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City raises fees

The Brackettville City Council has increased landfill use fees for businesses inside of the city.

The new fee schedule includes \$15 for small businesses with two employees and \$30 for large businesses with three or more employees. The fees include up to four loads per month.

"The City Council and I have been working very hard trying to come to an agreement on the rates for the Citizens Collection Site," said Bonnie Wardlaw, city secretary. "The costs to maintain the site have increased, and it is inevitable that our fees have to increase. We are not increasing residential fees."

"As you know, change is not always welcomed, but this is something that has to be done. Keep in mind the rates have not been changed since 1991."

"We appreciate all the suggestions given to us by the community. We did compare prices from surrounding towns and our rates are the lowest. I have been doing rate studies for months and we are behind times. I, as well as the City Council, appreciate your cooperation."

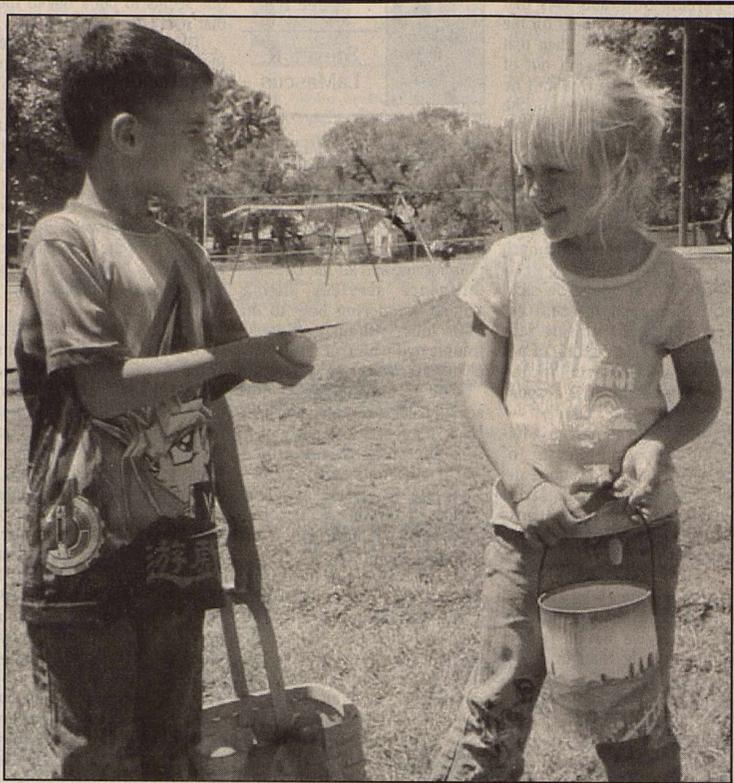
Sunrise service planned Sunday

The Preceptor Theta Sigma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Monday at the home of Louise Pflughoeft with Jan Chism as hostess. The meeting began with the opening ritual. A delicious dinner of lasagna, salad, chocolate brownies, tea and coffee was served.

Following dinner, Chism, the group's president, conducted a business meeting. Discussion was held on the possibility of more game nights for the chapter and it was decided to do this during the summer. Plans were made for Founder's Day on April 30. Committee reports were made, and then sisters related interesting stories about how they and their spouses met.

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Happy Easter!

Nathan Pearson (left, a kindergarten student at Jones Elementary School, shows Madison Luce an Easter egg he found at school this week. BISD has early release for the Easter holidays today.

Photo by J.J. Guidry

Citizens have a week to file in order to vote in city, BISD elections

Local citizens have until next Thursday to register in order to vote in the upcoming Brackettville City Council and Brackett ISD Board of Trustees elections on May 15.

Registered voters within the Brackettville city limits are eligible to vote in the council election, and the Brackett ISD election is open to all registered voters in Kinney County.

Francisca "Chica" Garza is the only incumbent council member not facing opposition in the election. Garza holds the Place 4 position on the council.

Joe N. Garza Jr., J.J. Guidry and Ponce Padron have all filed to run for mayor. Guidry is a former city councilman.

Carmen Berlanga is the incumbent mayor, but has not been active in the city since suffering a stroke last fall.

Seeking the Place 1 position on the council are incumbent Camilo Cruz Jr., Richard Guajardo and Tully Welch.

Three candidates have filed to challenge incumbent Mary Flores for her Place 2 seat — Matt Bland, Ramon "Dido" Garcia and Stephanie "B'Ann" Gomez.

Council member Johnny Samaniego, Place 5, is being challenged by Lydia Tipps.

The mayor and council positions all have a two-year term. Cruz was appointed to the council last year to fill a vacancy left by Bonnie Wardlaw, the current city secretary. That position will have one year remaining following this year's election.

Sara Terrazas is the only incumbent school board member seeking re-election. Trustees Lloyd Lee Davis and Jim McDaniel did not sign up to run for another term.

Joining Terrazas on the ballot will be Tony Ashley, Susanna T. Castillo, Curvin Crane, Roy Jay Harris and Tom Swinson.

Early voting for both elections will be held from April 28 through May 11.

Citizens can vote early in the city election at City Hall from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the BISD Central Office, located at 400 Ann St., between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Applications are now being accepted to vote early by mail for both elections.

Storms interrupt electrical service Border Patrol agents rescue two RGEC crew members

A storm moving through the region Sunday with heavy rain, hail and wind gusts estimated at 80 mph in some areas caused extensive damage to Rio Grande Electric Cooperative's electrical distribution system. Another bout of heavy rain pelted the area Monday night, leaving additional problems in its wake.

Rio Grande's crews worked throughout the day and overnight to restore power to customers after the initial hit Sunday. Additional weather-related outages happened Monday night, as more severe weather moved through.

"The rain, hail and high winds associated with these storms are bringing down trees, limbs, poles and power lines, and causing widespread damage within the service territory," said Steve Wright, Dell City area operations supervisor. "The outages in the mountains near Queen, N.M., were all due to storms in the valley."

"Unfortunately, because of high water, our service crews have been unable to get to trouble spots in certain areas," Danny Samaniego, Brackettville

Area Supervisor said Tuesday. "And that's very indicative of the extent of the high water situation, because our crews have been known to borrow horses and swim creeks to get where they needed to repair equipment. There just isn't anything we can do in some of these cases until the water recedes."

