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Dodson to retire as Chief Clerk

By Flo Dean
Staff Writer

Ginger Dodson has held down a desk at City Hall for twenty years, but she's retiring June 1st to go fishing. Ginger started working for the city in 1978 as a clerk and was promoted to Chief Clerk by City Manager David Luna ten years ago. Her duties have included, besides bookkeeping and grants, acting as dispatcher for the police. Though she now uses a computer for her duties, she admits it took her a while to get used to the change. When she started working for the city, the Fireman's lounge on the second floor of City Hall had just been completed. The City Hall Annex was also purchased during her tenure. City Judge Gil Raymer says Ginger will really be missed because she has knowledge of all the jobs at city hall and knows where everything is located in town. David Luna, City Manager,

said he just gave her the title she had earned. "She's always been there for me and helped me out," Luna said. "Especially when I first started this job and was insecure, her knowledge and guidance kept me going. We've had people come and go and Ginger has learned every aspect of work at city hall, in case someone leaves. She's the reason I'm still here." "Ginger has one saying about problems that I always try to remember, he added. 'It'll take care of itself.'" The city council has convinced Ginger to stay on after retirement as a consultant. She hopes to visit some historical sites and fish at family places in the state. "I won't go far, she said, "I've lived here most of my life." Ginger graduated from Brackett High School in 1958. Her son Dennis and daughter Brenda Morelli also attended school here.

By Flo Dean
Staff Writer

In 1916, after the Seminole Indian Scouts and their families moved off Fort Clark they purchased their church building for \$250, land from the Fritter family for \$150, and had the church moved to Brackettville. Now the building has fallen upon hard times and has been condemned by the City of Brackettville as a health hazard. According to a letter dated April 02, 2002 to the Seminole Association from Faustino Sandoval, Jr., City Fire Marshal, "Be advised that this notification that the church building located on 509 W. Holmes Alley has become a health hazard. As City Fire Marshal it is of great concern. Therefore in my capacity I have decided to condemn this building for a period of six months. This building should be restructured or torn down. If no action is taken with the time frame indicated I will have to permanently condemn such property and instruct the City Manager to dispose of the building and its contents and send the



Pictured above Mt. Gilead Baptist Church. The building was moved from Fort Clark in 1916 by the Seminole congregation.

bill to your organization. We would rather allow your organization to take care of this problem within six months. If there is anyway I can help you with, please let me know." (sic) After the Civil War, Colonel McKenzie, who was then commanding officer of Fort Clark, enlisted 50 Seminole scouts and their families who had settled near Musquiz and Nacimiento in Mexico, near what is now Eagle Pass. The Seminoles were given land along Las Moras Creek where they built homes of wattle

and brush, along irrigation ditches that provided water for their gardens. Though the children had to walk to school in Brackettville, the Seminoles had their own church. In 1914 when the Seminoles left Fort Clark, their homes on the fort were burned. There is a painting of the Seminole church displayed at the Kinney County Museum at the Phillipone Building, Morrell Hall, an ex-buffalo soldier, married into the Seminole Community at Ft. Duncan. Shortly

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Briefs ... Bar-B-Que

The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors invites you to our annual meeting and get together. We will meet at the swim park at Fort Clark Springs on Saturday, May 4, at 5:00 p.m. A bar-b-que meal will be served from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., \$5 per plate. Funds raised from this will go to a scholarship for a deserving graduating senior from Brackett High School. At 8:00 p.m. a free dance will be held, with Carolyn Kay and her band.

Duplicate Bridge

Duplicate Bridge was played Tuesday, April 23, 2002 in the Gorgas Room at Fort Clark Springs. The Howell Movement was used for 3 1/2 tables with seven teams competing. The winners were: 1st-Rosetta Pingnot and Helen Marie Jones; 2nd-Evelyn Whitely and Ann Legg; and 3rd-Janie Meredith and Dianna Daniels. It was decided that this evening would be the end of the Duplicate season. There will be no more play until October. It has been a very enjoyable season for all.

Overeaters Anonymous

Do you have a desire to stop compulsive overeating? Overeaters Anonymous meets every Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Kinney County Library Annex room. Men and women who wish to stop compulsive overeating are invited to join. Send questions or comments to overeaters2001@yahoo.com. Find out more at www.overeatersanonymous.com.

Spiritual Poems

Great news for poets. The Texas Poetry Alliance is offering a \$1,000.00 grand prize in their annual spiritual poetry contest open to the public. There is no entry fee and everyone is invited to submit a poem. Over \$4,000.00 in cash and prizes will be awarded. To enter, send one poem 20 lines or less to: Free Poetry Contest, 3412 -A Moonlight Ave, El Paso, Texas 79904. Or enter online at www.freecontest.com. The deadline for entering is May 24. A winner's list will be sent to all entrants. The editors reserve the right to publish the winning poems online or in print.

Library to receive \$2,500 grant

By Flo Dean
Staff Writer

At a special meeting Monday, Kinney County Commissioners adopted a Special Budget to receive and distribute \$2,500 from a Texas Book Festival Grant. The money will purchase nonfiction and fiction books, audiocassettes, videos and large print books for the Kinney County Library. The commissioners also approved an agreement with ADS-Telecom, Inc. to furnish Inmate Telephone Service at the Kinney County Jail, pending legal review by the County Attorney. Contract with the previous telephone provider expires in September, 2002, but according to KC Sheriff Buddy Burgess the current provider owes over \$10,000 to the county in commissions, the telephones are broken and no phone cards to Mexico have been available. Burgess said he has been unable to contact the company. A spokesman for ADS-Telecom said they will pay all costs, will own the telephones and will service the phones promptly. ADS will pay a commission to the county from inmate phone income. The commissioners were asked to approve the promotion of the Deputy Clerk in the District Clerk's office to Chief Deputy Clerk. A promotion was approved from Grade 1, Step 6 to Grade 3, Step 6. The Chief Deputy Clerk position starts at Grade 6, Step 1. However, according to Tully

Shahan, County Attorney, elected officials have the statutory prerogative to promote independently, as long as they have the funds in their budget. The county personnel policy states, furthermore, that a department head "may" advertise

for applications for a job opening. Robert Elledge, KC Extension Agent said, since Kinney County is an Equal Opportunity Employer, "If we don't advertise and don't post, we are not

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5 de Mayo Celebration

The 7th annual "Cinco de Mayo" festival is this Saturday, May 4th at the Kinney County Civic Center. Come enjoy a day full of fiesta, food and lots of talent. Here is a schedule of events so you can plan your day!

12:00 - Rito Galindo and Patty Lopez
12:30 - Voces Y Guitarras de Javier Rojas
2:30 - Local Talent Show
3:00 Urteaga and Jones Elementary Dance Show
4:00 - Imitator Kidz Show
5:00 - Raffle Announcements
8:30 - Civic Center Doors Open for Dance
9:00 - Dance with "Bad Boys" of McAllen, Texas
10:30 - Queen Coronation - Candidates: Samantha Pina and Oscar Sierra III, Vanessa Williams and Lito Escamilla

Guyon awarded Music scholarship

Layci Guyon, granddaughter of Rae Guyon and the late Don Guyon of Brackettville has been awarded a full four year scholarship to the Boston Conservatory of Music. She will graduate with honors from Duncanville High School. Duncanville High band has played at the Dallas Youth Symphony, and won first place at

Texas UIL band competition this year. Guyon, who plays piano, drums, marimba, xylophone and other percussion instruments has served as Band Captain at Duncanville. Layci is the daughter of John and Charla Guyon, and granddaughter of Wilma Witt and the late Charles Witt of Duncanville.

Vote Saturday for city and school board

Residents of Brackettville will elect three aldermen and a mayor in Saturday's election. Incumbent Mayor Carmen M. Berlanga is running unopposed. Incumbent Johnny Samaniego has filed for Place 5, City Operations and is opposed by June Kaminski. Ralph Gonzales, also currently an alderman, is running again for Place 4, Utility Opera-

tions. He is opposed by Francisca "Chica" Garza. Incumbent Alderwoman Horencia (Tencha) O. Pena has filed for Place 2, Housing and Administration. Mary V. Flores, Kinney County Democratic Chairwoman is running against Pena for Place 2. Election will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2002 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. at City Hall,

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Watkins speaks to local Rotarians

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

The Brackettville Rotary Club met Thursday, April 25 and heard a talk and slide presentation by Beau Watkins, a Junior at Brackettville High School. Beau was selected by the Texas Section of the Society for Ranch Management to present his talk at their Annual Convention, which was held at Kansas City, Missouri. He researched, wrote, and illustrated his talk with slides. County Extension Agent Robert Elledge from Brackettville, Dr. Barron Rector, Head of Range Ecology and

Ranch Management at Texas A & M, and Dr. Robert Lyons of the Texas A & M Research and Extension Center in Uvalde served as resource persons. The subject of Beau's presentation was "How Cedar Impacts the Area Where It Grows". He explained that where cedar proliferates, soil erosion occurs. The trees are round in shape and catch a lot of the water when it rains. The leaves and branches are shaped in such a way that they direct rain water to the trunk where it runs down and into the root system rather than allowing it to reach the ground.

