

# The Brackett News



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## Water Developer requests spot on KCGWCD Board agenda

By Flo Dean  
Staff Writer

Derek Saunders, representing Texas Water Development Company, asked to speak to the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District Board Tuesday under its Public Forum. Saunders, who said he might have to change the name of his company since it resembles the government entity Texas Water Development Board, asked for permission to allow him and his company hydrologist to give a presentation to the board. The company, which Saunders said is looking into the potential of using water from Kinney County for communities which are having water problems, also includes Lynn Sherman and Steve Mobley. The board took no action on this request at this meeting.

John Ashworth Senior Hydrologist for L. B. Guyton spoke to the board. The Region J Water Planning Committee, he said, is charged with looking at local regions: where is the water, how much is available. The board is to look at communities and de-

termine if, over the next 50 years it looks as if a community is going to have problems with water, possibly due to growth or not enough wells.

Each community is looked at as though in a drought of record. For instance, a ten year drought such as El Paso is experiencing now. Groundwater, Ashworth said is not affected quite as rapidly as surface supplies are; a lot of streams dry up. For planning, he suggested the board assume no surface water available.

Plan J, Ashworth said, brings problems to the public eye.

Ashworth talked about Comanche Springs at Fort Stockton and said he had been able to make direct correlations between irrigation water use at nearby Belding Farms and the drying up of Comanche Springs. He recommended board members read all the facts, water levels, pumpage, etc. when examining the wide range of scientific reports available.

The board moved to officially engage attorney Jace A. Hous-

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## Senne elected County Judge Garza narrowly wins over King for State Rep.

In the runoff for the Democratic Party's nomination for County Judge, Herb Senne defeated Tommy Seargeant 566-394.

Senne and Seargeant were in the runoff after both received more votes than Don Ralston in the March 12 election.

Senne will run unopposed in the general election in November.

In the Democratic runoff for United States Senator, Ron Kirk defeated Victor Morales.

In the November general election, Kirk will face Republican John Cornyn.

Kirk's final margin of victory was 59.7 percent to Morales's 40.3 percent.

In Kinney County, Kirk had 395 votes, or 46.2 percent, and Morales finished with 459 votes, or 53.7 percent.

Incumbent Tracy King was defeated by Timoteo Garza for the Democratic nomination for State Representative, District 80.

Garza won by a mere 813 votes. Whether or not a recount will be called for is unknown.

Garza received 51.9 percent to King's 48.1 percent district wide.

Locally, Garza had 339 votes, or 36.7 percent, compared to King's 583 votes, or 63.3 percent.

### Runoff results

DEMOCRAT		
<b>United States Senator</b>		
Victor Morales	250,034	40.3%
Ron Kirk	370,063	59.7%
<b>State Rep. District 80</b>		
Timoteo Garza	11,050	51.9%
Tracy King	10,237	48.1%
<b>Kinney County Judge</b>		
Herb Senne	566	51.5%
Tommy Seargeant	394	48.5%
REPUBLICAN		
<b>Supreme Court, Place 2</b>		
Elizabeth Ray	102,514	45.1%
Dale Wainwright	124,894	54.9%
<b>Appeals Court, Place 1</b>		
Tom Price	121,192	57.8%
Tim Taft	88,439	42.2%
<b>Appeals Court, Place 2</b>		
David Richards	88,591	43.6%
Paul Womack	114,739	56.4%
<b>Appeals Court, Place 3</b>		
Cathy Cochran	133,361	63.0%
Guy Williams	78,479	37.0%

Garza will not face a Republican challenger in November.

Dale Wainwright defeated Elizabeth Ray in the runoff for the

Republican nomination for Texas Supreme Court Justice, Place 2.

Ray garnered 45.1 percent of the vote, compared to Wainwright's 54.9 percent.

In the general election, Wainwright will face Democrat Jim Parsons.

Tom Price defeated Tim Taft for the Place 1 Republican nomination for the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

Price finished with 57.8 percent of the vote; Taft had 42.2 percent.

Price will face Democratic challenger John Bull in November.

Paul Womack received 56.4 percent of the vote in the Place 2 runoff, topping David Richards, who had 43.6 percent.

Womack will compete against Pat Montgomery in the general election.

Cathy Cochran won over Guy Williams for the Republican bid for Place 3.

Cochran had 63 percent to Williams 37.

Democrat J. R. Molina and Cochran will face off in November.

The votes for the Democratic runoff will be canvassed next Monday at 8:30 AM in the district court room.

## Briefs ...

### BHS Students take One-Act Play to Regionals

Eliot Stone made All-Star Cast and Duquesa Hunt received Honorable Mention when Brackett High Students performed their one-act play at UIL Regional competition.

### Benefit Roping for Edward Solis

Barbeque plates will be served beginning noon Saturday, with a roping to follow. The event will be held at the J. J. Arena in Spofford to benefit the family of 9 year old Edward Solis of Spofford, who is undergoing treatment in San Antonio for a brain tumor.

There will be a dance to DJ music following the roping, at the Spofford City Hall. Donations will be welcomed at the door.

The barbeque plates will be \$3.50. Roping will be 3 for \$20.00 with a #1 cap combined with open roping.

### BISD early voting

Early voting by personal appearance, for the school board election will begin on Wednesday, April 17, 2002, at 8:00 a.m., to fill two expiring three-year terms. Early voting will be conducted each weekday at the Central Office, 400 Ann Street, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., and will end April 30, 2002. Voters are required to present a voter registration card in order to vote. Those without a registration card should be prepared to show picture identification.

Candidates running for the position of school board trustee include Ronnie Dean Hobbs, Henry Lutz, and Stacey Ashabraner.

The BISD Trustee election is scheduled for Saturday, May 4, 2002, in the Central Office of BISD, 400 Ann Street, Brackettville, Texas. Polls will open early at 7:00 a.m. and close promptly at 7:00 p.m.

### Computer Club

The Brackettville Computer Club April meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 15th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Brackett ISD High School computer lab. Brackett ISD has graciously granted the computer club access to their teleconferencing lab for this year's meetings so that we can connect with other computer clubs nationwide. The topic for this meeting is Digital Photographs - how to store them, organize them, preserve them, and insert them into documents and/or e-mail. Admission is free. See you there!

## Another hail storm



These young men pictured each received a certificate for Outstanding Service to School and Community, on April 8 for enthusiasm and hard work during storm clean-up. Left to right Rudy Ramirez, Tommy Gomez, Ricky Sandoval, Tony Molinar, Carlos Gomez, and Tommy Sandoval.

Another severe hail storm hit Brackettville and Kinney County late Sunday, leaving more broken glass, damaged vehicles and battered property in its wake.

At Fort Clark Springs, General Manager Maggie Banner Kerr said there had not been time to replace some of the windows broken in the first storm. Many residents there went to the Adult Center for shelter; some vehicles parked near the center were damaged.

Brackett ISD suffered damage to all roofs, with many broken windows, skylights and tiles. Superintendent Taylor Stephenson and Principal Paula Renken were surveying damage to the hall in the

Elementary building when 6 young men, 5 of them currently BHS seniors and the other a 2001 graduate came by to help. Tony Molinar, Ricky Sandoval, Tommy Sandoval, Tommy Gomez, Carlos Gomez, and Rudy Ramirez spent two hours mopping floors and cleaning up broken glass and ceiling tiles so that school could open as usual on Monday.

The BISD Board honored these young men at the board meeting Monday, and presented each a certificate of community service.

Windows in the Kinney County Courthouse had just been replaced Friday, 14 were again broken in Sunday's storm.

## BISD Board sets early voting, canvass dates for May election

By Flo Dean  
Staff Writer

Early voting for candidates for positions on the BISD Board of Directors will begin April 17th and run through April 30th, while May 7th has been selected by the board as the date to canvass election results. Henry Lutz, Ronnie Hobbs and Stacey Ashabraner are running to fill two places on the board. Lutz and Hobbs are the incumbents.

The board approved a calendar for the school year 2002 - 2003, adopted an Internet Safety Policy for Brackett Schools, and approved textbooks recommended by the Brackett ISD 2002 Textbook Committee.

According to Principal Paula Renken, Friday will be Kindergarten's Texas Day, from 10 until 2 at the playground. The KG did not

have an open house, so this will be their big day. Events will include Texas Animals, Texas Competition, Texas Arts/Crafts/Skills, Texas Entertainment, and Texas Food.

Superintendent Taylor Stephenson stated that roof repairs are out for bids, with \$162,000 in the bank and an additional \$30 to \$40,000 in insurance monies available once the work is started. Metal roofs are being considered wherever feasible. Stephenson also plans some major remodeling for the 5th and 6th grade rooms during the summer, stating that it had been several years since this area had been painted.

The board accepted a notice of retirement from Gloria Jimenez as of May 31st, and resignations of teachers Sylvia Donaldson and Dee Paxton, both kindergarten teachers.

## Local cable customers face 85% rate increase

By Flo Dean  
Staff Writer

Charter Communications notified Brackett and FCS residents in March of a rate hike to \$49.95 per month for new digital services. This rate is an increase of 85% from the previous basic rate of \$26.95 month. Calls to Charter by the Brackett News for additional information have not been returned.

The City of Brackettville originally entered into a cable television franchise ordinance with Falcon Telecable, which was later acquired by Charter Telecommunications. At a meeting of the Brackettville City Council on December 11, 2001 City Attorney Pat Dodson stated, "Just for information purposes, the current contract providing the TV cable services for the City of Brackettville is held

by Charter Communication, which is the successor of Falcon, which would put the contract about 10 years ago.

"The contract is to expire on April the 13th, according to the records I have reviewed."

The City Council on that date authorized Pat Dodson to negotiate the franchise contract with the cable provider by Charter Communications or any other cable provider.

