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Local students participate in "Shattered Dreams" program

Last Monday morning a fatal accident, caused by an intoxicated driver, took the life of a local high school student and injured three others.

Actually there were no fatalities or injuries Monday morning, the afore mentioned was a

four parts, a mock accident, a reenactment of the death of those who die in auto crashes, an overnight leadership retreat, and school wide assembly the following day.

The final part was a Tuesday morning assembly. In addition

not to drink and drive or get in a car with someone who had been drinking. She encouraged the students to think of the consequences to themselves and their families.

"Think twice before you put your life in this kind of danger," added Coronado.

The mock accident occurred at 9:45 AM Monday morning. The car of Joe Henry Jaso was placed into position with 4 students representing the driver, two passengers and a pedestrian. The sheriff's department was notified and local law enforcement and emergency services were dispatched to the scene. Subsequently, the Justice of the Peace and funeral home were notified and arrived at the scene.

All officials worked the scene as a real accident, victims were removed by the firemen using

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High School and Junior High students look on as local law enforcement and emergency services work a mock accident near the school Monday morning.

mock accident put on by local law enforcement, emergency and governmental agencies as part of the "Shattered Dreams" program.

The purpose of the two day program is to increase awareness of the consequences of drinking and driving among high school and junior high students. Emphasis is placed not only on the results to the driver but also on the victims and their families.

The program consisted of

to two student speakers, Pastor Ray Melton, Sheriff Buddy Burgess and Connie Coronado also related their experiences.

Coronado the guest speaker lost her only son, Albert, September 15, 1995, in a car crash. Albert, 21, was a passenger in a vehicle returning from Mexico early on a Sunday morning.

"Do not allow yourself to drink just to be part of the crowd," said Coronado.

Coronado also told students

Brackettville wants to know

EMS Update
By Carolyn Rutherford

I can tell it is time to answer "Brackettville Wants to Know... Frequently Asked Questions About Kinney County EMS"

Question #1: Why did the County pay for the flower bed? Answer: The flagpole flower bed is a memorial to our emergency service co-workers who died on September 11, 2001 in the World Trade Center. The flower bed replaced a caliche patch that was not only unsightly but made our building look very incomplete. We want our citizens to be proud of this new public building. Your EMS staff works very hard everyday to make sure it looks professional and welcoming. This entire building project was paid for out of 100% grant money. Originally the flower bed and the parking lot, pipes and stripes were part of the grant, but we ran into a larger amount than

planned to complete the parking lot project. The remainder of money needed was taken from EMS' budget. The flower bed has been planned on since the flag pole went up. Anyone who has gone by the station can see the improvement in appearance. But more important, when you go by, and everytime I walk next to the flag, we are reminded of the sacrifice that more than 3,000 people made. To my knowledge, so far this is the only tribute dedicated to September 11, 2001 anywhere in Brackettville.

Question #2: Why does the ambulance go out with the crew delivering paperwork here and there within the City? Answer: These employees are on first call for EMS runs. Let me put it this way... when you see our unit out on the street without the emergency lights working, we are still doing official County business. The full time EMS staff

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Martin explains structure of DPS

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

Brackettville Rotary Club met on May second to hear Sergeant David Martin of the Texas Department of Public Safety. Sergeant Martin is a supervisor in charge of the Del Rio and Rock-springs area of the Department; he was a former supervisor of Brackettville.

Sergeant Martin spoke about the structure and responsibilities of the DPS. He said that most people associate the agency with drivers licensing and traffic violations, but it covers much more. It is a police association and provides many services for citizens of the state.

DPS consists of six major divisions. The first and largest is Traffic and Law Enforcement; Martin is a part of that division.

The second is the Criminal Law Enforcement Division and

it covers narcotics, motor vehicle theft service, and special crimes (the intelligence branch).

The Texas Rangers form the third division. It was formerly part of Criminal Law Enforcement, but now has a separate division of its own.

The Administration Division takes care of the collection of statistics and is responsible for everything involved in law enforcement activities-not only in the enforcement. It collects statistics and makes rules and regulations.

The Driver's License Division is responsible for issuance and maintenance of driver's licenses and in maintaining records on driver's licenses.

They are also responsible for driver's improvement and control and for safety when you have an accident. It is a driver's responsibility to report an accident, and if the driver has no

insurance, his or her license is revoked.

The sixth division is the Directors Staff of Emergency Management. The resources of DPS are available within hours when needed. A good example of this occurred when Del Rio was flooded three years ago. One call from the communication supervisor when the water began rising during the actual flood, and DPS resources became available, as well as the National Guard that began arriving only 18 hours later to help.

DPS has 13 fully equipped laboratories, which can provide laboratory analysis of blood pathology, fingerprints, hand guns - all of the forensic sciences, and these services are available not only to DPS but evidence can be submitted on request from any police department or sheriff in the state.

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Cinco de Mayo King and Queen



Samantha Pina and Oscar Sierra, III.

Man walks 10,000 miles to promote Diabetes awareness



From right: Mr. Diabetes (Andrew Mandell) with tour manager Bob Brooks.

A journey of a thousand miles begins with one step, Andrew P. Mandell's journey of ten thousand will end at an estimated 20 million steps.

Mandell, Executive Director of the Defeat Diabetes Foundation, is on a 3-5 year walk to the four corners of the United States.

Mandell is currently passing through Kinney County. Mandell swears by and wears Shoes With A Spring by Z-Coil®. These shoes lower impact on the body while returning almost 50% of the energy expended. They look like tennis shoes with springs on the bot-

tom. According to Mandell the springs have to be replaced about every 450 miles.

Defeat Diabetes Foundation's mission is to inform and educate the diabetic, potential, or prediabetic, as to the benefits of health and fitness as it pertains to the diabetic condition.

Mandell's, a.k.a Mr. Diabetes, goal is to inspire and inform fellow Americans about the disease and the need for testing.

As stated on his website www.defeatdiabetes.org his message is simple. Take a screening test, one is available on the website. If there is any indication that you may have

diabetes, immediately see your doctor and have your blood glucose level tested.

Though you may not have diabetes now, you are never immune. Mandell stresses good eating habits, exercise, learning the warning signs, and continued screening on a regular basis.

Mandell, who now considers himself a young senior citizen, discovered he was diabetic at the age of 40. A dedicated athlete he had ran marathons, was a triathlete and black belt in karate yet still tested positive for the disease.

As he found out in the years immediately after being diagnosed, his was not an unusual story. One of the scariest aspects of diabetes is that, without knowledge of the warning signs of diabetes and without getting tested it can go unnoticed, undetected for years. All the while the disease is ravaging the body, little by little. Progressing slowly, until one day, symptoms appear. By this time there is already damage done. And if left unchecked, the damage may lead to serious injury to the body such as stroke, heart disease, kidney disease, amputation, blindness and even death. It's difficult to think of these things happening to you when you are working-out, running, and feeling strong.

