

Letter to the Editor....
Citizens of Brackettville


Contrary to gossip being told around town; I am not the person or persons causing the problem with the citizen's collection site! I have been slandered, ordered out of the city and threatened - not once, but twice! I have made complaints to TNRCC, but I am not the only county resident to do so - as a matter of fact, my complaints have been very few compared to the many received. My main complaint so far has been the fact that the city keeps trying to and is putting their fence on my property. What

would you do if you're neighbor put his fence on your property? It has never been my intention to close the site - however - if they continue to ease their fence onto my property I will continue to complain - think about it - the problem lies with management - if they don't follow the rules of TNRCC and the law and put their fence on their own property - I along with the other complainers - will continue to do so!

Your friend,
Genie Nixon


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Protected by God

The Way I See It
By Steven R. LaMascus

Deuteronomy 20:17&18 - "But you shall utterly destroy them, Hittite and Amorite, the Canaanite and the Perizzite, the Hivite and the Jebusite, as the Lord your God has commanded you, so that they may not teach you to do according to all their detestable things which they have done for their gods, so that you would sin against the Lord your God." NASB

When God sent the Israelites into the Promised Land he told them to destroy every living person - male, female and child. This wasn't because God is cruel, but, as he states, so that those people could not lead the Israelites away from the ways of God. He knew, and later stated in the New Testament, that bad company corrupts good morals. I continually am reminded that there is a direct correlation between the United States today and the Israelites of yesteryear. They were a pure, God-fearing race that was blessed by God because they followed his ways. Then they became powerful and let foreigners corrupt their thinking and eventually turned away from God. When this happened God let evil have its way and the Israelite nation was destroyed. That in short is what we are and where we are going.

This nation became what it was once (pre-Vietnam War) because we were by-and-large a nation of Christians. We allowed foreigners to immigrate here, and welcomed them for the most part, but they came here to fit in and became part of our society. They abided by our laws and were integrated into our beliefs. They did not come here to change us but to become part of us - U.S.

Now that is no longer true. We have come to the point where we question our own beliefs and embrace the beliefs of the ungodly. Because of this we are no longer protected by God. He has and will continue to turn us over to our enemies (9-11).

Our own arrogance, disbelief and apostasy has doomed us as surely as our historical faith in Christ made us strong and protected us. We have turned from worshipping God to worshipping idols. Our gods today are money, political correctness, scientific theory, physical comfort, freedom of expression, and the other false gods of modern society. Our arrogant dismissal of divine guidance has sealed our fate. Let me ask you this: How could a ragged, undisciplined bunch of farmers and backwoodsmen defeat the greatest standing army in the world without divine assistance? That is roughly the equivalent of tiny, peaceful Rhode Island whipping the U.S. Army. Anyone who thinks there were no miracles involved in the American Revolution didn't pay enough attention in history class. The difference is that those early Americans depended on God for help while today as a nation we dismiss his very existence as mystical nonsense.

This parallel is so obvious to anyone who reads both history and the Bible that it amazes me how few people today realize the danger. I guess that old saying about "those who do not understand history are doomed to repeat it," is true. And we are running toward destruction just as fast as we can.

It seems that we are moths intent on burning ourselves to death in the light of the fire and nothing anyone can say or do is going to turn us from our self-destruction. We ignore the obvious, embrace the ridiculous, worship the powerless, and love everything destructive in our darkest human desires. Pornography is the biggest seller on the Internet today. One of the largest markets in the United States is in illicit drugs. If it has to do with the evil, ungodly, degenerate, destructive, ugly, immoral, or dangerous we love it. If it has to do with love, chastity, morality, honesty, integrity, or any other admirable

