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LEPC hosting raffle

The Local Emergency Planning Committee is raffling a Bud Breen original oil painting as a fund raiser. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Tickets are available from Jewel Robinson or by calling the EMS office at 563-9090. Drawing is July 4.

City closed for holiday

The City of Brackettville will be closed July 4th, 2005 in observance of Independence Day. Also beginning the 9th of July, the citizen's Collection Site will be open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

4-H club meeting

The 4-H club will be participating in the July 4th Parade and we would like all 4-H members to come help decorate and ride on the float. Please come Monday 4th at 8:00 a.m. to decorate. The float will be parked between the Ag shop and the new high school. The parade starts at 9:00 a.m. Wear a 4-H t-shirt or something red, white or blue. We are also asking all 4-Hers to bring a desert.



SEE! IT DOESN'T HURT

Courtesy photo
Rio Grande Electric Cooperative is hosting a blood drive on June 30 from 7:30 am - 2:30 pm. The community is encouraged to participate. Each donor will receive a free cap. For more information, contact Cathy Kelly at the Co-op, 563-2444, ext. 149. Anyone 17 years or older, who weighs at least 110 pounds, and is in good general health may donate. Photo identification is required before the donation process begins. An eligible donor may donate every 8 weeks. Some health conditions or medications may temporarily or permanently prevent persons from donating blood.

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Smith

Rick was apprehensive about his appointment with Warden Graves. Warden was strict but always fair. He seemed to understand the minds of the men he was dealing with. He never left any doubt as to what he thought about you.
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Mayes travel, expenses on council agenda tonight

By GUS GARCIA
Editor

The Brackettville City Council is hosting a special meeting tonight at 6:30 in the city's annex building on U.S. 90 West.

The main topic on the agenda is a report from the City Secretary Bonnie Mayes regarding her travel from the date of her employment in August 2004 to now.

The report should include the use of the city's vehicle as well as copies of all hotel, gas, parking, meals, registration and any other pertinent receipts documenting the expenditure of public funds.

Also on the agenda for tonight is the signing of city checks for expenditures, payroll, etc. by city employees.

One more item the council will discuss is the discussion/act on cancellation of a called meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 23 that was initiated by councilwoman Mary V. Flores.

In closed session, the council will discuss complaints verbalized by members of the public regarding city employees.

After the closed session, the council might take possible action.

That it is inappropriate. I do not personally feel comfortable with a member of this council not signing every single check.

-Mooney

At the last city council meeting, Silk Waters Mooney asked the council about a citizen's advisory committee. City of Brackettville Joe N. Garza noted that he will ask the council to solicit that type of information.

She went on to ask "I heard the city council voted in an act that which gave authority to the city secretary and her staff to sign checks without a member of the council signing the checks."

I have nothing personal against these people, but I have a tremendous concern that without a member of the council signing a check.

Because as I have understood it, part of this council's agenda was to insure financial stability in the city as well financial responsibility.

"So I'd like to ask why the council gave this authority," she said.

Most of the checks are co-signed by myself and the city secretary," Council member Matt Bland said.

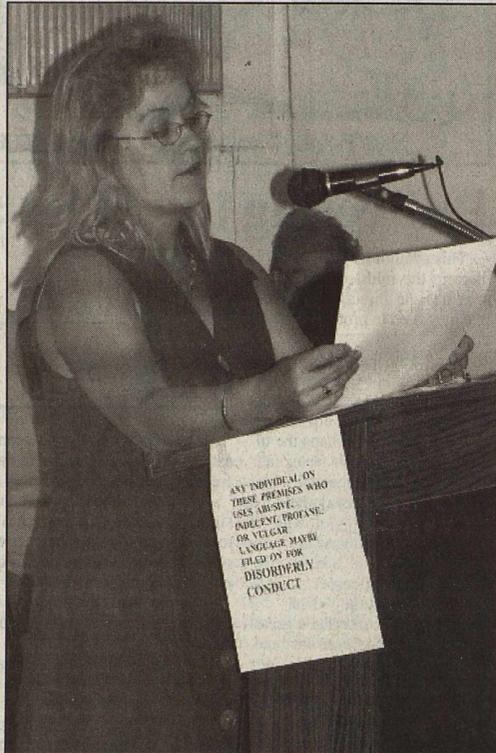
Council member Lydia Tipps also said she's signed checks as well.