Monday, two RGEC crew members had to be rescued when rapidly rising water in Dolan Creek, near Brackettville, washed their service truck from the road. U.S. Border Patrol agents using a helicopter flew the linemen to safety.

"This storm seemed to lock on to Rio Grande's distribution system," said Clinton Brown, RGEC's director of operations. "We have six area offices that serve members from New Mexico to near Laredo. There wasn't a single portion of this area that did not experience some sort of problem during this storm."

The hardest hit areas were those near Fort Stockton, Comstock and Crystal City.

Hail which fell in the Crystal City area Sunday night could

still be seen in drifts up to 2 feet deep nearly 24 hours afterward, according to a National Weather Service spokesman who toured the storm ravaged area Monday.

The Eagle Pass/El Indio areas, directly across the Rio Grande River from the flood-devastated Piedras Negras, Mexico, received additional rains Monday night of approximately 3 inches. Many farm to market and ranch roads remain impassable due to flooding.

In the Comstock area, a member reported that the roof was torn from a neighbor's barn and thrown onto RGEC's power lines.

RGEC reminds customers to treat all downed wires as energized and to avoid downed wires or areas with limbs on wires and report these situations to Rio Grande Electric Co-op immediately by calling 1-800-749-1509.

"Beginning Saturday evening thunderstorms rolled through the Marfa area causing power outages," said Gary Nichols, Marfa area operations supervisor. "In our area, there was not any major damage, but rapidly rising creeks, rain, hail, high wind,

lightening and blinding fog hampered efforts to find the causes of some of these outages. The storms stayed in our area until Monday evening. Consumers around Stillwell Store reported grapefruit size hail Monday evening."

"Residents in the Carrizo Springs and Crystal City areas were able to have some warning about these storms," said RGEC general manager and CEO Dan Laws.

RGEC, the National Weather Service and the USDA Rural Utilities Service have installed an emergency weather transmitter at the co-op's Carrizo Springs tower. Testing of the station has recently been completed, and the ribbon cutting for this new addition to the warning network is scheduled for April 20 at 2 p.m. at the co-op office, located at 3204 Valley Road.

Area residents can tune weather radios to frequency 162.550 MHz for information on area watches and warnings. Weather radios are available from electronics retailers and larger discount store chains, and range in price from \$20 to \$100.

"It is a worthwhile investment in your family's safety," Laws said.

"These storms remind us that outages can happen no matter how prepared we are," said Brown. "This time of year, storms like this can happen any time. It is a good time to check the supplies in your emergency kit. A battery-operated radio, a flashlight or chemical light sticks, a first aid kit, canned, freeze-dried or dehydrated food, manual can opener, bottled water, baby supplies and important phone numbers are all items to include. For those whose medical condition necessitates the use of electrical equipment such as an assisted breathing machine, make sure that a battery backup is charged and easily accessible."

"Notify RGEC immediately in case of an outage, indicate that you are a 'critical care' member, and make sure your emergency contact information on file with the cooperative is up-to-date. By taking a few minutes to prepare now, consumers can avoid the possibility of an electrical outage becoming a crisis situation," he added.

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Davis receives Heisman Award

Brackett senior Dietrich Davis has been named the state winner of the Wendy's Heisman Award. He was selected among the state's best student-athletes for his success in sports, academics and community service.

Davis played varsity football, basketball and baseball for the Tigers this year. The 6-foot-4, 220-pound defensive end will play football at Rice University on a full scholarship next fall. He plans to major in business.

Davis currently has a 4.1 grade-point average. In addition to athletics, he is a member of his church's youth group and is also active in 4-H and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

"Dietrich is a great leader in athletics and in the class room," Brackett athletic director and head football coach David Yeager said. "He is an outstanding person."

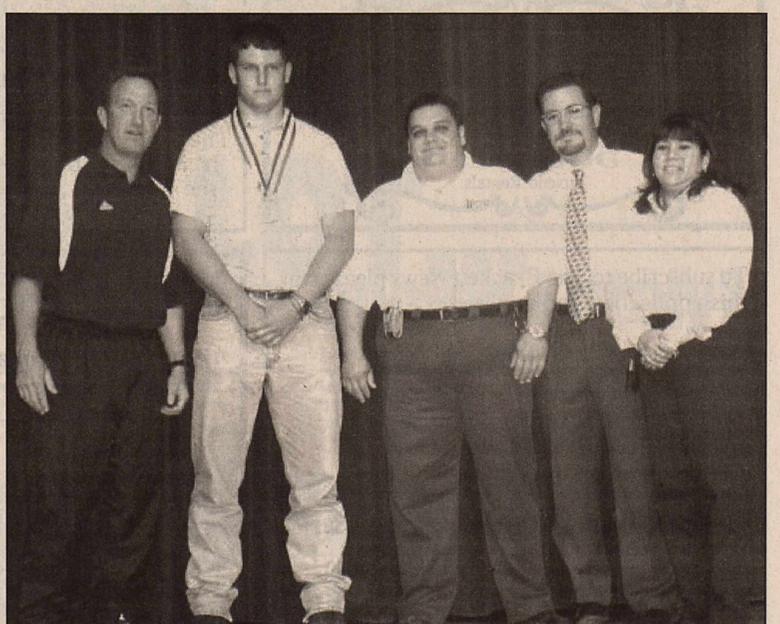
The Wendy's high school Heisman program was founded by Dave Thomas, the founder of Wendy's, in 1994.

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Each fall, high schools from across the nation nominate scholar athletes for the award. In Texas alone, 13,800 school districts, made up of 104,000 schools, are afforded the opportunity to submit their top male and female athletes for the competition.

Initially, Davis was narrowed down to 1,020 state finals, 10 boys and 10 girls from each state and the District of Columbia.

From that cutdown, he was further selected as one of 102 state winners, one boy and one girl from each state and the District of Columbia. Davis was awarded his Silver Medal at a school assembly Friday morning.



Heisman winner

Brackett senior Dietrich Davis (second from left) displays the Wendy's Heisman Award silver medal he was awarded last week. Davis, who will play football at Rice University on full scholarship next year, was selected as the top male scholar athlete in the state by the Wendy's corporation. Attending the ceremony were David Yeager (from left), Brackett athletic director and head football coach; Richard Carr, manager of Wendy's of Del Rio; Greg Maxey, Wendy's franchisee of Uvalde; and Esmeralda Ramos, Wendy's district manager.

