another term. Mona Miller was also elected as a board member.

Results of the election showed Frank Cheaney 958 votes, Carolyn Baldwin 375, Don Parks 547, Tom Saylor 862, Ella M. Chambers 279, Wylie Simmons 271 and Mona Miller 838 votes.

All four propositions appearing on the ballot were approved by the membership. Proposition 1 received 1,156 votes for, 239 against; Proposition 2 had 1,114 votes for, 291 against. Proposition 3 received 707 votes for, 675 against and Proposition 4 carried with 1,184 votes for, 222 against. Propositions 1, 2 and 3 were to Amend the Declaration of Protective Restrictions. Proposition 4 will allow FCS to offer for sale 10.59 acres north of U.S. Highway 90, which is not contiguous to the Association's main property.

All ballots will remain with the auditing firm, unless otherwise directed by the Board of Directors, until next year's election when they will be destroyed.

At a board meeting immediately following Shirley Hadsell was reelected President, Jack Simpson, Vice-President, Carol Miller, Treasurer and Frank Cheaney, Secretary.

Prior to opening, the ballot envelope from auditors

Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss, Certified Public Accountants, was offered for viewing to members to verify that the envelope had not been tampered with. Several persons inspected the envelope. Similarly, a copy of the ballot results which will be given to Kinney County Justice of the Peace John Ford was inspected by one member.

Members were welcomed by Frank Cheaney, who reminded the group that Fort Clark is the best preserved frontier fort in private hands. He added that, unlike many forts, Fort Clark has never been abandoned. Built in 1852, it was used by the military until 1946.

FCS General Manager

Maggie Banner Kerr told the member group that the "association is in a stable condition. Assets are good with high depreciation. Liabilities are moderate with increases continuing in taxes, insurance and basic utilities. Over the past five months, the financial condition has steadily improved. The association currently operated with a profit of \$88,917.77. Cash on hand today is \$172,084.27 and cash on hand in the Impound Fund is \$492,591.05" Kerr said that though membership has declined to 3,737, she feels this number is "very sustainable and can be brought back up to a re-

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Benefit Team Roping planned for Edward Solis

By Flo Dean
Staff Writer

Nine year old Edward Solis of Spofford is undergoing radiation therapy in San Antonio for a malignant brain tumor. He and his parents are currently staying at the Ronald McDonald house but Edward must be transported for therapy twice daily. Treatment is expected to last at least until the end of April.

A benefit team roping and barbeque to assist with family and medical expenses is planned for Saturday, April 13th at the J.J. Arena in Spofford, Texas. Books will be open at 12 Noon with roping events starting at 1:00 P.M. Roping will be 3 for

\$20.00 with #1 cap combined with open roping.

Prizes will include Yellow Hair buckles to high point in each roping. Breast collars donated by Alamo Saddlery will be given to second high point in each event.

Barbeque plates will be \$3.50, with serving beginning at noon. Tickets may be purchased ahead of time by contacting Sara Terrazas at 830-563-9309.

A dance to DJ music is also scheduled, following the roping events, at the Spofford City Hall. There will be door prizes awarded. Donations will be welcomed at the door.

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It Pays To Advertise

But I could be wrong
By Chuck Hall

I came across two interesting advertisements recently. The first offered to sell me a new vehicle for "pennies a day". I had to check it out. The ad was for real. No gimmicks here. After all was said and done, the cost came to a mere two thousand four hundred and eighty-seven pennies per day. But it was just pennies per day!

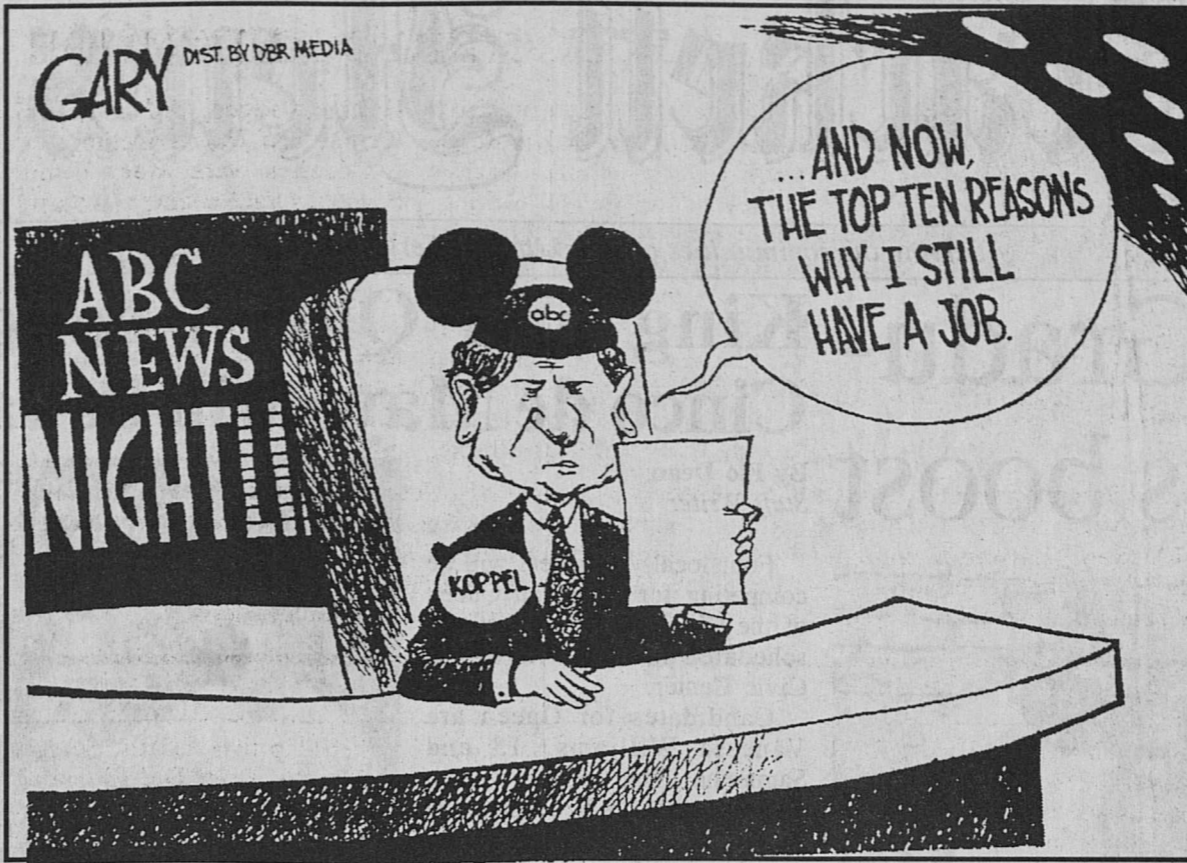
The second commercial announcement related to the re-releasing of the new Tennessee state commemorative quarter. The advertisers didn't want "anyone from remote locations to get left out". They had to be talking about me. If this isn't a remote location, I don't ever want to see one.

Anyway, the offer was to en-

able one's self to get a new, shiny quarter "free". There had to be a catch. But there wasn't. The quarter really was going to be sent to me free. All I had to do was send a self-addressed postage-paid envelope, along with three stamps, to cover handling, and I would receive my free mint condition quarter.

Let me see if I have this right. I need one stamp for the letter I'm sending, three inside, one on the return envelope, that comes to five. Five times thirty-four, zero, carry the two, five times three equals fifteen plus two. That makes a dollar seventy.

One dollar and seventy cents. That's all I have to pay for one quarter. No wait, I forgot, the quarter is free. All I have to pay for is "shipping and handling". But I could be wrong.