Mooney then asked if the council did give authority. The council did say they did approve that authority.

"I would like to request the council rescind that authority," she said.

"That it is inappropriate. I do not personally feel comfortable with a member of this council not signing every single check. That way you have a check and balance within the city. By giving them the authority to not have to have two signatures gives them a loophole that could be taken advantage of," she said.

Garza said "It will be given due consideration."



4th of July parade Monday at 9 a.m.

Only a few days left to get ready for the Community 4th of July Parade.

The sign-up deadline is tomorrow Friday, July 1st, so if you wish to enter yourself or your organization in the competition for parade awards, sign-up now at the Library or the Courthouse.

Awards will be made for the best large float, small float, marching group, individual marcher, golf cart, bicycle, and 4-wheeler.

The parade will form Monday morning, July 4th, beginning at 8 A.M. on Fulton Street in front of the new high school. Contestants will be assigned a number at that time. Start time is 9 A.M. when the parade will move south on Ann Street to U.S. Hwy 90, turn east to the entrance of Fort Clark Springs and proceed on Fort Clark Road to the Post Theater, turn right and finish at the main flagpole, concluding with an awards ceremony for our honorees.

Each honoree will be presented a commemorative coin recognizing their Vietnam service.

Tickets are still on sale for the picnic plate which will be available in the Fort Clark Springs swim park immediately following the parade awards ceremony. Tickets are \$5.00 and are available from any committee member. Proceeds from Picnic plate sales will be used to defray expenses from this year's parade with any surplus to be earmarked for next year's parade.

The committee is still seeking donations to help pay for the fireworks display planned for the night of July 4th.

Don't miss your chance to be part of this celebration of our Nation's birthday and to recognize the service of our Vietnam veterans.



Brackett News Photo by Pam Hale

WATER SPORTS

Michael Bland, center, kills two birds with one stone. He's enjoying the spring-fed pool of Fort Clark Springs while getting in some physical therapy. Helping Michael are Adela Avila, left, and Mary Payne, right. All are part of the Brackett ISD Summer Session where each week, the students, enjoy the pool at Fort Clark Springs.

Commissioners court vote to block proposed park

The proposal of turning Chapman Ranch into an ATV park is dead in its tracks.

A proposed park was planned for the northern part of Kinney County, it was to have been a public park where ATV's (all-terrain vehicles) could be used.

But, A house bill stopped the proposal, citing it would be hazardous to the Nueces River.

The Kinney County Commissioner's Court is opposing a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Grants to Texas Motorized Trails Coalitions, in essence, blocking an ATV park in North Kinney County.

Jerri Thompson spoke to the court "We live out at 334 and Nueces River Road. We all know that Kinney County is made up of interlacing roads.

There are a lot of low-water crossings, (in the proposed park)." She noted that the ATVs would have a tremendous impact on those waterways.

The county roads are the lifeline of ranchers to town, schools and merchants. She noted that

ATV type of activity would be hard on the land.

She noted that the county roads are delicate and should be traveled on about 10 mph.

She also said that with these activities, all county services, including EMS, Border Patrol, Sheriff's Department and more, would have to be readily available.

The court agreed and voted to oppose any ATV park.

"I guess what I'm also trying to say is that we were all surprised this came in under the radar," Thompson said.

"Well, it kinda didn't," Kinney County Judge said. "We heard about it from the businessmen." These businessmen came in and spoke to county commissioner Joe Montalvo.

"They came to visit with us to see what our heart beat was. Our heart beat was that we need to talk to the people around you."

"That's why Joe went around and visited with all the people individually," Senne said.

The court voted to block the park.

Sen. Hutchison announces \$93,595 for Brackett ISD

WASHINGTON - Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX) today announced the Brackett Independent School District will receive a \$93,595 Texas library grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

"Literacy is of the utmost importance to the success of future generations," said Senator Hutchison, a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee. "These funds will help create and

support library programs that will enhance Texas students' education and prepare them for a promising future."

According to the Department of Education, the funds will be used for

staff development activities for library media specialists, assistants and PK-3 teachers, after-school and summer reading programs for all grade levels, laptop computers to all schools to enhance access to outside resources, improve the school library book collection and increase parental involvement through enhanced communication and information between teachers and parents.



McDonald closer to college dreams

Tyler McDonald, 7th grade student at Brackett Middle School, is getting a head start on preparing for his college education.