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Outside improvements at EMS building completed

By Carolyn Rutherford
Contributing Writer

It looks like the EMS Building is complete! Thanks to great cooperation from the City of Brackettville, Texas DOT, and County Road and Bridge crews, the outside paving job has been finished. Mr. Lozano and his son built and installed the building protector piping and made the sign. Albert Payne, County Maintenance, also pitched in and helped with the finishing touches, painting the pipes and sign. Archie's Landscaping and Lawn Service did the Memorial September 11 flower bed in front of the station. What a tale of teamwork. If you get a chance, why not come by the

station and see the results of all this labor. The Intermediate EMS course is nearly finished. The students are completing their skills and readying themselves for the Internship portion, which includes 50 hours work in hospital Emergency Room, Operating Room, and Intensive Care. The other part of their Internship is 50 hours work on ambulances. These environments allow each student specialized attention and practice under close supervision. They are learning to perform "invasive" procedures, such as Intravenous Infusions (IV) and Oral Endotracheal Intubation (controls airway problems), along with observing everything they

can about pre-hospital care. Edgar Guadarrama (full time paid staff at Kinney County EMS) and Abel Mendez, volunteer for Kinney County EMS, have done well in the course so far. If you see them around, please give them lots of encouragement. Once the internships are completed, the only requirements remaining are passing the school final exam and passing the state's initial certification test. In case you were wondering, there is one more student here in Brackettville, Deidra Mack (from Del Rio) and another 17 students at our other location in Uvalde at the Middle Rio Grande Development Council. The next course, EMT Ba-

sic (140 hours) is in the planning stage, tentatively scheduled to start in mid- to late-June this year. If you believe in helping out your neighbors, please contact the office and get on the list ahead of time. The Local Emergency Planning Committee will meet the end of May. By that time, the revised Emergency Plan for the County will be ready for Commissioners' and public review. Look for a disaster drill in July. Be aware of the weather during this volatile time of year. As we learned a few weeks ago, spring weather in this part of Texas can be very dangerous and cause a great deal of damage. Please pay attention to local radio and weather alerts.

Make sure you know the weather ahead when you plan a road trip. If you have any emergency, call 9-1-1. If you need assistance from EMS, our first unit out is staffed with at least two EMS TDH certified people. Subsequent EMS units sent out while the original ambulance is committed to a call, may be staffed with less than TDH required certified individuals; but always remember that the patient will have at least one EMS certified attendant at all times. If you have questions or comments about EMS, emergency management, please come by to visit the office Monday through Friday 8am until 5pm, or call us at 830-563-9090.

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I have the answer

But I could be wrong
By Chuck Hall

I finally solved one of the world's most perplexing problems. This is for real. It has been troubling mankind for years. I now know how we get so many odd socks. It's true. I figured it out.

One day I noticed that I had a sock of a weird color. This shade was so foreign to my eyes that I was sure I had never seen it before. As I stood over the dryer muttering about the strangeness of the hue, I developed a theory.

It was so far-fetched that at first I refused to accept it myself. But the more I thought about it the stronger I felt sure of my hunch. Socks change colors in the dryer.

I had to test my theory when

no one was watching. At great risk from discovery of knowing how to operate the washer and dryer, and from personal ridicule from friend and foe alike, I washed a load of clothes.

I put only two socks in that bundle. They were both blue. I checked them again and again. As the cycle began, I eagerly awaited the resulting discovery. As the spinning ended, I carefully opened the door. I summoned the courage to look inside. At first I found no socks. I continued my search. I uncovered a sock. To my amazement, it was red! Quickly finding the other I withdrew a brown sock.

A voice drew me back to reality: "What are you doing at this hour of the night? I already put a load of clothes in the dryer!" Oh well, even women could be wrong.

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Don't call me!

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

It never fails, the entire family gathers at the table for dinner together, and the phone rings. You try to ignore the persistent wailing, but at last, you give in and answer it. You recognize the silent pause, it's the tell-tale sign of a telemarketer. Before you can politely decline their offer, they drop into a perfectly rehearsed sales pitch. As you unsuccessfully try interrupting the person, you begin to wonder: do these people ever pause — even to take a breath? You just want to scream "no thank you," and hang up the phone. You don't though, you are trying to be polite.

Congress recently drafted legislation that lets you decide whether or not you want to be called. By simply asking to be placed on the "do not call list," you can live your life without these calls. You can finally have your cake and eat it too, without any annoying interruptions.

Many states, including Texas, already have "do not call lists" that required telemarketers to remove your name from their lists upon your request. Once your number was placed on the "do not call" list, these companies had to stop calling you. The lists make these calls more than just a nuisance, it makes the calls illegal. However these lists were only limited to in-state callers. Before Congress took action against unwanted callers, out of state telemarketers could continue calling you without many restrictions. In an effort to help rid you of haggling nation-wide solicitors, I co-sponsored the Telemarketing Relief Act of 2002. Through a national "do not call" registry, you can remove your number from the lists of all telemarketers within the Federal Trade Commission's jurisdiction. This legislation not only limits the daily inconvenience of these calls, but also helps protect you and your family. Each year, telemarketers swindle away billions of American dollars. As if that fact was not reason enough to put a stop to unsolicited telemarketers, people over fifty account for more than half of the names found on lists maintained by unscrupulous telemarketing companies.

These fraudulent companies successfully target our senior citizens, and steal their money. Not all calls will be stopped. Charities and collection agencies will still be able to call. If you agree it is okay for them to contact you, telemarketers can continue to sell you products and services over the phone. The difference is that you are finally able to choose whether you want to sit down and have a nice dinner with your family, or listen to empty promises about free trips and great vacations. It really is that simple.

Christ Bashing

The Way I See It
By Steven R. LaMascus

I read a lot — some history, a little science fiction, hunting stories by the ton, a lot of religious material, the Bible every day; I also read several news sites on the Internet. It's amazing what you can find if you look. But one thing that I am seeing more and more each week that frightens me, saddens me, and makes me furious, all at the same time, is the trend of denying Christians their right to Freedom of Religion. Religious persecution is alive and well, right here in the good old U.S. of A.

Did you hear the latest? A teacher in an elementary school in the enlightened East stopped a small child from saying grace before he ate his lunch. Yep!! The teacher wouldn't let the kid say, "God is good, God is great, thank you for this food. Amen." I simply don't know anymore how to respond to this type of Orwellian, Communistic, illegal thought control practice. What and who could a simple prayer from a child hurt? And beside that, who gave that teacher the authority to deny that child his right to freedom of religion as protected by the First Amendment? Do you think that same teacher would forbid a Muslim child to face Mecca and praise Allah at the appropriate time of the day? I don't. It wouldn't be politically correct.

Every religion in the world is protected in this stupidly "tolerant" society, except Christianity. Christian bashing is becoming the sport of the rich and famous, as well as small-minded teachers, left-wing politicians, actors, and anyone else who doesn't have faith in anything but his own base humanity, and who doesn't want his fun spoiled by having to obey a bunch of "bogus moralistic rules." They

seem to feel it is their civic duty to keep children from praying.

I just finished flipping through the channels on the TV. I ran across a show on Channel 4, another of those doctor shows like ER or something. It started with a scene of a black preacher in the emergency room talking to the patients. One lady doctor looked at him with unadulterated scorn and hatred in her eyes and said to her subservient, mindless male cohort, "He's a pain in the ___! Go get rid of him." You almost never see a Christian portrayed in any way except as a hypocritical nut determined to ruin the perfect liberal plans and politically correct dreams of the morally superior atheists who are running the world. It must be wonderful to be so sure of your human perfection that you don't need God. I am certainly glad that I am not that perfect. I need God! I need to know that Jesus is coming back to redeem me from a world that is becoming more evil and aberrant every second. I am ecstatic that God has given me a way to separate myself from the inhumanity, the immorality, the terror, the disbelief, the evil drive to fulfill the most despicable fleshly desires that I see the rest of the world inundated with. I have a way to resist that, because I believe in King Jesus! These Christ haters are sure going to be surprised some day when they wake up to discover that all the time we were telling them that they must repent or perish, we were right. When Jesus returns with power and great glory the disbelievers are going to be screaming for a second chance. They are going to be yelling that they were just kidding, they really believed in Jesus all the time, it was just a joke. Hey, they lived a good life, and never really hurt anybody. How could a loving God send

them to hell, just because they doubted His Son? Darn, that ain't fair! Hell is just for really bad people like murderers and child molesters. Wrong!!

Folks, it's plumb simple. Place your faith in Jesus Christ or go to hell. Nothing else and nobody else can save your sorry hide, just Christ. Buddha is just a fat guy with a stupid smile; Krishna is a figment of someone's imagination; Allah is an imitation god; trees don't have souls, and crystals are just pretty rocks. Listen carefully, your life depends on it: There is only one God, one Son, one Salvation, and one Baptism. If you are looking for salvation in the "eastern philosophies" you are gonna die - for ever! As we sit here today ancient prophecy is being fulfilled. Babylon is being rebuilt in Iraq, Israel is again a sovereign nation; these things were prophesied in the Bible thousands of years ago. I may be wrong, but I believe that some of us living today will still be here when Jesus returns. I think his Second Coming is that close - and I just can't wait.

When you wake up some morning, maybe very soon, to the sound of heavenly trumpets, how are you going to react? Are you going to be scared to death, because you didn't really think it was true and suddenly you realize it's too late? Or are you going to be in ecstasy that you are one of the blessed who lived to see the Glorious Appearing of Jesus and accompany Him home? Acts 2:37,38 - "Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, 'Brethren, what shall we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'"

Tax day has come and gone

Capitol Comment
By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

It is time for many Texans to breathe a sigh of relief. This year on April 15, American taxpayers reaped the benefits of last year's historic tax cut legislation by keeping more money in their pockets.