A Taxing Time Of Year

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

In the coming week, we'll be staring down the biggest bill of all: the federal income tax. It's a bill that costs the average American more than food, clothing, and shelter combined. The first two hours of every work day is spent making enough money to pay for your slice of the government's tax revenue pie.

Spring should be the time of year when we take stock and focus our attention on the year ahead. But for most of us, Spring is the season of headaches and frustration as we crunch and re-crunch numbers while filling out those dreaded IRS forms before the April 15th deadline. We are stuck trying to figure out the federal tax code. As you finish filling out your tax forms and write yet another check to the IRS, here are some facts to help put in perspective the amount of time and money that is taken from us each year to pay our taxes.

* Americans pay more in taxes than for food, clothing and shelter combined.

* The IRS sends out 8 billion pages of forms and instructions every year. Laid end to end, they would circle the globe 28 times.

* Taxes eat up over 38 percent of the average family's income.

* The average American worked until May 7 last year just to pay his or her share of federal, state and local taxes. That's the first 128 days of your year.

* This year nearly 60 percent of Americans will be forced to pay a tax professional to help them with their taxes.

* Almost the entire second income of a two-income family goes to pay taxes.

* Instructions for the 1040EZ, the easiest personal income tax form, are 33 pages long.

These are just a few reasons why this Congress worked so hard last year to reduce your tax burden. We made great strides, but we still have a long way to go. I feel confident that with your support and President George W. Bush's assistance, we will solve the tax trouble — once and for all.

Families in Texas should not have to pay so much of their hard earned money in taxes or be hassled by a burdensome tax code. You deserve to keep more of what you earn so you can do more for your families, churches and communities. After all, it is your money.

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The Brackett News welcomes and encourages letters to the editor. Letters should not exceed 350 words. The editor reserves the right to refuse or edit all letters submitted for length, potentially libelous statements and accuracy of information. All letters must be signed and include a mailing address and phone number for verification purposes. All writers must provide proof of identity. Letters published and viewpoints of columnists do not necessarily reflect the editorial beliefs of this newspaper.

Big Mama Sez!



Those who say you can't take it with you never saw a car packed for a vacation trip.

Second Amendment

The Way I See It
By Steven R. LaMascus

There are twenty-seven amendments to the Constitution of the United States. Most of those amendments, specifically and especially that part known as "The Bill of Rights," were added to that great document to protect rights that the founders of this nation considered to be of paramount importance. They were not written as a joke, or as a suggestion, or as a general guideline; they were written because the forefathers saw a danger to the sovereignty of the United States and acted to protect against that danger. They saw the government as an instrument that could very easily become abusive, overruling the will of the people, instead of ruling by the will of the people. They understood this danger much better than we can. They had been under just such a form of government and were doing everything in their power to prevent another such travesty of justice. Thus comes the Second Amendment.

The Founding Fathers were fully aware that without arms in the hands of any law-abiding citizen who desired to own a gun, the government would eventually decide that it knew better what the people needed than the people themselves. It has happened a thousand times in the past, and they were intelligent enough to realize that it would happen again in the future. They were desperate to keep it from happening in the United States. The only thing that they could see that would keep

the government under control

was if the people had sufficient military might, aside from the standing army, to overthrow any government arrogant enough to become oppressive. That was the purpose of the Second Amendment to the Constitution. In fact, the purpose of the Constitution was to limit the power of the Federal Government. It was not meant to describe what the government could do, but what it could not do. Today you hear the phrase "legitimate sporting purpose" bandied about as identifying the type of weapons we are so graciously allowed by our government to own. We cannot possess "assault weapons," or pistols that hold more than ten rounds in the magazine, or submachine guns, because those are dangerous and have "no legitimate sporting purpose."

That is a direct contradiction to the original purpose of the 2nd Amendment! What should be protected is our right to own assault weapons. Those are exactly what the designers of this nation meant when they drafted the 2nd Amendment. We have no basic, constitutionally guaranteed right to hunt and plink at tin cans. That was never the purpose of the 2nd Amendment. It was as much a right to protect ourselves from our own government as to protect ourselves from crooks or foreign invaders. And every single gun law that is enacted by the congress pushes us one more step down the path to totalitarian government. And that my fellow Americans is the truth of the

matter.

I wish we lived in a time and a place where such worries were without basis, but we don't. We live in a world populated by con-ning, scheming, power hungry humans who want to own us, not serve us as public representatives of our united free will.

You see, that is where the liberal mentality just breaks down, unable to grasp the simple fact that the government does not empower us, we empower the government. We tell the government how much power it has over us. We sometimes allow the government to infringe on some basic human right because we believe that it is in the best interest of the populace. But it is our choice, not an edict by a sovereign ruler. Without firearms in the hands of the people, that simple, basic tenet would cease to exist like ground fog on a hot summer day. Because no matter how trite it may sound, the truth is still that an unarmed citizen is nothing more than a subject! And a president with absolute power is a king!

You have a voice in your government now, but you may not always have that right. Take advantage of it while you can.

Romans 13:1&2 - "Every one must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves." NIV

Preserving Social Security

Submitted by
Congressman **Ciro D. Rodriguez**

(Washington, DC) The Social Security retirement system was created to help alleviate poverty among elderly Americans and meet the retirement needs of all workers. Social Security has become the single most effective federal anti-poverty program in our history, lifting more than 11 million seniors and countless disabled workers out of poverty. For many seniors, Social Security is the only retirement security they have.

The future of Social Security is the subject of great debate in Washington. Recently, I testified before the House Ways and Means Committee to stress the need to protect Social Security and to highlight the negative impact some proposals will have on seniors. As first vice-chairman of the Hispanic Caucus, I highlighted the danger to Hispanic seniors who more than others rely on Social Security as their only retirement income.

Once again, the Bush Administration and congressional Republicans are seeking changes that will undermine the long-term financial health of the system. Last year, the President's

Social Security commission recommended, not surprisingly, the creation of privatized Social Security accounts. Now congressional Republicans are trying to implement these changes. This plan forgets the fundamental purpose of Social Security — to provide a guaranteed benefit to all workers — and puts the entire system at risk.

In light of the irresponsible handling of retirement accounts at Enron and the recent downturn in the stock market, the continued push for privatization is incredible. Now more than ever we must stand by the promise of Social Security as a safety net available to retirees who otherwise would have nothing. Social Security privatization would drain \$1.5 trillion from the Social Security program while exposing individual workers and their families to greater financial risk. Taking that much money out of the system means they either cut benefits for retirees or increase the national debt by that much more. The President's Social Security commission recommended a privatization plan that cuts benefits for future retirees by up to 46%. Busting the budget limits again just means saddling our children with debt, higher interest rates,

and slower economic growth. Under privatization, benefit levels would be determined by the fluctuations of a volatile stock market, by a worker's luck in making investments, and by the timing of his or her decision to retire. Just as one example, there were 15 years in the last century in which the stock market dropped by more than 40 percent in the previous decade. Social Security was designed precisely to make retirement secure, not a roulette wheel of chance. While Social Security privatization and mismanagement of the Trust Fund are bad news for just about everyone, Hispanics and women are hit especially hard. Many of our poorest seniors are Latino. Current census figures reveal that nearly 20% of Latino seniors are living below the poverty line. Latinos are also concentrated in low-wage jobs that provide few benefits, leaving them with no resources upon retirement outside of Social Security. Latinos now represent 8% of the total American workforce. Only one-third of them, however, are currently covered by a private pension plan compared with half of the general population. Even more daunting is the fact that, by 2020, the number of Latinos

over 65 years and older will nearly double. The health of Social Security is vital to Hispanics. Women, more than any other group, may be the most severely impacted by attempts to reform Social Security. One-third of all women age 65 and older receive 90 percent of their retirement income from Social Security. More so than their male counterparts, Hispanic women are less likely to have access to private pension coverage and they tend to receive the lowest wages of any category of worker. The great promise of Social Security has been its dependability, the guarantee of the United States government that we will not let seniors down in their time of need. We must not deplete the Social Security Trust Fund, and we must not put seniors' retirement at risk of financial collapse in the stock market. Everyone who puts into the system must know they will be able, when they retire, to have some sense of security. For those who can afford it, they should take advantage of other retirement investment options. But for the millions who rely solely on Social Security, we as a great Nation must not let them down. Not today, and not tomorrow.