At the age of 4, he decided that he wanted to attend Texas Tech University.

The last couple of years, he has gone on-line and found programs Texas Tech would accept.

The program he is working under at Alamo Village is "Gearing up for College". It was written for young students who are willing to work to earn points for a scholarship and was found

Program helps earn points towards dream scholarship

through Brackett ISD. Points equal money credits to a scholarship.

Tyler is working at Alamo Village this summer as a band member and gunfighter. He is required to keep a portfolio and record on his work and his academic and job related experiences.

The program is very specific on giving a student instructions on how to keep information that

will help Tyler achieve his goal for college. Tyler is required to have an employee evaluation as well as writing about the skills learned and his reflections on possible career interest.

"Hats off to a young man who knows the value of a good education," Tulisha Wardlaw said.

Tyler is the son of Jene Hurney and Tim McDonald.

His grandparents are Ron and Jana Ring.

America's Independence helped spark independence world-wide

"We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness - that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men." This is the best-remembered sentence from the Declaration of Independence.



Capitol Comment

Kay Bailey Hutchison

When I was a child, I loved the Fourth of July because of the picnics, fireworks and the patriotic feelings inspired by the flags and red white and blue decorations. As I grew older, I began to appreciate the deeper significance of the holiday. An avid reader from a young age, I particularly enjoyed history and learned that America's bid for independence came close to failing.

We were fighting Great Britain, which was the 18th Century's superpower. It was only through bravery and steadfastness that our forefathers emerged victorious despite numerous setbacks and defeats.

The Declaration of Independence, written so eloquently by Thomas Jefferson, neither began nor ended the American Revolution. By July 1776, the 13 colonies had already been involved in a shooting war against the British for over a year, and the Continental Congress had appointed George Washington as the com-

manding general. The untried Continental Army, augmented by local militias, had managed to force the British to leave Boston, but had been defeated on other battlefields. In the beginning, the fight was to assert American rights as British citizens, but the Declaration of Independence clarified the goal of the war, making it a conflict about the fundamental concept of liberty.

This concept was a powerful motivator as George Washington kept the poorly paid and equipped army together during the seven years of war.

His strength of character, ability to learn from defeat and shrewdness helped drive the Continental Army, but the glue which held it together was the goal of the mission - liberty for all.

Sometimes Americans forget how revolutionary the idea of freedom was for the world in 1776. There were very few countries which were even vaguely democratic at the time. The Netherlands were a republic. England had its parliament but was ruled by a king. Some of Switzerland's

Cantons, and various small city states in Germany and Italy, were republican in structure, but the great nations of Europe, including Spain, France and Sweden, were absolute monarchies. Elsewhere the oppressive autocracies of Imperial Russia, the Turkish Ottoman Empire and Imperial China were the rule.

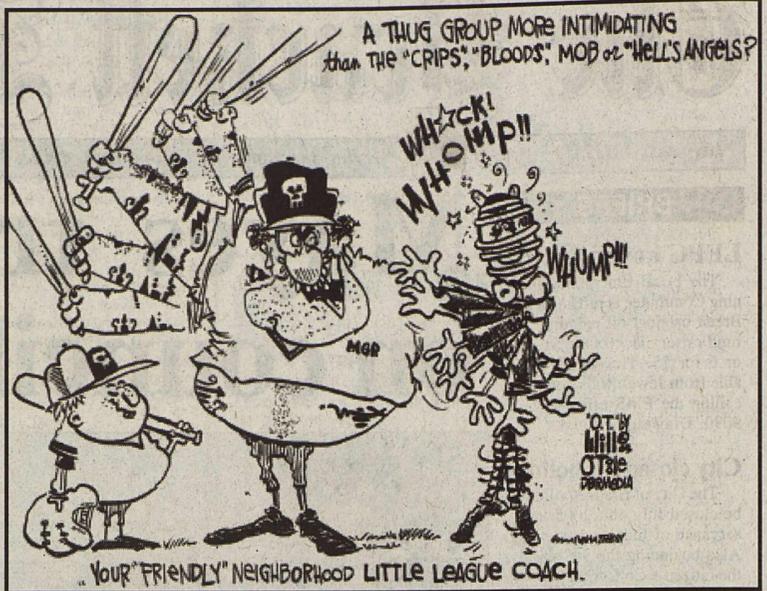
The idea that a government existed for the benefit of its people and not the reverse was revolutionary.