Photo by J.J. Guidry

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Citizens should register to vote for the upcoming city election

It seems that because I have chosen to live quietly in Brackettville since 1999 that I must be nobody from nowhere. I have offered to make my skills available to Brackettville on several occasions. However, it seems my skills were not needed.

I offered to make available my skill in emergency disaster preparedness as former director, American Red Cross, Vicksburg Chapter.

I offered to make my skills available in the area of government housing as a former GS-4 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), familiar with Section 8 housing. I have offered to make skills available as a humanitarian — skills obtained through my work with the Salvation Army, American Red Cross and National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Having other skills, I now choose to utilize these skills in providing information to the citizens and voters of Brackettville and Kinney County.

Drawing upon my skills of writing press releases for the Salvation Army (our local newspaper was Newsday, Long Island,

N.Y.), the American Red Cross and monthly newsletters for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, I look forward to serving this community to the best of my ability, freely, at no cost or charge.

As a special note to our city government, I will be assisting you freely at no cost in financial planning, utilizing my 25 years of work experience as a full-charge bookkeeper, budget planner and administrator.

There is an old country music song that was made famous by Buck Owens that goes something like this, "I've got a tiger by the tail. It's plain to see, he won't let go 'til he gets through with me ..."

As Arnold Schwarzenegger said to Gray Davis, former governor of California, "Asta la vista, baby."

I think it means, "You're out of here, baby" or something similar.

I look forward to changing our present city government through the upcoming election and ask every citizen in Kinney County to register to vote.

Beverly Garcia

City taxpayers cannot always have their cake and eat it too

In regard to the "Between Us" column in your March 25 edition, I remember my parents teaching me as I was growing up that I needed to get a civil service job. My Dad, who had worked for a city health department as an engineer for as long as I could remember, wanted me to have a secure future.

As I read the comments of Wes Robinson, I was reminded of the other side of that equation. People want their services and their "benefits," but don't want to pay for them.

It is a shame when we forget that it takes employees to do the things we take for granted.

I am presently living in a city that has sold off all its services because its taxpayers wanted the services, but not the taxes. So now they pay bills to different

entities to get their water, sewage, garbage collection and other services that the city had been supplying.

City government is less expensive. However, we just got a raise in our water and garbage rates. Their employees have to be paid, you see, and they have to make a profit.

As much as we might want to have our cake and eat it too, it isn't always possible for that to be. My wife and I are looking forward to the day when we can retire back into our place in Spofford, and we hope that the city of Brackettville will continue to work to improve the living conditions for all its citizens, including those who are civil employees.

John C. Quigley II
Lometa

Only a miracle will pull us out of political decay



The Way I See It

Steven R. LaMascus

Well, that just frosts the cake. I guess it's true. It must be true. If Barbara Streisand says that President Bush is at fault for the 9/11 terrorist attacks, then that takes all the guesswork out of it. You know Babs wouldn't lie to us. And she is, after all, the most politically cognizant human on the face of the earth, looking neither left nor right, but far, far ahead, with an insight and foresight that borders on clairvoyance. Don't believe it? Just ask her or her eunuch husband James Brolin.

I think I'm gonna be sick! Barbara Streisand, that self-centered, delusional, parasitic, left-wing moron, that bastion of political stupidity and civil incompetence, says Bush is responsible? Richard Clarke — Clinton's anti-terrorism advisor and the person in charge of that area when we bombed the evil aspirin factories in Africa in retaliation for terrorist attacks in Kenya and Tanzania — says Bush is at fault?

Clarke, with an ego as big as the orbit of Pluto, who was mad as a wet hen when Condoleezza Rice didn't give him the respect and authority he thought he deserved and is therefore seeking revenge, must be telling the truth. I have a huge pain in my logic sensors! Clinton was in charge for eight years while Al Qaeda built up its terrorist networks, caused death and destruction worldwide, and planted terrorist operatives in the United States. Clinton was the one who emasculated our armed forces, handcuffed the CIA and terrorized the FBI.

Clinton was the president who thought if we just paid the terrorists enough money they'd leave us alone. He was in charge when the garage of the World Trade Center was bombed. He was the one who was offered Osama bin Laden on a silver platter and declined to accept the gift. How in the name of sanity is it the fault of a president who was in office for only eight months, when all the actions except the final act took place on Clinton's watch?

All the terrorist operatives

who took part in the 9/11 attack were already here, waiting for the word to go, when Bush took office. They entered the United States, very easily I might add, while Clinton had the Immigration Service and all the U.S. intelligence services sitting around wondering how to do their jobs without getting in trouble with him or his psychophant attorney general.

God forbid that we should actually arrest any illegal aliens. Heck, it might tick somebody off in some insignificant third world cesspool, and we can't have that. Those evil religious fanatics (that's you and me, folks, as defined by Janet Reno), on the other hand, are fair game. Kill 'em, shoot 'em, burn 'em, who cares? They're probably conservative Republicans anyway. We now have soldiers in the field all over the Middle East looking for terrorists and tearing the heck out of anything that resembles Al Qaeda, and they say Bush's administration isn't doing enough about terrorism.

Bush reorganized the entire law enforcement branch of the U.S. Government, forming the Department of Home Security, but he isn't doing enough?

Words are not strong enough to describe my shock and disbelief that anyone with a single working brain cell would make such insane and inane statements! And even worse is the horrifying fact that there are people in the United States stupid enough to actually believe it! The current hierarchy of the Democratic Party seems to believe that truth is something to be avoided. They seem to think that if they tell lies, big enough lies, and tell them often enough and with enough emotion that they will be believed. They make up the most outrageous lies, that no one with a brain

would believe, tell them with a straight face, and, amazingly no one seems to point out to them that it is pure pasture patties.

The media, for the most part liberal to the point of insanity, just keep on telling the public the liberal side of the story and ignoring reality. If one of the liberal Democrats does something stupid, immoral or illegal, you'll never see it in print or on the air. However, if a conservative spits on the sidewalk, it is plastered all over the front pages and airwaves as "Conservative spits on the American people, says he is unrepentant!"

Let me tell you what you are voting for if you vote Democratic in today's environment: higher taxes, bigger government, fewer civil rights, more foreign intervention in U.S. government affairs, more power given to the United Nations to tell our government what to do, abortion, gun confiscation, smaller military, less intelligence gathering operations, more illegal immigration, higher inflation, weaker foreign policy, more socialist programs in government, more government intervention in your private lives, more welfare and giveaway programs, and hundreds more things that I believe only weaken the already tottering United States of America. We need to strengthen the country, not tear it down farther.