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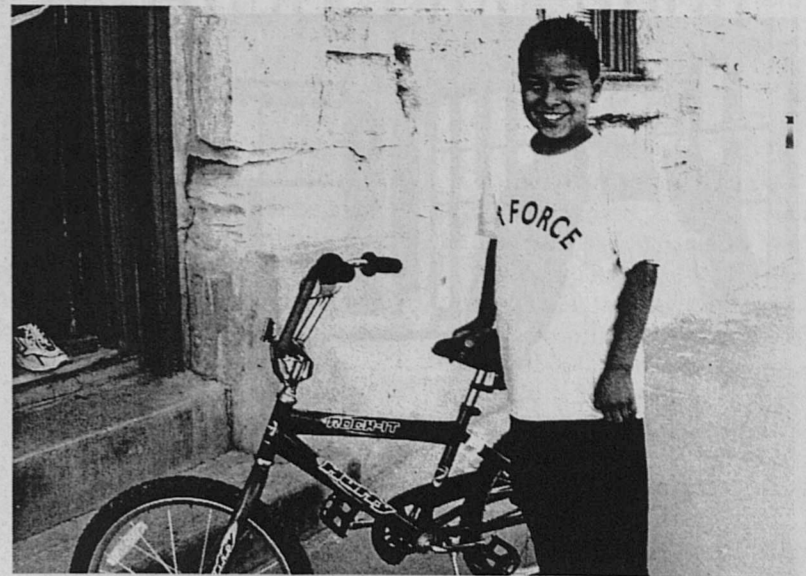
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Grades 3-6 participated in Bicycle Winners UIL academic competition



The winners were: Third grade, Sarah Davis 4th in Ready Writing, Fourth Grade, Charles Conoly 4th in Ready Writing, Fifth Grade: Rebecca Mann, 1st in Ready Writing, Miranda Letsinger, 6th in Ready Writing, Summer Allen, 6th in Oral Reading, Brooke Bowlin, 1st in Spelling. Sixth Grade: Meghann Davis, 1st in Spelling, Bianca Stewart, 2nd in Ready Writing, Heather Baggett, 3rd in Ready Writing and 2nd in Spelling. Coaches were Mary Ellen Fuentes, Oral Reading and Story Telling, Pam Melancon, Spelling and Ready Writing, Bo Hagler, Oral Reading and Story Telling and Kandace LaMascus, Ready Writing. Maxine Bonner coordinated the event, and Nadalee Allen accompanied the group as a Judge.



Salvador Pacheco, 9 years old, in 2nd grade won a boys bicycle at the Catholic Church Easter Egg Hunt. Isela Rueda not pictured won a girls bicycle.

Front from left: Meghann Davis, Katie Bowlin, Summer Allen, Charles Conoly, Sarah Davis. Second: Rebecca Mann, Miranda Letsinger, Heather Baggett, Bianca Stewart. Third: Brianna Escamilla, Salina Flores, Michael Rosetti, Sam Stewart, Kelsey Bruce, Abigail Gutierrez, Josh Smith, Steve Lawrence. Fourth: Emily Fuentes, Abran Muniz, Stella Guajardo, Katie Yeager, Mari Juarez, Amber Castilla, Cody Clark, Jaime Sandoval. Not Pictured: Jared Harris, Maribel Rivas, Nikki Pinkall, Scott Thourot, Dalton Woodson, Lauren Duncan, Josh Kluzek, Serenity Gammill, Tariq Cherradi, Salvador Pacheco.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report ...

Monday, March 25
9:53 p.m., An employee from the Fort Clark bar requested assistance from a deputy. Deputy Chism responded to the call.
11:15 p.m., A woman from San Antonio informed the Sheriff's Office to keep a look out for a silver Hyundai station wagon. Her sister was headed to Del Rio and had not arrived. The woman later advised Sheriff's Office that her sister was at Val Verde Medical Center.
Tuesday, March 26
12:30 a.m., Deputy Chism requested a wrecker 2 1/2 miles east of town.
12:38 a.m., Sentry Security

alarm reported the alarm was on at a local store. Deputy Chism was advised.
Thursday, March 28
11:08 p.m., Chief of Police Arnulfo Alonzo responded to loud music.
Friday, March 29
2:32 p.m., Deputy Chism responded to a possible rollover on Hwy 90 east of town.
10:30 p.m., Kenneth Ray Teubel, 37, from Lubbock, was arrested by DPS Trooper Tony Ashley for parole violation and a warrant.
Saturday, March 30
2:57 a.m., Deputy Pena responded to a possible domestic disturbance.
3:57 a.m., A woman reported a break-in at her house and requested a deputy to check the area. Deputy Pena responded.
9:30 a.m., Deputy Manuel Pena Sr., reported a signal light at Hwy 90 and 674 was not working. An employee from The Texas Transportation Department was advised about the situation.
12:05 a.m., Elgie B Johnson Sr., 54, from Arlington, was arrested for probation violation and warrants by Deputy Pena. Johnson was released the next day by Judys Bonding.
12:11 a.m., Chief Alonzo reported a traffic hazard on the corner of Henderson and Gove St. A city employee was notified.
11:00 p.m., Emilio Sergio Villar, 26, from Del Rio, was arrested for DPS warrant by Trooper Welch. Villar was released on a paid fine.
Sunday, March 31
2:45 p.m., Richard Flores Antu, 29, from Brackettville, was arrested by Deputy Chism for probation violation.
4:20 p.m., A 911 call was received. A woman from Kickapoo Park reported a fight. Deputy Chism and Deputy Pena Sr. were advised immediately.
Monday, April 1
12:35 a.m., A woman reported kids drag racing on Hwy 131. Maverick County was advised.

Juan Avila leaves Fort Clark after 50 years

By Flo Dean
Staff Writer

Juan Avila, a Brackettville resident since birth, left his employment at Fort Clark Springs after 50 years tenure on the fort. According to General Manager Maggie Banner Kerr, Avila's employment was terminated because of insurance coverage, and he was released with full benefits. Avila, 80, began his stint at Fort Clark working for the U.S. Army, helping to build stables and other buildings. When the Army left and Brown and Root took over, demolishing many of the same buildings for salvage, Avila helped take them down. He remained through the period when the fort was owned by Nat Mendelsohn, and stayed when Fort Clark Springs Association, owned by its membership, took over in 1996. Last year at the FCS Annual Meeting, Avila was honored for his 50 years of service at Fort Clark.

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PONTIAC DRIVING EXCITEMENT

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The Lions Den Bitter words Rally for a Cure



Pictured: Lions John Dixon and Lynn McNew cooking pancakes at the breakfast.

By Mary K. Dixon
Contributing Writer

March was a busy month for the Brackettville Lions Club. In addition to the regular opening of the Lion's Thrift Shop on March 2nd, we also participated in both Fort Clark Springs and Brackettville Community Activities.

The Thrift Shop is receiving a new "facelift." Volunteers have been painting and rearranging racks and tables to make room for the new spring items that will be available when the store opens at 9 a.m. to 12 noon on April 6th. In excess of 2,000 pounds of clothing and shoes have been donated to the Mission in Del Rio to be distributed to needy families.