Even within our borders it took a bloody civil war and a bitter civil rights struggle to broaden the concept to include Americans of all ethnic and religious backgrounds.

The idea of freedom is still unsettling in many parts of the globe, from the dictatorships of Zimbabwe and North Korea to Cuba. Communist China still cracks down on democratic forces and is imposing strict controls on the freewheeling internet. The young people of Iran are rejecting the sham elections approved by the clerics who run that country. Resistance to our liberation of Iraq from the tyrant Saddam Hussein is driven by the fear that a free Iraq can threaten the strongmen who currently oppress so many who live in the Middle East.

Though the present struggles in Iraq and Afghanistan are difficult, I am confident that the power of freedom will help remake this region of the world, just as it remade Imperial Japan and Nazi Germany after the end of World War II. Though there will always be setbacks, history seems to be moving toward greater acceptance of democracy and free markets in South America, Africa, Eastern Europe, Asia and the Middle East. This will make the world more peaceful and far more prosperous.

This is why our Fourth of July is so important. It was a declaration of independence for 13 small colonies over two centuries ago, which has become a clarion call for freedom that is still being heard today.



Protecting the Stars and Stripes

This symbol inspires our soldiers in the midst of battle and provides the direction and morale they need to protect our freedom.

It unifies our citizens in times of trouble and gives us reason to reflect on and celebrate our freedom. It is, of course, our American flag and it is perhaps the ultimate symbol of our freedom.

Throughout American history, our flag has always held the value and meaning of what it means to be an American.

The Stars and Stripes continue to command respect and admiration around the world.

Freedom is America's greatest and most recognized attribute. Freedom is symbolized by our flag and the treatment of our flag is the ultimate expression of the honor we bestow upon this symbol.



Weekly Report

Henry Bonilla

If we afford the flag our deepest respect, we are cherishing our freedom.

When we fail to recognize the significance of our flag, we fail to recognize the significance of our freedom...that it does not come without sacrifice.

Many men and women have sacrificed themselves for our freedom.

Protecting the flag is imperative because it is our greatest symbol of the freedom for which we strive. That's why I'm supporting an amendment to the

U.S. Constitution that would prohibit the physical desecration of the Flag of the United States.

We cannot take our freedom for granted.

We must teach our children and our future leaders the importance of our freedom and the American flag.

We cannot forget the courage and sacrifice of those who have fought to guarantee our nation's freedom. They fought to strengthen and preserve the values that America holds and that the flag represents.

It is time for the value we hold in the American flag to be reflected in our laws.

By doing so, we are formally addressing the significance of the flag.

More importantly, we are formally addressing the significance of our freedom.

Big Mama Sez!



If you keep in the rut too long, it will get so deep that it becomes your grave.

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Brown places at nationals

Morgan Brown placed sixth overall in the nation in the intermediate division at the U.S. Trampoline and Tumbling National meet held June 14 to 19 in Hampton, Va., She is a member of Team Upward Bound gymnastics in Uvalde. Morgan will be entering the 3rd grade at Jones Elementary.



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Pancake & Waffle Mix

8 cups all purpose flour, * 2 cups buttermilk blend powder, 1/2 cup sugar, 8 tsp. baking powder, 4 tsp. baking soda and 2 tsp. salt. Additional ingredients for pancakes: 1 egg, 1 cup water and 2 tsp. vegetable oil. Additional ingredients for waffles: 3 eggs, separated, 2 cups water and 1/4 cup vegetable oil.

In a large bowl, combine first six ingredients with a wire whisk. Store in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to 6 months. Yield: about 7 batches of pancakes or 4 batches of



Goodies From G.G.

Vada Baldree

waffles (11 cups total).

To prepare pancakes: In a medium bowl, beat egg, water and oil. Whisk in 1 1/2 cups pancake/waffle mix. Let stand for 5 minutes. Pour batter by 1/3 cups onto lightly greased hot griddle; turn when bubbles form on top. Cook until second side is browned. Yield about 6 pancakes.

To prepare waffles: In a large bowl, beat egg yolks, water and oil. Stir in 2 1/2 cups pancake/waffle mix just until moistened. In separate bowl, beat the egg whites until stiff peaks form; fold into batter.

Bake in preheated waffle iron according to manufacturer's di-

rections. Yield 13 waffles (4 inch).