Sweeping Tax Relief

The law reduced tax rates across the board, enhanced retirement savings, repealed the death tax and eliminated the marriage penalty. Basically, if you are a taxpayer - you got tax relief.

Because we lowered the tax rates mid-year, Americans are getting larger-than-expected tax refunds this spring. The average check is expected to be nearly \$2,100 - a 12 percent increase over last year. Before September 11, the American economy was already in a slump - after the terrorist attacks it risked spiraling out of control. Fortunately, the tax relief

kicked in just in the nick of time. Many people, including Federal Reserve Chairman, Alan Greenspan, believe if it weren't for the tax cuts, we would be in a deep recession. But instead, our economy is recovering.

One of the first benefits of the legislation was the tax rebate checks that began arriving in mailboxes across the country last August.

Individual taxpayers received up to \$300 rebate checks, while married couples received up to \$600. This rebate alone funneled more than \$40 billion back into the economy and supported consumer spending at a critical time.

But these tax cuts were not a one-time event. The tax rates are scheduled to continue dropping, child credits will increase, and retirement savings options will grow.

Making it Last

However, when we passed the legislation, procedural rules in the Senate required that we

put the tax cuts in place for only 10 years. Currently the law will expire on December 31, 2010, and the tax relief will be discontinued. Congress must act to make the tax relief permanent. Texans need a predictable and stable tax code in order to better plan for their futures and make good decisions about retirement savings. I am particularly concerned with protecting the repeal of the marriage penalty and making sure the death tax is buried forever. Both taxes hurt Texas families. The marriage penalty has long been an unjust tax on married couples who pay an average of \$1,400 more if they file jointly than they would pay as individual filers.

I have been a champion of correcting this inequity since I was elected to the Senate in 1993.

In fact, Congress passed my proposal twice before - but then President Clinton vetoed it both times. Our tax laws should en-

courage marriage - not penalize it. When the new tax cuts are fully phased in, 43 million married couples will experience a significant reduction in their taxes. Here in Texas, couples will save \$4.5 billion over the next 10 years.

The phase-out of the death tax is another provision that must be made permanent. Our tax code has long burdened families whose loved ones handed down a family business, ranch or farm. Families were faced with taxes so steep that they often had to sell the properties to pay the IRS.

Years of diligence, hard labor and savings were washed down the drain by this unfair tax. The new law allows more Americans to keep these businesses in the family where they belong.

I was proud to support the most significant tax relief of the last two decades. Now, I am committed to making sure it lasts.

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Big Mama Sez!



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New regulation intended to protect horses

Horse enthusiasts with limited area on which to keep their animals can now be assured that nearby horses have tested negative for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA), also referred to as "Coggins" or "Swamp Fever," is an incurable disease that can be carried by biting flies from infected equids (horses, mules, donkeys or asses) to "clean" animals. While most infected animals appear healthy, some may die from the virus. Other equids will develop chronic, recurring health problems, such as debilitating weight loss, fever, depression, weakness and swelling of the legs. There is no cure or approved vaccine for EIA, and treatment is limited to providing comfort to the sick animal.

To combat the spread of EIA, the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory authority, in response to citizen petitions, has enacted a new

regulation that requires equids to have had a negative blood test for EIA within the previous 12 months, if the animals are boarded, stabled or pastured within 200 yards of equids owned by another person.

"Concerned owners approached the TAHC commissioners several months ago with a petition, asking for this new regulation," commented Dr. Linda Logan, Texas' state veterinarian and TAHC executive director. "Because many horse owners in Texas have small plots of land, they wanted to be assured that their animals would not be near potentially infected equids."

Dr. Logan stressed that although EIA-infected equids do not spread the disease through close contact, biting flies can mechanically carry viral-laden blood from one animal to another. EIA does not affect humans or animals other than equids, she explained.

"Owners may call the TAHC headquarters or their TAHC area office, to request assistance with this regulation," said Dr. Logan. "A TAHC representative will first ensure that the complainant's animals have up-to-date EIA test documents. Then, TAHC staff will canvass neighboring premises to gain compliance with the testing requirements."

Dr. Logan said the TAHC has worked to control EIA for many years and Texas has had a dramatic decline in the viral infection since 1997, when more than 730 equids tested positive in Texas. Of the 250,000 equids tested in Texas in 2001, only 124 were infected, a drop which Dr. Logan credits to owner concern, more stringent testing requirements and a growing awareness of EIA.

Current TAHC regulations require equids to be test-negative for EIA within the previous 12 months, if they are hauled

to assemblies, such as fairs, shows, exhibitions, rodeos or trail rides. The 12-month EIA test rule also applies to equidae undergoing a change of ownership or entering the state. EIA-positive equine are permanently identified with a "74A" on their left shoulder and must either be euthanized, sold to slaughter or provided to an approved research facility, or remain quarantined for life, at least 200 yards from other equidae.

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To pray or not to pray?

By Susan Weddington
Republican Party of Texas Chairman

On the evening of September 11, just ten hours after the tragic events of that fateful day began to unfold, Members of Congress from both political parties stood in solidarity on the steps of the U.S. Capitol. With teary eyes and quivering voices, over 200 men and women of different races, religions, and ideologies proudly stood together, joined hands and sang "God Bless America" for all the world to hear.

The heartfelt song was offered at a critical moment to a nation that desperately needed to be reassured of America's enduring strength. It was a solemn and moving scene whose images will be permanently etched in our national memory.

In the wake of the September 11 terrorist attacks on freedom, our nation has found great solace by joining together in public and private prayer, public religious ceremonies and patriotic displays. Collective expressions of faith have helped Americans to cultivate what President George W. Bush has called "the warm courage of national unity...a unity of every faith, and every background."

But unfortunately, there are some mis-

guided individuals and organizations that would rather not see events like the one on the steps of the Capitol take place. For this reason, the Republican Party of Texas decided to ask Texas voters what they think about the issue of public religious speech.

Since September 11, liberals have repeatedly threatened legal action in an attempt to restrict forms of religious expression that the Supreme Court has found constitutional. For instance, the American Civil Liberties Union sent a letter to a California elementary school claiming the words "God bless America" posted on the school marquee conveyed a "hurtful, divisive message" that violated the Constitution.

Similarly, displays of our National Motto, "In God We Trust," and the Pledge of Allegiance with its "one nation under God" clause have come under attack.

And in another instance in Kerrville, Texas, liberals threatened legal action after claiming that prayers at City Council meetings were discriminatory and unconstitutional.

Because of the confusion caused by liberal litigation, there is disagreement over what types of religious speech are protected by the law. Our elected leaders at both the state and federal levels are considering pro-

posing legislation to further clarify the intent of the law and fully protect constitutional forms of public religious speech. The Freedom of Faith Referendum will give Texans an opportunity to voice their opinion on the attempts by liberal activists to restrict our rights to freedom of speech and freedom of religion guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution, and to encourage lawmakers as they decide on an appropriate course of action.

The vast majority of Texans believe that citizens have a right to join together in collective expressions of faith and hope, and that our nation has become stronger by doing so in the aftermath of September 11. While liberal opponents of the freedom of religious expression may try to portray the Referendum as an attempt to proselytize for one religion over another, nothing could be further from the truth. This issue is about the freedom for anyone to express his or her faith, individually or collectively, silently or aloud, without coercion.

Although liberals may attempt to muddy the waters with divisive rhetoric, the real question before Texans is as plain as day: will we allow liberal activists to take away our freedoms in the name of modern day political correctness and faith intolerance?

The effect of Cedar on areas were it grows

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This causes a loss of grass production.

Cedar is an evergreen; it sheds leaves all year around creating a constant layer of leaves at the base of the tree. This tree litter absorbs water, and this also gets into the tree's root system and keeps grass from growing. With little or no grass cover, soil erosion occurs.

Beau showed one slide that dramatically illustrated the difference that occurs where cedar had been cleared in a research project. Some springs actually appeared that had not been there previously.

Cedar can be cleared by chaining; this knocks down the old cedar and gives the grass a chance to grow. When enough grass is present, controlled burning can be done, which is the least expensive and most effective way to clear cedar. After burning, enough grass and edible woody plants can grow to furnish forage for animals.

Cedar is neither all good nor all bad; cedar can be helpful. It can provide a thermal cover for deer. It can keep erosion down in draws. It can also provide a reliable food source since animals eat cedar berries.

Beau Watkins covered his

subject well and demonstrated the value of good research on

ranch management. He is the son of Neal and Sandy Watkins.

Local elections Saturday

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119 West Spring, Brackettville, Texas.

Presiding Election Judge is Bertha Reschman; Alternate Judge is Mary Talamantes. Clerks are Carol Dimery and Carlotta Delarosa.

Polls for election of two school board members will be open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 4, 2002 at the BISD Central Office, 400 S. Ann St., Brackettville, Texas.

Candidates for the two, three year, terms include incumbents Ronnie Dean Hobbs and Henry J. Lutz. Stacy Ashabranner is also running for a place on the board.

School board election officials are: Sandra Meil, Election Judge, Connie Coronado, Alternate Judge, and Dixie Brown, Election Official.

Marla Madrid, Patricia Hidalgo and Gracie Mata are Deputy Clerks.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report...

Monday April 22
4:28 p.m., A 911 call was received. A man and woman reported a one vehicle accident on Hwy 90 west. DPS Trooper Tom Wylie was notified.

9:55 p.m., ADT Security informed the Sheriff's Office about an alarm that was on, on FM 1572

Tuesday, April 23
2:08 a.m., Ben Tovar, 44, from Brackettville, was arrested by Deputy Karl Chism for public intoxication. Tovar was released the next day for time served.