Almost in a state of denial, Mandell set out to learn what he

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Saturday Election Results for City and School elections

City Council Election Results

Mayor	Votes	
Carmen Berlanga	145	N/A
Alderman Place 2		
Hortencia "Tencha" O. Pena	86	N/A
Mary V. Flores	150	N/A
Alderman Place 4		
Ralph Gonzales	99	N/A
Francisca "Chica" Garza	143	N/A
Alderman Place 5		
Johnny Samaniego	163	N/A
June Kaminski (Write In)	35	N/A

Editor's Note: Percentages of total votes received was not available. The City of Brackettville refused to release the total number of votes cast on two separate occasions.

School Board Election Results

School Board At-Large	Votes	
Ronnie Dean Hobbs	174	56.5%
Henry J. Lutz	230	74.7%
Stacy Ashabranner	147	47.7%

Editor's Note: 308 total votes were cast in the school board election. Each voter was allowed to vote for two candidates.

Briefs ...

Awards Dinner

Brackett Athletic Booster Club Annual Awards Ceremony will be held at a Dinner Thurs., May 23, 2002 at the Kinney County Civic Center. Dinner is from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Awards begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the door or from Phyllis Meyer 563-9911, Kandace LaMascus 563-2656 and Stacey Ashabranner 563-9006.

Booster Club members appreciate your support of BHS Athletics. See you there!

Tent Revival

There will be a Holy Ghost Tent Revival, nightly at 7 p.m. on May 12th - 18th, at 116 W. Crockett St., with Rev. William P. Adams Sr. as pastor.

OA meeting tonight

Is food a problem for you? Has compulsive overeating made your life unmanageable? If you are battling this problem, we have a solution. Join Overeaters Anonymous Thursday nights at 6:30 pm in the Kinney County Library Annex. Email: overeaters2001@yahoo.com.

National Electrical Safety Month

The City of Brackettville has joined Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, Inc., and the Electrical Safety Foundation International in designating May as National Electrical Safety Month.

The purpose of the observance is to bring about a heightened sense of awareness in communities across America, as consumers and their families set about their spring outdoor chores and activities.

Monthly Statistics

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

Apprehensions
Abilene...130, Brackettville...1,226, Carrizo Springs...1,893, Comstock...130, Del Rio...1,141, Eagle Pass...3,128, Llano...69, Rocksprings...148, San Angelo...117, Uvalde...558, Sector Total...8,540, Other Than Mexican...289

Drug Seizures
Marijuana Seized (pounds)...6,016.954, Value of Marijuana Seized...\$4,813,563.00

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Empowering Families

Long ago a very wise man said that God confirms a mother's authority over her sons and he stores up riches who reveres his mother (Sirach 3: 2,4). Lifestyles/Page 4

Making a difference

Thursday night, May 9, BHS hosts its annual National Honor Society Installation in the school auditorium at 7:00 PM. Following the installation, refreshments will be served in the school cafeteria. School/Page 5

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It Was A Small Error

But I could be wrong
By Chuck Hall

I recently wrote an article concerning my ole buddy John Woolf and his soon to be triplet grandchildren. In that column, I stated that this was to be John's first grandkids. He called me. He said that I hadn't changed since our days together in high school. I was still getting my facts confused. He demanded a retraction article. He already has a grandchild. I knew that. I just forgot about it when he told me about the triplets. My excitement overshadowed my vision. I made a mistake, ok? It happens to the best of us. And the worst too. I'm sorry I got the facts

mixed up. I'll try to do better in the future. I hope this satisfies John and anyone else that I might have offended over the years by my misinterpretation of the truth. When John called and left me a message. I called back as soon as I could. He and I had a nice visit over the phone. We talked for quite some time. Long distance calls are not too expensive when true friendship is concerned.

Money is no object when it comes to camaraderie like that John and I share. A good friend and supporter is too hard to find to worry about financial trivialities. Especially since I called his 800 number. But I could be wrong.



Thank you, mom

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

Abraham Lincoln once wrote, "All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel Mother." I couldn't agree more. This Sunday, families across America will celebrate Mother's Day. Children will wake at the crack of dawn to make mom breakfast in bed. Kids of all ages will pull out the construction paper and crayons and make mom a homemade greeting card. And sons and daughters everywhere will write a note, place a phone call or stop by the house to say "thank you, mom." However you celebrate, Mother's Day is our opportunity to thank Mom for all the lessons, devotion, guidance and love she has shown us over the years. It's a day to celebrate motherhood and to remember our mothers. Contrary to popular belief, Mother's Day was not conceived in the bedroom of Hallmark. The first tributes date back to the offerings ancient Romans made to their Great Mother of Gods. Hundreds of years later, Mother's Day has become a day to celebrate all mothers. It's the most popular day of the year to dine out, and telephone lines record their highest traffic as children everywhere take advantage of this day to honor their mothers.

Mom deserves every ounce of appreciation this day gives her. She has always been there to pick us up when we stumble and fall. She reminds us that it's okay to try new things and to never be afraid of the unknown. Mom was there to help us with our homework and make sure we got to little league practice on time. And through all our daily activities, she was always gently reminding us of the lessons of life: play nice, make friends, try hard and be good. These are lessons that we will carry with us always.

America's mothers hold a special place in our hearts. Many of the best lessons don't come from seminars or sermons. They come from Mom. And she sure has taught us a lot over the years. Today's mothers are CEOs and teachers, physicians and nurses, elected officials and PTA presidents. They're police officers and volunteers, homemakers and heads of households. Through their actions, they've given us confidence and faith. They've showed us that there's a world of opportunity out there. And they've taught us that anything is possible if we put our mind to it - even becoming a United States Congressman.

So in celebration of this special day, I'd like to say thank you to my mom. Over the past 50 years, she raised five wonderful children and showed us love and devotion every step of the way. Thank you, mom. Happy Mother's Day.

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New morality

The Way I See It
By Steven R. LaMascus

I was just watching Fox News this morning, as I write this, and again the morals and beliefs of the United States and the Christian world are under attack.

A woman, I won't give her the honor of calling her a lady, and her two daughters have filed suit to forbid their school choir (I didn't catch where) from singing the Lord's Prayer at graduation. They are, you see, atheists. Then this woman is aghast that her actions actually made someone angry. Her comment was, "I guess you find out pretty quickly who your friends are."

Yeah, you do! When you attack the beliefs of an entire community because of your own lack of faith, instead of simply telling your children that they are not required to sing the prayer, or song, you demonstrate rather clearly that you are nobody's friend. Did you expect them to applaud you?

So now the choir is forbidden to even practice the song until a judge decides who is right and who is wrong. Once again we have a situation where three people are dictating public law to the majority. I thought this nation was ruled by a majority. Now it seems that it is ruled by a tiny minority of amoral misfits without the vision to see the truth!

But, you say, why must religion, especially Judeo-Christian religion, define morality? Can't a person be moral and not be a Christian? Well, let's look at that for a minute.

Where do you think our modern rules for morality come from? And now that we're on the subject, what do you think would be our moral high ground

without the Laws of Moses and Christ?