Dodson told the Brackett News on April 8th that a review of the City's minutes of council meetings shows that on April 13, 1992, a franchise agreement was approved for one year. "I am uncertain what happened after the one year renewal," Dodson wrote, "and have been unable to come up with an executed copy of a franchise agreement currently in effect."

A copy of the executed agree-

ment was requested by Dodson from Charter on December 13, 2001, together with any written amendments to the Agreement. Dodson stated that no response to this request had been received to date.

Charter wrote to City Manager David Luna notifying the city that the Charter contract was nearly up. The cable provider requested that he sign a new contract. Luna declined to sign because of complaints received through the year from consumers. He also informed Pat Dodson of the issues and complaints, requesting that Dodson represent the city in any contract negotiations.

When a Charter Representative called, Luna refused to meet with him because he felt such a meeting might be construed as contract negotiations, prior to a public

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## Kinney County 4-H Shooting Club holds raffle

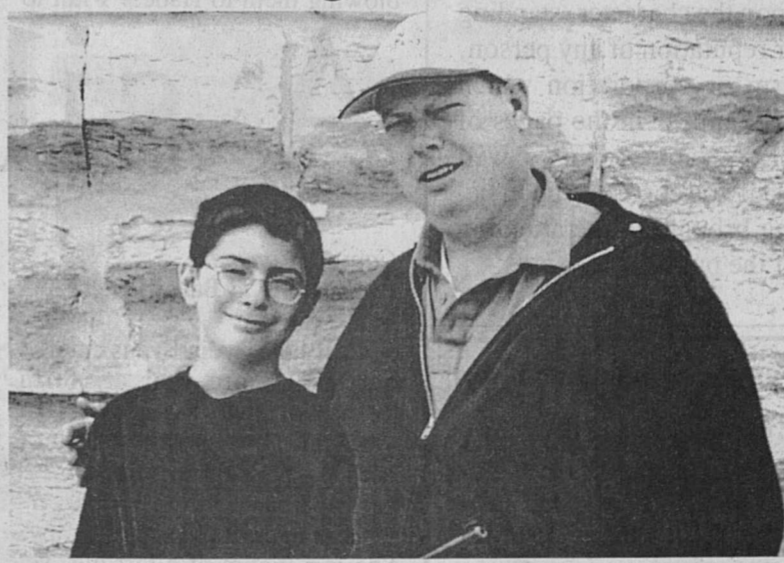
By Flo Dean  
Staff Writer

Kinney County 4-H Shooting Club raffled off a rifle in March to raise money for supplies. Trevor Pevehouse, A Brackett 6th Grade student was the lucky winner of the rifle on April 2nd.

The raffle cleared about \$400.00, which will be used to purchase such items as shooting jackets, sights and bipods for club members, and club board member Tony Ashley speaking for the club said they appreciated all the folks who bought tickets. Humphrey's Gun Shop in Del Rio discounted the price of the gun for the club.

Most of the guns the youngsters are using belong to the club, and are 30 years old and there is a need for newer guns that can be adjusted to fit the child Ashley noted that at competitions the kids that pull out front are those whose parents are able to buy newer guns. It costs about \$1,000 for a complete outfit, which can include jacket, gloves, sights, glasses, hearing protectors.

There are 40 club members who meet at the John Jones ranch for target practice, but the board is seeking an indoor shooting range. Ashley said wind and in-



From left: Trevor Pevehouse, 12 year old and a Brackett 6th grade student, won a rifle. James Pevehouse (father), was the one who bought the ticket.

clement weather make it difficult sometimes for the shooters.

Sixteen members will go to the District Shoot at Kerrville on Saturday, April 20th. Ashley said the Kinney County team encompasses all ages, though the club is divided into three age groups. Any 4-H club member is eligible to join.

Ashley said if any member progresses to state competition, the sponsors will go with them. Barring that, the club will close down until fall. Historically, he added, the club starts up after the

January livestock show, but plans are to begin meetings earlier this year.

Members of the board of the 4-H Shooting Club are President, Olivia Robinette, Treasurer, Karen Taylor, Secretary, Kandace LaMascus, Joe Robinette, Steve LaMascus, Neal Watkins, Phillip Calk, Tommy Clark, Marvin and Theresa Davis and Tony Ashley

Donations are accepted, either at the Agriculture Office or contact Karen Taylor.

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## Animal Training 101

But I could be wrong  
By Chuck Hall

I was trying to pet a small kitten the other day. He managed to stay just out of my reach. After several attempts, I surrendered. My grandmother Hall came quickly to mind.

She loved cats. There were no less than an even dozen at her house at any given point in time. They went with her every morning for her stroll into the garden to pick fresh rhubarb. Nasty stuff, I say. Those cats formed a magical ring, about six feet across, around granny's path. As she moved, the circle moved, never closer, seldom farther, than the enchanting dis-

tance. I watched in awe, as the earthly halo flowed with her as she walked. Ringling Brothers could have used a lion tamer with grandma's skills. No feline could have stood up to the magnitude of her talents.

I once asked her how she accomplished such a feat. "With a hoe handle," she told me. "If they get any closer, I whack 'em. I love the cats, but I'm old and I don't want them under my feet, causing me to fall and hurt myself. So they stay in their place because of their fear of that instrument."

I listened with a whole new level of respect for my grandmother. And for that hoe handle too. But I could be wrong.

## Avila story correction

By Flo Dean  
Staff Writer

Last week we reported that Juan Avila was honored at the 2001 Fort Clark Springs Association annual meeting. In fact, Avila was given a plaque honoring his 50 years of service with FCS at the 1997 annual meeting, by then General Manager Bill Haenn and named Golden Anniversary Employee.

Haenn added his praises for Juan Avila, saying he was very proud to have known and worked

with him. "It is my exceptional good fortune to know Juan Avila because he is a gentleman, an unwavering husband, father, and a provider for his family. Juan Avila is truly one of this community's unsung heroes," Haenn said.

Though Fort Clark Springs does not have a retirement package, per se, for its employees, Avila was paid for accrued sick leave and annual leave, and was able to continue health insurance coverage under the Cobra Plan. This costs the employee 1% over what FCS pays for that benefit.



## Military action

The Way I See It  
By Steven R. LaMascus

Seems like everyone in the world is upset that Israel is taking military action against the Palestinians. The world opinion seems to be that Israel should just sit still and let the suicide bombers blow up big chunks of their scenery and citizenry in the hope that it will appease the terrorists and allow a "peace dialogue" to begin. Meanwhile, Nobel Peace Prize winner Yassar Arafat is sitting in his compound mouthing lies and platitudes — and every liberal half-wit on earth thinks he is trying desperately to stop the carnage. If it wasn't so obviously fatal to the Israelis, it would almost be funny.

Arafat, Nobel Prize notwithstanding, is nothing more than a common, garden-variety terrorist and a monumental liar. He doesn't want peace because that would mean that he was no longer a pivotal figure in the world of violence. If peace breaks out in the Middle East, Arafat just fades away. He will die before he stops the terrorism, if he could stop it now, which I doubt. Arafat is getting old, and I suspect that the idea of martyrdom appeals to his ego.

The Israelis now have begun to take action to protect themselves. They have an army, an easily identifiable, though elusive, non-centralized enemy, and the national will to act. Tell me if you will, what difference is there between their actions now and our actions after September 11<sup>th</sup>? Why do we feel that they should let terrorists run rampant through their cities while we run around the world blowing them to Hades? I fail to

see the difference, or the logic in condemning their actions. They have the same right to protect their property and citizens that any other nation does.

The only difference I can see is that they are surrounded by ancestral enemies dedicated to their ultimate total destruction. Iraq, in the person of Saddam Hussein, is right now offering 10,000 dollars to the family of anyone who will become a suicide bomber and blow himself or herself up at some busy place in Israel. If I were Ariel Sharon I would have already killed Arafat and emptied Israel of every identifiable Palestinian. And if the rest of the Arab world didn't like it — well, tough! After that I would go after Hussein as a terrorist. That is the forte of the Massad. Turn 'em loose and let 'em hunt. Hussein is, if anything, worse than Osama Bin Laden.

I would like to know why the rest of the world thinks that Israel should let their mortal enemies live in their hip pocket? That is akin to the WWII British allowing all the German Gestapo to live in London. Get real! The Arabs in general and the Palestinians in particular, do not want peace with Israel. The Palestinians will not settle for a homeland carved from Israel. They will only be appeased by the total annihilation of the Jews. No matter what anyone thinks, there will be no peace in Mid-East. Ain't gonna happen! At least not until the Anti-Christ arrives on the scene.

Israel is a tiny nation tucked into a sliver of land on the far eastern end of the Mediterranean Sea. It belongs to Israel. It was given to Israel; first by God, and then after World War II by men in power. It is called the

Promised Land because it was promised to the Jews by God. If the rest of the Arab world insists that the Palestinians have a homeland, a nation of their own, why must it come from the mote of land that is the nation of Israel? The Jordanians, the Iraqis, the Syrians, the Saudis, the Egyptians, all have more practically uninhabited land area than the entirety of Israel. Give the Palestinians a piece of that land. They are all friendly to the Palestinians. It is simple logic that they would be able to live more peaceably with other Arabs than with the Israelis. But that isn't going to happen either, because the Palestinians will not allow it, and the other Arabs won't condone it. They are bound to destroy the Israelis and no other options are acceptable. Israel's gotta go!

I don't care what the rest of the world says, the Israelis are doing only what is reasonable to protect themselves. The fact that we are not actively backing their actions is purely politics. They are right! We know they're right! We just don't want to stand the heat that would be generated in the political kitchen by the United States standing up and stating that we agree with Israel.