12:10 a.m., Timothy John Landry, 19, from Chase, LA, was arrested for hunting without consent by Sheriff Buddy Burgess. Landry is still being held.

Wednesday, April 24
12:30 a.m., A man reported his worker had taken some items from him. Deputy Guidry responded.

8:48 p.m., A man reported he was having trouble with a woman. Deputy Manuel Pena Jr. was advised.

Thursday, April 25
10:45 a.m., Deputy Guidry responded to a harassment report.

11:25 a.m., A man reported a purse that he found. Deputy Guidry was advised.

5:05 p.m., A woman requested a deputy

at her residence. Deputy Larry Robinson was notified.

Friday, April 26
7:40 a.m., An employee from the Laughlin Air Force Base, reported the building at USAF Auxiliary landing strip, four miles south of Spofford, had been broken into. Deputy Guidry responded to the call.

12:45 a.m., A woman reported jewelry was stolen from her truck while at a game on Monday. Deputy Guidry was informed about the situation.

5:00 p.m., Timothy Charles McDonald, from Brackettville, was arrested for DWI by Sheriff Burgess. McDonald is still being held.

7:40 p.m., A woman reported a small black car was driving fast on Ann St. Constable Cordelia Mendeke responded.

Saturday, April 27
11:10 a.m., An employee from a local store requested a deputy. Deputy Karl Chism was advised.

6:26 p.m., Deputy Chism responded to a family disturbance.

Sunday, April 28
3:26 a.m., Brigido Diaz Espinoza, 25, from Crystal City, was arrested for no driver license, allowing child to ride without a seat belt by DPS Trooper Tony Ashley.

Espinoza was released the same day for a paid fine.

9:39 a.m., An employee from Southern Pacific Railroad informed the office about loose cattle on FM 693.

11:55 a.m., Deputy Chism responded to a two vehicle accident.

12:41 a.m., A man reported that someone threw a rock through one of his windows. Chief of Police Arnulfo Alonzo was notified.

5:45 p.m., A green camera was reported driving recklessly east on Hwy 90. Deputy Chism and Chief of Police Alonzo were advised.

6:10 p.m., Trooper Ashley reported a trash bag on Hwy 90 east, five miles out. Texas Department of Transportation was notified.

6:40 p.m., A dispatcher from Uvalde Police Department reported three motorcycles driving fast on Hwy 334 heading into town. Trooper Ashley, Chief Alonzo and Deputy Chism were all advised.

8:03 p.m., A motorist reported ten to twelve cattle were on Hwy 3008. Owner was informed.

Monday, April 29
Deputy Pena reported an unsecured door at a residence. Border Patrol was requested.

Seminole Church building



Painting of Mt. Gilead Church by Charles Becker, before it fell into disrepair, hangs in the Filippone Building.

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thereafter he became pastor of Mount Gilead Baptist Church and remained so for 50 years. He died on May 15, 1929 and was interred in the Seminole Cemetery. After his death, Reverends Hall and Thomas served the church. The last pastor was Rev. Connie Roades who came from San Antonio.

Willie and Ethel Warrior now live in Del Rio, but have fond memories of the old church, which they knew as "Mama Dolly's" church. When Willie Warrior was a small child, he recalls attending church and Sunday school with a congregation of 25 or 30 during the 1930's. Ethel attended church until the 1960's, when Rev. Rhoades came part time. Carol "Sonnygirl" Dimery also attended church in the old building when Rev. Laster was the pastor. Miss Lida July was in charge of the church at that time, she recalls.

The church was apparently in use until about 1980. According to the Warriors "Cookie" Stewart was married there, and Willy Warrior's mother, Lavenia, married Frank Johnson in the old church in

1959.

Warrior said the church was used as a school at one time during the war. The Seminole school building burned and during 1942 to 1943 Warrior attended school there, graduating in 1945, in a class of three.

At one time, Warrior says, all the Seminoles attended the one church, although there were three black Baptist churches in Brackettville at a later date.

Dr. Shirley Mock, of the Institute of Texas Culture is very interested in the preservation of the old church. Mock says, "Although the church may not be architecturally significant, it is culturally significant." According to Bill Haenn, Chief Kinney County Appraiser, the church was originally situated approximately where the end of the parking lot of the condominiums at Fort Clark is today.

Although it appears the church is not stable enough to be moved, there is interest in the possibility of rebuilding on another site.

Anyone interested in helping to preserve or restructure the old church, or needing information, may contact Willie Warrior at 830-775-7097.

Evans speaks to Ft. Clark Historical Society

By Glen White
Contributing Writer

Over forty members, heard Lisa Evans Saturday tell about the "Trails and Rails" program sponsored by the National Park Service and amtrak. She is an education specialist from the Amistad National Recreation area.

Twice a week National Park Service employees and volunteers board the train at Del Rio and detrain either at Sanderson or Alpine. They conduct an on

board presentation showing points of interest along the route. Passengers learn about such sights as Amistad Reservoir, Seminole Canyon.

Pecos high bridge, and many others as well as a history of the area. One wishing to learn more about the trip can call: 830-775-7491 ext 223. The next Ft. Clark Historical Society meeting will be May 25th. The speaker will be Bill Haenn on the subject of the book he is writing about the Ft. Clark area and the soldiers stationed here.

A part of life

Empowering Families
By Dr. Donald Smith

"Please don't be mad at me and don't tell Dad," Yvette begged her mother.

One word expressed the shock and surprise as Diana responded to her daughter. "Pregnant? How could you? You're only sixteen."

"But Mom, it was just an accident, I didn't mean to get pregnant." Yvette sobbed.

"Pregnancy is never an accident, it is a choice," Diana snapped back. "When you choose to have sex, you choose the possibility of getting pregnant. And you expect me not to be mad? How could you? We had dreams and hopes. We had plans for college. Yes, I'm very mad."

Trying to placate her mom, Yvette said, "Mom, listen to me. It'll be ok. Joel says he loves me and he wants me to move in with him. We can make it. I know we can."

Diana's anger was beginning to turn to sorrow and now into pity. Her mind was racing but she tried to sound loving and civil. She had tears in her eyes as she looked directly into

Yvette's eyes. What do you mean, make it?" She asked. "Joel doesn't even work. He's twenty and has never held down a full time job. He refuses to go back to school. He's a loser Yvette."

"Mom, you don't know him like I do. You're being judgmental. I believe in him. He has big plans. Inside, he's a wonderful person."

"No, Honey," Diana said quietly, "He's a loser and I'm not being judgmental. I'm just being truthful."

Getting pregnant was the first bad decision. Moving in with Joel will be the second bad decision. There aren't enough kisses in the whole world to turn this frog into the handsome prince. You and I will talk to Dad and Dad will talk to Joel. We can handle the pregnancy but not with Joel as a part of your life."

The wise man once said, "Lust indulged starves the soul, but fools hate to turn from their evil (Proverbs 13:19)."

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

Trooper makes biggest heroin bust in DPS history

A traffic stop last month in Atascosa County led to the seizure of 74 pounds of heroin—the largest amount of heroin ever seized by DPS troopers during a random traffic stop.

Trooper Martin Soward of Jourdanton stopped a pickup at 12:45 p.m. Friday near Cambellton. The vehicle, which was pulled over for driving erratically, was northbound on Interstate 37.

The trooper immediately became suspicious of the oversized tires. Further inspection revealed bundles of heroin concealed in all four of the pickup's tires by metal containers welded to the tire rims. (Two pictures are available on the DPS Web site, www.txdps.state.tx.us.) Lab tests confirmed

the contraband was brown heroin with an estimated value of \$3.3 million.

A 53-year-old Mexican national is being detained and faces federal drug charges. DPS High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Narcotics investigators in San Antonio are continuing the investigation. DPS is not releasing the suspect's name because of the sensitive nature of the investigation.

Prior to last week's bust, the biggest heroin seizure by a DPS trooper during a random traffic stop was nearly 31 pounds in April 1997 in Nueces County. The second biggest was a 29-pound heroin seizure in an October 2001 traffic stop in Live Oak County.

Goodies from G.G.

It appears hot days have begun and the need to fix super easy refreshing foods. Throw together this salad/desert. I like to use as it can be changed many ways. Just create as you wish. Basic fruit toss; 1 can fruit cocktail - well drained, sour cream as needed for binding.

To this add any fresh fruit

and or well drained canned fruits. I sometimes use cream cheese softened with the fruit juice. For richer, sweeter taste, mix in sm. pkg. dry jello. My family prefers grape or strawberry best. For best results, chill a couple of hours before serving. (Coconut and chopped nuts are always a bonus to add!)

Cavalry Brigade members prepare for the battle of trash

By Woodie Hornburg
Contributing Writer

FCS's "Cavalry Brigade's" Mission in "getting off its haunches and getting on their gitty-ups" is scheduled for Saturday, May 4th at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers are welcomed to join in the battle of attacking trash that the enemies of cleanliness

and sanitation has "strung out" and "Mars" the beauty of FCS. Mustering takes place on the steps of Shafter Hall. The rewards for participation are experiencing super fellowship, a delicious meal (11:30 - 12:30 prepared by famous chefs) and served by charming "cuties," and the satisfaction that you have righted a wrong.

Texans could save hundreds

While experts tell Texans to prepare for the future by putting aside a cash reserve, recent studies by Progressive Auto Insurance find consumers may be missing out on a money-savings opportunity simply by not shopping around for auto insurance.