Ancient Babylon thought that good morals required ritual prostitution and child sacrifice. Do you? Most of the ancient religions and civilizations considered it imperative that the gods be appeased by ritual human sacrifice. They thought that the earth goddess must be appeased by the spilling of blood on the ground so that the spring would bring renewal. They also thought that ritual temple prostitution, that is sex with a priestess, or in some cases, a priest, brought fertility and good fortune. Would you like to see your husband at the temple every day having sex with the priestess so that you and he would have good fortune? Would you like to kill your son or daughter so that the community would be blessed? I didn't think so!

Ancient morality also called for a wife who couldn't bear a son to give to her husband another woman, so that he could have sex with her and have an heir. How does that tickle your fancy? Or if per chance he saw another woman he thought was cute he could just marry her too. Would that be okay with you?

All of those things, which were once considered necessary to good citizenship, were defined as immoral and wrong by the laws and commandments of God and Jesus. So you see, our entire system of morality is based on a bunch of antiquated religious beliefs. Without Jesus and Yahweh we would still be a bunch of polygamous, murdering, philandering perverts. Oh, I'm sorry; many of us still are that way, aren't we?

I once heard someone quoted as saying, "It now takes several million laws for us to define Ten Commandments." Man is that

true. Our entire civilization is based on the truth and righteousness of the ten little rules given to us by God through Moses. Without the restraint placed on us by the belief that those Commandments are true and inviolable we would still be wallowing in the filth of Babylon. We would be no better than the perverts of Sodom and Gomorrah, who told Lot to send out his visitors so that the men of the city could rape them. I don't know how anyone can be an atheist and call himself or herself a moral person.

It violates logic that you can follow the Commandments and not believe that they were given to us by God. It also violates logic, and our Constitution, that three morally bankrupt people can dictate public law to thousands; but the chances are that is exactly what will happen. And all I can say is, "God bless the U.S.A.," because we really need the help!

And to that woman, wherever she is: You would never, I hope, consider killing your daughters for a sacrifice, but you are doing exactly that by teaching them that there is no God. Because without Jesus there is no forgiveness of sins, and "the wages of sin is death." And that death is nothing more than a blood sacrifice to Satan!

Romans 11:33-36 - "Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!

Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor? Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him? For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen."

Moving forward and promoting trade

Capitol Comments
By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

America has the most productive, creative work force in the world. Our industries are diverse and our products are second to none. Now it is time we expand our reach to bring more of these goods and services to the global marketplace.

Ninety-six percent of the world's consumers live outside the United States, representing a vast market for American exports. Unfortunately, other countries are moving forward and promoting trade while we are standing on the sidelines.

For America to increase trade opportunities around the world, Congress needs to pass the Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) bill.

TPA gives the president the ability to negotiate trade agreements with the knowledge that while Congress retains its right to approve or reject a treaty, it will not try to amend or delay it.

Without TPA, foreign governments have not been willing

to sit at the negotiation table with the United States - they do not want to waste time crafting a complex agreement, only to see it changed.

While we delay, other countries are entering into agreements that exclude us. Our competitors in Europe, Asia and Latin America have sealed more than 130 free-trade compacts, yet we are party to only three - with Jordan, Israel, and with Canada and Mexico through the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

Lack of free-trade agreements puts American exporters at a disadvantage. For example, a \$187,000 tractor made in America and shipped to Chile incurs \$13,090 in tariffs and duties upon arrival. The same tractor would face \$3,740 in tariffs if it were made in Brazil - and none if it were made in Canada. American businesses, farmers and ranchers cannot compete effectively with this kind of disparity.

Our inability to negotiate agreements with foreign countries is hurting U.S. industry and

limiting economic growth and prosperity.

TPA offers the United States the chance to reclaim momentum in the global economy by opening additional foreign markets and expanding opportunities for American producers and workers.

For some 60 years, presidents and members of both parties in Congress have worked together to open markets around the world. Now, as we work to launch a new round of global trade negotiations, close cooperation is more critical than ever.

In Texas, we have experienced the benefits of NAFTA. Since the agreement was implemented in January 1994, Texas exports have grown much faster than the overall U.S. export of goods. Texas merchandise exports in 2000 totaled \$69 billion, up more than 22 percent from 1997 and nearly double the 1993 total of \$36 billion.

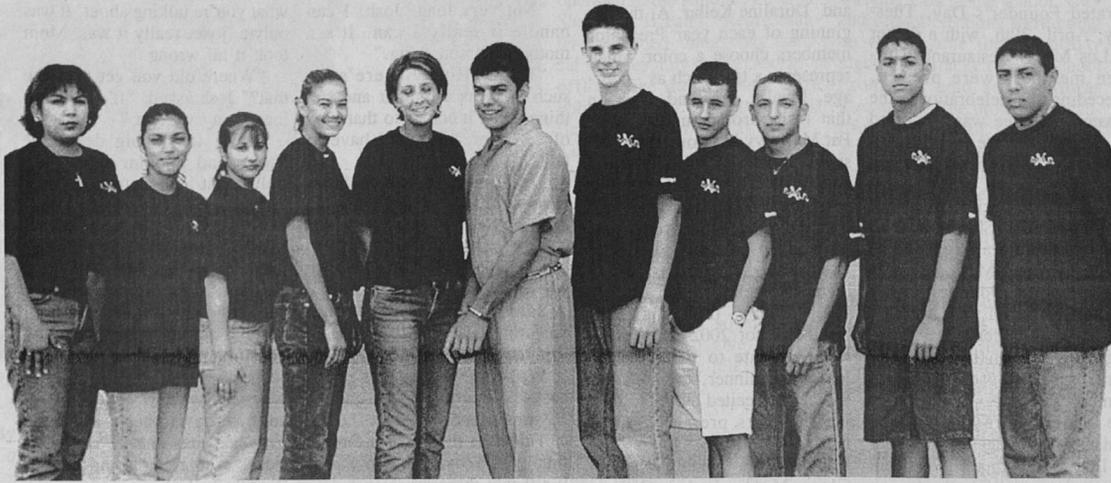
On the agricultural front, Texas ranks third among all 50 states in exports, with an estimated \$3.3 billion in sales to for-

eign markets in 2000. We are leading exporters of beef, poultry, feed grains and wheats. NAFTA has helped secure Texas' position as the No. 1 cotton exporting state. Since the agreement took effect, we have increased cotton exports to Mexico from 558,000 bales in 1995 to 1.5 million bales in 2000. But for farmers and ranchers in our state to continue to expand their exports, the United States must enter into trade agreements that will create opportunities for that growth.

Congress first charged the president with trade negotiation authority in 1934. That authority lapsed in 1994 and it has not been renewed.

At a time of increased tension in many parts of the world, American leadership on trade is more important than ever. Giving the president a strong hand to negotiate will ensure the continued growth of our economy and allow us to keep exporting three of our greatest ideals - freedom, free enterprise, and democracy.