quality we criticize it. Satanism is the fastest growing "religion" in the United States today. For those of you who have trouble with the language, Satanism means basically the worship of everything that is evil. We are supposed to tolerate Satanism as protected by the Constitution, but forbid Christianity as stated in the Constitution. Satan has rewritten the laws of morality of fit his own twisted agenda. Why is it so hard for us today to define the difference between good and evil? I have some sad news. This country is lost. We cannot reclaim it. It has passed beyond the point of no return. We will have flashes of revival, as we did after September 11th, but they will be rare and of short duration. Evil has taken hold of the U.S. just as it did ancient Israel. And just like ancient Israel, God will protect a remnant of righteous people here to carry his word to our descendants. Our duty is now to spread the Gospel to everyone who will listen and to help God make that remnant as large as possible. The only hope this nation has is that a miracle will bring her back to God. But, as we all know, only God can perform miracles. I suggest you read Deuteronomy Chapter 28 to find out what is going to happen, and is happening to the United States today. Jeremiah 23:1-3 - "Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of My pasture!" declares the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord God of Israel concerning the shepherds who are tending My people: "You have scattered My flock and driven them away, and have not attended to them; behold, I am about to attend to you for the evil of your deeds," declares the Lord. "Then I Myself will gather the remnant of My flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and bring them back to their pasture, and they will be fruitful and multiply." NASB

Food safety

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

Washington, D.C. - Since the attacks of September 11, 2001, people across the nation have begun asking questions about the nation's food supply. U.S. Henry Bonilla (R-TX) chaired a pivotal hearing today, which discussed the future and safety of America's food supply. "People throughout my district are asking: "What are you doing to keep food safe? Should I be scared?" They deserve straight-forward, honest answers," said Chairman Bonilla. "And that's why we're here today. To gain a better understanding of what's going on and how we can keep things safe." Chairman Bonilla and other members of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee questioned Dr. Elsa Murano, the USDA Under Secretary for Food Safety. The Under Secretary answered questions ranging from imported meat importations to microbiological standards and foodborne illness. "The job of inspectors, researchers and auditors at the Food Safety Inspection Service is extremely important. I hope they realize how much we all appreciate their work," said Chairman Bonilla. "I am pleased that Dr. Murano took time out of her busy day to talk with us and answer some of our important questions." Chairman Bonilla used the hearing as an opportunity to question the safety of imported meat. Bonilla asked that the Under Secretary comment on foreign firms operating standards and inspections at border points. Dr. Murano re-assured Mr. Bonilla that foreign firms operate under the same standards as U.S. firms. She also commented that although our foreign food-supply has always been safe, it is now safer than ever. "I think people would be reassured if they understood that foreign firms are operating under standards at least as stringent as U.S. standards. They should know that foreign plants are inspected regularly and that meat is inspected by FSIS officials at specified border points," said Chairman Bonilla. "We're keeping our eyes open. This sub-committee is going to take care of FSIS - so they can take care of our nation."

Chairman Bonilla and Dr. Murano had the opportunity to hold a private meeting prior to the hearing. The two discussed issues of importance to the consumers of the 23rd district. They also addressed future FSIS issues and topics of the next day's hearing. "I could not be happier with the answers given by the Under Secretary. She is doing a fantastic job in a very difficult role," said Chairman Bonilla. "I look forward to a long and prosperous relationship with Dr. Murano." Rep. Bonilla is chairman of the House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, which oversees all of the nation's agriculture funding. He has represented the 23rd district of Texas since his first election in 1992.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