The Jews are going to win this battle, with or without our help. I personally believe that anyone who fights against the Jews in this battle is in truth fighting against God. That is not a very bright move. But then we humans are not renowned for our brilliance in such situations.

Romans 12:19 — "Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord." NIV

## A silent killer

Capitol Comment  
By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Last fall, Lydia Evans entered her sophomore year at North Texas University as a healthy 20-year-old. Now she's lost both of her legs, parts of seven of her fingers and has endured 15 surgeries and intense physical therapy. She is a victim of a terrible, yet little-known disease called meningococcal meningitis.

Nearly 3,000 Americans contract meningitis each year. It is a serious illness that can result in deafness, blindness, amputations, permanent brain damage and even death. Approximately 10 to 13 percent of Americans afflicted die despite receiving antibiotics immediately after diagnosis. Last year 198 Texans became ill with this disease. Seventeen died.

Warning Signs  
The bacteria that cause meningitis can be found in the noses and throats of many people who never become sick. In isolated cases, however, the bacteria can travel

to a person's blood, brain or spinal cord, causing an infection that leads to the illness.

The bacteria is spread through sneezing or coughing directly into someone's face, kissing, sharing eating and drinking utensils, or any exposure to another person's saliva. Severe symptoms can appear suddenly in a matter of hours, or may begin with flu-like symptoms. Abrupt onset of high fever, severe and persistent headaches, a stiff neck, nausea or vomiting requires prompt medical attention. Also, dramatic behavioral changes such as disorientation, sleepiness and difficulty waking may be later warning signs.

Who's at Risk?  
Meningitis occurs most frequently in young adults living in dormitory settings such as college campuses and boarding schools. Currently, the U.S. Armed Forces are routinely vaccinated, but it is not required for the general population.

There are many steps we can take to prevent this disease. Cur-

rently, a vaccine for most strains of meningitis is available and it is effective for three to four years. It helps prevent the onset of the infection, yet it can take up to two weeks for protection to begin. Easy tasks such as covering your nose and mouth when sneezing, washing your hands regularly, and avoiding sharing utensils and drinking bottles, can help reduce the risk of contracting the illness.

The Meningitis Immunization Awareness Act will be part of a comprehensive package of legislation called the "Improved Vaccine Affordability and Availability Act." I will be working with my colleagues in Congress to pass this legislation, so we can ensure that all Americans will have information to help prevent this horrible disease. For more information about preventing meningitis, please visit the CDC website at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) or the Texas Department of Health at [www.tdh.state.tx.us](http://www.tdh.state.tx.us).

## Saving money

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

The week is finally upon us. By the time you read this column, you will have less than five days to file your taxes. As we dive into the pamphlets, fill out the forms and contact our accountant, many of us are wondering, "how much worse can it get?" The answer: much, much worse.

Would you believe that some members of Congress would like to repeal President Bush's ten-year tax relief plan that we made law last year.

They want to do away with the tax relief that is putting money back in the hands of the American people and growing the economy. It's hard to believe, but it's true.

Under the previous administration, taxes reached an unprecedented high. The average family in America paid more in taxes than on food, clothing and shelter combined. But the tide has turned under President Bush.

Last year, conservative members of Congress enacted the largest tax relief package in twenty years. As the April 15<sup>th</sup> IRS deadline quickly approaches, allow me to touch upon a few changes that have saved you money:

Let's begin by taking a look at some of the folks who benefit from tax relief. Fifteen million Hispanics and sixteen million black Americans will save money under the tax relief law. At least sixty million women benefit as well.

For the average family of four, the savings is approximately \$1,900. That is money that can be used for education, a new washer and dryer or to help pay down credit cards and loans.

For the twenty million married taxpayers, relief from the marriage tax is welcome news. Lowering taxes across the board means every American who pays taxes — whether rural or urban, rich or middle class — will get tax relief.

We've done our part to help save family farms and business. Congress and the president have worked hard to eliminate the unfair death tax.

With each passing year, we are on our way to ridding the tax code of this burdensome penalty. And for those who are affected by the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT), current law increases AMT exemption for singles and for married couples.

Keeping true to our commitment to promote family values and leave no child behind, Republicans in Congress were successful in getting a \$10,000 adoption tax credit into law. We have raised the per-child tax credit from \$500 to \$600 as it heads on its way to eventually doubling.

Things are changing for the better. You are seeing more money in your paychecks and sending less money to Washington. Even the economy is appreciative. Many economist have speculated that we climbed out of the recession at a quick pace because of last year's tax rebates.

But the fight is not over. In the coming weeks and month, all our hard-work will be challenged.

Some members of Congress will do their best to repeal your tax cut. You can stand assured that I'll do my part to keep it in place.

The tax cut is based on a very simple theory: let's give money back to the people who earned it.

The people of America have been waiting a long time - we're giving you back some of your hard earned money. You deserve it.

Big Mama  
Sez!



Those who have hobbies rarely go crazy, but what about the people who live with them?

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## Brackett Students plant Stephen F. Austin oak tree

By Charolette Corey  
Contributing Writer

A Stephen F. Austin Heritage Oak Tree Planting Ceremony Sponsored by the Caddell-Smith Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas took place at the Brackett School Complex in Brackettville, Kinney County, Texas this past Friday.

Of the three hundred seventy-five children attending Jones Elementary, the fifth and sixth graders assisted in adding their handfuls of dirt to initiate the planting of a sapling whose

parent oak tree grew on property previously owned by Stephen F. Austin. The sapling was donated by Bill Price and wife Janie, present owners of the property who gather acorns from the tree and propagate them for planting in memory of Stephen F. Austin and his wife who never had children of their own. These trees are to benefit children of the present as well as the future and cause them to remember these heroic patriots of Texas.

The "Invocation" was given by Elizabeth Carmichael of Uvalde; the "Pledge of Allegiance" was led

by President-General Virginia Van Cleve and the "Pledge to the Texas Flag" by Frances Brookshire Corresponding Secretary General (both from San Antonio). The "Welcome" was given by Mary Seaver, "Recognition of Patriotic Groups & Local Officials" was given by the Mistress of Ceremony, Patsy McKelvy, followed by a rousing historical sketch of Stephen F. Austin given by 93 year old Agnes Vondy; the "Tree Planting Background" was presented by Louise Stone fol-

lowed by the Benediction given by Rev. Charolette Corey, (Brackettville DRT Members).

Local officials, County Judge Herb Senne and Brackettville Mayor Carmen Berlanga were in attendance to lend their support as well as School Superintendent Taylor Stephenson, Jones Elementary School Principal Paula Renken. The event was made successful with the help of various teachers, assistants, parents and helpers.



Brackett school children, K through 6th grades, participated in a tree-planting ceremony at Jones Elementary school Friday. Children in the 5th and 6th grades sponsored the project, which was made possible by the Caddell-Smith Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. Each child brought a plastic bag of dirt from their home, or other special location, and distributed the dirt under the tree. Though a severe hail storm hit Brackettville Sunday, the newly planted tree withstood the weather.

## FCS Employee of the Year

By Flo Dean  
Staff Writer



Pictured above is Mary Falcon Zandra Castillo as well as fellow department heads.

For the second year, Mary Falcon was designated Employee of the Year by Fort Clark Springs Association. General Manager Maggie Banner Kerr said the first award was under a different General Manager. Kerr praised Falcon, who is the youngest member of the FCS office staff, saying she always gets things done no matter what she's asked. Of all the hard working people she's encountered, Kerr said it is rare to see this much dedication.

Falcon expressed her deepest appreciation to her dedicated co-workers, saying she felt they also deserved recognition. She praised her accounting staff, Viva Walker, Linda Sofaly and

FCS resident Norma Conners was named Member of the Year for her desire to achieve and unquestioned dedication.

## Falcon makes Lieutenant



Left to right; R. Eileen Kennedy Assistant Warden, Lt. Arturo Falcon and Major Tony Samaniego

Texas Department of Criminal Justice Sergeant Arturo Falcon was promoted to Lieutenant on March 15, 2002. Falcon began working for TDCJ in January 1994. He serves as the

Defensive Tactic Coordinator and Training Coordinator for the Briscoe Unit. Arturo Falcon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rogelio Falcon.

## Water conservation district address conflicts of interest

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to review the tentative bylaws, mission statement and rules of the district. Darlene Shahan has been in contact with Houston, and informed the board he is ready to begin work on the KCGWCD issues immediately. Review of the documents is hoped for by the May board meeting.

The issue of conflict of interest was addressed. The board determined when an issue or item is addressed where a board member is aware of a conflict of interest

then he or she should sign an affidavit at that time.

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# Last Chance for *A matter of trust?* FCS Garden Club holds annual flower show

The Mrs. Texas America Pageant has issued a last call for Brackettville to find a candidate to compete for the title of Mrs. Texas America 2002.

Unless someone steps forward within the next few weeks, it appears the area will go unrepresented. The Mrs. Texas America Pageant is a statewide event that honors the state's loveliest married women and sends a Texas representative to the nationally televised Mrs. America which will take place in Hawaii in September. According to Tana Herrington, Director, "We have had a number of inquiries from women in the area, but as of today, none has followed through."

There is still time for a contestant to step forward, but she will have to act quickly. Says Herrington, "I must have the completed application in hand by April 25, 2002." Contestants

will have a few more weeks to prepare as the pageant will take place June 7-9, 2002, at the Crown Plaza Brookhollow Hotel in Houston.

According to Herrington, Mrs. Texas contestants do not necessarily fit any particular mold. "Our participants represent an incredible variety of backgrounds, lifestyles and personal interest."

The competition includes evening gown, swimsuit and interview competitions.