Student volunteers participate in "Shattered Dreams" program



Student volunteers participating in the "Shattered Dreams" program from left: Ana Talamantaz, Yasmin Pena, Emily Petrosky, Stephanie Bonner, Sheena Meyer, Eliot Stone, Josh O'Neil, Miles Braesicke, Raymond Gomez, Oscar Sierra, and Carlos Gomez.



One of the many floats participating in this years Cinco de Mayo parade last Saturday.

LAS MORAS MASONIC LODGE
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McDaniel, Foster engagement Preceptor Theta Sigma A mother's authority celebrates Founder's Day



Pictured above; Hunt Foster and Wendy McDaniel

Mr. and Mrs. James McDaniel announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Wendy Denise to Hunt Foster, both of Austin. The wedding will take place on July 27, 2002 at Tarrytown Methodist Church in Austin.

The bride to be is a graduate of Brackett High School and Texas Tech University. She is a

Legislative Assistant for Texas Speaker of the House, Pete Laney.

The future groom graduated from Hereford High School and Texas Tech University. He is the area Sales Manager for Joe W. Fly Co., Inc. Parents of the prospective groom are Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Foster of Dallas, formerly of Hereford.

By Lynn McNew
Contributing Writer

The Preceptor Theta Sigma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi celebrated Founder's Day, Tuesday, April 30th, with a dinner at Los Moras Restaurant. Thirteen members were present. Preceding the celebration, the Master's Degree was conferred on Marge Geeze by Shirley Hadsell. The National Anthem was sung by all present, followed by the recitation of the Opening Ritual. Shirley Hadsell offered the Beta Sigma Phi Grace and Clara McCord led the sisters in the Founder's Day Pledge. After Lynn McNew read the Founder's Day Message from International, President Arlys Simpson presented numerous awards. Woman of the Year honors went to Jan Chism and Pledge of the Year to Louise Pflughoeft. President Simpson praised both women for their willingness to help and dedication to the principles of Beta Sigma Phi. Perfect attendance pins were awarded to Pat McKelvy for 11 years, Shirley Hadsell and Luella Gilliland for 5 years, and Jan Chism and

Arlys Simpson for 3 years. Preceptor members who received jewels for their crown included Clara McCord, Pat McKelvy, Luella Gilliland, Shirley Hadsell and Doraline Kellar. At the beginning of each year Preceptor members choose a color which represents a trait such as courage, loyalty, etc. and work on that trait throughout the year. Pat McKelvy has now earned all seven of her jewels. Past officers, Lynn McNew, Vice-president, Jan Chism, Secretary, and Shirley Hadsell, Treasurer, were given pins and guards by President Simpson to thank them for their year of service. Pat McKelvy then announced the theme for 2002-2003 which is "The Gate to Friendship". Following dinner, the Closing Ritual was recited by the following members present: Shirley Hadsell, Janie Meredith, Hawkins Huey, Bobbi Waddill, Clara McCord, Jan Chism, Lynn McNew, Luella Gilliland, Pat McKelvy, Molly Schroeder, Marge Geeze, Louise Pflughoeft and Arlys Simpson. The next meeting will be May 6, 2002, at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Janie Meredith.

Empowering Families
By Dr. Donald Smith

"Honey, I overheard Steve say some demeaning things to you. How long has this been going on?"

"Not very long, Josh. I can handle it really I can. It's a mother and son thing."

"Look, Honey there's no such thing as a mother and son thing when it comes to that kind of behavior. He and I have to talk."

Josh walked to where Steve was watching TV. In a calm but authoritative tone he spoke to his son. "Steve you and I need to talk. Let's go to your room where we'll be alone."

Sensing something wrong, Steve balked. "Let it wait Dad. I'm busy."

Walking to the TV Josh pushed the power button and the TV was silent.

This time there was a tone of finality. "To your room Steve. We'll talk there."

Josh followed Steve into the room, closed the door behind him. Leaning against the door he looked at the floor. He collected his thoughts and weighed his words carefully. Looking

Steve straight in the eyes, he began. "Steve I overheard an argument between you and Mom. You said some things that nobody can be proud of."

Steve sheepishly attempted to defend himself. "Dad, I know what you're talking about. It was only a joke, really it was. Mom took it all wrong."

"Where did you get talk like that?" Josh asked. "It's demeaning to any woman."

"Dad, its no big deal. TV shows and popular music are full of that kind of talk. Its all a big joke."

"I'll tell you what Steve, Mom's very hurt. No TV or music until you decide how to make it up to her and how you're going to keep that kind of talk out of your mind and your mouth. Let me know as soon as you decide." Long ago a very wise man said that God confirms a mother's authority over her sons and he stores up riches who reveres his mother (Sirach 3: 2,4).

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

Beta Epsilon Omicron

By Kitty Vaughan
Contributing Writer

A grand time was enjoyed by all as the Beta Epsilon Omicron Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi celebrated Founder's Day 2002. The sisters met at Shafter Hall on the evening of April 30th for the seventy-first anniversary of the sorority.

All were welcomed by Pam Melancon, who presided over the evening's events. Dee Curry and Kitty Vaughan led the National Anthem. The opening ritual was recited by the members. Elizabeth Goebel said the Beta Sigma Phi grace, which was followed by a lovely meal.

Dinner consisted of a variety of salads prepared by members from sorority cookbooks-those in present publication as well as books upward to ten years old. The delicious salads were placed on a buffet table with the provider's cookbook, recipe

displayed, resting behind it. During dinner each member gave a commentary on her recipe.

The Founder's Day pledge was led by Marla Madrid. Dee Curry read the Founder's Day message from International which encourages members to continue to "Weave a Web of Friendship". The presentation of awards was made by Pam Melancon after which Sondra Meil announced next years theme to be "The Gate of Friendship".

Two outstanding women were honored. Marla Madrid was named Woman of the Year and Connie Miller was named Pledge of the Year.

This year's Secret Sisters were revealed; gifts were exchanged and names were drawn for the next year's Secret Sisters. The evening concluded with members reciting the closing ritual.

Goodies from G.G.

I've been having fun in the kitchen over 60 years. But I'm continually learning new ways and things to do. Did you know; a) bacon won't curl if cooked at low heat until almost before turning? B) pre-soaking bacon in

cold water also works (do pat dry first) c) salting beans at start of cooking makes them tougher D) scrambled eggs are lighter by adding a scant tsp. of water then whipping with a whisk or fork?

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(one person each shift) helps me out by delivering this important information plus going out into the city familiarizes them with streets.

If they use their own vehicles or walk, and an EMS call comes in, (let's say they are sent to your family to help) how do you feel about an extra delay of about 5 minutes - the time it takes to return to the station, pick up the ambulance they left behind, and get on the way to your house? So I answered that question with a question! I have been in Brackettville nearly three years (in June) now and I hope you

Shattered Dreams

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to an alcohol related car accident. The third part began after school when all of the student volunteers went to the Church of Christ and stayed over night. This simulated for the students and their families the experience of someone being gone after death. They had group discussions and wrote essays about experiences during the program. Two of the essays were read at assembly the following day. Brackettville is one of 73 communities in Texas currently using this program developed by the Bexar County DWI Task Force Advisory Board on Underage Drinking in 1998.