A countrywide phone survey of 2,000 consumers found that the majority (58 percent) report being somewhat or extremely unlikely to shop for auto insurance, even though they could save significantly by doing so. Additionally, 29 percent reported that they have not shopped for insurance in at least five years.

This survey was conducted to coincide with Progressive's study of auto insurance rate variance, or the average spread between the highest and lowest six-month rates available to drivers for new policies from the country's leading auto insurance companies. The study found that the cost of a six-month auto insurance policy for the same driver with the same coverage varies from company to company by an average of \$524. In Texas, the cost varies as much as \$610.

The variance was calculated by using rate comparisons provided to more than 90,000 consumers who called or went online to receive a Progressive quote and the rates of up to three other auto insurers between July 1 and December 31, 2001.

To highlight the spread that exists in rates available to consumers from different companies, visitors to progressive.com can now see comparison rates offered to other visitors in

real time on the site's unique "rate ticker". This new feature displays an up-to-the-minute sampling of comparison rates provided to consumers across the country who used Progressive's online service.

"The spread in rates represents a clear opportunity for consumers to save money," said Jonathan Klein, Texas Product Manager for Progressive. "Consumers generally don't realize that rates from different companies vary. We've analyzed the data to let consumers know that their potential savings is significant."

The survey also found that some consumers are more comfortable simply renewing their current policy than shopping for better rates. Of those respondents who said they have not shopped for auto insurance within the last year, 19 percent have spent more than 10 years with their current auto insurance company and report having never shopped for auto insurance. Additionally, of those consumers who have been with the same auto insurance carrier for seven to 10 years, 42 percent said they are extremely unlikely to shop for auto insurance.

"Just because you've been with the same auto insurance company for years doesn't mean you're getting the best rate available to you," Klein said. "We counsel all consumers to be smart about their auto insurance and to talk with their agent, their current insurance company or do online research to be sure they have the right coverage and the right services at the right price."

Attorney General Cornyn gets court order against trucking company

Austin - Texas Attorney General John Cornyn has obtained a Travis County district court judgment against Basse Truck Line Inc., requiring the company to comply with the state's laws concerning dust nuisance, a condition that has severely affected a neighborhood near the San Antonio facility.

"I am pleased that the court agreed with us that this company has for too long ignored state laws designed to protect the health of these residents on the east side San Antonio," said Attorney General Cornyn. "It is time to improve their quality of life, and the company can do this by adopting responsible business practices, something it should have done long ago."

District Judge John K. Dietz ordered the company to comply with a Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission order from July 2000, which directed the company to correct severe dust problems caused by

heavy truck traffic on its large unpaved lot. The truck activity to and from the facility would often cause large volumes of dust to settle on adjacent residential areas the Willowwood and Meadowview North subdivisions northeast of downtown. The company must take actions to correct the problem within 60 days, according to the court's order. One neighborhood resident, State Rep. Ruth Jones McClendon, is particularly pleased by the court's order.

"The residents in my neighborhood have, for a long time, suffered from respiratory problems and nuisance conditions caused by Basse's dust problem," the District 120 representative said. "I'm very encouraged by the court's order and now expect the company to act in good faith out of respect for its neighbors."

The court also assessed civil penalties and state attorney fees against Basse totaling \$34,800.

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Golf Teams Compete At Regionals TAAS testing is over

By Dave Wilkins
Contributing Writer

Last week the Golf Team went to San Marcos to play in the Regional Golf Tournament, it was a two day tournament. The girl's team, which was District Champs, played at Southwest Texas State Universities golf course. While the boy's team played at Quail Creek Country Club. There were two teams from each district in our region participating, plus two individuals from each district (at the boy's tourney and the girl's tourney) for a total of 16 teams and 16 individuals.

The girls placed tenth as a team, and Erica Meyer placed tenth as an individual out of 96 contestants. Lago Vista won the tournament with a team score of 659. Salado was second with a score of 670. Kaci Fritsch from Salado was first overall with a score of 144 (72-72). Second was April Seydler from Weimer with a score of 148 (76-72). April Seydler and Kailee Carver from Lexington will be the two

individuals going to the State Tournament. Our Boy's team ended up 13th out of sixteen teams. Chase Neuman was 30th out of 96 individuals. Refugio took first place team honors with a team score of 647. Second was secured by Three Rivers (our District Champs) with a team score of 656. Individual honors were taken by T.R. Repka with a two day total of 149 (75-74); and Roy Burger was second with a score of 150 (74-76). The two individuals going to state in addition to the two teams are Clayton Hayden from Ganado (154), and John Miles from Flatonia (155).

It has been a wonderful sea-

son for both the boys and girls! We have two senior boys leaving and one girl. The boys are Chase Neuman and Carl Dalton; the girl is Erica Meyer. I have had them in golf since my first year here; I have seen them all shoot over 100 during tournaments when they began, and I have watched them get better as the years went on finally breaking the 80's. I would like to thank them for all the hard work and good attitudes! I will really miss them! May God's Peace and wisdom go with them in all they will encounter. And I hope they will continue to play golf and continue to participate in tournaments.

Making a Difference
By Taylor Stephenson

TAAS testing is finally over for the year. We had a week of testing to validate the TAKS, which will replace the TAAS. End of course testing will be done in late May.

BISD's teachers and students are happy to get the tests over with. There is a tremendous amount of pressure on students and faculty because of the TAAS.

We'll be doing more testing in the future because of additional state requirements and changes in federal law. I hope that someone will figure out how to insure that the curriculum has been taught without paper and pencil tests.

Congratulations to Brackett's Regional Track participants. Julie Ann Ashabraner will represent Brackett ISD in the two mile run at the state track meet on May 10. Kim Wilkins and

Ken Wallace are our head track coaches.

Stephanie Coronado, Courtney Frerich and Eliot Stone also placed in the regional track meet. Ashley Smith will go to state in computer applications. Cindy Brandt is her teacher. Our girls' softball team coached by Gregg Nowlin assisted by Coach Blore plays tonight in San Antonio. We are proud of our students and teachers.

Fort Clark Springs and Brackettville have greened up for spring. It has finally warmed up, and we're now wishing for cooler weather.

At our home, we have Blue Birds, Flycatchers, Cactus Wrens and Orioles that are nesting. The turkeys are running in packs of 12 or more. We see Purple Martins fly over, but they have not yet decided to take up residence.

I attended the band marching festival in San Antonio where 26 high school bands from the

greater San Antonio area marched and played. Honored guests were eight firemen from New York City. The bands played New York, New York for the introduction of the firemen. A stadium full of folks gave the firemen a standing ovation.

Don't forget to vote in the school and city elections Saturday. Have a great week!

Brackett ISD Activity Calendar

- Thursday, May 2**
1:00 PM - 6:00 PM Blood Drive, Border Patrol Station, Kinder Field Trip, LAFB, TAAS Exit Level Math GR 12
- Friday, May 3**
1:00 PM Jones Elem Cinco de Mayo, Auditorium
- Saturday, May 4**
7:00 AM - 7:00 PM School Board Election Day! 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Cheerleader Car Wash School Parking Lot, 8:00 PM JR & SR Prom @ FCS Rest.
- Sunday, May 5**
HS Tennis State, Austin
- Monday, May 6**
6th GR Field Trip, S.A., HS Tennis State, Austin, Scholastic 1/2 Price Book Fair, Rm 1 Jones Elem
- Tuesday, May 7**
DWI Program, Jr. & Sr. High, New Gym, Tennis State, Austin Scholastic 1/2 Price Book Fair, Rm 1 Jones Elem
- Wednesday, May 8**
Scholastic 1/2 Price Book Fair, Rm 1 Jones Elem
Want Less Stress?
Daytime noise levels shouldn't exceed 75 decibels, roughly the loudness of a dishwasher. For regular doses of peace & quiet, visit the library, walk in the woods, get up earlier...

EMS improvements completed

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providing equal opportunity."

The Grade and Step Committee, consisting of all county department heads, will meet before the next county commissioners meeting to address the policy regarding promotion to vacated positions.

The new EMS sign and pipe

guards around it and the new landscaping cost \$1,300 more than anticipated. Since EMS grant funds were depleted, commissioners approved a budget adjustment to take the \$1,300 from a line item where funds will not be needed. Commissioner Francie Wylie was opposed to this action.

Texas A&M University to host Annual Sea Camps

Galveston - If your kids like to seine in a salt marsh, trawl on a research vessel and handle all sorts of sea creatures and explore all there is to know about beaches, Sea Camp is for them.

In one of the most fun marine adventure summer camps to be found, Texas A&M University at Galveston will offer its 17th annual Sea Camp this year, with 10 different camp topics and 33 sessions offered beginning June 2 and continuing through August 3.

Sea Camp is for youngsters ages 10-18 and each camp is geared to a specific age group and may focus on a particular topic, such as estuarine biology/ecology, coastal camping, marine mammals, fish, careers, and photography.

This year coastal photography is being expanded to four different topic sessions. Also continuing are international camps featuring eco-tourism in the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico and Belize.

"Sea Camp teaches kids about the marine and estuarine environments, and why these things are important," explains Dr. Judy Wern, Sea Camp director.

"We stress a hands-on learning experience, and we hope to instill in our campers a love for the ocean, for marine life and the environment."



Pictured above are youngsters in the Sea Camp program.

Wern says Dr. Sammy Ray, a 2002 inductee into the Texas Science Hall of Fame and world-renown oyster biologist, began the highly-popular Sea Camp program in 1986 and 8,000 students from all over the United States, Europe, Asia, and Latin America have attended Sea Camp sessions. Since the camp began, more than 800 public school teachers have served as camp counselors and earned professional development credit.