On Saturday, March 23, 2002, the Brackettville Lions held their Annual Pancake Breakfast at the Fort Clark Springs NCO Club. Chairpersons for the event were Lions Tom and Donna Saylor. From 7 - 10 a.m., approximately 100 residents of Fort Clark Springs and Brackettville enjoyed a breakfast of Juice, Sausage, Eggs, Pancakes and Coffee cooked and served by volunteer Lions. The Lions would like to thank all those who participated in the

breakfast. Proceeds from this event were designated for the Lions Annual Scholarship Fund.

We would also like to thank those individuals who participated and/or pledged to the annual Stride For Sight that also took place on March 23rd. This annual event is sponsored by the Lions to assist those with optic problems who would otherwise be unable to afford treatment.

On Sunday, March 24th, the Lions, in conjunction with the Fort Clark Springs Recreation Committee hosted a community Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 1-10 in the Brackettville area. Bunnies, Lions John Dixon and Ron Ladeau entertained the children as they awaited the beginning of the hunt.

Over 2,000 candy filled eggs were "hidden" for various age groups. Prizes, to include 3 bicycles, were presented to 42 lucky searchers.

The Lions will begin April events with the opening of the Thrift Shop on April 6th with a new spring inventory. We are featuring prom dresses, Fiesta clothing and men and women's golf clothes. Be sure to come in and check it out.

Empowering Families
By Dr. Donald Smith

"Robert," Joan shouted to her nine-year-old son. "Your teacher called and said she was sending a note home with you." Commandingly she added, "Bring it here."

Hesitantly Robert handed the note to his mom. Joan looked at the note and then at her son. Her eyes flashed with anger. Her voice expressed the emotion that welled up within her. "How could you be so stupid?" Joan blurted out as she threw the note on the table. "Now I have to buy you some more pencils. Can't you keep track of anything?"

Robert turned away and ran to his room angrily shouting, "I can't ever do anything right can I?"

Joan stood still looking at the floor. Tears welled in her eyes. She felt John's strong arms encircle her body and pull her close to him. "Sounds like you had a bad day honey."

"How could I hurt him like that?" Joan asked. "I didn't mean it and I shouldn't have said it. Things didn't go well at work today. I had to step in and correct a

lot of mistakes that other people had made. I brought my anger home didn't I?"

"Yes," John answered. A very wise man once said that when you let your heart smolder within you and allow the fire to blaze up in your thoughts, then your mouth erupts with bitter words (Psalm 39:4).

"But how do I repair the damage?" Joan asked.

John replied, "The wise man also said that a blow from the tongue smashes bones (Proverbs 28:17) but a soothing tongue is a tree of life (Proverbs 15:4). Go to Robert with soothing words. Heal what you have broken. Tonight you and I shall talk about your day. We shall pray for the Lord to set a guard over your mouth that the words you speak may be words of healing. You must ask Robert for forgiveness."

Joan turned and walked to Robert's room. In her hand she carried five pencils.

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

The Fort Clark Springs Golf Association hosted the "Rally for a Cure" golf event on March 28, 2002.

A total of 22 couples participated in a Couples Handicap Tournament in conjunction with this event. As part of the Rally for a Cure, a closest-to-the-pin contest was held on hole #11 (a designated par 3 hole).

Titleist golf balls bearing the pink ribbon breast cancer awareness symbol are awarded to every lady whose ball stays on the green on their t-off shot. A prize was also given to the lady and the man who was closest to the pin.

Our lucky lady was Pat Alexson who won the grand prize of a new pair of Lady Fairway golf shoes. Our lucky man was Bob Boucher who will sport a new Fort Clark Golf cap.

Our lucky handicap winners

were: 1st Pat and Charlie Alexson with a net score of 131, 2nd Joyce and Choppy Ambler with a net score of 133, 3rd Pat and Hoagy Nelson with a net score of 136, 4th and 5th tie Ann Malin and Chuck Titus, Orlene and Loyde Alvis with a net score of 137.

Every participant also received a cheeseburger/fries dinner.

This is the third year that the Fort Clark Springs Ladies Golf Association has participated in this worthwhile event. A total of \$415 was raised which also included personal donations from people not playing. These funds go toward research for the Dallas based Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Breast cancer is the leading cause of death for women ages 35-54, and the disease also accounts for more than 75% of all cancer deaths in women 55 and over.

Goodies from G.G.

All signs lead us to believe that soon we can, and will be cooking and eating in the wonderful outdoors on a routine basis. Try these two side dishes for family or company.

Oven broasted potatoes. 2 lbs. small red potatoes, scrubbed and quartered. 1 packet onion soup mix, 1/2 cup virgin olive oil (you may substitute canola oil). Put potatoes in zip-top bag, add mix and oil, zip bag closed and toss until well coated. Turn out pota-

toes onto lightly oiled cooking pan and bake at 450°, stirring occasionally, 40 min. or until crispy on the outside and tender inside. Serves 6-8 goes especially good with steak or hamburgers.

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 theme, "A Flower Garden of Movies" will feature displays and arrangements coordinated with a movie title. This will be a unique and delightful event and everyone is invited to stop by and enjoy a fun afternoon with us at the flower show. In addition to the show, we will also be having a plant sale.

Come out and join us for a fun afternoon at the flower show. Admission and refreshments are free!

Old Quarry Elects Officers

By Lynn McNew
Contributing Writer

The Old Quarry Society for the Performing Arts held the regular monthly meeting on Monday, April 1st at Post Theater at Ft. Clark Springs. At that meeting officers for the 2002-2003 year were elected. These new officers include Lynn McNew, President, JoAnn Werner, 1st Vice-president, Tom McNew, 2nd Vice-president, Rosie Mattingly, Secretary, and Jewel Robinson, Treasurer.

These officers will be installed at the annual Wine and Cheese Party on Monday, April 29th, 5:00 p.m. at Post Theater. If you have ever attended a performance by the

Old Quarry Society, you are considered a member of the organization and are welcome at the Wine and Cheese Party/Installation of Officers on April 29th.

"Trash Free"

There's a battle going on at FCS, the do'ers - versus - the undo'ers and the "Cavalry Brigade" is scheduled to arrive on time to fight for the right for people to enjoy "trash free" Ft. Clark. Saturday, April 6th at 9:00 a.m. on the steps of Shafter Hall is the date and place for the mustering of Cavalry Brigade volun-

teers. Many projects are available to fit all ranges of physical activity. Donate your body for volunteer service to the Cavalry Brigade and receive a delicious free lunch (11:30 - 12:30), camaraderie with fascinating personalities, and acquire a memory to treasure for a lifetime!

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Brackett High goes to UIL Competition High school girls placed 1st in district competition To Area Competition



Kneeling: Emily Petrosky, Tillman Davis, Ashley Smith. **Standing from left:** Susannah Davis, Beth Ballew, Sarah Meyer, Megan McWilliams, Isila Ramon, Amanda Davis, Sarah Gammill. **On Tiger clockwise:** Erica Meyer, Michelle Bizzell, Diamantina Flores, Tammy Smith, Shanae Simmons. **Not pictured:** Shena Meyer

Thirty students at Brackett High School participated in UIL District Academic Literary competition March 28th at Dilley.