*Buttermilk blend powder may be found in the powdered milk section of the grocery store. If not used, substitute with same amount plain powdered milk and eliminate the baking soda.

Versatile Meat Coating Mix

3/4 cup dried bread crumbs, 3/4 cup grated parmesan cheese, 1/2 cup all-purpose flour, 1/4 cup dried parsley flakes, 3 tsp. cornmeal, 1 tsp. dried minced onion, 3/4 tsp. garlic powder, 1/2 tsp. crushed red pepper flakes, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. pepper and 3 tsp. shortening.

Combine first 10 ingredients in a bowl; cut in shortening until mixture resembles fine crumbs. Store in an airtight container in a cold dry place or freeze up to 6 months. Yield 6 batches (3 cups total).

White Sauce Mix

2 cups instant dry milk powder, 1 cup all-purpose flour, 2 tsp. salt, 1 cup cold margarine

or butter. Combine first three ingredients; mix well. Cut in butter until mixture resembles fine crumbs. Store in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to 3 months.

To prepare: For thin sauce, combine 1/3 cup mix and 1 cup water in sauce pan. Medium sauce: use 1/2 cup mix. For thick, use 3/4 cup of mix. Bring to a boil over medium heat; cook and stir for 2 minutes.

Spaghetti Sauce Mix

1/4 cup cornstarch, 1/4 cup dried minced onion, 1/4 cup dried parsley flakes, 3 tsp. dried vegetable or sweet pepper flakes, 2 tsp. italian seasoning, 4 tsp. salt, 4 tsp. sugar and 2 tsp. dried minced garlic. To prepare sauce: In skillet or bowl, stir 1/4 cup spaghetti sauce mix, 2 cups water and 1 can (6oz.) tomato paste together. Bring to a boil; boil and stir for 2 minutes. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 20 minutes.

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Davis receives scholarship

Tillman Davis has been selected as a recipient of a scholarship awarded through the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation. TILF announces that 750 applications were received and approximately 346 new scholarships are being awarded. This year only 46% of the applicants received a scholarship.

Tillman is being awarded a Spalding Sports Worldwide Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.

Carroll attends HOBY leadership seminar

Alison Carroll recently attended the Texas Capital Area Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership Seminar held on June 10th - 12th, 2005 at Concordia University.



Carroll

Alison joined more than 66 other young leaders representing as many high schools from throughout Texas.

HOBY Leadership Seminars bring together a select group of high school sophomores to interact with groups of distinguished leaders in business, government, education and the professions to discuss present and future issues.

The goal is to provide the youths a stimulating forum for learning about the free market

and democratic process while broadening their understanding of their leadership potential and quest for self-development. HOBY leaders are also challenged to return to their communities to perform at least 100

hours of community service within 12 months following the Seminar. Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership was established in 1958 by popular actor Hugh O'Brian following a visit to Africa where he was inspired by meeting with Dr. Albert Schweitzer. "One of the things Schweitzer said to me was that the most important thing in education was to teach young people to think for themselves," O'Brian said.

Further information about HOBY seminars, activities and sponsorship opportunities in Texas is available by calling Sarah Buss, 512-473-9979.

KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, June 20

8:03 p.m., Railroad Deputy Krueger reported cattle loose on Highway 277. The owner was notified.

Tuesday, June 21

1:56 a.m., A Fort Clark Security officer reported finding a motorcycle at the red bridge. Deputy Ramon Gutierrez was notified.

4:35 p.m., A Fort Clark Security officer stated the motorcycle belonged to a FCS member and the motorcycle had a membership sticker on it. Deputy Gutierrez was informed and stated the owner needed to sign a statement of ownership.

5:50 p.m., A man stated his red Dodge truck had been stolen. He was advised to call the wrecker services and he stated he had already called and the truck had not been impounded. Deputy Kenneth Freitag was informed and received more information from the man. The truck was entered as stolen into the computer system.

Wednesday, June 22

6:58 p.m., A woman called requesting to speak with a deputy in regards to having problems with an employee. She was told no deputy was in the office but would have a deputy call her as soon as he could. Deputy Freitag was notified.

Saturday, June 25

1:30 a.m., Hector Rocha, Jr., 34, of Del Rio, was arrested by Trooper Hernandez for driving while intoxicated, first offense.

Rocha was later released after posting \$1500 bond.