- Monday, April 8**
9:27 a.m., An employee from Security Link informed the Sheriff's Office that an alarm at a local ranch was on. Owners were notified.
12:15 p.m., An employee from school reported a blue Nissan pick up driving recklessly up and down Ann Street. Chief of Police Arnulfo Alonzo responded to the call.
- Tuesday, April 9**
8:34 p.m., A man reported that he had hit a deer south of Spofford on Hwy 131. Constable Cordelia Mendeke and Deputy Karl Chism were advised.
- Thursday, April 11**
12:37 a.m., An employee from Fort Clark Security reported gun shots around unit 15. Deputy Manuel Pena responded.
3:00 p.m., An employee from the city reported her radio missing.
- Friday, April 12**
11:44 p.m., A 911 call was received. A woman reported loud music on Brown Street. Chief Alonzo responded to the call.
- Saturday, April 13**
6:45 a.m., Rosalee Biera, 31, from Brackettville, was arrested for aggravated assault with deadly weapon by Chief Alonzo. Biera was taken to Val Verde Police Station.
- Sunday, April 14**
1:35 a.m., Courtney Charles Ryan, 20, from San Antonio, was arrested for possession of marijuana less than 50 pounds more than 5 pounds, 3rd felony by Sgt. Slubar. Miles was transferred over to Uvalde Sheriff's Department.
1:35 a.m., Jose Angel Lombuana, 33, from Houston, was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated 1st offense by Trooper Ashley. Lombuana was released the next day on bail bond.
11:45 p.m., Juan Antonio Lombrana, 33, from Tere Mexico, was arrested for Public Intoxication by Trooper Ashley. Lombrana was released on a bail bond.
1:35 a.m., Harry Richard Miles Jr., 18, from San Antonio, was arrested for possession of marijuana less than 50 pounds more than 5 pounds, 3rd felony by Sgt. Richard Slubar. Courtney was transferred over to Uvalde Sheriff's Department.
- Monday, April 15**
1:35 a.m., Ferman Aron Lopez, 17, from San Antonio, was arrested for possession of marijuana less than 50 pounds more than 5 pounds 3rd felony by Sgt. Slubar. Lopez was released over to the Uvalde Sheriff's Department.
4:10 p.m., Deputy Manuel Pena Sr., responded to a hit and run.
1:51 a.m., Deputy Pena responded to a harassment call.
2:38 a.m., Jose Alfredo Vasquez, 35, from Austin, was arrested for outstanding DPS warrants from Kerrville by Deputy Pena.

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Kindergartners celebrate Texas Day last Friday at Jones Elementary Benefit roping raises \$1,085



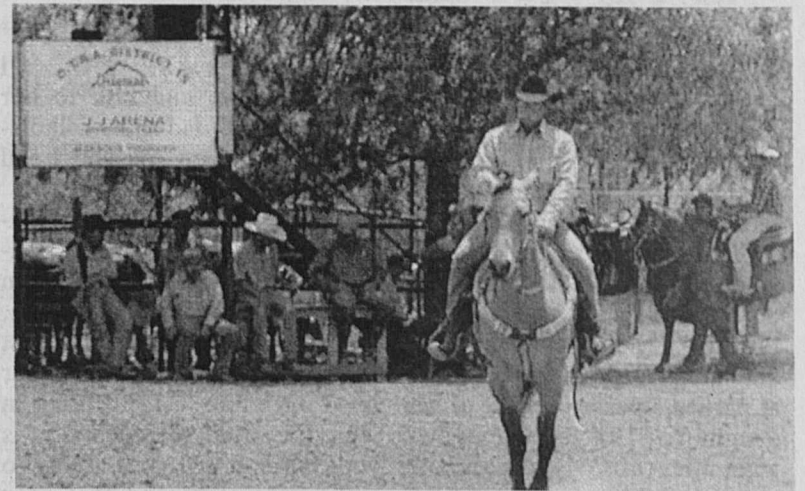
Texas Day Cowgirls, from left: Alexis Martinez and Shannon Gammill.



From left: Orlando Talamantes, Isaiah Clementz and Marlina Rivas playing ring toss the Kindergarten Texas Day Celebration.



From left: Kindergartners Gregory Juarez, Andriana Salmono, Alexis Martinez, Shannon Gammill, with Mrs. Michelle Johnson celebrating Texas Day.



Ropers ready to begin benefit roping for Edward Solis

Friends and community turned out Saturday to enjoy barbeque and a benefit roping at the J. J. Arena in Spofford. The event was scheduled for the family of 9 year old Edward Solis who is being treated in San Antonio for a malignant brain tumor. Though the family is living at the Ronald McDonald House, Edward must be taken for treatments each day. He is scheduled for an MRI at the end of the month, which will determine further treatment.

120 roping teams participated, with Open Roping Buckle going to Charlie Causey. Second place High Point Buckle went to Milo Rangel.

Open Roping Breast Collar was won by Si Causey, and second

place by Robert Salazar.

Breast collars were donated by Leshia Ashley - Alamo Saddlery. Buckles were donated by Arreola's Insurance, Sampsons, Driving American, Inc., Rudy's Service Center and Robert and Viva Walker.