Every day I pray that these people will see the light — that they will turn, find Jesus and be saved. But I am too human, and sadly, have too little faith to believe that God will work this particular miracle.

I think that he will leave this nation to its own well-earned fate at the hands of the Limousine Liberals who tell us what we want to hear while selling off our freedoms a piece at a time in return for their own political power and selfish ambitions.

If that seems too cynical, I'm sorry. I know that God performs miracles. I also know that such is exactly what it's going to take to pull us out of this pit of moral and political decay. I will keep praying. I hope you will too.



Capitol Comment

Kay Bailey Hutchison

Taxing Texans

\$50 billion ... That's how much Americans will see through higher refunds and lower payments this tax season. Those savings are a direct result of last year's sweeping tax relief, which is putting more money back into the pockets of hard working Americans, creating new jobs and growing the U.S. economy.

A Strengthening Economy

The last few years have been rife with the ingredients of an economic disaster, but despite a recession, terrorist attacks at home and abroad, corporate scandals and war, our economy is getting stronger. Inflation, interest and mortgage rates are near historic lows and homeownership is at the highest level ever. Stock market wealth has increased by more than \$4 trillion in the last year, and unemployment has dropped to 5.6 percent recently — below the average rate of the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s.

These numbers are good and they are getting better. But the positive news could be short lived unless Congress acts to make the tax relief permanent.

The Marriage Penalty

One of my highest priorities in the U.S. Senate has been to relieve American taxpayers of the punitive marriage penalty.

Last year we raised the standard deduction and enlarged the 15 percent tax bracket for married joint filers to twice that of single filers. This provision will save 34 million married couples an average of almost \$600 on this year's tax bills. But in 2005, marriage will again be a taxable event for millions of Americans.

Without relief, 48 percent of married couples will again pay more in taxes.

While I continue my efforts to make marriage penalty relief permanent, I have introduced legislation to extend last year's victory for married couples for one year, through 2005. We must make sure we do not back-track on this important reform.

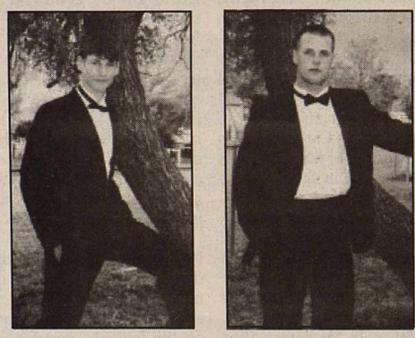
Fairness for Texans

As we look at making the tax relief permanent, we must also strive to ensure basic fairness for all Americans. Unfortunately, for the last two decades Texans have been singled out by the federal government. In 1986, a landmark tax reform law eliminated the deduction for state and local sales tax, but not the deduction for income tax. As a result, taxpayers from states like Texas, who pay sales tax but no income tax, have been penalized.

The philosophy behind these deductions is simple and straightforward: people should not have to pay taxes on their taxes. The money given to one level of government should not be taxed by another level. I have introduced legislation to address this inequity and am hopeful my colleagues will agree that Texans — and residents from the other six states with no income tax — aren't treated unfairly.

These are just a couple of the ways I am working in Washington, D.C. to restore equity to our tax code. Hard working Texans deserve to keep more of their own money. Last year proved you know how best to spend your dollars and that tax relief creates jobs, and strengthens our economy.

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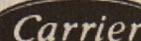
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Avoid stress with good time management

Yo Shanae: I am very stressed lately. I have sports, homework, the opposite sex, friends and parents to worry about. It's just absolutely crazy! What can I do to de-stress myself? Please, help me before I go insane with stress.

— Stressed to Insanity
Dear Stressed to Insanity,
It is very understandable to get a little worried now and again, but it is very unhealthy to be in a constant state of stress.

I, as a student, can relate to the feeling of being overwhelmed. It always seems that after one school project is finished, another appears. I have some kind of sporting event to attend, or chores to do at home, but the best thing to do is keep a cool head. I know, especially as the six weeks comes to an end, it gets really hard to stay calm, cool and collected, but it is the most beneficial method I know of.

Stress is a natural thing, pushing us to complete tasks, have goals, or even, in some situations, save our lives.

A good way to deal with it would be to think positively, but most importantly, something I often find myself doing, is don't procrastinate. Often avoidable stress is caused by not getting things done in the beginning. I don't know if this is your situation, but I am always finding that if I put things off until the last minute, I get pretty stressed out.

When projects are assigned, start them early, get your feet wet. Make plans to spend so much time on homework for the evening, then use the rest for free time.

Free time is by far one of the

most important times a person can have, and is a great stress reliever — that is, if it is not abused. Too much free time can actually lead to stress, when it should be used as a time to relax.

To utilize free time properly, give yourself a time limit. Don't just decide that you will get to work when you're ready, because if you spend your time very comfortably, odds are, you



Yo Shanae Simmons

won't want to leave it. Secondly, do things that you enjoy, maybe even find a nice relaxing hobby. A good time to

use free time could even be by taking a bath. Those are great stress removers.

Basically, the best way to relax would be to try and calm your body down, and clear your mind. I wouldn't advise sleeping though because, if you are like me, once you wake up, you can never seem to get on task again. Plus it can throw off your normal sleeping patterns. But who knows, that may not be the

case for you. The point is, try to get to a peaceful state, both physically and mentally.

Sometimes it can be difficult to fit in projects, sports, relationships and time for just yourself, so the best advice I can give is learn good time management. It would be a great skill to use in the future and it saves many tears and lots of sweat.

Don't let stress rule your life

to the point of insanity. Be in charge and rationally control it. Thanks again for your question and Good Luck!

Shanae
If you have any questions about your love life, school, work, or relationships with your parents or kids, then write Yo Shanae at madkewlmonkee@yahoo.com. You never know, she may just have the answer you were always looking for.



Goodies From G.G. Vada Baldree

Enjoy candied popcorn without all of the sugar

Love that candied popcorn! Even though you can't eat the commercial kind because of too much sugar, make your own which only has 3 grams of sugar and 15 grams of carbohydrates in a 1 1/4-cup serving.