In addition, Sea Camp instructors include Texas A&M faculty members and graduate students from such departments as marine biology, marine sciences, zoology, wildlife and

fishery sciences, range science and numerous academic fields.

Sea Campers will reside at residence halls on the Texas A&M University at Galveston campus. Evening recreation includes a pizza party at the pool and a beach cookout. Fishing is optional.

Camps cost \$695 or \$750, except for the international ones. A \$125 deposit is required to hold a place. Registration on some Sea Camp sessions is limited.

"The learning experience at Sea Camp is like no other," Wern adds. "Sea Camp combines education with having fun, and that's why it is so popular."

Share your heart and home

Host families are needed to host international teens from over 30 different countries for the 2002/2003 fall semester or academic year. They are in need of caring families to provide a home and share with them this unique experience. The host family will provide a bed, meals, as well as friendship, understanding, and a genuine desire to share the American way of

life with a youngster from overseas. The students speak English, are covered by medical insurance, have spending money for their personal expenses, and hope to arrive in August for enrollment in their new high school.

All students are between the ages of 15 and 18, and will attend the high school closest to their host family's home or a

private high school. Families are able to review student applications and select the student they feel will best match their family. The SHARE! High School Exchange Program is sponsored by ERDT, a non-profit educational foundation. For more information, please call Yvette Coffman at the SHARE! Southwest Office at 1-800-941-3738.

Ashabraner goes to state

The girls had a regional track meet on Friday and Saturday, April 26th and 27th against Converse, Judson and San Antonio.

In the 3200 meter; Juliann Ashabraner placed 2nd, she will then go on to state. Only the two top in each race advance to the State Meet in Austin on May 10th and 11th. Ashabraner will run at 9:40 a.m. on Friday, May 10th.

Stephanie Coronado placed 8th in the 400 meter. For the 300 hurdles; Courtney Frerich placed 8th and in the 1600 meter Juliann Ashabraner placed 5th.

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Dear Citizens of Brackettville,

I, Francisca "Chica" Garza, am currently running for the position of City Alderman Place 4. I have been a long time resident of Brackettville and a past graduate of Brackett High School (1997). As of December 2000, I received my Associate of Arts Degree from South West Texas Junior College. Currently, I am enrolled in Sul Ross State University-Rio Grande College and SWTJC.

I would like to be given the opportunity to help fix issues that concern our city and look at different ways to help make the City of Brackettville a better place to live for us and our children.

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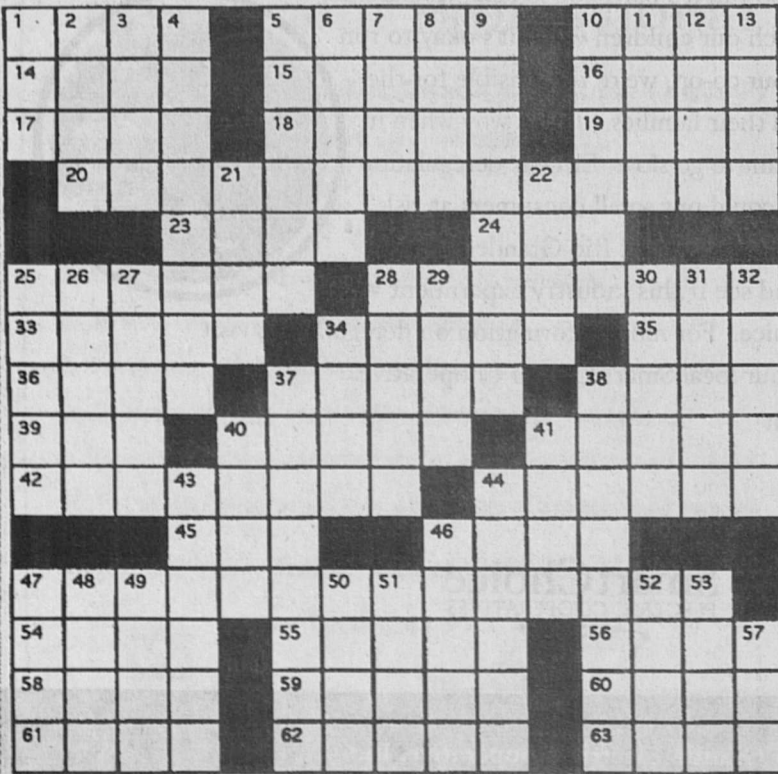
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| ACROSS | 40 Skier's milieu | looking | 38 Guiding light |
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| 5 Strobe | 42 Inouye and Exon | 7 Perry Moran | 41 Partner for barrel & stock |
| 10 Support | 44 Flat | 9 Oust | 43 Location for 40 |
| 14 Mountains | 45 Pull | 10 out; withdraws | 44 Petty vehicles |
| 15 Revere | 46 Intertwine | 11 Drive out | 46 Emitted an intense beam |
| 16 Sharpen | 47 La Toya's relation | 12 Preposition | 47 Prefix for tone or gram |
| 17 Vertebral connector | 54 Make eyes at | 13 Laborer | 48 Frankenstein assistant |
| 18 Utmost | 55 Waken | 21 Gracful animals | 49 Ancient weapon |
| 19 Fiat or Audi | 56 Madre's sisters | 22 Leisure | 50 Single fiber |
| 20 Moses' portrayer in film | 58 Part of speech | 25 Toyland visitors, in operetta | 51 Strong |
| 23 Clark's sweetheart | 59 Come in | 26 Eliminate | 52 Unctuous |
| 24 Actress Charlotte | 60 Donation | 27 Material | 53 Birth certificate item |
| 25 Misrepresented | 61 Sun and moon | 28 Acreage coverings | 57 Draft board: abbr. |
| 28 Horizontal beam | 62 Acts | 29 Character on The Golden Girls | |
| 33 Ram | 63 Cereal grasses | 30 Color | |
| 34 Apt | DOWN | 31 Promoters | |
| 35 Nigerian tribe | 1 Word with slide or slinging | 32 Piece of meat | |
| 36 Censors | 2 Boy's name | 34 Under-privileged | |
| 37 Mother city | 3 Fashionable band | 37 Stared in anger | |
| 38 Capital | 4 Caustic substances | | |
| 39 Suffix for Bengal or Peking | 5 Unhealthy | | |



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 Exercise naked; 10. Silver
 Beecher Stowe; 6. Grover Cleveland; 7. 11; 8. Anchorage, Alaska; 9. 1. Love, American Style; 2. FIVE; 3. Scallops; 4. Coco; 5. Harriet

ROARING TWENTIES

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

Today's Category: Lakes, Seas, Oceans, and Rivers

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Trivia Time by Walter Branch

- From what TV series was "Happy Days" spun off?
- What is the most number of crosses that can appear in a standard game of tic-tac-toe?
- What shellfish are used in the preparation of Coquilles St. Jacques?
- What was fashion designer Gabrielle Chanel's famous nickname?
- Who wrote "Uncle Tom's Cabin"?
- Who was the 22nd and 24th president?
- How many Academy Awards did "Titanic" (1997) win?
- What is the largest city in the largest state?
- What is the literal translation of "gymnasium"?
- Ag stands for what element?

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 May 2.....Robert Tucker
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 May 5.....Johnny Smith
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 May 8.....Randal Davis
 May 8.....Guadalupe Lumberas
 May 8.....Rosa Smith

HOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) If you believe in yourself and what you're doing, you're the only one who can get the message across. Don't be afraid to do a little self-promotion. The weekend is best for quiet activities.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Something of a domestic nature is troubling you this week. Let a family member take over. This person has the best solution.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You get into a bit of a debate with a co-worker. Remember to do more listening than talking. You might learn something from someone else's viewpoint.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your energy is at an all-time high this week. Projects will be finished and new ones started. This weekend, you're called upon to solve a family problem.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) This is a good week to put some spark back into a love relationship. Be sure to be attentive to your mate's needs. Later in the week, a bit of self-discipline is in order.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your intentions are good, but your methods are lacking. Try using tact and diplomacy in a touchy situation. Over the weekend, a financial proposition is intriguing.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your creative juices flow this week. Projects of an aesthetic nature are favored as a result. Later in the week, a social invitation has romantic possibilities.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You have a tendency this week to be impulsive. This could lead to some slip-ups at work. Your best bet is to curb this impulse.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Someone you always thought of as a friend could have romantic feelings for you. This takes you by surprise. Do your best to let this person down easily.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It's wise to keep to your own counsel at work. Mousing off isn't a good idea right now. By week's end, this situation is happily resolved.

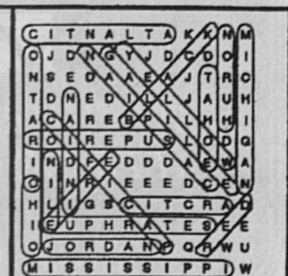
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A domestic project is front and center this week. Once this is completed, you can turn to work matters. This weekend, a friend is ready for a spontaneous adventure.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A co-worker gets on your nerves this week. Don't let this person's inefficiency spoil your own effectiveness. Ignoring the situation is your best approach.