Married women interested are urged to contact Tana Herrington at (480) 563-4216 or check out their web site at [www.mrs.texasamerica.net](http://www.mrs.texasamerica.net).

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*Empowering Families*  
By Dr. Donald Smith

Joe decided to visit his son Jason's room. Joe knew that Jason was on the internet with his computer and thought that an unannounced visit would be in order. "Hi Jason. What're you up to?" Joe asked.

As Jason scurried to close a web site he was visiting, Joe caught a glimpse of something he knew was off limits. "Oh nothing Dad," Jason replied. "I was doing some research for uh my uh history class."

Joe decided that he would wait until Jason was not home and check out the computer. The opportunity came when Jason decided to go to his friend's house. Joe turned on Jason's computer and with a few clicks of the mouse he was looking at a listing of the web sites Jason had been on recently. Just as he suspected, Jason had broken the rules. Jason returned and was greeted by his Dad. "Jason,

there's something I need to show you." Joe led the way to Jason's room and turned on the computer. Quickly he had the list up on the screen. Pointing to one of the web sites he said, "This one's off limits Son."

"But Dad," Jason retorted, "It came up in my email."

"I understand how those things happen Jason, but you don't have to open them. You can delete them immediately. In the mean time no computer for two days. That will be time enough for me to get a filter that will screen out most of that stuff. But, because it won't get everything I will still be checking your web sites." "Don't you trust me Dad?" Jason asked.

"It isn't a matter of trust, Son. It's what I must do as a father. A very wise man long ago said that a father is to love his son, discipline his son and educate his son (Sirach 30: 1-3). My supervision of your computer use is discipline and education and it grows out of my love for you."

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



From left: Margie Jones, Rosie Mattingly, Donna Gracie, Lisa Stuart, Ruby Cheaney, Charlene Simmons

By Joyce Bergey  
Contributing Writer

The Mountain Laurel Garden Club held its annual Flower Show Saturday at the FCS Service Club. Despite chilly and damp weather, the room was bright and cheery with beautiful table settings and individual displays of flower arrangements and growing plants. Garden Club members outdid them-

selves this year with their innovative approaches to the movie title theme of the show.

Our bedding plant sale inspired many people to think about their spring gardens and the new planting seasons.

With a dazzling array of displays to view and a great table of refreshments, participants and visitors alike enjoyed a wonderful afternoon at the Flower Show.

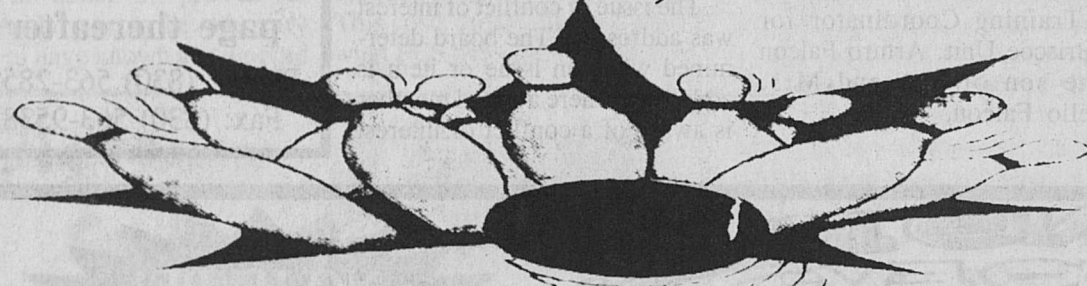
## Goodies from G.G.

Wild rice stove top dressing. 6 oz. box rice and wild rice mix, 1 cup orange juice, 1/2 cup water, 2 T. butter, 1 T. fresh orange zest, 1/2 cup pecans, coarsely chopped.

Saute the rice in the butter until brown, then all ingredients but pecans. Bring to a boil, cover. Reduce heat and simmer until done. All liquid absorbed, about 25 min. Stir in pecans just before serving. Fantastic with chicken or pork. Note: This is delicious when made with regular, shelled pecans and even better made with toasted, salted pecans. Happy eating!

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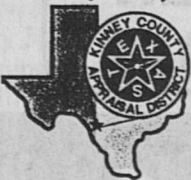
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## A variety of homestead exemptions could lower your property taxes!

A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering its taxable value. If your home is valued at \$50,000 and you receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth \$35,000.

### Who qualifies for an exemption?

Anyone who owned a home on January 1 (and used it as a primary residence on that date) is entitled to a \$15,000 homestead exemption to lower school taxes this year...and it doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. (Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.)

### Are other exemptions available?

If you're disabled—or if you're 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the over-65 exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The ceiling does not apply to county or city property taxes, and those entities may offer other exemptions.) The over-65 homeowner's exemptions and school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. Over-65 homeowners (or their surviving spouses 55 years of age or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's over-65 school tax ceiling, to a new home.

### Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2001, you won't need to reapply for 2002 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 2002. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the over-65 exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled during 2001, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

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File applications by April 30 at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact us at:

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# U.I.L. Girls wins district Next Hail storm due in 24 years

2001-2002 U.I.L. Literary Meet results for the Brackett Junior High are 8th Grade: Dana Bonner - 1st Place Ready Writing, Yasmin Pena - 6th Place Spelling, 8th Grade Participants and Events Entered: Dana Bonner - Calculator Math and Ready Writing, Kai Lani Glass - Ready Writing, Cassandra Gomez - Ready Writing, Yasmin Pena - Spelling and Kaylynn Perez - Calculator Math, Dictionary Skills and Spelling.

6th Grade: Heather Baggett - 2nd Place Spelling and 3rd Place Ready Writing, Meghann Davis - 1st Place Spelling, Bianca Stewart - 2nd Place Ready Writing, 6th Grade Participants: Heather Baggett, Amber Castillo, Meghann Davis, Josh Klusek and Bianca Stewart.

## Tennis team goes to Knippa

The high school tennis team traveled to Knippa last Friday, April 5th to compete in their last invitational tournament before district competition on Wednesday. In the JV division, Jaclyn Duncan won 2nd place in girls singles. Amanda Ward and Megan King teamed up to win 3rd place in girls doubles and Boyd Brotherton won 3rd in boys singles. In Varsity action, Matthias Katsfuzz won 3rd place in the boys singles division. The district 30AA tournament will be held in Uvalde on April 10th with Brackett competing against Dilley, Poth and Three Rivers. First and second place winners will advance to the Regional tournament held in San Marcos later this month.

## Weather dampens Daetwealder Relays

Last week the Tiger track team traveled to Jourdanton for the Daetwealder Relays. The weather dampened most of the meet and adversely affected all of the participants. Mark Kesteloot was able to muster a fifth place finish in the 400-meter dash in a time of 54.77.

Glenn Morgan threw the shot put 37'8" to place second in the JV division. He also ran the 100-meter dash in 12.29, which also placed second for the JV.

The 400 meter relay squad consisting of Beau Watkins, Boyd Brotherton, Philip Munoz and Glenn Morgan raced to a fourth place finish in the JV division with a time of 47.81.

The Tigers will participate today in Dilley in the District Meet. The top two finishers in each event will qualify for the regional meet to be held in San Antonio at Judson High School.

## Tigerettes

The High School girls had a track meet in Jourdanton on Saturday, April 6th. In the 800 relay, Divina Pena, Vanessa Williams, Stacy Castilla and Stephanie Bonner placed 4th. Juliann Ashabranner placed 1st in the 3200 meter, Stephanie Bonner placed 3rd in high hurdles, Stephanie Coronado placed 1st in the 400 meter and Stacy Castilla placed 5th in high jump. The girl's next meet will be a District Meet on Thursday, April 11th in Dilley.

### Brackett ISD Activity Calendar

Thursday, April 11  
HS Track, District @ Dilley  
Friday, April 12  
6:30 PM V Basebl DIST Pettus (H), End of 5th 6 wks., G Softbl V DIST Natalia (H) 7:00 PM  
Tuesday, April 16  
G Softbl V DIST Pettus (H) 6:00 PM, JV/V Basebl DIST Poth (A) 4:30/6:30 PM, SDA Math GR 3-8, TAAS Math GR 3-8  
Wednesday, April 17  
SDAA Reading GR 3-8, TAAS Reading GR 3-8



Pictured above are the girls high school golf team. From left to right: Juliann Ashabranner, Beth Ballew, Shena Meyer, Erica Meyer, Megan McWilliams and Courtney Frerich

## 8th grade girls track team wins district championship

8th grade girls had a district track meet on Friday, April 5th in Dilley.

The Brackett 8th grade Junior High girls won the District Championship with a team average of 248.

In 400 relay; Timmeka Simmons, Rachael Lethco, Dana Bonner and Emily Valenzuela placed 1st. 800 relay; Timmeka Simmons, Dana Bonner, Brandy Smith and Ashley Castillo placed 1st. Timmeka Simmons, Rachael Swinson, Brandy Smith and Ashley Castillo placed 1st in the 1600 relay. 2400 meter; Jessi Crane placed 1st and Lola Cano placed 2nd. Rachael Lethco placed 1st in the high hurdles. 800 meter; Kaylynn Perez placed 4th and Yasmin Pena placed 6th. 100 meter;

Rachael Swinson placed 1st, Vickie Resendez placed 4th and Emily Valenzuela placed 5th. Rachael Swinson placed 1st and Emily Valenzuela placed 4th in the 400 meter. IH; Rachael Lethco placed 1st and Brandy Smith placed 2nd. 200 meter Ashley Castillo placed 1st and Dana Bonner placed 2nd 1600 meter. Tye Taylor placed 5th and Cassandra Gomez placed 6th in shot put. Tye Taylor placed 1st and Cassandra Gomez placed 5th in discus. TJ; Ashley Castillo placed 1st and Timmeka Simmons placed 2nd. Long jump; Rachael Lethco placed 1st, Timmeka Simmons placed 3rd and Ashley Castillo placed 4th. Rachael Lethco placed 2nd and Brandy Smith placed 3rd in high jump.