Candied Popcorn
13 cups freshly popped popcorn

- 1 egg white
- 2 tablespoons dark molasses
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup Splenda
- 1/2 cup dry roasted peanuts

Preheat oven to 325 degrees, and place popcorn in large bowl. In a small bowl, combine egg white, molasses, vanilla, salt and splenda, and whisk together well. Add peanuts and stir until well coated. Pour over popcorn. Toss until popcorn is coated.

Place on an 11-by-13-inch pan that has been sprayed with cooking spray.

Bake 20 to 25 minutes, stirring occasionally until the mix is crispy.

Remove the mix from the oven and spread on parchment or waxed paper to cool. Cool to room temperature before serving.

Makes 10 (1 1/4-cup) servings with 110 total calories.

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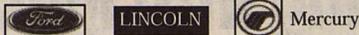
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KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Saturday, March 27
10:54 p.m., John Robert Esquivel, 30, of Houston was arrested by Deputy Ramon Gutierrez for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and unlawful carrying of a concealed weapon. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail, where he was still being held at press-time.

Sunday, March 28
11:18 p.m., Dennis Scott Johnson, 22, of San Antonio was arrested by DPS Trooper Tony Ashley for driving without a license or insurance. He was released the next day after posting a \$1,200 bail bond.

Monday, March 29
8:45 a.m., A man reported that his daughter was missing and wanted to see if the Sheriff's Office had located her. The girl later came into the Sheriff's Office to tell officers that she was now home.

7:24 p.m., A 911 caller reported smoke coming from a local ranch on Highway 90, west of Brackettville.

7:36 p.m., A Fort Clark Springs woman reported that her mother-in-law had passed away at her residence on Sunset Lane. Judge John Ford was informed of the situation.

7:46 p.m., A Uvalde EMS employee reported that a woman who resides on Fulton Street reported that she had been bitten by a dog. Kinney County EMS officials were dispatched to the residence.

Tuesday, March 30
12:23 a.m., A dispatcher received a 911 call, but the person on the line would not say anything. After several calls to the phone number, the dispatcher spoke to the woman who called. She said that she had had a few drinks and the man she was with was upset with her. A deputy was dispatched to the residence in Unit 31 of Fort Clark Springs.

12:52 a.m., A man stationed in Arizona requested assistance filing a complaint on his wife.

8:56 a.m., A 911 caller reported a traffic accident on Highway 90 East, near the Cline Check Point. Trooper Ashley was dispatched to the area.

8:56 a.m., An anonymous 911

caller reported that a man was burning shingles behind the water tower. City officials were notified of the situation.

2:57 p.m., A Border Patrol agent reported loose cattle on Highway 334.

8 p.m., Fermin Elizondo Rodriguez, 27, of Mexico was arrested by Trooper Ashley for disorderly conduct and disorderly discharge of a firearm. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail, where he was still being held at press-time.

11:28 p.m., Patrick Minor, 37, of San Antonio was arrested by DPS Trooper Marcos Hernandez for unauthorized use of a vehicle. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail, where he was still being held at press-time.

Wednesday, March 31
12:50 p.m., Constable Bobby Guidry reported a possible load of marijuana in a car on Highway 131. Trooper Ashley was dispatched to the scene to assist in the investigation.

2:35 p.m., John Howard Roberts, 36, of El Paso was arrested by Trooper Ashley on a warrant for parole violation. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail, where he was still being held at press-time.

Monday, April 1
8:50 a.m., Pedro Correa Ruiz, 28, of Mexico was arrested by L.K. "Buddy" Burgess on an outstanding warrant for driving while intoxicated. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail, where he was still being held at press-time.

6:07 p.m., A Del Rio woman reported that a Brackettville woman keeps calling her house late at night and that she wants the calls to stop.

Thursday, April 2
2:25 p.m., City Secretary Bonnie Wardlaw reported that a man at City Hall was giving an employee a hard time. She said that the individual could voice his concerns to the City Council. Deputy Ron Ring was notified of the situation.

5:31 p.m., A man reported a gas leak on Sweeney Street. City officials were notified of the situation.

6:38 p.m., Deputy Ring reported a sick raccoon on Ann

and Thomas Street. City officials were informed of the situation.

9:33 p.m., A Del Rio woman reported that a Brackettville woman keeps calling her and she wants it to stop or she will file charges on her.

10:13 p.m., A 911 caller reported possible illegal aliens near the Senior Apartments. Border Patrol agents were dispatched to the area and found that the individuals were legal.

Saturday, April 3
12:05 a.m., A 911 caller reported a stranded motorist from Brackettville on Highway 90, about 16 miles east of town. A Border Patrol agent brought the individual back to Brackettville.

9:50 a.m., A man reported a vehicle on fire at his residence on E. Third Street.

3:29 p.m., A juvenile reported that a man was fighting with his dad in front of the Garza Memorial Center on Beaumont Street.

5:39 p.m., A woman reported that two women were fighting in Unit 3 of Fort Clark Springs. She also requested medical assistance because she was bleeding. Kinney County EMS personnel were dispatched to the location.

7:26 p.m., A woman reported that a vehicle had run off Highway 90, 1 mile west of the Cline checkpoint. No injuries were reported. DPS Trooper Tully Welch was dispatched to the scene. He said that a deer was the cause of the accident.

8:30 p.m., A caller reported a reckless driver in a blue Capri or Impala traveling west on Highway 90.

10:05 p.m., A Fort Clark security employee reported that the Teen Center's window had been broken with a paint gun.

10:24 p.m., A woman reported loud music on W. Thomas Street.

10:42 p.m., A woman reported that her son had busted his bedroom window out and left home.

10:52 p.m., A Fort Clark security employee reported that a Brackettville man ran the gate.

11:21 p.m., A woman requested that a deputy check on her daughter at her residence in Spofford.

OBITUARY

Ferguson

Sam Griffin Ferguson, 74, of Brackettville died March 28, 2004, at his residence. He was born Dec. 24, 1929, in Wilson County to Pat and Willie Ferguson.

He was employed by Bell Telephone Company. During the Korean War, he served with the 101st Airborne Division in Germany. Upon his discharge from the service, he was re-employed by Bell Telephone Co. and after the company break-up, Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.

Throughout his career in the telephone industry, he worked in several areas, including Uvalde, Eagle Pass and Brackettville, where he retired and continued to live until his death. He served as a justice of the peace for Kinney County during the early 1970s.