7:04 a.m., A woman reported that an individual had hung himself. She said someone found him hanging in Rose Alley. Justice of the Peace, John Ford, funeral home and Texas Ranger were notified.

3:45 p.m., A woman requested to send an emergency message to Houston Police Department. Deputy Ron Ring talked with her and he requested to send the message to locate a woman.

6:25 p.m., A man reported another man driving a black truck with a Triple A sign on the door driving wrecklessly and almost hit his daughter head on. Deputy Freitag was advised.

Sunday, June 26

1:04 a.m., A woman re-

quested a deputy drive by a residence in regards to three juveniles walking back and forth in front of a residence. Deputy Freitag was notified.

Monday, June 27

1:26 a.m., A man reported the city water tank was overflowing and it looked like it was leaking from a valve. The standby city employee was called several times but no answer. Deputy Gutierrez was notified and he stated he would check on it and he also tried calling the standby city employee and received no answer. Sheriff Buddy Burgess stated he would go to one of the city employee's residence.

7:38 a.m., Maverick County Sheriff's office reported a blue van broken down three miles north of the county line on Highway 131 and the requested assis-

tance. Constable Bobby Guidry was informed.

Happy Independence Day!

To all our friends and family, have a fun and safe July 4th holiday.

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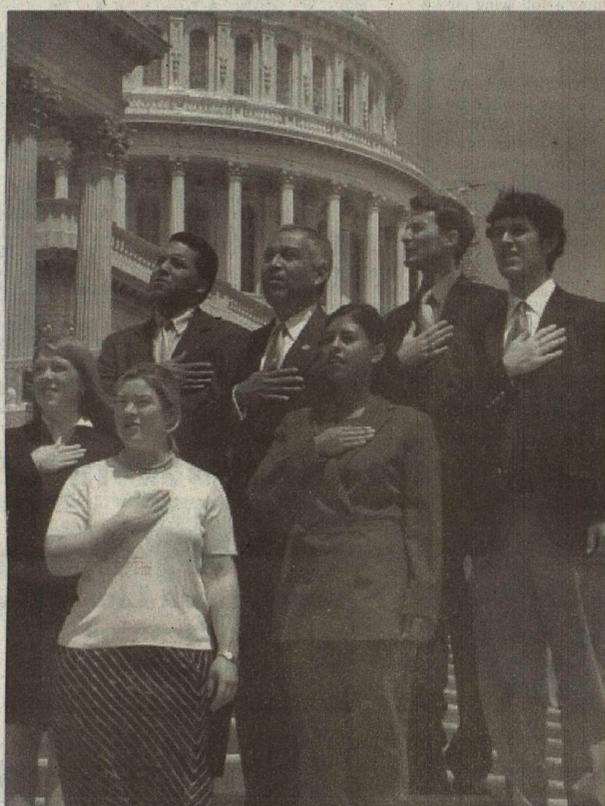
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From Congressman Henry Bonilla



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Pass the brisket, slice a watermelon and draw your hand close to your heart when you see the banner of red, white and blue. I hope you and your family truly enjoy the birthday of our nation.

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HOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You hit the road once again. Be sure, though, to watch your belongings. Later in the week, be sure to return that important phone call.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You seek out the advice of close friends on a work matter. However, neither agrees with the other. Fortunately, a family member comes to the rescue with the proper answer.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A casual introduction turns out to be quite important in the future. Be sure to keep this person's contact info handy. Over the weekend, a family member misinterprets a quip.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You overhear something that is particularly provocative. Remember, this wasn't meant for your ears. If you spread this gossip, you'll rue the day.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Something's brewing on the financial front. However, be sure you research all options carefully before deciding to invest. Later in the week, partnerships are fruitful.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) This isn't the week to go on a shopping spree. Instead, tend to matters on the workfront. This weekend, your creativity is highlighted.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Although you're normally more careful, a phone call could tempt you to disclose sensitive information. Resist this impulse. The deal being offered is definitely not as good as it sounds.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You and your mate fail to see eye-to-eye this week. Whether the issue is child-rearing or finances, you just can't agree. By week's end, though, you are able to achieve a compromise.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Ridding your house and workspace of clutter is a priority this week. Once this is cleared up, you can begin to concentrate more effectively. Over the weekend, your sharp wit wins over a skeptic.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A task you are given seems deceptively easy. Once you begin working on it, you realize how difficult it really is. Enlist the aid of a co-worker.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You're tempted to immerse yourself totally in work this week. Avoid this. Balancing home life and your career will make you more successful and happier in the long run.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) This is a clean-up week for you. That means you won't have any really huge projects to complete. It will just be a series of small items here and there.