Deputy Pena coordinated the event with the assistance of the Sheriff's Department, EMS, Volunteer Fire Department, local DPS officers, City of Brackettville, Chief of Police, County Constable, TABC, Justice of the Peace, Del Rio Funeral Home, Church of Christ, BISD staff and students and numerous individuals.

know me well enough to be certain that if you have any questions about the way EMS is run, you are very welcome to talk to me. If you hear talk about EMS and it concerns you, please just come over and ask. I promise you the straight goods and if I do not have an answer, I'll check the problem out and get right back with you. The only kinds of answers I cannot give are those that deal with private and confidential information about our patients or our calls. I invite you to visit as often as you like. Come in and have your blood pressure checked or just get to know us. That's what

we're here for. The absolute truth is that everyone working at EMS sincerely cares about the folks here in Kinney County.

EMS Week is coming! May 19-25, 2002. Proud to serve. EMS is a heartbeat away!" is this year's motto. Chris Calk (EMTI) and James Blankenship, Jr. (EMTI), have made plans for the whole week for the children of Kinney County. Each school day during the week, we will visit the schools and talk about home safety, using 9-1-1, and what to do when someone is ill or hurt. May 20, we will go to Pre-K through 3rd Grade; May 21 to Grade 4 through 6; May

22-24 to the High School. We are really looking forward to working with the kids then.

If you have an emergency, call 9-1-1; the first ambulance committed to a call must have TDH minimum two EMS certified personnel on board. Subsequent units sent while the primary unit is still out 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. Our office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The phone number is 830-563-9090.

Rotary welcomes speaker

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Law Enforcement Division corresponds to this position. The collection of information and intelligence falls to those in the field and to the Criminal Law Enforcement Division.

Martin wants people to know that, although he is no longer supervisor of the Brackettville area, he is listed in the Del Rio phone directory and is available when anyone needs assistance, feels they should report something, or wants questions answered. He said he may not be able to answer the question, but can find the answer. For these reasons, he welcomed the chance to speak to Rotary.

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Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, April 28
5:00 p.m., A man reported a residence had been broken into. Deputy Manuel Pena responded.
Monday, April 29
3:00 p.m., Jose Vara Jr., 23, from Eagle Pass, was arrested for outstanding warrants and possession of marijuana under 2 oz by Sheriff Buddy Burgess. Vara was released the next day on a paid bond.
Tuesday, April 30
9:05 p.m., A United States Border Patrol Agent reported loose cows on Hwy 131.
Wednesday, May 1
8:50 a.m., A 911 call was received. A motorist reported an 18 wheeler was driving recklessly. Deputy Guidry responded.
5:35 p.m., A rattlesnake was reported in unit 32. Deputy

Larry Robinson responded to the call and caught the 18 inch snake.
9:50 p.m., Salvador Ramirez Casillas, 28, from Del Rio, was arrested for driving while intoxicated by DPS Trooper Lozano. Casillas was released the next day on a bond.
9:50 p.m., Deputy Pena responded to a hot check.
Thursday, May 2
10:00 p.m., Deputy Pena responded to a harassment report.
10:45 p.m., A woman reported her neighbor was burning trash and smoke was getting inside her house. Deputy Pena was notified.
Friday, May 3
1:15 p.m., A man reported three fence post were knocked over on his sons property. Deputy Guidry responded to the call.

1:30 p.m., Deputy Guidry responded to a harassment call that was reported by a woman.
Saturday, May 4
2:55 a.m., Fort Clark Security reported a party with loud music at unit 22. Deputy Pena responded.
Sunday, May 5
10:30 a.m., Chief of Police Arnulfo Alonzo responded to a call from a woman reporting that her phone box had been tampered with.
No time shown on report. The Del Rio Police Department requested a deputy to pick up a passenger that the bus had forgotten at the county line between Del Rio and Brackett.
Monday, May 6
3:00 a.m., A woman reported a possible break in, in her neighbor's house. Deputy Pena responded to the call.

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4-H Fashion Show BHS has annual NHS Installation Ashabranner Goes To State



Pictured above; From left to right Sarah Davis, Miranda Letsinger, Summer Allen, Serenity Gammill and Bailee Allen

By Bailee Allen
Contributing Writer

The District 10 4-H Fashion Show was held at the Lyndon B. Johnson Student Center on the Campus of Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas, April 27, 2002. This year's theme was a Fashion Roundup. This year there were 20 counties competing with 164 contestants representing District 10.

Kinney County was represented by: Pre-Junior Division (8 - 10 year olds), Construction Category - Separates Sarah Davis, Construction Category - Ensembles Summer Allen, Construction Category - Specialty Miranda Letsinger and Buying Category - Specialty Serenity Gammill.

Junior Division (11 - 13 year

olds), Construction Category - Ensembles Bailee Allen.

Sarah Davis, Summer Allen, and Miranda Letsinger all placed 1st in their respected categories. Serenity Gammill, and Bailee Allen placed 2nd in their categories.

Emily Calk exhibited in our county fashion show but due to a previous engagement with her dad she was unable to attend the district competition.

The Kinney County Clothing and Textile Project Group hosted their Spring Fashion Show, April 18th at the Fort Clark Springs Teen Center. This year's theme was Fashion Luau. Our judges for the event were Marilyn Baker and Lynn McCarson, both of Brackettville. Nadalee Allen and Kathy Calk served as project leaders.

Season over for Tigerettes

By Greg Nowlin
Contributing Writer

The Brackett Tigerettes concluded their very successful season on Tuesday April 30th.

The Tigerettes lost to Kenedy in the second round of the State playoffs. The Tigerettes overcame incredible odds to reach the Playoffs.

Hardly anyone gave them a fighting chance to make the playoffs, and they did so by proving a lot of people wrong. The Tigerettes only returned three lettermen from the previous year, and had a lot of positions to fill.

The three returning were pitcher Celina Cano who tied a school record with 11 victories, and was 3 strikeouts short of tying for the most strikeouts in one season. Another one was Vanessa Castillo, shortstop, who hit for a team leading .560 batting average, and also lead the team in RBI'S with 33. The other one was April Martinez who solidified the first base position with her fielding abilities, and also lead the team with 3 homeruns.

Playing third base was Mayra Aguirre who lead the team with the highest fielding percentage with .859. Playing second base until she got hurt was Nataly Rodriguez, doing a great job of rounding out our infield.

A huge concern of the coaching staff this year was at the catcher position. Freshmen Valerie Terrazas stepped up and did an outstanding job. Valerie

lead the team in runs scored with 33, and with stolen bases with 37. She also batted for a .506 average.

Playing left field was another Freshmen Stephanie Bonner. She hit for a .440 average, and made some great catches in the outfield. She was also, second on the team in stolen bases with 36. Centerfield was played by Nicole Mata, who did a great job of controlling the outfield, with her good catches and great throws. Right field was held down by Celia DeLeon. She battled a bad ankle all year, but was still able to contribute greatly to the team.