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Roaring Twenties Solution:

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| 1. Arctic | 11. Michigan |
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| 3. Black | 13. Nile |
| 4. Caspian | 14. Ohio |
| 5. Erie | 15. Ontario |
| 6. Euphrates | 16. Pacific |
| 7. Galilee | 17. Red |
| 8. Haron | 18. Superior |
| 9. Indian | 19. Tahoe |
| 10. Jordan | 20. Yellow |



Walking In The Will Of God Having faith in something

Gateway Ministries

By Pastor Charolette Corey

"Comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, ... Warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men. See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men. Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesying. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body

be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." (1 Thes 5:11-23)

"Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectionate one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another; not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. Bless them which persecute you; bless, and curse not. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward an-

other. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men...Avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.'

If thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink; for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fires on his head... Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." Romans 12:9-21)

Start your new day with walking in the will of God. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

Frontier Baptist Church
By Dave Crowe

Last week, I asked you to take a moment or two, to think about those things that you do and do not believe in. To think about who and what you are and are not putting your faith in.

This week, I want you to take a moment or two, to think about faithfulness.

Having faith in something is here and now! It may or may not be subject to change later on.

Faithfulness is demonstrated by believing in the same thing, day after day, year after year.

Faithfulness is one of those words with a meaning which is very close to the word commitment.

Let me give you a great ex-

ample of faithfulness, and commitment.

You've no doubt heard of the biblical story of Noah and the flood that destroyed the world.

Well, there may be a few things about that age old story, that you may not know.

Did you know that Noah was 500 years old the first time that God spoke to him.

What God said to Noah was something like this. Noah, I've had more than enough of the way my children are behaving. They're mean, evil, wicked and just plain nasty! They're liars, they can't be trusted and they're deceitful. They are engaged in all manners of things that are unacceptable in my sight.

Noah, you and your family are the only righteous people on the face of this earth. You are the only ones that I can find, that live as you should.

So, listen up! Here's what I've decided to do. I'm going to flood the entire world and everyone and everything will die, except you, your family and what animals, I choose to save.

God told Noah to build an ark and God instructed him in every detail on just how it was to be built.

The ark, was to be built three stories high. It was to be 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet high.

Let's remember, Noah was a farmer, not a master ship builder. Something else, Noah lived in a desert, there was not a body of water big enough for a ship that size. Anywhere around.

As Noah worked on the ark, huge crowds of people came in droves to laugh, scoff and ridicule Noah and his family.

Having a captive audience, Noah took the opportunity to witness to and preach to them, but to no avail.

God did not speak to Noah again for 120 years. Noah was now 620 years old.

God told Noah that in 7 days it would begin to rain and it would rain for 40 days and nights.

You know how this story ends, the point that I want to make is that, Noah and his family was saved because they were faithful.

God's grace is offered to everyone who will answer the call. To everyone who will be faithful and live as God would have them to live.

Everlasting mercy In His hands

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

his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord, he is God; it is he who hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are

Enter into his gates with thanks giving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endureth to all generations. Psalms 100.

By Rev. Brother J
Contributing Writer

We knew it had to be done, but we were not looking forward to it. It would be difficult because the older ones usually run off and leave the younger ones.

We needed to round up and mark a few lambs that were born late. Thank goodness it was cool that morning. As we got near the pens I just happened to look down at some bushes and see a very small lamb by himself. I walked over to him very quietly because normally if they hear you they run away. He just stood there and when I picked him up he didn't wiggle around or try to jump out of my hands (as most do). As I carried the little lamb up to the pens I thought

about several things concerning my relationship to God. First the little lamb seemed perfectly content for me to carry him. It seemed like he had yielded his life in to my hands. The bible says we must do the same thing (James 4:10, Psalms 31:5 &

138:6). Just as the lamb became dependent on me to take care of him the Bible also promises that if we do likewise God will take care of us (Psalms 32:7,8 and 91:14-16).

When I reached the pens I stopped and looked at the little lamb in my hand and I prayed, "Oh Lord may my life and soul be in your hands like this little lamb is in mine." Have you put yourself in God's hands? (Psalms 32:10). See you in Church on Sunday.

Health Surgery helps women avoid hysterectomies

Houston - Women who experience heavy menstrual bleeding or irregular periods could benefit from a minimally-invasive surgery, without having to undergo a hysterectomy.

"With the number of options available for women today, a hysterectomy is often an unnecessary procedure," said Dr. Robert K. Zurawin, an assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Baylor College of Medicine. "The recovery time for a hysterectomy also takes away a great deal of time away from family and work."

A hysterectomy is a major surgical procedure in which the woman's uterus is removed through a surgical incision in the abdomen or through the vagina. Benign uterine growths, pelvic pain, and excessive menstrual bleeding are the most common reasons for hysterectomy. In addition to a prolonged recuperation period, possible complications include decreased sexual pleasure, bladder control problems, hypertension, weight gain, infection and hemorrhage.

Endometrial ablation, an alternative to hysterectomy, is a procedure in which the lining of the

uterus is destroyed by using a hysteroscope. Most women who have a successful endometrial ablation will have little or no menstrual bleeding.

Since an endometrial ablation destroys the lining of the uterus, the procedure is not for anyone who wants to bear children in the future. Women who have a malignancy of the uterus or who have severe pelvic pain are not good candidates.

In the outpatient procedure, pain is minimal, and most women are able to return to their regular activities within few days.

"Hysterectomy and endometrial ablation have been around for many years, however, older technologies and instruments have caused doctors to be hesitant to perform the procedure due to the risk of complication," said Zurawin.

"With today's advancements, endometrial ablation is a safe procedure for women who want to preserve their uterus and continue to live an active, healthy lifestyle without having a period."

Developments in the treatment of asthma

(NAPS) - Asthma is one of the most common illnesses in the United States, affecting both children and adults. With more than 15 million Americans already suffering from the disease, the incidence of asthma is on the rise as more and more Americans are diagnosed with it. There is, however, good news on the asthma front.

New clinical trials investigating new treatments are starting soon.

Asthma usually occurs when a patient is exposed to a "provoker," such as cold air or allergens (e.g., dust and mold), that causes inflammation of tissues, the accumulation of muscles in the patient's airways.

This leads to symptoms that are characteristic of an asthma attack - shortness of breath, coughing, tightening of the chest and wheezing.

To help patients manage this chronic disease, doctors prescribe treatments that provide immediate and long-term relief. Medications such as steroids or bronchodilators reduce swelling and mucus production and rap-

idly open the airways to improve breathing.

While these therapies often do help in the management of asthma, there is ongoing clinical research for therapies that may improve on current options.

Protein Design Labs, (PDL), a biotechnology company based in Fremont, California, is studying the potential benefit of two unique drugs for patients who suffer from chronic, persistent asthma.

These new drugs are antibodies that target key immune functions believed to be involved in the asthma inflammatory process.

Many doctors believe these types of therapies may represent the future of asthma treatment.

Both studies are being conducted in up to 20 research centers throughout the United States and are currently enrolling chronic, persistent asthma patients.

For further information on the trials, people are encouraged to call 1-800-772-0482.

Communicate with others

St. Mary Magdalene Church
By Lynn McNew

Of the five senses given to us, listening is the one most poorly used. And yet it is the key to real communication with others. I sometimes have a problem with listening-oh, I can hear well enough-I just don't listen. Often when I ask questions, I have already formulated the answers I expect. When I engage in conversation, I often have preconceived ideas of what I am going to hear. I sometimes have my mind on something totally different than the conversation I am supposed to be involved in.

My students challenge me about listening to music-they assume I won't like something, because of the type of music it is. Actually that works both ways-sometimes their preconceived notions of what they are going to hear, gets in the way of their listening. Because we are conditioned by habit or limited thinking, our expectations drown out what is new and in-

teresting. If we are to respond with our "best self" to the world God presents to us, we must dust off those old eardrums and turn up the volume. We have to pay attention to the pauses between words, the sighs, the tone of voice coming our way. This is not always easy to do in a world where we are inundated with sound almost constantly. So we must learn to "tune in and tune out." We have to let the sounds of life-the birdsongs, the car horns, the whistling teakettles, the whispers of children-get through to us. Psalm 34 tells us in verse 12, "Come, children, hear me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord." If we are going to know God, we need to listen carefully to what His world is saying to us. We must focus on the important sounds. Lord, open my ears to hear the sound around me-the sounds that wake me to the beauty and grandeur of Your wonderful world. You are welcome to worship with us anytime at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church.

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Investment Guidelines For All Seasons Financial Focus by Joaquin Davis



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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GET OUT OF debt free! Stop collection calls; reduce payments up to 50%, lower interest. Non-Profit, licensed, bonded. Call 1-800-897-4219, www.amerix.com

STOP FORECLOSURE! BEHIND on your mortgage? Don't file bankruptcy. We can help save your home. Guaranteed service. 1-800-915-9704, ext. 209, U.S. Mortgage Assistance.

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, phone calls and food. Your thoughtfulness will never be forgotten.

Nancy O'Brien and family

Answers to Crossword Puzzle

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URIAL ADORE HONE
DISK LIMIT AUTO
CHARLTON HESTON
LOIS RAE
BELTIED CROSSBAR
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BANS GOOSE LIMA
ESE SLOPE LOGES
SENATORS RODENT
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MICHAEL JACKSON
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FINANCIAL SERVICES

ACCIDENT VICTIM? WE advance cash against any type of future settlement. No application forms/questionnaires. Palmetto Settlement Funding, LLC. 1-800-488-9143.

BE DEBT FREE - years sooner. Low payments. Reduce interest. Stop late fees. Stop collectors. Family Credit Counseling. Non-profit Christian Agency. Recorded message. 1-800-457-6176. Free quote, www.familycredit.org

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COASTAL HAY FOR sale - round or square. Call 830-317-4459.