Ferguson was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, J. D. Ferguson and Marshall Ferguson.

He is survived by three sons: Sam Pat Ferguson and wife Sherri of Alpine, Bill Tom Ferguson and wife Kelly of Uvalde, and Joe Don Ferguson and wife Lety of Del Rio; one brother: Lee Roy Ferguson and wife Belle of Canyon Lake; 10 grandchildren: Brandon Ferguson, Kristin Ferguson, Ethan Ferguson, Caitlin Ferguson, Dana Ferguson, Grant Ferguson, Tracy Ferguson, Kimberly Ferguson, Ellen Ferguson and Isabella Ferguson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held last Wednesday at the Brackettville Church of Christ with Ray Melton officiating. Interment was last Thursday in the Sutherland Springs Cemetery in Sutherland Springs.

Honorary pallbearers were Lee Roy Ferguson, Jim Bob Ferguson, Buddy Burgess, Don Nance, Brandon Ferguson and Ethan Ferguson.

BRIEFS

After-Prom Party is being planned

An After-Prom Party is being provided for those who attend the BHS Prom on April 17, immediately following the prom until 6 a.m. the next morning.

The party will be held at the Fort Clark Activity Center. Facilities will be available for viewing movies brought by those attending. Games, lots of refreshments and chaperons will be provided by the adult chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

All attending the prom are invited. The purpose of the party is to provide a safe alternative for kids after the prom. For more information, call Mary Petrosky at 563-2096.

Golf tournament raises over \$1,000

The Rally for a Cure Golf Tournament, sponsored by the Fort Clark Springs Ladies League in conjunction with the Couples League, raised over \$1,000 for breast cancer research. The event was held on March 25 with 64 participants.

The teams of Alexson and Titus, Smith and Ramsey, and Carlson and Pellin tied for first place, and there was a six-way tie for fourth place.

The Closest to the Pin Contest on hole No. 11 was won by Diane Daniels. The contest was monitored by Dee Smith, Charlene Titus and Mylo Unruh.

A Las Vegas hole, sponsored by the Ladies League (Sheri White, Marian Weber and Lou Green) was played during the Los Moras Men's Tournament and netted \$400.

The Fort Clark Springs Pro Shop donated prizes and Fort Clark Springs Association supplied beverages.

Over 100 kids attend egg hunt

Over 100 local children participated in the annual Easter egg hunt sponsored by the Brackettville Lions Club and the Fort Clark Springs Recreation Department last Saturday.

"The Easter egg hunt went very well, even though we had to move into the Service Club," said Juanita Roberts of the Lions Club. "There were 46 gifts, besides the 2,500 candy-filled eggs. Thanks to all who came, all who donated and those who helped."

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Rev. Nathan Lafrenz

Swinson paces Tigerettes' track

By J.J. GUIDRY
Sports Editor

JOURDANTON — The Brackett Tigerettes' track team finished fifth last weekend at the 27th Annual Daetwyler Relays.

Bandera won the meet with 116 points, while Hondo was second with 98 and Pleasanton was third with 83.

Antonian finished fourth with 70 points, Brackett tallied 64.5 points, Jourdanton was sixth with 63.5 points and Cotulla was seventh with 38 points.

Rachel Swinson paced BHS' performance. She won the 400-meter dash with a time of 60.50, while Stephanie Coronado took sixth with a 65.0.

Swinson also finished third in the long jump with a leap of

15-11 1/4.

Coronado and Swinson teamed with Courtney Frerich and Divina Pena to take second in the mile relay after being clocked at 4:14.00.

Juliann Ashabraner was third in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 12.46. She was fourth in the 1,600 with a 6:00.28, and Ashley Smith finished fifth with a 6:06.03.

Courtney Frerich posted a third-place finish in the 300-meter hurdles after running a 49.22, while Stephanie Bonner was fourth in the 100 hurdles with a time of 17.13.

Shanae Simmons placed fifth in the shot put with a throw of 95-1.

In the varsity boys' division, Brand Wylie was fourth in the

800 with a 2:08.5 and fifth in the 400 with a 54.3.

Noe Talamantes took sixth-place honors in the 400 with a 54.9.

In the girls' junior varsity division, Danika Schmidt was second in the 300-meter hurdles with a 54.22 and sixth in the 100 hurdles with a 19.78.

Schmidt, Tanya Molinar, Vicki Resendez and Kristina Wright teamed up to take third in the mile relay with a 4:54.81.

Molinar placed third in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 15:04.40.

In the field events, Schmidt won the high jump with a 4-4 and was fourth in the triple jump with a 27-7 3/4, while Wright was sixth in the triple with a 25-4 1/2.

In the J.V. boys' division, the 800-meter relay team of Robert Davis, Ivan Pinales, Cesar Ortiz and Miles Braesicke took fourth.

John Moore won first in the discus with a throw of 117-8 and fourth in the shot put with a 34-9.

Tillman Davis was second in the triple jump with a 36-8, fourth in the 100 with a 12.1 and fifth in the long jump with a 16-7.

Robert Davis won the high jump with a 5-2, was fifth in the 300 hurdles with a 46.1 and sixth in the 100 high hurdles with an 18.9.

Cesar Ortiz won the 100 with a 12.0 and was third in the 200 with a 24.6, while Braesicke was sixth in the discus with a throw of 98.

Duncan takes first in Brackett tourney

Jackie Duncan took top honors as Brackett hosted its annual tennis tournament last weekend.

Duncan took first place in girls' singles, while teammate Laura Meyer finished third.

In girls' doubles, Ashley Smith and Sarah Meyer finished second overall.

Leon Woolsey took second in boys' singles.

Tony Jamail and Tillman Davis were third in boys' doubles.

Stanford Conoly, Whitney Hobbs and Kristin Meyer also participated in the tournament.

Brackett also hosted the junior high district meet on Saturday.

Whitney Gum, Ashley Stephenson and Anolda Watkins finished first, second and third, respectively, in eighth grade girls' singles.

In eighth grade boys' singles, Alex Gonzales was second and Conrad Moore placed third.

K.J. Bonner and Josh Kluzak finished third in boys' doubles.

In the seventh grade division, Summer Allen and Laura Swinson won first in girls' doubles, while Samantha Moore and Becca Mann were second.