## Junior High Track team does well at district meet

Last week the junior high track squad participated in their district meet. The 8th grade Tigers made an impressive showing and scored 89 points with only six competitors. The 400 relay team consisting of: Brand Wylie, Tres Rueda, Romero Pina, and Clyde Adams won the district title in easy fashion recording a time of 48.79. The 1600-meter relay team that includes the same runners also won the district title with a time of 3:58.89. Clyde Adams won the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.07.

Tres Rueda won the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 45.73. Brand Wylie finished second in the 400-meter dash with a time of 59.88, and Clyde Adams finished second in the high jump. Tres Rueda finished fourth in the high jump. Brand Wylie finished fifth in the pole vault and Romero Pina finished fifth in the 200-meter dash. Miles Braesicke placed in four different events.

He finished fifth in the discus, and sixth in the 110-meter hurdles, sixth in the 300-meter hurdles, and sixth in the shot put.

The 7th grade team also fared well. The 400-meter relay team of Robert Davis, Josh O'Neil, Cesar Ortiz, and Ivan Pinelas

finished fourth, and the 1600-meter relay team that includes the same runners finished fifth. Cesar Ortiz finished third in the 400-meter dash and he also finished fifth in the long jump. Justin Calk finished fourth in the 1600 meter run and also finished fifth in the 2400 meter run. Josh O'Neil finished sixth in the 110-meter hurdles and Robert Davis finished sixth in the long jump.

Congratulations go out to all of the junior high competitors on a great season.

## District meet suspended due to weather

The district meet was held here last Saturday. Due to constant drizzle and rainy conditions, the meet was suspended and will be played on Monday. Final results will be in next week's paper.

A special thanks to Alan McWilliams and Candy Hobbs for helping to sweep and dry the courts and Susannah Davis for taking care of all the paper work; scoring and setting all the matches.

It is so great to have wonderful volunteers and it is really appreciated!

## Making a Difference

By Taylor Stephenson

Another rain and hailstorm blew into Kinney County Sunday night. Since October 12, we have had three hailstorms. We have had too many! Enough is enough! It has been about eight years since the last hailstorm. By my calculations, it should be 24 before the next one. We had an inch of rain with the hail. I was one of the few whose rain gauge didn't get hit by hail. The countryside is greening up as trees put on new leaves and wild flowers begin to appear. More rain is expected this weekend.

At school, we had 23 broken skylights, 70 broken windows and seven or eight vehicles damaged (buses, vans and cars). Richard Terrazas and the maintenance staff (Tommy and Mando) worked hard to weatherize broken windows and skylights. The clean up at Jones Elementary was the biggest challenge. Our school board publicly thanked the young men who worked several hours Sunday evening cleaning debris from halls and covering windows. Our community can be proud of Tommy and Carlos Gomez, Tommy Sandoval, Ricky Sandoval, Rudy Ramirez, Tony Molinar and Raymond Gomez. Thanks for a job well done! Congratulations to Coach

## District meet

The 7th grade girls had a district meet on Friday, April 5th. The team placed 5th overall.

Lisa Morgan, Kara Yeager, Danika Schmidt and Laura Meyer placed 3rd in the 1600 relay. Danika Schmidt, Lisa Morgan, Laura Meyer and Kara Yeager placed 4th in the 800 relay. Kara Yeager placed 2nd in the 800 meter. Lisa Morgan placed 4th in the 100 meter, Nadine Terrazas placed 3rd in the 400 meter and Laura Meyer placed 5th in shot put.

Creel and wife, Julie, on the birth of their son, Kristopher Lynn Creel. Also, BHS golf teams and Coach Wilkins will move forward to Regional Competition with the girls winning district and the boys placing 2nd. Eliot Stone made the All Star Cast and Duquesa Hunt was Honorable Mention, All Star. These young folks and Mrs. McNew did a great job all year long. Harold Byrd and the Hillcrest Foundation were publicly thanked by Tim Ward, President of the BISD School Board for generous support of Brackett ISD, Kinney County and Fort Clark. The auditorium is beautiful and comfortable. For the first time ever, you can hear someone speak without a sound system. It was a special treat to have Roberta Byrd present at the ceremony. School Board members and a full house came to support the play and to recognize the Byrds.

Pat McKelvy and a host of dignitaries presented a Stephen F. Austin Heritage Oak to Brackett ISD. Students from

grades K-6 came to help plant the tree as each had brought a zip lock bag of dirt to help fill the hole. Agnes Fritter Vondy spoke eloquently of the life of Stephen F. Austin. Thanks to all for a job well done.

We have a scholarship fund at BISD for students who do well in school and who have exemplary behavior. We can use some more donations to this fund. If you can support our kids, make a check to BISD Scholarship Fund. We'll help our graduating seniors with their college expenses.

Many of our Winter Texans will leave soon to return to their other home. My wife and I attended a party for some of these folks this past weekend. A major common interest is golf. It became apparent that without a golf course, these folks would not be at Fort Clark Springs.

We must continue efforts to upgrade our golf course realizing the economic boon to our community. These folks will return next fall. Be safe in your travels. Have a good week!

## Boys move to Regionals



Pictured above are the boys high school golf team. From left to right: Whitney Massingill, Eliot Stone, Chase Neuman, Ryan Benton, Anthony Munoz, Carl Dalton and Coach Dave Wilkins

## NOTICE OF ELECTION

To the Registered Voters of Brackettville, Kinney County, Texas: Notice is hereby given that the polling place listed below will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM, on May 4, 2002, for voting in a school board election, to elect three trustees.

### LOCATION OF POLLING PLACE

Brackett ISD, 400 Ann Street, Central Office Boardroom

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at 400 Ann Street, Central Office Boardroom, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM, beginning on April 17, 2002 and ending on April 30, 2002.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Susan Esparza  
PO Box 586

Brackettville, Texas 78832

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 26, 2002. Issued this the 11th day of April, 2002.

Dixie Brown

Signature of Presiding Officer.

## AVISO DE ELECCION

A los votantes registrados en Brackettville, Condado de Kinney, Texas. Se notifica, por la presente, que las casillas electorales sitadas abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 AM hasta las 7:00 PM el 4 de mayo, de 2002 para votar en la Eleccion para elegir tres directores.

### Eleccion de la mesa Directiva

Escuela ISD Brackett en la oficina central por la calle 400 Ann

La votacion en adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en la oficina central-Brackett Independent School District entre las 8:00 de la mañana y 4:00 de la tarde empezando el 17, de abril, 2002 y terminando el 30, de abril 2002.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a:

Susan Esparza  
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Brackettville, Texas 78832

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en adelantada por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el 26 de abril, 2002.

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# New guide for Texas boaters Full-field access saves time, money; protects employees

By Henry Lutz  
Contributing Writer

Austin, Texas - Looking for a boat ramp? How about a place to rent a boat or clean your catch? Information about boating-related facilities on more than 100 Texas lakes is available in a new Texas Boater's Guide free from Texas Parks and Wildlife.

The pamphlet provides boaters with a quick reference on the availability of boat ramps, marinas, boat rentals, campsites, bait stands, fish cleaning stations, handicap accessibility and related

facilities.

A lake locator map and information about each water body, such as the name and phone number for the controlling water authority, is also included. The Texas Boater's Guide also contains identifications and detailed definitions of various buoys and markers, a guide to boat handling and boating safety requirements for operators.

Alfonso Campos, TPW assistant chief of marine enforcement, has led the agency's effort to develop the guide as well and its companion resource, an Internet-based Texas Boater's Access Guide currently being developed on the agency's Web site.

Upon its completion, the Texas Boater's Access Guide will give boaters and anglers an in-depth overview of public boating access points to all the public water in

the state.

The online guide currently shows most of the Guadalupe River Basin, including Canyon Lake.

The online Texas Boater's Access Guide includes among other items a locator map and driving directions to each access point, a photographic image of the actual site, GPS location numbers, amenities and even a boat "launchability" guide indicating the degree of slope, number of lanes and the types of vessels that can be accommodated.

To access the Texas Boater's Access Guide, online, visit <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/texaswater/rivers/access.htm>. Copies of the Texas Boater's Guide brochure are available at TPW offices or by writing to Texas Parks and Wildlife, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744.

(Abilene) - Cotton-growing season has begun in Texas as growers in the southern part of the state have begun planting and those in other areas will begin soon. Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation officials want to remind growers of the importance of providing full vehicular access to all sides of cotton fields.

When cotton producers begin planting, foundation employees place boll weevil traps around the perimeters of the fields.

The traps contain a pheromone attractant that lures boll weevils into the traps and an insecticide strip that keeps them from leaving. The traps serve two important functions: eliminating weevils from fields and providing data on

weevil activity. The foundation uses the data to measure the progress of eradication and to make treatment decisions. Employees check the traps weekly.

Placing the traps around all sides of the fields provides better data on weevil activity, making treatment decisions more accurate. Without this data, weevil infestations may go unnoticed, and the length of time to complete eradication is extended.

Field edges may also need to be treated from the ground using truck-mounted mist blowers. Without full access to fields, the edges cannot be treated. This untreated cotton provides a haven for boll weevils to feed and reproduce in, which again extends the time necessary to complete eradication. The most efficient method for checking the traps is for employees to drive around the perimeter of the field. Access makes it possible for the employees to easily place the traps around the fields and later to check the traps, record the data and service the traps from the pickup. Without access, the employees' ability to check a large number of traps quickly is reduced and more employees may need to be hired to check the traps.