Other members of the team were Divina Pena who was asked to play just about every position except pitcher, and did a great job of filling in when we needed her to play somewhere. Caitlin Wylie played second base when Nataly got injured, and did a good job of making some good plays. Shonte Ward also played second base, and improved a lot each day.

Angie Talamantes played in the outfield. Liz Threadgill and Erica DeHoyos were two first year players who improved each and every day in practice, and should contribute much more next year. "I would just like to tell each and every one of the Tigerettes that I am very proud of them, for what they accomplished, and all the effort that they put forward to reach the goals they had as a team. P.S. Good Luck, and I am going to miss everyone of you next year! Go Tigerettes!

Making a Difference
By Taylor Stephenson

The words on the scanner were: drunk driving accident with fatality. Kinney County emergency support groups cooperated in the simulated drama-Shattered Dreams. Representatives included emergency medical services, city police, sheriff's office, fire department, state police, alcohol control and the Brackettville Funeral Home. Knowing that the drill was an enactment of a real life tragedy, it still brought a tear to my eye. On at least two occasions, I was there when parents were told about an accident that had taken the life of their teen-ager. Teach the kids—don't drink and drive. I am pleased that so many cooperated fully to give the students and staff the full impact of this drama.

This week, BISD has been privileged to host students, staff and parents from Wisconsin. This is the third year for the visit to Brackettville. Alma Gutierrez' first grade class acts as pen pals to the class from Wisconsin. While here, they are

treated to a special time. We're proud that these folks returned to Brackettville.

This past Saturday, community activities started with a Cinco de Mayo Parade. Cheerleaders worked feverishly washing cars at the school. City and school elections were going on at the same time. Saturday night, the Brackett High School Prom was held at Las Moras Restaurant. The prom was beautiful with lots of participation and was apparently one of the most successful in years. Cinco de Mayo activities went on into the evening. It was a festive time for this community.

Congratulations to Ronnie Hobbs and Henry Lutz for being reelected to the school board. Thanks to Stacy Ashabranner for her candidacy. Congratulations to the winners in the city election.

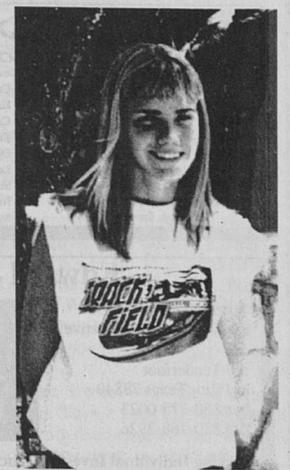
This week, the Jones Elementary PTO hosts a book fair. Books are bargains (half price) and are across the hall from the elementary school office.

Thursday night, May 9, BHS hosts its annual National Honor Society Installation in the school

auditorium at 7:00 PM. Following the installation, refreshments will be served in the school cafeteria. Michelle Frerich will hold a very important meeting for 8th grade parents in the school library starting at 6:30 PM. The information will help parents understand credit requirements at Brackett High School.

This past week, I attended an arbitration meeting where Kinney County Chief Appraiser protested the state values of agricultural property in Kinney County. Bill Haenn represented KC well as he made the case that conditions and costs in other Texas counties should not determine Kinney County values. The state comptroller will make the final determination of value this week. Our local district will lose \$250,000 to \$300,000 if state officials do not accept local values.

Texas has an archaic system that punishes local schools by taking away tax dollars if the state does not think our values are at the 95% ratio. I'll keep you informed. Have a great week!



Pictured above; Juliann Ashabranner will be running at the "State Track Meet" in Austin Friday (May 10th) at 9:40 a.m. She is running the 3200 meter race.

Rifle Team competed at District Roundup



The Kinney County 4H Rifle Team competed at the District Roundup in Kerrville on April 20th, competing against six other counties. Back row: Brandon Kluzek, Cody Robinette, Josh Kluzek, Joe Robinette, Tommy Clark, Wacy Taylor, Phillip Calk; Middle Row: Olivia Robinette, Daphne Hunt, Anolda Watkins; Neal Watkins, Allison LaMascus, Justin Calk; Front Row: Emily Calk, Bryan Calk, Ayland Letsinger, Tyler McDonald

4H Rifle Senior Team



From left to right; Brandon Kluzek, Tommy Clark (coach), Cody Robinette, Joe Robinette (coach), Allison LaMascus, and Wacy Taylor. The team placed 4th with Wacy scoring an overall 6th place.

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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.
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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.

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1. Australia; 2. Tuna; 3. New Jersey; 4. Jump; 5. Drivers; 6. Grand Old Party; 7. AIDS; 8. Eggs; 9. Watergate; 10. The computer

ROARING TWENTIES

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

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Trivia Time by Walter Branch

1. What island continent did James Cook claim for King George III in 1770?
2. What canned food had 25 percent of its U.S. output recalled for mercury testing in 1970?
3. In what state did the movie Coneheads settle after landing on Earth?
4. What four-letter title rocketed Van Halen to the top of the charts in 1984?
5. What was the centrally-computerized San Francisco Bay Area subway system designed to operate without?
6. What do the initials G.O.P. stand for in reference to the Republican Party?
7. What disease was first diagnosed as pneumocystis in 1981?
8. What is the more common term for female ova?
9. What was the Washington Post's biggest story of 1973?
10. What machine was on Time's "Person of the Year" cover for 1983?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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ASTROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
A friend is being awfully generous as the week begins. You are right to suspect the motives behind this. Accept only what you feel comfortable with.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
It's up to you this week to decide who's telling the truth regarding a domestic matter. At work, though, it's smooth sailing. Later in the week, partnership interests come to the fore.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
It's a good time to consider joining a club and pursuing a hobby. By midweek, you'll be making new friends. Accent cooperation on the work front.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Your mind wanders a bit this week. You've got a heavy case of spring fever. Try not to let this distract you from tasks at hand.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
Your creative energy is charged this week. You'll be able to leap into a new project. Over the weekend, travel plans are made.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
Friends drop by unexpectedly this week. Don't let this throw you. You can always just order in a pizza; just enjoy the company!

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
This isn't a good week to take any financial risks. Stick with investments you know are safe. Over the weekend, take the time you need to complete an important project.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
A conservative approach is best at work. Bigwigs won't look favorably on you if you pursue iffy schemes. Later in the week, romance is in the air.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
You're off to a good start as the week begins. However, be sure to pace yourself. Otherwise, you risk expending too much energy too quickly.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
Your social life is on the upswing. However, avoid a tendency to be sarcastic. This won't sit well with people who don't know you well.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
Take any advice you get with a grain of salt. Instead, trust your own instincts. Later in the week, news arrives about a distant matter.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
Confusion reigns as the week begins. You're just the one to sort everything out. Put that amazing analytical mind to work.

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Roaring Twenties Solution:

1. Baboon	11. Iguana
2. Badger	12. Jackal
3. Beaver	13. Jaguar
4. Bobcat	14. Lizard
5. Cougar	15. Monkey
6. Coyote	16. Python
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Restoring peace to the world Love your neighbor

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

Memo to the President of the United States, Fellow-West-Texan George W. Bush, On the eve of your next visit with Prime Minister Sharon of Israel, I want to offer a bit of friendly advice on the Middle East Crisis (even though you did not call to ask)! Nuke 'Em all!