Other prizes were given by Big Lake Bank, Western Electric, Gatti's, The Bank & Trust and Good Times Auto Detail.

Sarah Terrazas, Edward's aunt, said the money raised will assist the family through the next weeks. There are currently five families residing at the Ronald McDonald House, one from Del Rio. The brisket and potato salad that was not sold at the barbeque was donated to these families.

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Empowering Families By Dr. Donna Smith

"Mother, pule-e-e-ze, don't you trust me? Why do you have to talk it over with Dad?" Thirteen-year-old Susie was trying to get her mom's permission to go to a party at Maria's house on the weekend.

kids that will attend?" "You're right. I'll call Maria's mom and talk to her about it. Your dad and I will discuss it and then you and I and Dad will make a decision."

their necks from childhood. If you have daughters, keep them chaste, and don't be indulgent to them (Sirach 7: 23,24).

But I could be wrong By Chuck Hall

My brother e-mailed me the following story: One day a farmer's donkey fell down into a well. The animal cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do.

retrieve the donkey. He invited all his neighbors to come over and help him. They all grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well.

neighbors continued to shovel dirt on top of the animal, he would shake it off and take a step up. Pretty soon, everyone was amazed as the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and trotted off!

Life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt. The trick to getting out of the well is to shake it off and take a step up. Each of our troubles is a stepping stone. We can get out of the deepest wells just by not stopping, never giving up!

Beta Sigma Phi Meets

By Lynn McNew Contributing Writer

The Preceptor Theta Sigma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met on Monday, March 18, 2002, at the home of Luella Gilliland. President Arlys Simpson called the meeting to order. The nominating committee reported that the current slate of officers had agreed to serve in the same position again next year.

Year will be announced, as well as the theme for 2002-2003.

On Monday, April 15th, the group met in the home of Hawkins Huey. 13 members present enjoyed a light supper of sandwiches, cookies and punch. Instead of a program, several rituals were conducted, with Alicia Raymer presiding.

Ladies Golf elect new officers

Fort Clark Ladies Golf Association has elected new officers for the year 2002-2003. They are, President Janie Meredith, Vice-President Marian Weber, Secretary Sharon Boucher and Treasurer Orlene Alvis.

John Carlson, Roy Fancher and John Ballard, who witnessed the event. January 6, 2002, Edie Zipperer also had a "hole in one" on the 12th hole of the golf course.

The new officers will work diligently to achieve goals for the up-coming year of golf and fellowship. Congratulations to Edie and Marilyn on their achievement.

Garden Club

By Joyce Bergey Contributing Writer

The April meeting of the Mountain Laurel Garden Club was held at the Adult Center with 24 members present. Our guest speaker was Garden Club member Kitty Vaughan, Master Gardener of Bexar County, who gave a most interesting and in-

formative program on Antique Roses. She gave members a brief history of the roses, showed cuttings from two of her own bushes and encouraged members to visit the Antique Rose Emporium in San Antonio to see a beautiful collection of antique roses.

Following a short program, the new officers for the coming season will be installed.

Goodies from G.G.

Here we go this week with another leftover/planned over use of mashed potatoes. When there is not enough to save, but too much or too too yummy - to throw away! Make a batch of "potato biscuits"!

Pre heat oven to 400°F. Combine dry ingredients. Cut in shortening. Add potato and mix thoroughly. Add enough milk to make soft dough. Roll lightly to 1/2 inch thickness and cut with biscuit cutter. Bake 12 - 15 minutes. Makes 12 biscuits.

Rotary Club

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The Rotary Club, through President Bill Haenn, proposed to maintain Shahan Park. KC Commissioners moved to give the Rotary Club permission to maintain this ground area, with any liability to be assumed by the club.

A new cell phone for Judge Senne, with a one year contract was authorized by the commissioners.

A 15 foot pipe gate on Anacacho Road (1572) to be erected and maintained by Scott King was approved. The gate will be kept closed but not locked, and the court stipulated reflectors be installed on the gate.