Employee safety is also an issue in full-field access. The foundation is committed to a safe work environment for its employees. Checking traps from a pickup protects employees from slips and falls that may occur from walking in fields, crossing ditches and other hazards. Injured employees often cannot work for a period of time, increasing the load on other employees and decreasing the efficiency of the effort. Reducing the number of injured employees has a positive effect on the foundation's insurance costs, and the savings can be used to shorten the amount of time needed to pay off a zone's obligations.

Foundation employees are willing to work with growers within program guidelines to place traps in the most accessible and efficient location that has the least impact on farming operations. Growers with questions should contact their field unit supervisors or the nearest district office. The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is a nonprofit, grower-initiated and funded organization dedicated to eliminating the cotton boll weevil from the state in the most cost effective and environmentally responsible manner possible.

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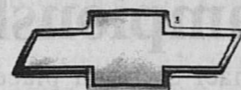
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## Texas Game Warden Notes

Austin, Texas - The following excerpts are from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife game warden field reports:

More charges... Wardens from Frio, Dimmit and Zavala counties are continuing their investigation into more than 40 sets of antlers found at a taxidermy shop in Frio County earlier this month. The owner of the shop was arrested and charged with tampering with evidence after he allegedly tried to get rid of the antlers when game wardens came to question him in early January. Most of the antlers were not properly documented, including the fact that the required paper tags that hunters are sup-

posed to keep attached to every harvested deer contained questionable information. And then recently, more cases have been filed against more suspects including four third-degree felony charges and 25 misdemeanors. The misdemeanors were filed in Dimmit, Frio, LaSalle, Maverick and Zavala counties.

Evidence on tape... Wardens from Delta and Marion counties wardens stopped a vehicle for spotlight hunting recently in Delta County. It had four males in it and the wardens determined they were hunting rabbit. They also had a video camera and the wardens got permission to view the tape.

## ¡Varias exenciones de residencia pueden rebajar sus impuestos de propiedad!

Una exención de residencia reduce sus impuestos de propiedad. Por ejemplo, si su residencia tiene un valor de \$50,000 y Ud. recibe una exención de \$15,000, sus impuestos se calcularán como si el valor de su residencia fuera \$35,000.

### ¿Quién califica para una exención?

Cualquier dueño de una residencia principal el día 1 de enero tiene derecho a una exención de residencia de \$15,000 este año para rebajar sus impuestos escolares... y no importa si la residencia es casa, condominio o casa móvil. (Los condados, municipios y distritos especiales de impuestos también pueden ofrecer exenciones de residencia.)

### ¿Hay otras exenciones?

Si Ud. es incapacitado—o si tiene 65 años o más—tiene derecho a una exención adicional de \$10,000 en sus impuestos escolares de propiedad. Y si Ud. califica para la exención para los que ya cumplieron 65 años, también tiene derecho a un "cielo máximo" permanente en sus impuestos escolares de residencia. (El cielo máximo no tiene que ver con impuestos de propiedad de los condados o municipios, y esas entidades pueden ofrecer otras exenciones.) La exención para los que ya cumplieron 65 años y el cielo máximo se pueden transferir al esposo/esposa sobreviviente si el o ella tiene 55 ó más años de edad y es dueño/dueña de la casa en donde vive. También el dueño de una casa nueva que tiene más de 65 años puede trasladar un porcentaje de cielo máximo del los impuestos escolares que le tocaron en su domicilio vieja.

### ¿Debo solicitarla cada año?

No. Si Ud. recibió una exención de residencia en 2001, no hay necesidad de solicitarla de nuevo en 2002—al menos que se lo pida su jefe de valoraciones. Sin embargo, si no ha recibido una exención en su residencia actual—o si ha cambiado de domicilio tendrá que solicitar una exención para 2002. Si Ud. cumplirá los 65 años durante este año, tiene hasta un año de esa fecha para solicitar una nueva exención. Y si cumplió los 65 años o resultó incapacitado en 2001, tendrá que solicitar las exenciones adicionales.

### ¿Dónde y cuando debo solicitar mis exenciones?

Su solicitud debe llegar en su oficina local del distrito de valoraciones antes del día 30º de abril. Si necesita más tiempo, favor de ponerse en contacto con nosotros antes:

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412 S Ann St., PO Box 1377, Brackettville, TX 78832-1377  
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## Protect your rights! "Rendition" your taxable property by April 15th.

A "rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1st of this year. The rendition form is available at your local appraisal district office... or you may draft a similar form.

### Who must file a rendition?

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income—such as the inventory and equipment used by a business.

### Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- ☛ You give your opinion of your property's value. If the appraisal district believes the value is higher, it must notify you in writing of the higher value and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
- ☛ You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- ☛ You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2001. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2002.

### What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 2002 renditions is April 15. Call your appraisal district for the last date the rendition may be post-marked, if mailing. You can get an extra 15 days if you ask for it in writing by the April 15 deadline.

### Where do you file?

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## ¡Protega sus derechos! "Rienda" su propiedad antes del 15º de abril.

Una "rendición" es un reporte al distrito de valoraciones en donde Ud. alista toda la propiedad que poseó o controló el día 1 de enero. El formulario para la rendición se puede obtener en su oficina local del distrito de valoraciones...o puede improvisar una forma parecida.

### ¿Quien debe hacer una rendición?

Debe hacer una rendición si Ud. es dueño y gana ingresos de una propiedad personal—por ejemplo, el inventario y equipo utilizado en un negocio.

### ¿Que ventaja me da?

Las ventajas de hacer una rendición son las siguientes:

- ☛ Ud. registra su opinión sobre la valoración de su propiedad. Si el distrito opina que el valor es mas grande, deber avisarle por escrito y explicarle como protestar el nuevo valor a su junta de revisión.
- ☛ Registra su dirección correcta para que le pueden mandar sus tarifas de impuestos. Según la ley, Ud. es responsable por pagar sus impuestos sin demora o de pagar cualquier multa que resulte por haberlos pagado tarde—aunque la tarifa se haya mandado a una dirección equivocada.
- ☛ También puede someter un "reporte de valoración disminuída" para avisar al distrito de cualquier reducción significativa en la valoración de su propiedad en 2001. El distrito examinará su propiedad antes de designarle un valor en 2002.

### ¿Cual es la hora del cierre?

15º de abril es la última fecha para mandar sus rendiciones para 2002. Favor de llamar a su distrito de valoraciones para obtener la última fecha en que puede mandar su redición por correo. Puede obtener 15 días adicionales si los pide por escrito antes de la hora de cierre.

### ¿Dónde hago mi rendición?

Haga su rendición con su distrito local de valoraciones en:



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# Charter cable service Barnett buys Kinney County Land Company

Continued from Page 1 hearing.

At last Tuesday's council meeting Luna said since neither he nor Dodson has been able to contact Charter, it would not be possible to hold a Public Hearing prior to expiration of the contract. Luna added that he has had over 200 calls from residents who have also not been able to contact Charter, stating that they had encountered recordings and rudeness.

Luna stated, "I've told people who complained that if we decide not to renew, it could be possible that they wouldn't have TV for awhile. If we didn't have a replacement in line and Charter pulled out after whatever reasonable length of time we might

specify, we could be temporarily without TV cable service."

Luna added, "We are not looking for other opportunities until the public give us its input at the Public Hearing, which will be announced."

City Attorney Pat Dodson said it had been very difficult to contact anyone from Charter. One representative left the company and Charter neglected to inform Dodson, resulting in unreturned phone calls. Dodson said he has finally contacted a Regional Manager who has promised to send someone down here within the next few weeks.

Luna stated that most citizens have advised him that they were going to another, cable provider.



From left to right; Pat Owens, Melissa Davis, Carmen Guajardo and Ken Barnett

Real Estate broker Ken Barnett has purchased Kinney County Land Company, and will continue to operate at the KC Land Co. office. Barnett, from Wharton, Texas has been a real estate broker/owner since 1986 and a state

certified appraiser since 1991. Barnett's associates will be Melissa Davis and Pat Owens. Office Manager is Carmen Rocha Guajardo.

Barnett stated Kinney County Land Company is officially open

for business and eager to assist well as property rental and/or residents with real estate needs as management.

**¡"La valoración productiva" puede reducir los impuestos de su terreno agrícola, ganadero o maderero!**

La ley de Texas permite a los granjeros, rancheros y madereros pagar sus impuestos de propiedad basándose en "la valoración productiva" del terreno calificado—o sea en su habilidad de producir cosecha, ganado o madera—y no de su valor en el mercado actual. Y esto le puede ahorrar en sus impuestos de propiedad.

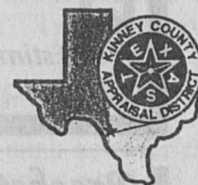
**¿Cual es la hora del cierre?**

Si su terreno nunca ha tenido una valoración productiva, o si Ud. es nuevo dueño, debe solicitarla a su distrito de valoraciones para el día 30º de abril, para recibir el beneficio en sus impuestos de propiedad de 2002. Puede recibir hasta 60 días mas si tiene una buena razon y si solicita el tiempo adicional antes del 30 de abril. Si pasa de esta fecha, es posible que todavía la podrá obtener, pero pagará una multa. Pregunte en la oficina de su distrito de valoraciones.

**¿Debo solicitarla cada año?**

Por lo general, si su propiedad ya recibe una valoración productiva agrícola o maderero, no hay necesidad de pedir una nueva cada año—al menos que se lo pida su jefe de valoraciones. Si una solicitud nueva se requiere, el distrito de valoraciones le mandará un aviso por correo.

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## Kinney County Sheriff's Report ...

### Monday, April 1

9:50 a.m., Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter responded to an alarm at a ranch on Hwy 90 east.