Current Issues and Events: Shena Meyer, 1st, Megan McWilliams 4th. **Current Issues and Events Team:** Shena Meyer, Megan McWilliams, Erica Meyer, Susannah Davis. **The team won 1st place. Journalism:** Editorial Writing, Erica Meyer, 4th, Juliann Ashabrunner, 6th. **Headline Writing,** Michelle Bizzell, 2nd. **News Writing,** Tillman Davis, 1st. **Spelling:** Amanda Davis, 3rd

Accounting: Sarah Gammill 1st, Diamantina Flores, 2nd, Erica Meyer, 3rd, Susannah Davis, 5th. **As an Accounting Team,** the group won first place. **Computer Applications:** Isela Ramon, 1st, Ashley Smith, 2nd, Sarah Meyer, 3rd.

Literary Criticism: Star Davis, 5th. **Mathematics:** Lee Davis, 6th.

Number Sense: Matthias Katzfuss, 6th. **Science - Overall:** Tammy Smith, 2nd. **Science - Biology Top Scorer:** Tammy Smith

Poetry: Shanae Simmons, 2nd, Beth Ballew 3rd. **Prose:** Emily Petrosky: 1st. **Social Studies Pilot:** Laura Negrete, 1st, Duquesa Hunt, 2nd, Shena Meyer, 4th

Social Studies Pilot Team - First Place: Laura Negrete, Duquesa Hunt, Shena Meyer, Megan McWilliams

One Act Play: Eliot Stone - Best Actor. Duquesa Hunt - All Star Cast. Tammy Smith - Honorable Mention. The One Act Play will advance to Area competition, Saturday, April 6th in Three Rivers. Sixteen students will advance to Regional Competition in San Marcos on April 20th.

Coaches for events are: Kathy Bader: Current Issues and Events, Social Studies Pilot. Dee Curry Literary Criticism and Ready Writing. Karen Crumley, Science. Jamie Bellew, Calculator Applications, Mathematics, Number Sense. Kim Wilkins, Number

Making a Difference By Taylor Stephenson

Congratulations to the BHS one act play, "Dear Papa", for advancing to Area competition. It has been five years since BHS has advanced. The play will be presented Thursday night at 7:30 PM as a final practice before traveling to Three Rivers. Before the performance, the Board of Trustees will recognize D. Harold Byrd and the Hillcrest Foundation for helping to make the remodeling of the school auditorium possible. The public is invited to attend. There will not be an admission fee for the play. Come and thank Harold Byrd and help to give our cast and director a proper send off by supporting their efforts. A special thanks goes to Chuck Hall for using his pick up and trailer to haul play props to San Antonio.

Brackett High School placed third in the academic competition of UIL held at Natalia this past week. Academic Coordinator is Cindy Brandt and high school teacher coaches are congratulated for a grand showing for BHS. Results of the elementary and junior high competition have not been received at my office.

Monday, Dave Wilkins' high school girls' team placed first in district competition while the BHS boys placed 2nd. The second leg of the district contest will be held this next Monday in Devine. Fort

Clark's beautiful golf course was the site for the competition. The school district is appreciative of the support that is given by volunteers and to Fort Clark Springs for their support of the golf program at BHS.

This past week, Hector and Gloria Jimenez planned and presented parents' meeting-Junta Para Los Padres for parents of Migrants and English-As-A Second Language students. Presenters included Sylvia Donaldson, Alma Gutierrez, Gloria and Hector Jimenez. Topics included Summer School, the importance of daily school attendance, TAAS, ESL, Migrant program, and new educational developments in PK and K along with 1st and 2nd grades. The meeting was well attended. Thanks for giving our parents the support that they need to help their kids in Texas Schools.

How about Easter weekend in Kinney County? Fort Clark Springs Annual meeting was held along with a barbecue and variety show. Congratulations to elected directors-Cheaney, Miller and Saylor. The Sunrise Service at FCS Amphitheater was special. Nine local ministers were present. The Voices of Fort Clark sang under the direction of Lynn McNew and accompanied by organist, Cathy Conrey. A beautiful US flag flew all weekend over Fort Clark Springs? What a great place to live. Have a great week!



Cast and Crew of One Act Play "Dear Papa"
From left front: Megan McWilliams, Emily Petrosky, Eliot Stone, sitting on tiger, **Clockwise:** Duquesa Hunt, Michelle Bizzell, Tammy Smith and Shanae Simmons.

By Lynn McNew
Contributing Writer

Brackett High School's entry in District One-Act Play competition was selected to advance to area competition.

District competition was held at South San High School in San Antonio last Wed., March 26th, and area competition will be Sat., April 6, at Three Rivers High School. Eliot Stone was selected as District Best Actor, Duquesa Hunt was chosen to the All-Star Cast and Tammy Smith was chosen Honorable Mention, All-Star Cast. The play, "Dear Papa" by Jack Blacklock, will be presented for the public on Thursday, April 4th at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. No admission will be charged, but donations will be

accepted to help defray expenses.

The cast of "Dear Papa" includes Stone, Hunt, Smith, Michelle Bizzell and Emily Petrosky. On the crew are Megan McWilliams, Shena Meyer, Shanae Simmons and DeLaney Ashley.

The play is under the direction of Lynn McNew.

Brackett competes in district tournament

By Coach Wilkins
Contributing Writer

The boys and girls golf team played in the first District leg Monday the 1st of April. All District schools were present. It was a good first tournament for District. We the team and the school would like to thank all the people

that helped make it a great day; the Ashabrunners, Mrs. Frerich, Mrs. Neuman, Mrs. McWilliams, Mr. Dalton, Mrs. Looney, Lindsay Brotherton, and last but not least Phyllis Stephenson. Also, we had good help from school employees: Mr. Stephenson, Kim Wilkins, Mrs. Ballew, Mrs. Meyer, Coach Brotherton, and

Mr. Schuster. We can't forget to thank Jan, Betty, and Rochelle from the golf course. As it stands right now for the boys; Three Rivers is in first, Brackett is in second by 32 strokes, and Natalia is sitting in third. The Brackett girls are in first place followed by Three Rivers. Erica Meyer is in the first place over all. It was a good day, and we hope to continue it next week in Devine!

Carrizo track meet

The Brackett High School girls had a track meet at Carrizo Springs on Thursday, March 28. The team standing was at third place with a score of 104. In the 800 relay competition Divina Pena, Vanessa Williams, Stacy Castilla, and Stephanie Bonner all placed 3rd. 1600 relay Vanessa Williams, Stephanie Coronado, Juliann Ashabrunner and Stacy Castilla also placed 3rd.

In the 3200 meter Juliann Ashabrunner placed 1st and Nicole Mata placed 3rd. HH Stephanie Bonner placed 2nd and Tammy Smith placed 6th. Stephanie Coronado placed 3rd in the 800 meter. Vanessa Williams

placed 5th in the 100 meter. Stephanie Coronado placed 2nd and Divina Pena placed 4th in the 400 meter. Courtney Frerich placed 3rd and Tammy Smith placed 5th in the IH. Amanda Davis placed 4th and Stacy Castilla placed 6th in the 200 meter. Juliann Ashabrunner placed 2nd in the 1600 meter. Tammy Smith placed 6th in the TJ and Divina Pena placed 5th in long jump. Courtney Frerich placed 2nd and Stacy Castilla placed 4th in high jump.

"THANK YOU"

I want to thank everyone who supported and voted for me in the Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors election.