Robert Salmon was second in boys' singles and Bianca Martinez was third in girls' singles.

Also participating were Katy Braesicke and Jessica Stafford.

Cubettes claim top honors at Dilley track invitational

DILLEY — The Brackett Cubettes recently won first place honors at the Dilley Invitational track meet.

Anolda Watkins, Daphne Hunt, Julie Castillo and Bianca Stewart won the 800-meter relay after turning in a time of 1:57.8.

Hunt, Stewart, Watkins and Bailee Allen took the silver in the mile relay with a 4:44.9.

In the sprint relay, Watkins, Amber Castilla, Capri Creech and Elva Garcia finished fifth with a 58.8.

Allen won the high hurdles with an 18.7 and was second in the intermediate hurdles with a 57.9.

Stewart won the 400 with a time of 67.1, while Hunt was second in the 800 with a time of 2:41.9.

Castillo was second in the 100 with a 14.6 and second in the 200 with a 30.8.

Garcia took second in the 2,400 with an 11:08.2 and finished fourth in the 1,600 with a 6:53.7.

In the field events, Stewart

won the high jump with a 4-6, while Garcia and Watkins were fourth and fifth with jumps of 4-0 and 3-10, respectively. Stewart was second in the triple jump, Hunt finished fourth and Castillo was third in the long jump.

In the seventh grade division, Katie Braesicke, Harmony Pettett, Samantha Moore and Bianca Terrazas were second in the mile relay.

Natalie Aguirre, Terrazas, Braesicke and Moore were second in the 800 relay, while Ashley Resendez, Laura Swinson, Becca Mann and Braesicke were sixth in the sprint relay.

Mann won the intermediate hurdles and was fifth in the high hurdles, while Jessica Garza finished fifth in the 800.

Pettett won the gold in both the 2,400- and 1,600-meter runs. Garza finished fifth in the 1,600. Aguirre took third in the 100-meter dash and was sixth in the 200.

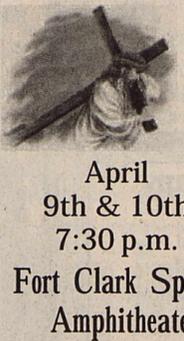
Moore also took first in the high jump and sixth in the long jump.

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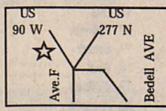
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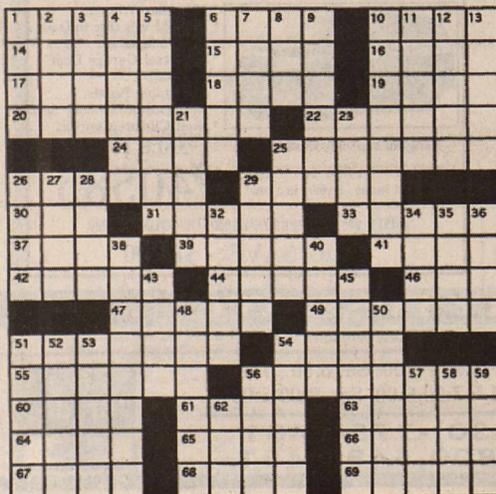
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In the grid below, twenty words can be found that fit the category for today. Circle each word that you find and list it in the space provided at the right of the grid. Words can be found in all directions—forward, backwards, horizontally, vertically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

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AOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You have difficult concentrating as the week begins. Fortunately, the fog lifts by midweek. Important progress is ultimately made.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The beginning of the week is best for getting things done. Later, you need to just relax. Family members are helpful with domestic chores.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're a hit on the social scene this week. Someone you meet could prove to be a valuable business asset in the future. Over the weekend, someone puts you on the spot, asking for advice you'd prefer not to offer.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Be sure to answer all e-mails, phone calls, and other correspondence this week. This way, you won't miss any potential opportunities. By week's end, you find something of value you thought you'd lost.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) Things are a bit sporadic work-wise this week. While you make progress on some fronts, other family matters remain undone. This weekend, come up with a new strategy.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You're seeing eye-to-eye with a business partner. Take advantage of this and set new goals. Weekend social obligations could leave you exhausted, so pace yourself.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You're overly sensitive this week. An off-the-cuff remark wasn't intended to insult you. This weekend, look for ways to improve your wardrobe.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) It's a good week to clear up any loose ends. Projects that are half-done should be tackled. This way, when the weekend comes, you'll be able to enjoy it with a clear head.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Avoid the temptation to procrastinate this week. Things just don't get done by benign neglect. Apply yourself!
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You get more done at work this week than you'd thought possible. This could open up some doors. Bigwigs are quite rightly impressed.
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) What you accomplish this week is strictly done with team effort. It seems everyone's in a cooperative mood. At home, though, a recalcitrant family member isn't easy to deal with over the weekend.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Family matters occupy you this week. Fortunately, your mate is able to handle most of it. At work, you need to do some planning before taking on a new project.

Depiction of Jesus' suffering is courageous effort by Gibson

Remember the word "rhetoric?" It used to mean a study of the use of words, especially as given in speeches.

A "rhetorical" question meant a question used to draw in a listener or reader to understand a point from a new perspective.

Rhetoric was one of the traditional ancient areas of study, right alongside things like arithmetic, reading and geography.

Rhetoric competitions might involve speeches or debates. Clever speakers would use words that would excite, enrage and enthrall the listeners. Special gestures, methodical staging, careful phrasing — all these were part of the art of rhetoric.

Today, "rhetoric" seems to have a nasty slant. All too often it seems that rhetoric means arguing a point using any device expedient.

Rhetoric no longer means presenting a specific view of the truth. It has given way to words like "spin" and "slant." And what gets lost in the process is the truth.

I won't bore you with a list

of dubious publications or poorly researched articles. We've all seen the TV reports, heard the radio, and perhaps read the pamphlets. Rhetoric today seems a lot more about selling or repelling than telling.

The tragedy in this change of the word "rhetoric" is not the loss of an art I deeply appreciate. Surely, there are many conclusions possible from any given set of facts. But when people begin to substitute facts with convincing fantasy or exaggeration, the new rhetoric of "spin" creates a distorted truth. And as Christians, we value the truth — even when it is difficult to digest and points out weaknesses in our own perspective.

An example: director Mel Gibson's movie "The Passion of the Christ" is incredibly difficult for many people to watch. The graphic depictions of the suffering of Jesus aren't for the weak-hearted. It's not a "pop-corn" movie.