### Tuesday, April 2

8:15 a.m. A resident from Spofford requested a deputy to her residence.

8:35 p.m., Alberto Alvarez Balderas, 23, from Dallas, was arrested for a warrant by Constable Cordelia Mendeke. Balderas was released the next day.

9:23 p.m., Deputy Karl Chism and Constable Mendeke responded to a fight.

### Wednesday, April 3

3:15 p.m., Kokikapa Elizondo, 26, from Eagle Pass, was arrested by Sheriff Buddy Burgess for taking wildlife resources without consent. Elizondo was released on a bail bond.

3:15 p.m., Abelino Elizondo, 41, from Eagle Pass, was arrested for taking wildlife without owners consent by Sheriff Burgess. Elizondo was released on a bail bond.

3:44 p.m., A Border Patrol Agent reported a loose cow on FM 693.

4:45 p.m., Grover Wayne Neuman, 47, from Brackettville, was arrested for burglary of habitation by Sheriff Burgess. Neuman was released on a bail bond.

7:55 p.m., Deputy Larry Robinson reported a local bar at Fort Clark Springs was found unopened, with twelve unopen cases of beer.

### Thursday, April 4

6:16 a.m., A man reported loose cattle on FM 693.

6:00 p.m., Ricky Alejandro Flores, 28, from Brackettville, was arrested for probation violation and a warrant by DPS Trooper Tony Ashley. Flores was released the same day on a PR Bond.

### Friday, April 5

12:04 a.m., A 911 call was received. Deputy Manuel Pena Jr., and DPS Trooper Tom Wylie responded to a disturbance.

8:00 p.m., Deputy Pena responded to child custody case.

### Saturday, April 6

8:45 a.m., A man reported his cousin had left him on Hwy 90 west. Sheriff Burgess and the Del Rio Police Station were notified.

2:00 p.m., Cesar Gonzales, from D'Hanis, was arrested for warrant theft by Deputy Chism.

5:04 p.m., A motorist reported two 18 wheelers running cars off the road. Trooper Wylie responded.

### Sunday, April 7

5:24 a.m., A resident of Fort Clark reported the lights were out

on unit 12. CPL was notified.

8:00 a.m., A man reported his license plate from his travel trailer was stolen. Sheriff Burgess was advised.

5:35 p.m., A woman reported two power lines were down near some local apartments.

5:37 p.m., Constable Mendeke reported broken windows at the school.

No time shown on report. A

911 call was received. A woman reported power lines down on 4th and Ann Street. CPL was notified.

No time shown on report. Deputy Manuel Pena Sr., radioed that power lines were down at a local store. CPL was notified.

8:31 p.m., A 911 call was received from Tejas Properties Inc. An 18 wheeler had gone off the road. Trooper Wylie was advised.

## Thank You

Our heartfelt thanks to our friends and relatives for the flowers, food, cards, prayers, hugs and tears and donations to alzheimers.

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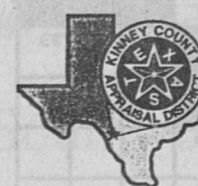
When is the application deadline?

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Do you need to reapply annually?

If your land already receives agricultural or timber productivity appraisal, you normally don't need to reapply unless the chief appraiser requires you to do so. If a new application is required, the appraisal district will notify you by mail.

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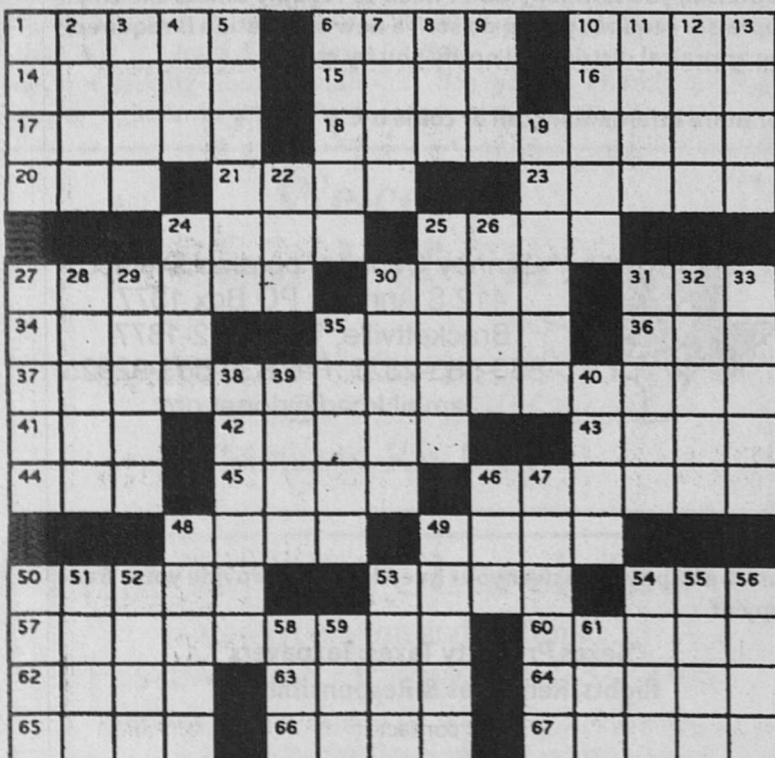
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|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ACROSS                                | article                          | Ranger accessory             | 30 Break a traffic law        |
| 1 Family members                      | 37 Actually                      | 2 Certain lobbyist           | 31 Quickly                    |
| 6 Go away!                            | 41 Command                       | 3 Hiding place               | 32 Hiding place               |
| 10 Engage in an outdoor activity      | 42 Reduces to a doctor           | 4 Excitement                 | 33 Penetrate                  |
| 14 Battery electrode                  | 44 Suffix for Bengal or Taiwan   | 5 Merchant                   | 35 Scatter                    |
| 15 Spanish animal                     | 45 Begged                        | 6 Rare instrument, for short | 38 Green, red or yellow items |
| 16 Conglomeration                     | 46 Calling                       | 7 Sorority sister            | 39 Story                      |
| 17 Seat                               | 48 Did in                        | 8 Curve                      | 40 Cabbie's collection        |
| 18 Put in a good word for             | 49 Bathe                         | 9 Additionally               | 46 Cougar or Jaguar           |
| 20 Mr. Carson                         | 50 Serenity                      | 10 Reindeer's name           | 47 Unwilling                  |
| 21 ___ on; lure                       | 53 Swiss waterway                | 11 Pub orders                | 48 Point total                |
| 23 Okays                              | 54 Early periods, for short      | 12 Selfish person's word     | 49 Thirst quencher            |
| 24 ___ for oneself; manage unassisted | 57 Approach-ing in-trusively     | 13 Whale groups              | 50 Chess piece                |
| 25 Maximum                            | 60 Secure                        | 19 Me                        | 51 Canyon sound               |
| 27 "All ___!"                         | 62 Propeller's noise             | 22 Termination               | 52 Sour                       |
| 30 Indefinite number                  | 63 Strong emotion                | 24 Work the soil             | 53 Gambler's term             |
| 31 Playing card                       | 64 Piece of playground equipment | 25 Early invaders of Spain   | 54 Very enthusiastic          |
| 34 Roseanne, once                     | 65 Protuberance                  | 26 Melville novel            | 55 Ancient Persian            |
| 35 Sewing basket item                 | 66 Oddball                       | 27 Degrade                   | 56 Brit. currency             |
| 36 Kitchen                            | DOWN                             | 28 Foundation                | 58 And yet, to a poet         |
|                                       | 1 Lone                           | 29 Deliver an address        | 59 Singer Janis               |
|                                       |                                  |                              | 61 Nauseated                  |



**Trivia Time Answers** (c) 2001 DBR Media, Inc.  
 1. Vague; 2. Apple Computer; 3. One and a half; 4. Charles Lindbergh; 5. Red Knight; 6. The House of Representatives; 7. The Gulf Stream; 8. Step; 9. The flute; 10. Zinc

**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, backward, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?

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1. Miss Peach  
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**Trivia Time by Walter Branch**

1. What fashion magazine featured Beverly Johnson as its first black cover girl in 1974?
2. What company did Stephen Jobs and Steve Wozniak form after selling a used Volkswagen and a wrist watch to get started?
3. How many ounces of liquor fill a jigger?
4. What American got the Service Cross of the German Eagle from Hermann Goering in 1938?
5. What "Mary Tyler Moore Show" cast member failed to hit the music charts with the songs, "Hi, Guys" and "I'm in Love with Barbara Walters"?
6. Which house of Congress is known on Capitol Hill as "the dark side of the moon"?
7. What current of water makes the south side of Cape Cod warmer than the north?
8. What do chronic sufferers of colestites go without for years at a time?
9. What is the world's oldest wind instrument?
10. What metal is applied to steel that's been galvanized?