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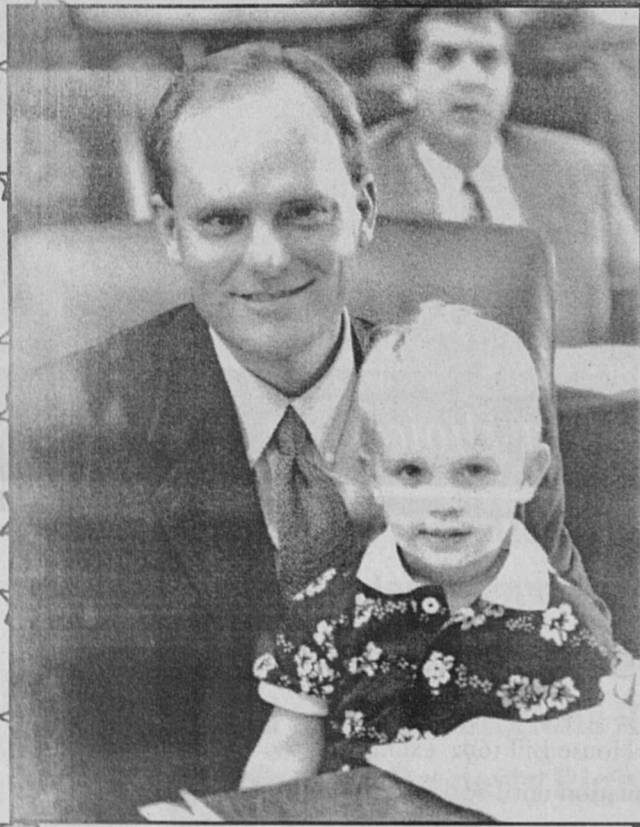
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UMH Designated as New treatment for Hepatitis C Mother-Friendly Worksite

Uvalde, Texas - Uvalde Memorial Hospital has joined a growing number of cutting edge Texas businesses by becoming designated as a Mother-Friendly Worksite. Among the many benefits of the Mother-Friendly Worksite Program are increased employee morale, greater productivity and the improved health of the employee's child.

Created by the Texas Legislature in 1995 and administered by the Texas Department of Health, the Mother-Friendly Worksite Program recognizes companies that provide for new mothers returning to work and desiring to continue breastfeeding. To be designated as a Mother-Friendly Worksite, businesses must provide work schedule flexibility to allow time for pumping breastmilk or nursing babies, offer a private space where moms can either pump or nurse and ensure easy access to running water and refrigeration.

To become Mother-Friendly, a company must first develop a policy reflecting its support for

breastfeeding mothers and then submit an application to the Texas Department of Health. The agency keeps a list of all Mother-Friendly Worksites in Texas on the web site <http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/lactate/mother.htm>.

Texas companies designated as Mother-Friendly Worksites include: Aerobics to Go, Fort Worth; Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, LLP, Dallas; Duke Energy, Houston; Electronic Data Systems, Plano; Fixtures International, Houston; Gulf & Basco Company, Sherman; Huntsman Corp., Austin; IBM Corp., Austin; Motorola, Austin Region; Pizza Hut, Inc., Dallas; Southern Warehouse Corp., Houston; and Tree Tops Learning Centers, Austin. Also designated are several hospitals, many state agency buildings and numerous city, county and state health facilities.

UMH Administrator Ben Durr said, "We want our employees who are new mothers to know that we support their decision to continue breastfeeding. We are extremely pleased to be designated

as a Mother-Friendly Worksite." According to Pauline Garcia, RN, C, IBCLC, UMH Women's and Newborns' Center Director, who serves as liaison between TDH and the community to assist local businesses in becoming a Mother-Friendly Worksite, "UMH is committed to assisting all mothers with their decision to nurse their babies. We want all new mothers in the community to know we are available to help them achieve a successful breastfeeding experience."

In addition to being a Mother-Friendly Worksite, the Hospital has a certified lactation consultant and specially trained staff available 24-hours a day to handle any situations which may arise for mothers while they are at home. For the convenience of working mothers, a Medela pump rental station is provided by the Hospital where breast pumps may be rented or purchased.

Houston - A new drug combination looks promising in improving the cure rate for Hepatitis C, a chronic disease that affects 4 million Americans. "This combination therapy appears to be twice as effective in clearing the virus from the blood," said Dr. Reem Ghalib, director of the Hepatitis Program at Baylor College of Medicine and The Methodist Hospital. "The overall chance of a sustained response with this treatment is about 61 percent."

The Hepatitis C virus can take a very mild form, producing few symptoms, or be life-threatening. Up to 10,000 deaths per year in the United States are attributed to the disease. The virus is spread primarily through contact with the blood of an infected person.

For those Hepatitis C patients who develop severe liver disease, treatment options have been limited. For many, a liver transplant has been the only life saving measure.

The latest treatment combines two drugs -- pegylated interferon alfa 2-b and ribavirin. Baylor re-

searchers are participating in clinical trials to determine the effectiveness and safety of the drug combination.

Initial results are encouraging. "Our results show it clears the virus from the blood in 61 percent of patients and decreases the severity of inflammation in the liver in the majority of patients," said Ghalib.

"Once a patient shows a sustained response - the virus gone for at least six months after treatment stops - the chance of it coming back is very small."

The combination therapy is given for 48 weeks. Weekly injections of pegylated interferon alfa 2-b are given by the patient and the ribavirin is administered by pill daily. The standard treatment for Hepatitis C has been interferon - a manufactured version of a natu-

ral substance that slows down the virus. The pegylated version of interferon enables the drug to stay in the body longer, requiring less frequent injections.

The therapy is not appropriate to those whose disease has progressed too far, abuse alcohol or drugs or suffer from severe uncontrolled psychiatric illness.

The most common side effects of the drug combination include flu-like symptoms, fever, fatigue, nausea, headache, poor appetite, and anxiety or depression.

The hepatitis program at Baylor and Methodist was established in June 2000 as a specialized center for patients with Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C. The patients are closely monitored by a team of expert physicians in liver disease, along with a medical staff specially trained in this area.

Blood vessel growth

Houston - A drug therapy that blocks new blood vessel growth is under investigation at Baylor College of Medicine as a treatment for age-related macular degeneration (AMD), a progressive disorder that may lead to loss of central vision.

"The potential for this treatment is vast," said Dr. William F. Mieler, a professor of ophthalmology at Baylor College of Medicine, and principal investigator of the study.

"The medication used in this study may be of benefit for patients who otherwise might have no other choice but to live with the life-altering effects of this disease."

Anti-VEGF therapy has been studied as a treatment for a wide range of diseases and has received recent publicity as a potential cancer therapy. Eyetech Pharmaceutical is the sponsor of the study, which is the first to investigate the use of this anti-VEGF agent in the eye.

During the treatment, doctors put anti-VEGF into the center of the eye in the vitreous cavity. The entire process takes less than five minutes and is done under a local anesthetic.

The process must be repeated every six weeks during the first year.

For more information, contact the Age-Related Macular Degeneration Center at the Cullen Eye Institute, Baylor College of Medicine, at 713-798-3536.

AMD is the leading cause of visual impairment in patients beyond age 60. In many cases the visual loss is due to the "wet" form of the disease that causes abnormal blood vessel growth in the retina.

The study involves injecting anti-vascular endothelial growth factor (anti-VEGF) agent into the vitreous, a jelly-like substance that fills the inside of the eye. Earlier studies have shown that VEGF stimulates blood vessel growth. The anti-VEGF agent employed in this study blocks the growth of blood vessels, which should limit development of scar tissue and preserve vision.

"We have to catch this disease process before scar tissue forms and causes irreversible damage to the eye," Mieler said. "This condition takes away the patient's central vision, making objects seem blurry or distorted. It makes completing routine tasks very difficult, or even impossible."


AMD is caused by the deterioration of the central portion of the retina, the area known as the macula. The macula records images and transmits them via the optic nerve to the brain, controlling the ability to read, drive a car, recognize faces or colors and see objects in fine detail.

Thermal laser therapy and photodynamic therapy (PDT) are currently used to treat age-related macular degeneration. These lasers are used to seal off blood vessel growth, and halt further degeneration.

