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Pray for Rain!

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Blackwood trial began Monday

The trial of Samuel Hale Blackwood, Jr., charged with deadly conduct for shooting an illegal alien, began Monday morning at the Kinney County courthouse.

Blackwood, 76, was initially charged with murder for the incident which occurred in May of last year. He was subsequently indicted on a lesser charge of deadly conduct; at the time, believed to be a third degree felony.

District Attorney Fred Hernandez stunned the courtroom Monday morning when he told District Judge George M. Thurmond that the indictment charged Blackwood with a misdemeanor, not a felony.

Section 22.05 of the Texas Penal Code provides for the offense to be a Class A misdemeanor or a felony of the third degree, depending on the circumstances. Apparently, the wording of the indictment provided for the former and not the latter. Whether or not this was the intent of the grand jury or district attorney's office is unknown.

If convicted Blackwood could face up to a year in prison and a \$4,000 fine. Had the in-

dictment been for a third degree felony he could have faced no less than two and no more than ten years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Since misdemeanors are under the county court's jurisdiction, several phone calls were required to assign Thurmond the case and have Hernandez appointed county attorney pro tem. This was done at the request of Blackwood's attorneys.

Hernandez's motion to have Blackwood examined by a psychiatrist was denied. Hernandez requested the motion because of a 1989 ruling by an Arkansas probate court which declared Blackwood incompetent, after sustaining severe head injuries eight years earlier.

Reportedly, the incident occurred on May 13, 2000 when Eusebio de Haro Espinosa, 25, and Javier Sanchez came to the Blackwoods' home, 14 miles north of Brackettville, asking for water. Both men were told to leave the property.

Shortly thereafter, the Blackwoods spotted the two men just south of their home. Tuesday morning Blackwood's wife, Brenda, testified that after telling the two men she had called

immigration, they said something to each other in Spanish, and ran towards her and her husband. She stated that after the first shot Sanchez changed direction but Espinosa did not. She was uncertain where Espinosa was headed when the second shot was fired because she was moving to the front of her vehicle. She did see Espinosa fall as he was headed away from their position.

After determining the man had been shot she called 911. By the time EMS and the Sheriff's department arrived approximately 45 minutes later Espinosa had bled to death.

Sanchez was expected to testify late yesterday or early today. EMS attendants, Kinney County Sheriff Buddy Burgess, Border Patrol agents and family members are also expected to take the stand. The trial may go to the jury as early as Friday morning.

The encounter is one of the increasing number of incidents occurring along the U.S./Mexican border. With steadily increasing illegal immigration, drug trafficking, and dwindling budgetary support for enforcement, it will not be the last.



From left: Ricky Alvarado receives 'Friend of 4-H' award from County Agent Robert Elledge.

'Friend of 4-H' Award

By Ashley Smith
Senior 4-H Reporter

On August 9th the Kinney County 4-H Club held their annual Achievement Banquet at the Civic Center. Numerous awards were given to 4-H members for their hard work as well as project completion certificates. The induction of club officers and club managers also took place.

Ricky Alvarado was the recipient of the Friend of 4-H Award. Ricky has greatly served our community by donating time, funds, and especially his own efforts, to the needs of the community and youth of our county. Without individuals such as Ricky, who generously contributes so much, the 4-H program could not be a success. Community service is the heart of the 4-H program, and Ricky Alvarado is this year's valued Friend of 4H.

The 2001-2002 Senior Offic-

ers are Beth Ballew (President), Susannah Davis (Vice-President), Duquesa Hunt (Secretary), Megan McWilliams (Treasurer), Ashley Smith (Reporter), Dietrich Davis (Council Delegate), and Sarah Meyer (Council Delegate). Senior Club Manager is Kandace LaMascus.

The Junior Officers are Bailee Allen (President), Miles Braesicke (Vice President), Summer Allen (Secretary), Laura Meyer (Treasurer), Jessica Crane (Reporter), Robert Davis (Council Delegate), Daphne Hunt (Council Delegate), Junior Club Managers are Neal Watkins and Sherry Elledge.

Summer Allen was recognized for her record book in the Beef Program and Bailee Allen in the Horse Program. Some individuals accumulated enough points to be awarded with Bronze, Silver, or Gold awards. Allison LaMascus received the Bronze award. Summer Allen, Boyd Brotherton, and Susannah Davis were all awarded the Silver Awards. Bailee Allen received the Gold award.

This year's Helping Hand award went to Natasha Smith. Pam Melancon was recognized with a plaque thanking her for her ten years service as an adult leader. Many other dedicated adults were also recognized.

Summer Allen was honored as the Jr 4-Her of the year and Jared Hobbs was selected as Sr. 4-Her of the year. Natalie Allen was awarded for her service as a club manager from '99-'01.

The 4-H Club would like to thank the many individuals and businesses in our county area that have worked together to make a successful 4-H program for our young people.