We're not that different

In His ministry, Jesus healed the sick, raised the dead, conquered the wise, overcame the impossible, and demonstrated unprecedented compassion. Yet the very people who witnessed these things stubbornly concluded that they still would not believe in him.

Their reason? He did things according to his own agenda, not theirs.

And the truth is, we aren't much different from the people who saw Jesus up close and personal two thousand years ago.

There is an old story of one particularly stubborn young boy who wrote God a letter about the Christmas presents he badly wanted: He wrote, "I've been good for six months now."

After a moment's reflection, the boy crossed out six months and wrote three months. Then he crossed that out and replaced it with three weeks.

After still another pause he erased that too. The boy then got up from the table where he was writing the letter, and went over to the little nativity scene that included the figures of Mary and Joseph.

He picked up the figure of



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Mary and went back to his writing. He started again: "Dear God, if you ever want to see your mother again..."

We have a tendency to want to make deals with God. We have the attitude that we will believe in him if he comes through for us.

But if he dares to be sovereign and do things according to his own plan, we often turn away from Him in disappointment.

When we base our faith on how God responds to our selfish requests, we are sure to be disappointed. But when we believe in Him as the sovereign God who knows what is best for us and for His kingdom, we will live a powerful, life-changing faith.

Oh Lord, grant us a pure faith, one that isn't based on selfish stubborn desires.

You'll need new friends

Rick was apprehensive about his appointment with Warden Graves. Warden was strict but always fair. He seemed to understand the minds of the men he was dealing with. He never left any doubt as to what he thought about you.

Rick knocked. Someone opened the door and followed him into the inner office.

Warden Graves motioned for the guard to leave and invited Rick to sit.

As was the Warden's habit, there were several minutes of silence. He seemed to want a man to think about things before any conversation began.

"You been here a year Richardson. In one more year you're eligible for parole or even early release. What've ya learned since you been here? What're your plans for when ya get out?"

"Well Sir," Rick began. "I've learned to listen to old Joe. I think he really cares what happens to me and wants to help. I'm still dealing with a lot of baggage from my past, and it'll take some time to get it right. I think I'm learning how to stay away from the wrong people and to control my anger."

The Warden broke in. "You won't really know if you've learned those things 'til you're outa here and back on the outside. When you come in contact



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with some of the scum you ran around with before you got here, then you'll know what you've learned."

"Those're my friends you're calling scum Warden," Rick shot back angrily.

Warden Graves smiled. "You'll need new friends Richardson. Keep that in mind. You got a long way to go."

Rick looked at the floor. "Yes Sir," he answered. "I'll do my best. As far as my plans go, I want to get back with Amy and get our family together again. I've got an education and I should be able to get a job of some kind."

"Look Richardson, you gotta realize something. Gettin back your family after the things you've done in your life won't be easy. And neither will be gettin a job. Say nothin about a job that'll support your family."

"But I got plans, Sir. I know if I can just get back on my feet it'll be ok. We'll make it." Rick sounded hopeful, his voice adamant.

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Conception De Leon Garza, a loving, caring wife, mother, grandmother and friend to all, entered into a new life on June 23, 2005 at the age of 82.

Born in Del Rio, TX, January 24, 1923. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and three sisters.

She is survived by her loving husband of 54 years Jose Mario Garza; sister Angela De Leon; three daughters Denise Bowers,

Teresa Brown and husband Austin, Helen Seargeant and husband David, five grandchildren, two great grandchildren, numerous nephews, nieces and many friends.

Mass was celebrated Saturday, June 25th at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Jean Marie Mvumbi, C.I.C.M officiating. Immediately following the burial was at the Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Alejandro Jose Martinez

May 8, 1972 - June 25, 2005

Alejandro Jose Martinez, age 33, entered into rest June 25, 2005 in Brackettville, Texas. He was born May 8, 1972 in Del Rio, Texas.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Julia and Celestino Martinez; Uncles, Celestino Martinez and Beto Martinez.