Commissioner Francie Wylie questioned a bill for \$315.00 for glazing courthouse windows. The check will be held on this billing until the glazing can be verified.

Thank You On behalf of the Arnold A. Pinales family, I would like to thank everyone who helped us out with the loss of my mother Eva Pinales. Thank you for all the food, cards, donations, and prayers that you all have given us. Thank you and may God bless you all. Arnold A. Pinales

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FAIR HOUSING IT'S THE LAW! This year marks the thirty-fourth (34th) Anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law. To promote fair housing practices, the Middle Rio Grande Development Council encourages potential homeowners and renters to be aware of their rights. Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap, familial status or national origin in the sale or rental of units in the housing market. For more information on fair housing or to report possible fair housing discrimination, call the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's toll-free hotline at 1-800-669-9777.

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12 "... smile be your umbrella..."
13 Use a sieve
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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?
Today's Category: HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES
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C H E D L S C E I C E H
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E E M N S G E S U V E S
M E A B L D R B M I S I
I P N I I M F G R C R C
S S S D A O T S Y A E S
T H D T S R L D D M V D
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Y R T E M O N O G I R T
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Trivia Time by Walter Branch

- 1. What is the biggest island in New York State?
2. What members of Teddy Roosevelt's family died on February 14, 1884?
3. Who nominated Richard Nixon for president in 1968?
4. Who was Time magazine's Man of the Year for 1939 and 1942?
5. Who sang the theme song to "The Spy Who Loved Me"?
6. What was last on Mark Twain's 27-item list of things to be rescued in the event of a boardinghouse fire?
7. What is the square root of 121?
8. What is the most commonly-spoken language in Belgium?
9. What was F. Scott Fitzgerald's first novel?
10. What is collected by a spermologist?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- April 18.....San Juanita Abrigo
April 18.....Corina Muniz
April 18.....Roxanna Payne
April 18.....Wilma Yates
April 20.....Calvin Oliver
April 20.....Bobbie Schafer
April 20.....Debbie Smith
April 21.....Louis Baur
April 21.....Timmy Garcia
April 21.....Severo Martinez
April 22.....Debra Bauntello
April 23.....Adam Caton
April 23.....Sara Gonzales
April 23.....Norma Sandoval
April 24.....Mirza Clarke
April 24.....Angie Gass
April 24.....Patrick Gass

HOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper
ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It's wise to remember that things can't always be your way. Try to compromise more at work and at home. Later in the week, a financial opportunity beckons.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) All is not exactly sweetness and light on the job. You feel a bit too much pressure to attain success. Relax and let this happen naturally.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You begin the week in an introspective mood. Thus, it's a good time to reflect on what needs to be changed in your life. Over the weekend, it's all fun and games.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) It's best to pass up that extra assignment at work. You find it too difficult to concentrate this week. This weekend, take time to clear your head.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Try not to be too upset with something you overhear. You could be giving it too much weight. This weekend, find a social activity you can enjoy with the whole family.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This isn't the week to tip your hand. Keep your plans to yourself as much as possible. Over the weekend, some time alone is recommended.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You find it easy to charm others this week. Your charisma is astounding. Try to use this to good advantage.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You're in an ebullient mood as the week begins. Don't let a grumpy co-worker mar this in any way. This weekend, you find yourself playing peacemaker at home.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) This is a good week to plan a break for yourself. However, be sure you're getting the best bargains. Your pocketbook is already stretched a bit.
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) It's a good time to think about an exercise regimen. That winter overindulgence has reaped unwanted rewards. Over the weekend, pay attention to a child's needs.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You're upset that your good intentions have been misinterpreted. Communication is the key to clearing this up. Later in the week, you achieve your goals.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You're tempted to give into the darker side of your nature as the week begins. However, a loved one sets you straight again. Later in the week, work takes precedence.

Roaring Twenties Solution:
1. Algebra 11. German
2. Art 12. Gym
3. Biology 13. History
4. Chemistry 14. Math
5. Civics 15. Music
6. Driver's Ed 16. Physics
7. English 17. Shop
8. French 18. Spanish
9. Geography 19. Speech
10. Geometry 20. Trigonometry