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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| April 11.....Granville Griffin | April 14.....Roland Rivas, Jr. |
| April 12.....Peter Pacheo      | April 14.....Jesus Ureste      |
| April 12.....Maria Lydia Ramos | April 15.....Guadalupe Abrigo  |
| April 12.....Marion Wills      | April 15.....Loa Hundley       |
| April 13.....Eva Ashley        | April 15.....John C. Sawchuk   |
| April 13.....Shirley Davis     | April 16.....Gertrude McNair   |
| April 13.....Roland Rivas, Sr. | April 17.....Julie Ashabanner  |
| April 14.....Aurora Davalos    | April 17.....Josefina Monroy   |
| April 14.....Connie Fritter    | April 17.....Jean Seargeant    |

**HOROSCOPES**

by Charles Cooper

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You're in a playful mood as the week begins. However, rein this in at the workplace. This weekend, you're up for some serious partying.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You're refreshed and rejuvenated in the beginning of the week. A minor crisis captures your attention toward the end of the week. Fortunately, you are able to resolve it with little effort.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You're betwixt and between regarding a romantic situation. A hands-off approach is best. By the weekend, you see things a bit more clearly.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) A money matter weighs heavily on your mind this week. However, with some research, you can solve this. A break in your routine is welcome over the weekend.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Careless errors plague you on the job this week. Pay more attention to what you're doing. If not, bigwigs could view you with some consternation.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Listen to what your significant other is saying. You've been a bit inattentive of late, although not purposely. This weekend, renew loving ties.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A co-worker just can't seem to mind his own business. Put this person in his place nicely but firmly. By week's end, harmony reigns once again.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Your energy level is high as the week begins. Take advantage of it while it lasts. By week's end, you find yourself slowing down.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A silly argument at work has you right in the thick of it. If possible, avoid taking sides. The issue just isn't important enough to ruffle anyone's feathers.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Your competitive nature is geared up this week. However, keep your plans close to your vest. Someone is just waiting for an opportunity to steal your ideas.

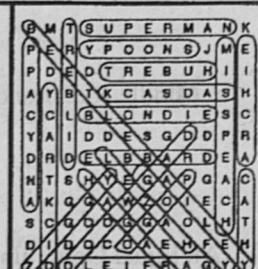
**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Those grandiose ideas of yours need some serious scaling down. Remember the old proverb about the journey beginning with a single step. This weekend, a casual introduction has romantic potential.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) The emphasis should be on hobbies and friends this week. Although work obligations are pressing, you'll still find time to play. This weekend, a child needs your attention.

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**Roaring Twenties Solution:**

1. Andy Capp
2. Archie
3. Beetle Bailey
4. Blondie
5. Cathy
6. Dagwood
7. Dick Tracy
8. Dilbert
9. Drabble
10. Garfield
11. Goofy
12. Hagar
13. Hazel
14. Hubert
15. Miss Peach
16. Pogo
17. Sad Sack
18. Snoopy
19. Superman
20. Ziggy





# The Rosary Praise and glory

St. Mary Magdalene Church  
By Lynn McNew

A wonderful thing happened last weekend. It involves some young people and a rosary. On Saturday, I had the privilege of directing a group of Brackett High School students in One-Act Play competition in Three Rivers.

Among the many parents and supporters who were there to watch the students perform, were three men from the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity in Corpus Christi. They were Brother Clay Hunt, Brother Anthony Marie and Mr. Ed Kelly.

This story concerns Brother Anthony Marie. It seems as though he was raised in a Presbyterian family, the son of a Minister and was in the Seminary studying to be a Presbyterian Minister himself. Something caused him to have a conversion-unfortunately, I did not get that part of the story-and he was in Rome to be baptized, confirmed and to make his First Communion in the Catholic Church.

Mother Theresa was also in the same place. Normally, the "average" person did not get close to her-she was surrounded by bodyguards and other religious people.

By some act of God, Mother Theresa was drawn to Brother Anthony Marie. She touched his cheek and he was able to kiss her hand. In return, she gave

him a rosary.

On Saturday, before the students were to perform, Brother Anthony Marie gave the rosary to Duquesa Hunt and asked her to carry it with her on stage. As the students gathered to get themselves in focus, I asked Duquesa to share the story and show the rosary to the rest of the cast and crew. What happened next is the purpose of this whole article.

The students were in total awe of this rosary. Even the non-Catholic kids, who probably do not understand the importance of the rosary to the Catholic Church, held it in their hands and felt the great power it seemed to exude. It was almost beyond comprehension to think that we were touching something that had been touched by such a great lady. It was very humbling.

It was a beautiful rosary-quite large with interesting links and beautiful beads.

What really impressed me was the fact that these high school students recognized and appreciated the significance of this gift.

Lord, thank You for bringing into my life people who keep me humble and make me appreciate Your greatness and the greatness of people like Mother Theresa and Brother Anthony Marie.

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

Frontier Baptist Church  
By Dave Crowe

Dear friends, it has been several weeks since I last wrote to you.

My plate in the month of March became extremely full and I was forced to forego some of life's pleasures, one of them was the writing of this column.

On the 23rd of March, Paula White and I became one. We were married at Polly's Chapel (between Bandera and Pipe Creek) with the reverend Ken Sellers officiating.

We honeymooned at Big Bend and found it simply awesome. On the 7th of April, there was an ordination service held for me at the Frontier Baptist Church with the reverend Will-

iam (Bill) Adams challenging both me and the church.

Praise and glory, both be to God. Most, if not all of you know that back on the 20th of February 2000, I was licensed to preach and perform any and all of the other functions of the ministry.

What a blessing the past two years have been, both in my personal and professional life.

I have had the honor of officiating at a number of weddings, funerals and baptisms.

Even though, Bandera has become my primary place of residence, my heart belongs to Brackettville, Fort Clark and to all the wonderful people here.

I am proud to be a part of Brackett's Alliance of Churches. Which is such a big, big part of

the annual Thanksgiving program and celebration, the annual Christmas program, the annual sun rise Easter service and from time to time revivals, such as the 'Revival of the family'.

Brackettville was a town united long before September 11th and I am proud to see the rest of the nation join us.

A tight knit community like Brackettville strengthens us, nurtures us and even helps each of us to grow.

There's exciting news about being surrounded by kindred spirits these days.

Not only are having good friends and family close by good for the soul, but good for the body as well.

We help each other to ward

off depression, which boosts our immune system, lowers our cholesterol, it also increases our odds of surviving coronary disease and helps keep our stress hormones in check.

Yes, having a friend can do all that. Of course, the greatest friend any of us will ever have, is Jesus.

God through his abundant love gave us life, family and friends, with which to share this life with. God's son Jesus, gave us life eternal. Again, out of love, that we should not perish, but have life everlasting.

Until next week, may God continue to bless, look after and keep you safe, healthy and happy.

Your brother in Christ, Dave Crowe.

## Rejoice

## "Doubting Thomas"

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church  
By Rev. Nathan Lafrenz

One of the most well known biblical stories after Easter is that of the disciple Thomas expressing his doubts about the resurrection of Jesus. We can remember the famous words, "I will not believe unless I see the marks in Jesus's hands and side." To this day we still use the common phrase to characterize a doubter as a "Doubting Thomas."

I think however that Thomas has gotten a bad rap. All he does is express his doubts out of his disappointment and disillusionment. He had seen all his hopes and dreams die with Jesus on the cross. Now he is confronted with the news told him by the other disciples that Jesus has risen from the grave. Perhaps he can't bear to have his hopes and dreams crushed again. Perhaps that is why he states he

won't believe it until he sees Jesus in the flesh. How does Jesus respond to him? Does he castigate and humiliate him? No. He calmly tells Thomas that he is present, and Thomas believes.

Thomas has what I call, honest doubts. Out of his despair he doubts, just as we many times doubt the goodness of God in our moments of despair. False doubting is the common practice of putting God to the test by stating things like I won't believe unless God makes it rain ten inches or unless God enables me to win the lottery. Jesus answers Thomas's doubts by proclaiming that His peace is with him. Jesus answers our doubts as well by offering His Peace to us as well. Come and experience Christ's peace which passes all understanding at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church each Sunday morning at 9:00AM.

## Bless the Lord

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

Behold, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord, who by night stand in the house of the Lord. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord.

The Lord, who made heaven and earth, bless thee out of Zion. Psalms 134.

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For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16. There is a word and a blessing just for you.

## In the Dark

By Rev Brother J  
Contributing Writer

We were sitting in the living room, getting ready to go to bed when all of a sudden it happened, the lights went out. My wife and I found ourselves in total darkness.

Sometimes the lights will come right back on but not so this time.

We talked about what to do; she would get the matches if I would light the candle on the living room mantle. After I lit the candle I sat back down in my easy chair.

As I sat there watching the little flame from the candle realizing it was the only light in our house it reminded me of something in the Bible. Jesus said he was the light of the world (John 8:12; John 9:5). Jesus was not talking about candle-light or light from a light bulb,

He was talking about spiritual light, understanding the things of God. He also went on to say that man is in darkness (John 1:5). The Bible promises that if we let the light into our lives (Jesus as Lord and Savior of our life) we will become Children of God (John 1:9,10,11; John 12:36).

It was so quiet and peaceful with all the power off and the one little candle giving off its light (it gave me a great sense of peace and security). It reminds me of what is available to everyone who accepts Jesus (John 12:44-46).

It was a little scary until we lit the candle, life can be the same way if we don't have Christ in our lives. Let us let the light of God into our lives today and get out of the darkness.

See you in church on Sunday.

Gateway Ministries  
By Pastor Charlotte Corey

Jesus said, "Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division; For henceforth there shall be five in one house divided, three against two, two against three.

The father shall be divided against the son, and the son against the father; the mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother; the mother in law against her daughter in law, and the daughter in law against her mother in law." (Luke 12:51-53). The presence of Jesus in your life will make you unpopular, even resented by people who are not living in Christ.

Jesus warns us that this will happen, yet encourages those who are believers to be ambassadors of reconciliation (Luke 5:18). The division is not caused because a Christian does not love his/her family or neighbors, but because the Christian lives a lifestyle that by its very existence reflects an ongoing process of godly relationship as God does a work in each person and each person's tastes are being changed and purified to

suit the Father. Unbelievers are simply resentful as they see this process in progress, because the sheer presence of the believer convicts the heart of the unbeliever and makes him/her uncomfortable.

As a believer, you should "rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be worried about nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

"Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." (Philippians 4:4-8) "Be not weary in well doing." (2 Thessalonians 3:13). Be glad that your name is written in the book of life, but don't be haughty about it.

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

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