As our military forces are on their way over to dislodge that monster of terrorism in Iraq, have them stop off and visit the West Bank, the East Bank, the Gaza Strip, the Strip Mall, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Katmandu, Syria, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, India, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Stan-is-stan and all terrorist points in between with their hardware of persuasion. In one visit of our anti-terrorism forces we can force peace on the rest of the world (which is the source of terrorism)!

As you are aware, the numbers of men and women of our armed forces who are willing to risk life and limb on your orders is great - though insufficient for this size task. Therefore, Nukes are the best possible answer. If those dummies in the Middle East can't argue peacefully among themselves without involving us, then they will learn that the U. S. of A. can, and will, make them submit to peace even if it kills them!

After removing tongue from cheek, I would offer my brother in United Methodism the follow-

ing serious advice. Mr. Bush the world awaits your decisions about the future of peace in the truly troubled spots of the world.

No one envies your responsibility in this arena, I am sure! For a religious man there is a fine line between using violence to end violence and using violence to secure political goals. Just ask Mr. Sharon or Mr. Arafat!

I am sure they can advise you that almost any decision you make will be met with criticism and anger. The best example of this dilemma, of course, is the current situation in Bethlehem. There are armed Palestinian independence fighters (probably Muslim) holding unarmed Christian bystanders and clerics (maybe of Palestinian and/or Israeli heritage) in The Church of the Nativity while armed Israeli homeland defenders (probably Jewish) are laying siege to the area. If ever there is a symbol of the hopelessness of violence this must be it - representatives of all three monotheistic religions dedicated to the peace of God entangled in a struggle seemingly without reasonableness.

Yet Bethlehem can still be a symbol of great hope. For it was in Bethlehem that the Lord of Peace was born to a young couple of Jewish heritage among neighbors who were olive-skinned (as natives of that area are today). How much of a mockery of faith in The One True God is it to see Jews and

Muslims fighting each other in and about one of the Christian venues that reminds us of peace? God must be very sad just now.

Mr. President, don't let your advisors and/or the rest of the world press you into a violent method of ending terrorism and restoring peace to the world. You might remember from Sunday School or Bible study that as Jesus was betrayed in the garden of Gethsemane a disciple tried to defend the Lord with a sword.

Jesus, knowing that this violent response was not the way to bring people to a peaceful and loving relationship with God and others, admonished his de-

fender and healed the man who had been struck by the sword (John 18:1-11). Please sir, as much of a cliché as it has become, remember - WWJD! What Would Jesus Do? As Commander-in-Chief of the greatest military force of all time how would Jesus deal with the crisis of terrorism and anti-terrorism in the world today?

Visit us at First United Methodist Church for worship this Sunday at 10:45 am where the relationship between Christian and National responsibilities are discussed not argued. You may find God using this Church family as God's means of grace to address the violence in the world, wherever it may be.

Frontier Baptist Church
By Dave Crowe

How many times in the past, have you said or heard someone else say, "oh, he/she lives in their own little world!" Meaning that they are oblivious to what's happening around them at any given moment.

If it's true, then I have to wonder why and how it happens. Are they just too busy to notice? Maybe, their minds are back at the work place? Or maybe, they have their hands full, just trying to handle their own problems. Nobody likes a nosey busy body, but being a concerned neighbor is usually appreciated. If, you haven't been seen in the past couple of days, wouldn't you want someone to check on you, just to make sure that you're alright? If, you haven't seen your neighbor in the past couple of days, wouldn't you do the same?

I read an article this morning that has me questioning, how people can be so absorbed in their own lives and jobs, not to notice when something around them is obviously wrong?

In Warminster, PA, the body of a 46 year old man was found in his apartment. The man had died three years ago and was badly decomposed.

No one had missed him. Not his neighbors, not his mailman, (who had stopped attempting to deliver his mail a long time ago). Not even, the condominium association president, who had ordered the man's car towed away for expired registration. Sadly, it was not until a

sheriff's deputy, who had come to tack a foreclosure notice on the front door, smelled the terrible odor that emanated from the apartment.

Here's another one that deserves a little thought. Yesterday in Fairfield, Ohio little six year old John Carpenter just walked away from the preschool play ground where he was playing. He walked across a busy city street to go to a children's resale shop "Reruns for Wee Ones." What had caught his eye was a bright red large plastic, battery powered, riding pickup truck.

The owner of the store, Trisha Taylor later claimed that she had disconnected the wires to the battery, so that no one could just ride off on it.

As luck would have it an alarmed motorist spotted the child riding the vehicle down the street and called the police department on her cell phone.

When Butler County sheriff's deputies found the youngster, he was riding down the street beside full size cars and trucks.

The deputies returned John to the preschool and the toy truck to the resale shop. Neither of which had been missed.

I have to ask, in a loving, caring society, how in the name of God, can things like these just happen? Does no one care?

Paul writes in Romans, that the ten commandments can be summed up in this one simple rule. "Love your neighbor as yourself. Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law." Let's obey the law.

Honor your mother

Gateway Ministries
By Pastor Charlotte Corey

God bless all you who are mothers or who have had to take the place of a mother. Without mothers we would not have farmers, ranchers teachers, preachers, doctors, lawyers, inventors, statesmen, firemen, policemen, carpenters, military men and women, and all manner of other men and women who have helped make this country what it is today. Good mothers pass their vision on to their children.

The encouragement of our mothers causes us to press on when we don't feel like it. The compassion of our mothers makes us care about others. The endurance of our mothers gives us strength to go on when things get rocky. The love of our mothers heals our souls when the roots of our lives begin to shrivel up. The faith of our mothers grounds us in the hope, trust, and strength of the word of God.

The respect you have shown your mother will be carried through into the treatment of others in your life. Sons will most often treat their wives with the same respect by which they honored their mothers. Daughters will try to emulate their mothers in showing respect to their husbands in the same manner as they saw their mothers respect their fathers. The re-

spect you show for your mother's authority in your life will be carried forward into your job relationships. Most often, if you respected your mother at home, you will respect the woman who is in authority over you and you will also respect the woman who works at your side.

Whether a mother works in the public workforce or works at home as homemaker, what she does influences the happiness and success of her family. The family structure is in her hands. "Every wise woman buildeth her house; but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands." (Prov. 14:1).

Every mother has the opportunity to pass on a rich heritage to her children. That inheritance is one that cannot be stolen from them. That heritage is her faith in God and the power of his word. That inheritance is the name of Jesus as personal Lord and Savior and the power of the precious blood that he shed for her and her family (as well as all mankind). Nothing can take that inheritance from her family once she imparts it to them by example and influence.

Honor your mother (whether she is alive or with the Lord) by treating other women with the same consideration as Jesus would have you to do. Mothers, we salute you!