He is survived by his mother, Gloriana Alvarez and Raymond Alvarez; Sons, Alejandro Jose Martinez Jr., Adan Martinez; Daughters, Estrella Martinez, Karina Martinez; Girlfriend, Lucinda Reyes; Brothers, Jose

Manuel Rodriguez, Braulio Rodriguez, Beta Martinez, Tony Martinez; Sister, Jessica Tamayo Numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and cousins.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Wednesday, June 29, at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church.

Interment followed at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Sunset Memorial Oaks Funeral Home, 114 North St., Brackettville, Texas 78832

Charles "Chuck" Shipman

Sept. 3, 1924 - June 25, 2005

Graveside funeral services were held for Charles Berry Shipman, Jr., also known as "Chuck", on Saturday at Uvalde Memorial Cemetery, Uvalde, Texas.

Charles, 80, was born 3 September 1924 in Big Spring, Howard County, Texas to Charles Berry Shipman, Sr. and Telitha Cordelia "Delia" Tuckness, both of TX. Charles, faithful husband of 58 years was married to Zama Lou "Lucy" Mason on 25 December 1947 in Plainview, Hale County, Texas.

Charles is survived by his wife, Lucy Shipman, his children, Pastor Charolette Corey (wife of Pastor Bob Corey) of Brackettville, Jerry Shipman of Grand Prairie, Texas, John and Bambie Shipman of San Antonio, Texas, and many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nephews and nieces.

Chuck's father and grandfather were water well diggers and constructed windmills for water tanks all over the state of Texas. Chuck retired at Laughlin AFB after thirty years of Civil Service.

A former president of the Brackettville Lion's Club, he also served his community and family through constructing metal puzzles, making stews, making tooled leather belts and giving them away to family, friends, neighbors and the needy.

He was a frequent visitor to "cardboard village" and orphanages in Mexico where he gave away many items which he collected for them. He served as Song Leader at most of the churches he helped build.

He and his wife, Lucy Shipman, have been major contributors in the building of Gateway Ministries, which was his home church.



The family requests that no flowers be sent, but if you would like to express your sympathy, you may make a donation to the church at: Gateway Ministries, PO Box 1449, Brackettville, TX 78832 For more information call: 830-563-2121.

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At the orphanage when someone wanted to adopt a child they would make all the children stand in a straight line and the couple would walk up and down the line and pick the one they wanted.

He said it made him so angry when they had to line up because he felt like a dog on display in the window of a pet store. Also his younger brothers and sisters were already adopted.

One day this older couple came to the orphanage and they kept looking at him and they



Jerry Davenport

Brother J.

finally chose him.

He couldn't figure out why. He said, "Maybe I matched the living room furniture or the dog needed someone to play with."

Anyway he went to live with his new family. His story brings to mind of why should God choose us.

He didn't have to or need to but he did, (2 Thessalonians 2:13 & 14).

Not only did he choose us but he also decided to love us, (1 John 4:19) and give us many wonderful things, (Romans 5:8-11; 8:38,39).

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HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, KITCHEN, bedding, and much yet to be decided. Few clothes. Friday 8-2, Saturday 8-12. Unit 37, #98.

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2004 Chevrolet Silverado Ext. Cab	20,822 miles	\$8,718			
2004 GMC Yukon XLE	42,274 miles	\$8,749			
2003 Chevrolet Malibu	32,185 miles	\$8,674			
2003 Chevrolet Malibu	22,485 miles	\$8,510			
2003 Chevrolet Trailblazer	14,863 miles	\$8,510	2003 Chevrolet Silverado Reg. Cab	21,979 miles	\$8,526
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2003 Buick Lacrosse Custom	18,846 miles	\$8,130	2003 Chevrolet Silverado C1500	22,995 miles	\$8,526
2003 Chevrolet Trailblazer	12,214 miles	\$8,527	2003 Chevrolet Malibu	44,623 miles	\$8,526
2004 Chevrolet Tahoe LS	22,153 miles	\$8,531	2003 Chevy Silverado 2500 Crew	27,895 miles	\$8,517
2004 Chevrolet Malibu	22,789 miles	\$8,529	2003 Chevrolet Silverado C1500	28,295 miles	\$8,517
2004 Chevrolet Malibu	21,581 miles	\$8,528	2003 Chevrolet Silverado Ext. Cab	21,922 miles	\$8,512
2004 Buick Grand Am	28,881 miles	\$8,526	2003 Chevrolet Suburban	42,541 miles	\$8,702
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