Many reports have highlighted an apparently anti-Semitic tone in the movie. Some people feel that Mr. Gibson



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should have toned-down the dialog or perhaps trimmed scenes that might inspire sentiment against modern Jews.

Mr. Gibson declined, preferring to stay with the uncomfortable version of Jesus' last hours found in the Gospels.

Those who find the Gospel accounts uncomfortable in places must make a decision — to embrace their message or to reject it. Gibson could have edited the movie into a sanitized version presentable to any group, but he chose to stay true to the text.

I find this decision to be courageous and in the best tradition of the Christian ethos. Pharisees tried to trip Jesus while praising His allegiance to the truth (Matthew 22:15-22), but Jesus used a simple truth as his reply.

On one occasion He healed a woman who told the truth in faith. (Mark 5:31-34)

The Gospel of John implies that truth was created by Christ. (John 1:17)

Jesus even claimed the title of truth as His own. (John 14:6) Today, especially in election times, it is easy to lose sight of the gift of truth. As Christians, I think we should carefully guard the truth as a special gift from God. This means honesty in our daily lives, direct speech in our public dealings, and private lives that reflect the Gospel. It isn't easy. It comes at a cost of convenience and personal pleasure. But it is a part of being a Christian, and it is being truthful in the best sense of the word.

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"And, behold, the veil of the Temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent.

"And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose.

"And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went unto the holy city, and appeared unto many.

"Now when the Centurion, and they that were with him



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watching Jesus saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God. (Matthew 27:50-54)

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Reflect upon the manner in which Jesus lived his life

It's a real puzzle.

Or is the better word "mystery?"

Clue No. 1: Each of the first three gospels to "come off the press" (Mark, Matthew and Luke) tell how, on three occasions, Jesus of Nazareth revealed one of his intuitions.

He shared with his close friends and companions what he perceived to be the final outcome of his journey on earth. Said he to them, and this is the first of the three from the Gospel according to Mark 8:31-32 (the NRSV English translation): "Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be re-



St. Mary Magdalene Church

Fr. Cornelius J. Scanlan

jected by the elders, the chief priest, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again; and he said this quite openly."

Clue No. 2: The author of the fourth Gospel reports these words as having come from the mouth of Jesus (10:10): "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

The puzzle: If Jesus came that we might have the fullness of life, why did he have to "undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priest, and the scribes, and be killed?"

Clue No. 3: We see this one posted now and then along our highways, "John 3:16."

This says: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

Clue No. 4: The four gospels portray Jesus as conducting himself according to this kind of an attitude: "I have not come to do my will but the will of Him who

sent me," said he.

"I have not come to be served but to serve," is another one.

This is where this Holy Week might intend to lead us, to reflect upon the manner in which Jesus lived his life.

He remained loyal to His God and Our God, "Abba," as he liked to address Him.

So dedicated was He that, no matter what the consequences were for "sticking to his guns," his faithfulness would not allow him to deny God.

Could one portion of the message of Holy Week be, life may be tough, but it can end up our "rising again?"

Christ's words proved to come true

It was still dark. Joanna and the other women had prepared the spices and ointments that were to be used in the Jewish burial ritual.

Sleep had eluded her during the night. The gruesome images of the suffering of the Rabbi at the hands of the Romans would not go away. Somehow she found a quiet strength in remembering his words.

She marveled at Mary's strength and resolve as her son was beaten mercilessly and hanged on the rugged wooden cross. They set off for the tomb. On their heads they carried jars of water and ointment for washing and purification. In baskets they carried the necessary spices.

Mary seemed weak, but would not give up. She carried her share of the load. Her back bowed under the load of grief she felt. Suddenly, Mary stumbled. Joanna instinctively reached to her. Veronica and the other Mary also reacted. As she caught Mary, Joanna could still see the stains of his blood on her face. As their eyes met, she could see the unbelievable sadness and yet there was peace and resignation.

Joanna remembered the night in Bethlehem 33 years ago. The joy in Mary's face that night was indescribable. During her childhood, Joanna had spent many hours and days with Mary and the child assisting in his care. She had grown to love this family with its mystery.

Joanna's marriage to Chuza had been arranged by her father when she was very young. At the age of 14, she and Chuza were betrothed and went to live in a splendid home near the pal-



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ace. Chuza, like his father before him, was one of the trusted stewards in Herod's government. Their life was comfortable and she met many important people from all over Palestine and Rome.

Chuza knew of her devotion to Mary and Jesus and allowed her as much freedom as she needed. After Jesus began his preaching, she was allowed to follow him much of the time, along with some other women and his disciples. Several, like herself, were women of means and so they were able to take care of the necessities for the growing band of followers.

Chuza was a good man and faithful to his Jewish religious duties. He looked for the Messiah. Herod often pressed him for information about the traveling Rabbi. He was especially interested in the miracles that were happening. Joanna smiled as she remembered how Chuza joked and made fun of Herod's reactions.

Joanna's reverie turned to the evening of the Passover. The women along with several of the disciples had gone to a designated room to make things ready. The men made all the arrangements, while the women readied the food and wine. Everything had to be according to Jewish law and tradition.

When Jesus arrived with the

rest of his disciples, he sat down on the floor next to a large rug upon which all the elements for the Passover meal had been arranged. He designated seats around the food for the 12. Then the others sat around the outside and the women sat in a corner of the large room away from the men.

She remembered Jesus breaking the bread lifting it up and saying, "This is my body which will be given for you."

And he took a cup of wine and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood which shall be shed for you."

On the path, they discussed the heavy stone that had been put at the tomb entrance. It was decided that Mary Magdala should go on ahead to see what could be done.

As the women neared the tomb, Joanna's thoughts turned to Jesus' body so broken and bruised. She thought of his blood that Mary and the others had carefully cleaned up from around the scourging pillar and from the rugged cross in accordance with Jewish law.

Suddenly, Mary stooped down. Near the path there were little white roses in full bloom. She took one in her fingers, gently fondling the soft petals. She smiled.

The silence was broken by the screams of Mary Magdala, "The tomb is empty! He is not here! He is not here!"

Joanna recognized the dazzling figures that greeted them and the light that brightened the entrance.

"It is true!" she said to herself. "It is true. Every word that he spoke is true!" A new joy washed over her soul.

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