DOUBLE WIDE FOR sale 28x80 3 yrs. old, 1920 sq. feet. Owner finance. Needs to be moved to new owners location. 830-317-4459 or 830-563-2273.

FEMALE TOY FOX Terrier, very pretty, \$150.00 firm. 563-9463 or 563-9970.

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Garage Sale

Furniture, clothes, high chairs, baby crib with mattress, twin beds, medical items, lamps, linens, blanket, sheets, antiques, etc. Lots of household items.

May 3rd & 4th
9-5. Jeans Store

HELP WANTED

LOCAL LANDSCAPING COMPANY needs full time employee. Call Archie at 563-5102.

FORT CLARK IS now accepting applications for Life Guards. Apply at Administration Office. Ft. Clark Springs is an E.O.E.

AVON - ENTREPRENEUR WANTED! Must be willing to work whenever you want, be your own boss, and enjoy unlimited earnings. Let's talk. 1-888-942-4053.

SUPERINTENDENTS, GENERAL FOREMEN. Foremen with plant experience; piping, mechanical and concrete. Please send resume to Holloman Corporation, P.O. Box 69410, Odessa, TX 79769. EOE.

HELP WANTED

THE MIDDLE RIO Grande Development Council is accepting applications for Instructors and Instructional Aides to work with youth ages 14-18 years of age under the Workforce Investment Act's Youth ACES Program, the Academic and Career Enhancement for Success program. Instructors and Aides will be assigned to one of three youth activities: (1) Job Shadowing and Career Exploration, (2) Work Simulation and Career Exploration and (3) Career Academy and Career Exploration. Program activities will be scheduled beginning June 4, 2002 and end by August 2, 2002. Instructors are to be compensated at the rate of \$18.00 per hour and Aides at \$12.00 per hour working between 104 and 240 hours depending on the assignment. Qualifications for Instructors: Bachelor's degree, certification in secondary education, experience working with youth ages 14-18, experience working with Project-based Instruction in a community setting, experience working with work-based programs and must have a working knowledge of SCANS. Computer literacy in Microsoft Word and Excel is a requirement. Qualifications for Instructional Aides: High School Diploma or GED, experience in working with 14-18 year old youth. Must be computer literate in Microsoft Word and Excel. Program sites: Instructors: Dimmit, Edwards, Kinney, Real, La Salle, Maverick, Uvalde, Val Verde and Zavala County. Instructional Aides: Dimmit, Maverick, Uvalde, Val Verde, and Zavala County. All positions work under the direct supervision of the Workforce Center Manager. These positions require some travel within and outside the region. All qualified persons interested in applying may submit an application and copies of transcripts to the Middle Rio Grande Development Council, P.O. Box 1199, Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834, attention Ramon S. Johnston, Deputy Director of Administration. Deadline for these positions will be kept open until filled. The Middle Rio Grande Development Council is an equal opportunity employer and auxiliary aids and services may be made available upon request to individuals with disabilities. For more information you may call (830) 876-1227, or TDD Voice (830) 876-1260.

Help Wanted

Community Development Technician, Uvalde, permanent, full-time, Salary Range - \$24,701 - \$32,113 pa, Announcement TX-RD-02-25 opens 4-24-02, closes 5-9-02. Benefits include health/life insurance, retirement, vacation/sick leave, etc. For information call (254) 742-9750, TDD (254) 742-9712. View announcement on the internet at - www.usa.jobs.opm.gov - download application forms from the internet at - www.opm.gov/forms/index.htm - USDA Rural Development is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Being the life of the party shouldn't mean risking your life with drugs.

REAL ESTATE

O'Rourke Realty
Elsa & Paul O'Rourke
830-563-2713
Rentals Available

Brackettville - 3 bed, fixer-upper.
7 commercial lots on Spring St. \$28,000.

4 commercial lots on Hwy 90.

Comfortable townhouse, spacious, high-ceiling living room, washer and dryer, kitchen appliances. Was \$43,000 - Down - \$34,000.

Furnished or unfurnished. 2 bed, 2 baths mobile home. Fort

For sale/rent - 2 bed, 2 1/2 baths, family room, fenced back yard.

10 acres on Hwy 90 - Buildings, fenced plenty of good water. Call anytime, lots of possibilities.

orourke@the-i.net

HOUSE FOR SALE

3 BEDROOM, 2 bath home for sale - price reduced to \$88,000. 2000 sq. ft., beautiful rock fireplace, new carpet, fresh paint inside and out - great location 830-563-9965 or 830-563-2626.

MANUFACTURED HOMES

LOCAL BANK HAS repos. No co-signer needed. First come, first served. Call toll-free, Oakwood Homes, 1-877-542-5471.

MISCELLANEOUS

SWIMMING POOLS - DEMO Homesites wanted to display maintenance free pool. Save \$\$\$ with this limited opportunity. Call to qualify, 1-800-794-6839, www.SwimTexas.com. Prices start \$999.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC sale of property to satisfy landlord's lien. Sale is 10 a.m., May 4, 2002, at Sunshine Self Storage 750 W. Louise St., Brackettville, TX, behind Kinney County Wool & Mohair. Property will be sold to highest bidder for cash. Cleanup and removal deposit may be required. Seller reserves right to withdraw property from sale. Property includes contents of spaces of following tenants: Mary Falcon, bassinet, keyboard, clothes, misc. items; Esmeraldo Pacheco, wedding dress, queen bed, double bed, toys; Miguel DeLeon, couch, 2 lovesats, washing machine, double bed; Toni Joy, baby bed, chair, dressers, t.v., misc. household items. Contact Sunshine Storage at Kinney County Wool & Mohair on West Spring St., 830-563-2471, Brackettville, TX.

KINNEY COUNTY LAND CO

P.O. Box 1035
Brackettville, TX 78832
830-563-2446 830-563-2447

• Acreage - 15.3 acres located at Kinney County Ranch Estates lots 55,61,62. \$16,830.00

• Manufactured housing unit 15 lot 48 FCS, 3 BDR/2 BT, 1,120 sq. ft. \$29,500

• Brackettville - Old Stagecoach Stop House corner lots E. El Paso & Fort St. 2 BDR/1BT. \$69,900.00

Have Buyers - Need Listings! Same name new owner

Ken Barnett - Pat Owens - Melissa Davis

View listings: www.realestatetxkinneycounty.com

Tejas Properties

Phyllis & Les Meyer
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830-563-9911

Homes in Fort Clark Springs, Historical and Recent Construction

- Historic Calvary Condo 1/1/2 garages
- 3/2/2, All brick, with 2 lots on Airport (FCS), Excellent Condition.
- 4/3/ carport on 5 acres 1.5 miles north of town, Quality improvements.
- 2/2/ carport, 4 years old, FCS near Historic District.

We have ranches of all sizes available! Check our web site for other listings.

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REAL ESTATE

HUGE VACANT GM Dealership complex. Includes 15,000 sq. ft. warehouse and full city block paved parking. Palestine, TX. By owner, rent or sale. Will subdivide. 1-903-729-6687.

160 ACRES, WEST Texas brush/canyon country. Near Highway 90 in Dryden. Whitetail, Mule Deer, Javelina, quail, dove. \$150/acre. Owner or TX Vet financing. Ranch Enterprises. 1-210-697-0168.

RUIDOSO AREA 140 acres - \$39,900. Meadows, trees, snow-capped mountain views. Surveyed, nearby electric and maintained all-weather roads. Excellent financing. Call today. SW Properties of NM, Inc. 1-505-835-1008. Toll-free 1-866-350-5263.

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REAL ESTATE

STEAL MY 10 acre horse ranch, please! Beautiful 10 acres with hardwoods and pines. Tyler/Lindale area, located between Dallas and Shreveport off I-20. Central water, paved roads, underground utilities, private horse stables and lake. Compare at only \$59,900. EZ terms. Call 1-800-707-8988.

75 ACRES ON the Rio Grande River Gorge near Langtry \$495/acre or 160 acres brush land near Dryden. \$150/acre low down, owner terms, Ranch Enterprises, 1-210-697-0168.

RESORTS

PANAMA CITY BEACH. Sandpiper-Beacon Beach Resort. From \$39 (1-2 persons, arrive Sun/Mon - Free night, 4/6/02-5/1/02, restrictions). Pools, river ride, suites, bar. 1-800-488-8828, www.sandpiperbeacon.com

WANTED

LAND TO LEASE for hunting. Call Rick at 361-578-6711. Leave message.

Lions Club Thrift Store

May 4, 2002
Open 8 a.m. - 12 Noon

A table of gifts for Mother's Day, bathing suits, lingerie, spring & summer shoes, lots of linens

For information or assistance please call
Norma Conner: 563-2072 Mary Dixon: 563-2747
Tom Saylor: 563-3382 Peter Pohl: 563-9281

PUBLIC AUCTION

ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLES BY KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION SEIZED AND FORFEITED VEHICLES

DATE: MAY 11, 2002
TIME: 9:00 AM
LOCATION: KINNEY COUNTY CIVIC CENTER
200 EAST SPRING STREET
BRACKETTVILLE, TEXAS 78832

1. 1981 FORD PK
2. 1970 CHEV PK
3. 1995 GMC JIMMY

TERMS OF SALE:
CASH / CASHIERS CHECK / MONEY ORDER

VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD AS IS WITH NO GUARANTEES OF ANY KIND, FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
(830) 563-2788

SIGNED THIS 30TH DAY OF APRIL 2002
L.K. BURGESS
KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF
BRACKETTVILLE, TEXAS

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