While PDT is not as harmful to the retina, it only stabilizes vision or slows down the rate of impairment. Approximately 15 percent of patients have better vision following PDT.

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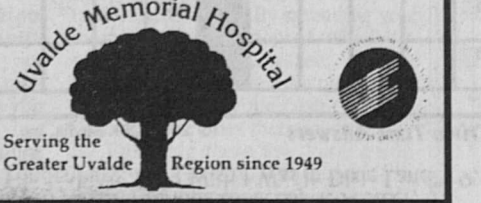
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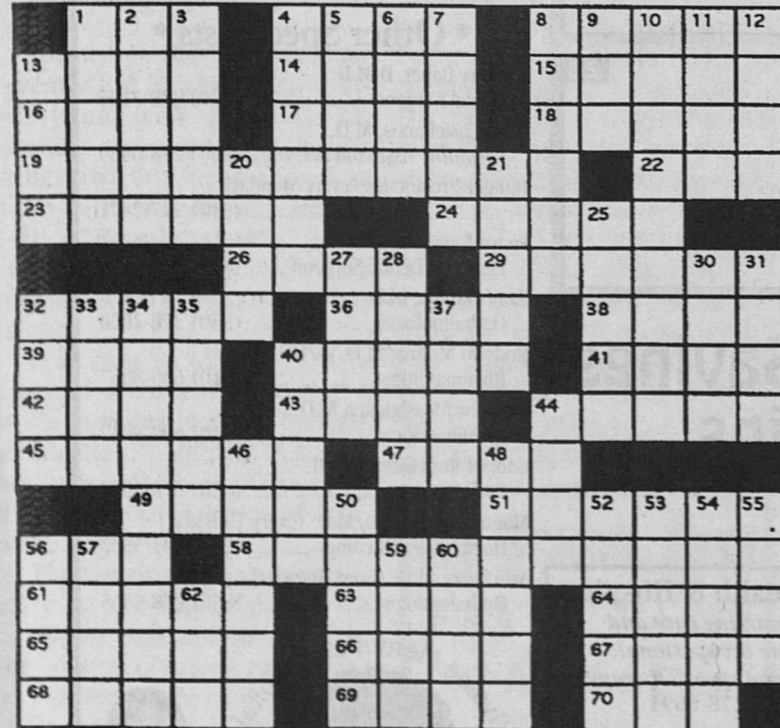
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
 1 Fail to keep up
 4 Bills
 8 ___ saw; cutting instrument
 13 Speck of dust
 14 Man of the maison
 15 Like some floors
 16 Sacred picture
 17 Duo
 18 Preach
 19 Resident of the most populous state
 22 Middle; abbr.
 23 WWII forces
 24 Weirdo
 26 Student's chance to show knowledge
 29 Hopi Indians' homes
 32 Schedule
 36 Innocent one
 38 Ready
 39 Places
- DOWN**
 1 Of the neighborhood
 2 Uniquely shaped island
 3 Folklore beings
 4 Contradict
 5 Within reach
 6 Actress Moran
 7 Fires up
 8 Opposite of sober
 9 Breather's need
 10 Nest
 11 Blood vessel network
 12 Actress Barbara
 13 Silicate that crystallizes into thin sheets
 20 Party
 21 Yemen residents
 25 Major vessel
 27 Part of a chair
 28 Fruity concoctions
- ACROSS**
 40 Gives a hoot
 41 Elder
 42 Killer
 43 End for some names
 44 Became obscure
 45 Looked hard
 47 Most valuable player
 49 Whittler
 51 Kitchen affoat
 56 Colony dweller
 58 Movies made from books
 61 Thwarts
 63 Move suddenly
 64 Observe
 65 Famous orphan
 66 Toward shelter
 67 Druggie
 68 Miller or Moore
 69 Trigger's rider and others
 70 Indian weight



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 1. John Adams; 2. "You are it, Ralph"; 3. Pipe tobacco; 4. A story; 5. The Pekingese; 6. Teyve; 7. The Hindenburg; 8. "I wish I was in Dixie Land"; 9.

ROARING TWENTIES

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

Today's Category: **DANCES**

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1. Square dance
 2. _____
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Trivia Time by Walter Branch

- Who was George Washington's vice president?
- What TV commercial line followed: "I can't believe I ate the whole thing"?
- What did Sherlock Holmes keep in the toe of a Persian slipper?
- What is a castrated bull called?
- What is the Taj Mahal made of?
- Who is the principal character in "Fiddler on the Roof"?
- What ill-fated craft was captained by Ernst Lehmann?
- What was the martial song of the Confederacy during the Civil War?
- What is the royal dog of China?
- What is the thickness of Earth's atmosphere, within 20 miles?

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by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
 Domestic chores have piled up a bit. Fortunately, you're able to keep up. Just be sure you don't deplete your energies.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
 Difficulties arise on the job because of a co-worker. Get this person back on the team. However, use diplomacy instead of threats.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
 You're happy in general about your finances. However, if you explore, there are areas you could do better. Consult with a financial adviser.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
 You're not normally superstitious. Why are you allowing someone to "spook" you? Rely on your pragmatic instincts.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
 Your attraction level to the opposite sex is at full tilt. Singles should take advantage of this. Love is definitely in the air!

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
 Some things at home need reorganizing. You're just the person for the job. However, instead of barking orders, use sweetness to coax unwilling family members.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
 After a bit of a faltering start early in the week, you're ready for new work challenges. Use that superior brain of yours. By week's end, you can breathe a sigh of satisfaction.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
 You tackle a new work assignment with enthusiasm. Others catch the spirit and pitch in. This weekend, an important social event beckons.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
 It's not like you to walk away from a challenge. Although your patience is tested, you can complete that difficult task. By week's end, you're back to your efficient self.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
 You're not very motivated as the week begins. This malaise passes by midweek. Take time this weekend to replenish your energy.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
 You have no tolerance for liars, and this week is no exception. A co-worker's tall tales have you seeing red. You'd do best to just ignore this person.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
 That pessimistic side of you is showing again. Instead of grouching, make an effort to count your blessings. A loved one can help, if you just open your mind.

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Roaring Twenties Solution:

1. Boesa nova	11. Polka
2. Cha-cha	12. Quadrille
3. Charleston	13. Reel
4. Foxtrot	14. Rumba
5. Gavotte	15. Samba
6. Hora	16. Square dance
7. Hula	17. Tango
8. Jig	18. Twist
9. Limbo	19. Two-step
10. Mazurka	20. Waltz

Mary Magdalene God Of Tests Or Pie in the Sky

St. Mary Magdalene Church
By Lynn McNew

Mary Magdalene was, to me, a very fascinating person and I can find myself identifying with her. She was a sinner. Luke's Gospel (7:36) tells of a woman who came to the home of the Pharisee where Jesus was dining and washed Jesus' feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. Jesus forgave her sins because her faith was so great. Some people believe this woman was Mary Magdalene; however, it probably was not.

She does appear in chapter 8 of Luke's Gospel: "He journeyed through towns and villages preaching and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve accompanied Him, and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and maladies. Mary called the Magdalene, from whom seven devils had gone out" (vs. 1-2).

Jewish rabbis, in those days, did not believe women were capable of learning the Torah and yet, Jesus gave new dignity and a new role to woman by granting her a right not only to learn the "good news of the Kingdom of God" but also to even participate in its ministry.

I believe there were women who were disciples of Jesus, who

followed Him in His journeys and I believe Mary Magdalene was one of them. She was there at the crucifixion with His mother and the mothers of some of His disciples.