Happy Mother's Day! Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

Heart burns with love

St. Mary Magdalene Church
By Lynn McNew

What makes your heart burn within you? I'm not talking about heartburn here. I'm talking about the deepest inner excitement imaginable. Perhaps your heart burns within you when you hear a wonderful symphony, or when you see a moving tribute to a hero, or when your home team is winning, or when your emotions are stirred while watching a movie or television show. For me, some of the wonderful tributes to our heroes of 9-11 make my heart burn. Has your heart ever burned within you over your faith? There is a familiar story in Chapter 24 of Luke's Gospel. Two of Jesus' disciples are walking along the road to Emmaus and are very dejected. All their hopes were dashed in Jerusalem because the One in whom they had placed all their hope was put to death. Now they are on their way back home to the usual routine of their lives. Even in their dejection, Jesus appears, and walks with them. He interprets for them all the things they have heard and known since the beginning of their lives. Then he breaks bread with them and im-

mediately they recognize this stranger as the Lord Jesus. All through the encounter, as they would later describe to their friends, their hearts were burning within them.

We are asked to walk the road to Emmaus with the two dejected disciples. Some time ago there was a popular Christian movement called Walk to Emmaus. I don't know much about it, and I don't know if it is still in existence. If someone can tell me about it, I would appreciate it.

I know people came away from the experience with a burning desire within their hearts. Can you imagine what it would be like to get this excited about your faith? If you have had this experience, I would like to know about it. Can you imagine the power the Christian community would have to change the world if every person seated in your church were this excited about their faith?

Lord, thank you for staying with me on my walk to Emmaus. Help my heart to burn with excitement and love for You.

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

No trespassing

By Rev Brother J
Contributing Writer

When we were younger my wife and I used to go camping and fishing on the Rio Grande River.

We would take our sleeping bags, little stove, and food. One trip in particular started out with beautiful day, with just the two of us, in our small boat, letting the current carry us along while we fished.

That evening we started looking for a nice grassy place to camp for the night. We finally spotted a beautiful grassy spot. Just as we were about to pull up to the bank we heard a voice speak out from above, "What do you think you're doing? As I looked up I noticed a man with a thirty- thirty Winchester in his hands. I was finally able to respond with a squeaky voice, "We thought we would camp here for the night." he responded, "You thought wrong, now get out!" my wife sat back

down in the boat and we paddled off very rapidly. That experience reminded me about something in the Bible. Just as my wife and I were not allowed to set foot upon that beautiful spot, there will be a great number of people who will not be allowed to set foot in Heaven (1 Corinthians 6:9-11). Failure to honor God and obey his word (The Bible) (Numbers 15:31) is the beginning of trouble but ultimately the rejection of Jesus Christ is what keeps us out of heaven (John 3:15-19, 1Peter 4:17,18). I still remember hearing the man's voice saying, "Now get out". There will be a day when God tells people to depart from him or get out, (Luke 13:27,28).

Let us humble ourselves, draw near to God, ask for mercy, acknowledge and confess our sins and put our faith in Christ, (ask him to be our Lord and Savior) so we will not hear those words. See you in Church on Sunday.

Power of the Lord

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

Praise ye the Lord, praise, O ye servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and for ever more.

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the Lord's name is to be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like unto the Lord, our God, who dwelleth on high,

Who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in earth!

He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifeth the needy out of the dung hill.

That he may set him with princes, even with the princes of his people.

He maketh the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children.

Praise ye the Lord. Psalms 113.

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Mr. Diabetes is now passing through Kinney County on a 3-5 year walk around the country

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could do about his diabetes. Without knowing it at the time, he was taking the first steps to becoming "Mr. Diabetes®." In his search for answers came more questions. In looking for a treatment he discovered there is no cure for diabetes. Being a man of discipline and endurance, he felt he could conquer the disease. He started seeing a diabetes specialist who told him to eat right and exercise. That should do the trick! No problem, he thought, exercise was a way of life for Andy, and he would watch what he was eating a little more than he used to. Great! Diabetes doesn't have to be any big thing. But it is a big thing! It didn't take long for the exercise and diet to prove to be not enough to hold back his diabetes. His blood glucose readings were getting a little higher. He asked his doctors why, but there was no good reason given. But they did have the solution. That's when he began taking oral medications. First one kind then another, then combinations of medications. But this was okay, too. He was feeling pretty good, was still able to do his running, and something else that became very important to him; he didn't have to take injections. The thought of having to stick himself with needles to control his diabetes seemed scary and repulsive. And as long as the pills worked, he wouldn't have to take that needle.

And the pills did work. Mandell faithfully took his medications daily. He knew that as long as he took his pills, he didn't have to worry too much about other factors in his life. He ate pretty

much what he wished, when he wished. If he started feeling a little poorly, he'd take a pill. His exercise regimen dropped off a little, and if he started feeling bad, he'd take a pill. His life went on like this for years, under the premise that as long as he took his oral medications he would be all right. One morning, however, he woke from his sleep to find that his world was not all right. He ached all over and could hardly muster the strength to get out of bed to get to a doctor.

What he was about to find out would change his life forever. During the course of his oral medication phase of treatment, his diabetes continued to progress. The disease was to grow stronger and he was to grow weaker. He had developed severe diabetic neuropathy; a disease of the nervous system. The nerve damage characterizes itself as numbing, tingling, and/or producing excruciating pain. In Mandell's case the pain got so severe he couldn't bear to have anything touch his skin. Wearing clothes was painful and difficult. He had to sleep on top of the covers, and then only at the point of exhaustion. He spent nearly 20 hours a day in bed, lost 75 pounds, and had only limited feeling in his feet and legs. You can only imagine the anguish he felt. An athlete, a runner who can barely feel his own feet and legs. A competitor who can't get out of bed without aid. And to lie there, knowing your condition is getting worse, not better.

Mandell knew that immediate corrective treatment was a must. Without it he was at extremely high risk of his internal organs

shutting down, arteries and blood vessels bursting, heart attack, stroke, blindness, and a plethora of other complications setting in. His direction became clear. Through aggressive and very deliberate self-management of his condition, coupled with sound medical advice from diabetes specialists, he began to rebound from his debilitated state. Exercising through the pain to regain his physical conditioning, carefully monitoring every bite of food he ate, vigorous testing of his blood glucose levels as many as twelve times a day along with taking the dreaded insulin injections (a combination of two different types of insulin a minimum of four times a day, and as many as eight times a day) he recovered. Not without complications, however. As a result of the severity of his neuropathy, he has had to learn to walk and balance again. Also as a result of his diabetes he has developed diabetic retinopathy in both eyes, a disease of the small blood vessels of the retina of the eye. As retinopathy progresses it can lead from blurred vision to total blindness. He remains under the watchful care of an ophthalmologist.

Mandell is accompanied by his tour manager Bob Brooks. Brooks, a kidney transplant recipient who spent years on dialysis, is also no stranger to medical hardships.

■ **Editor's Note:** Most of the information in this article was obtained directly from the Defeat Diabetes Foundation website @ www.defeatdiabetes.org.