And, more importantly, she was there at the resurrection. It was Mary Magdalene who discovered that Jesus' body was not in the tomb. It was Mary Magdalene to whom Jesus appeared and gave the instructions to tell the disciples that He was risen.

Jesus didn't care that she was a sinner. She believed in Him and followed Him and that was enough. He gave her the privilege of telling the greatest news of all—He was Risen. He gives this same privilege to me every day—to announce His resurrection to spread the good news that He died for our sins and arose to live with us and in us forever.

My Easter experience, then, is to ask the question: What difference does Jesus' resurrection make in my life? Will I, like Mary Magdalene, spread the exciting news to every one I see along the way? Will I let Easter 2002 make a difference in my life and the lives of those around me?

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

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

There is a country and western song out now that suggests that God sends tests into our lives — the quarrel of the couple in the apartment above, the panderer on the street, etc. — to see how we are prepared to follow God's will by helping others. God may in fact do such things, but I am not convinced that such is the case.

I think that the way of the world, which God created, presents challenges for each of us in different ways each and every day. However, I do not think these tests (if that is how you see them) are devised by God to evaluate us as we attempt to be as God would have us to be. Rather, I think of these circumstances as our opportunity to see how God walks us through our struggles. I believe that when we face our "tests" God is there whispering the answers in our ear, guiding us through the troubles we encounter.

The image of God as a God that tests is for me an Old Testa-

ment image to which many still cling. There are many that want God to be a God of wrath instead of a God of grace. By seeing God as irate over the sins of God's children, there is the false hope that we may yet earn our place in heaven by our goodness. There is still the hope that those whom we regard as unworthy of God's love may be left out.

We see this biblically in the Old Testament book of Jonah. Jonah is called by God to be a prophet to the corrupt town of Nineveh. Jonah rebels against God's call, even to the point of running away and trying to hide. As the story is concluded, we find that Jonah's reasons for resisting are simple. He thinks of the people of Nineveh as being too horrible for God to forgive.

He has worried that if he takes God's message to Nineveh, they may repent and be forgiven (spared God's wrath). They do repent. God does forgive. Jonah pouts.

When we, as God's children, see the struggles of life as God's testing of us it is because we

want to be found worthy (and, of course, our bad neighbor found unworthy). Yet, the gospel message as reported by the Apostle Paul is clear. We can never be worthy! So, we must accept that which Jonah despised. It is only by God's grace and our faith in Christ that we are redeemed. As hard as it is to accept, the person we consider doomed to hell may reach heaven and we may not — based solely on the faith of the person and God's good grace.

You are not a failure! Your struggles do not identify you as one whom God thinks insufficient! Your struggles are not a test you must pass for God to love you.

Instead they are a natural part of the life you lead. If you wish to see your struggles as a means of grace not testing then you must look for God's hand as God reaches out in love to lead you through. As the Apostle Paul might say, for every struggle and pain in life God's grace is sufficient. Your sense of guilt is unnecessary.

Visit us at First United Methodist Church for worship this Sunday at 10:45 am. However, don't feel guilty if you don't. If you do, you may find God using this Church family as God's means of grace to help you through your struggle, whatever it may be. Can we help?

By Rev Brother J
Contributing Writer

We went to visit some kind-folks last week and when we returned it seemed like there was a change over night. The grass was up, fruit trees were blooming, and little leaves were on the trees.

It was a treat to arrive to the sweet smell of flowers blooming and birds singing. I know there will even be more of a change, (and prettier) later on this spring when everything is in full foliage.

In looking at the things of nature and seeing things blooming and growing it reminds me of majesty and beauty of God. It also reminds me of the hope and glory of heaven. The bible says heaven will be a beautiful place, (Revelation 21:1-4) (it is not here on earth).

It was made by God, (Psalms 115:15) and he dwells there (Deuteronomy 26:15). The bible also says that every one who has accepted Christ as Lord will live or dwell there, (2 Corinthians 13:4-5, Ephesians 2:4-8).

That is the hope of every Christian. It is the day when (Lord-King) Jesus will be revealed in all his glory and majesty. Let us not lose sight of or the hope for (1 Peter 1:13). It is not pie in the sky. It is you can have your cake and eat it to! See you in Church on Sunday.

Merciful kindness

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

Oh, praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise him, all ye people.

For his merciful kindness is great toward us; and the truth of the Lord endureth forever,

praise ye the Lord. Psalms 117.

Come join us in seven nights of praying at 7 p.m. St. John Missionary Baptist Church 116 W. Crockett St. April 8-13. Everyone is welcome. Isaiah 58:6,7.

Gateway Ministries
By Pastor Charolette Corey

The earth shook and the stone rolled away. Jesus was resurrected, the first fruit of the dead. We likewise, who believe in Jesus Christ, shall be resurrected in his likeness.

"For 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." John 5: 29.

"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.

In the meantime, you are to watch out for the things that would choke the word of God out of your life. Anything that would be a thorn bush which

would grow up and choke your spirit from producing good fruit, must be weeded out or burnt up.

Let Jesus roll the stone away from your heart. Become fresh and new. Let the weeds be pulled out and burned. Some of those weeds may be unforgiveness, bitterness, hatred, unkindness, impatience, doubt, selfishness, gossip, filthy speaking, bad habits, and anything that would cause your heart to be hard-hearted.

"And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;" Matthew 27:51-52. Let God open his presence to you through a fresh relationship with him.

Let him break up your stony ground. Draw near to him, and he will draw near to you.

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

OUTDOORS Leave wild animals in the wild

By Henry Lutz
Contributing Writer

Austin, Texas — It's spring, and young, wild animals are venturing from their nests and hiding places under the watchful eyes of their parents. Young animals often stray and appear to be abandoned — that's when humans need to resist the urge to help, wildlife experts say. Some species, including birds, deer and snakes, are very active this time of year and are being seen more frequently, said John Herron, leader of TPW's wildlife diversity branch.

This is the time of year that young birds are out of their nests but cannot fly. If the bird's eyes are open, it has a coat of feathers and is hopping around, it is probably fine, according to staff at Texas Parks and Wildlife's wildlife information center. Grounded fledglings will usually be up and flying within a few days.

"Many people discover apparently lost or abandoned wildlife young and take them in, thinking they are doing the right thing, and this sometimes does more harm than good," Herron said. "People should leave young animals alone unless they are obviously injured or orphaned."

It is best to observe a wild creature from a distance for a while in order to make that determination. "Animals often will not approach their offspring if they sense the presence of a human, added Herron.

The fawning season begins in early to mid-May, although the newborns may not be visible to the casual observer for several weeks because of excellent camouflage of their mottled coats and their mother's care in hiding them from predators. Deer will sometimes leave their fawn for hours at a time, not returning until dusk.

Fawns are often discovered lying quietly in tall grass or brushy areas. Well-meaning people sometimes pick up these fawns, thinking that they have been abandoned by their mothers and need help. This is rarely the case. A fawn should only be picked up if it is covered in fire ants or is otherwise seriously injured. These fawns need assistance and should be taken to a wildlife rehabilitator immediately.

If it is determined that a wild animal is sick or injured call the TPW wildlife information line, (512) 389-4505, during business hours for a referral to a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. After-hours callers can get the names of rehabilitators from TPW's dispatch line at (512) 389-4848. The department receives more than 100 calls a week during the spring.

"Some of the most common questions are whether the fawns are actually abandoned and if baby birds can take care of themselves on the ground," Herron said. "In most cases, the fawns' mothers are just out of sight and the baby birds are still being protected and fed by the parents." "The overall message is that wildlife should be left alone," says Herron. "Wild animals are best left in the wild."

For more information on rehabilitators, visit, <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/nature/research/rehab/index.htm>

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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 — Examining 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.