Brackett's first exchange student

Brackett High School's first international exchange student, Matthias Katzfuss from Winterhausen, Germany, arrived in Brackettville this past Friday. Matthias is participating in the Rotary International Youth Exchange Program and is sponsored by the Brackettville Rotary Club.

Matthias spent Saturday adjusting to his new surroundings

and getting some much needed rest after more than 24 hours of continuous traveling. On Sunday he was introduced to his first host family, Susan and Lloyd Lee Davis and their children Lee, Amanda, and Meghann. Matthias began school on Monday as a junior and will be with us throughout the school year.

The Brackettville Rotary Club

extends a special thanks to the Davis Family and to Father Cornelius Scanlan OMI, pastor of the St Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, for helping make this youth exchange a reality.

Other host families are still needed. If you would like to be a host family, please contact Bill Haenn (563-2323 or 2010) or Taylor Stephenson (563-2491) for an application.



Brackettville's first Rotary Youth Exchange Host Family with their student, from left Lloyd Lee Davis, Amanda, Matthias, Meghann, Susan, and Lee.

It's Your Money!!!!

Taxpayers are reminded that public hearings begin next week involving the Brackettville Independent School District proposed budget and tax rate for 2001-2002. Hearings will follow in early September to discuss the county's budget and tax rate.

Here's a recap:

Brackett ISD budget & tax hearing, Monday, Aug. 27 2001
A public hearing is planned Monday, Aug. 27 at 6 p.m. in the district board room to discuss the district's 2001-2002 proposed budget and tax rate.

City budget hearing
The City of Brackettville has not scheduled a public hearing to discuss the city's 2001-2002 proposed budget as of Wednesday, August 22.

County tax rate, Tuesday, Sept. 4
Kinney County Commissioners' Court plans a public hearing Tuesday, Sept. 4 at 9 a.m. to discuss the proposed tax rate.

County budget and tax rate, Sept. 10
Kinney County Commissioners' Court has scheduled a public hearing Monday, Sept. 10 at 9 a.m. to discuss the county's proposed 2001-2002 county budget and will later vote on adopting it. At 11 a.m., the panel will decide what the 2001-2002 county tax rate will be.

Lions Club inducts Rutherford

In the regular monthly meeting on August 17, the Brackettville Lions Club inducted Carolyn Rutherford, director of Brackettville EMS, as a new member. Before her induction, Carolyn spoke to the group on her goals and aspirations for the local EMS. The biggest problem faced by the EMS is retention of personnel. Brackettville seems to be a training ground for new EMTs who then go on to larger cities. There is a great need for volunteer help.

The State of Texas requires certified crews on all EMS runs. At the present time, Brackettville has a waiver that allows for a second crew to have only one certified personnel, if there is already a crew on another call. This waiver will not be possible after December, so certified personnel will be needed on all runs. This would be particularly difficult in the case of a disaster.

The Emergency Management Team has been working on disaster training. The major concern is that our community will be prepared 24/7. Many trains and trucks come through carrying hazardous materials. This team tries to develop a "What-if" mentality. Recently a training class was held for storm spotters. Thirty-three people were trained to recognize dangerous storms approaching.

The EMS has several volunteers who come from Del Rio and Eagle Pass to help. If they are uncertified, they receive \$8.80 an hour. Certified EMTs receive \$9.20 an hour. Beyond 12 hours, the time is donated by these visiting volunteers.

The EMS is funded only by Kinney County, supplemented by grants and donations. Carolyn also spoke about the 911 mandate with the Middle Rio Grand Development Council. All of Kinney County is mapped out and everyone has an assigned number, which tells the emergency people, by way of a computer system, exactly where the call originates. This

greatly speeds response time. Anyone who does not know their number can call Carolyn or the MRGDC for information.

Lion Tom McNew began the induction of Carolyn with a short history of Lions Club International. Melvin Jones as a member of a Chicago business club, questioned why these clubs did not expand their concerns to the whole community. As a result, on June 7, 1917, a group of 12 men voted into existence the "Association of Lions Clubs" and authorized a national convention to be held in Dallas, Texas, in October, 1917.

Thus, with 36 delegates representing 22 clubs in 9 states, Lionism was born. Today, there are 1.4 million Lions worldwide, with 44,500 clubs in more than 186 countries.

The basic tenets of Lionism have remained very much the same since its inception: To encourage service-minded men and women to serve their com-

munity without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.

To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.

To promote the principles of good government and good citizenship.

To take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.

To unite the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.

To provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that club members shall not debate partisan politics and sectarian religion.

ional Convention in 1925, Lions have become recognized as world leaders in their service to the blind and visually impaired.

Our slogan is Liberty, Intelligence, Our nation's safety. The Lion emblem consists of a gold letter on a circular purple field. Bordering the circular gold area are the lion profiles facing forward and backward—facing the past with pride and the future with confidence. The color purple was selected because it stands for loyalty to friends and to one's self, and for integrity of mind and heart; gold symbolizes sincerity of purpose, purity in life and generosity in mind, heart and purse toward humanity.

Lion Cub Carolyn was challenged to take advantage of all Lionism has to offer for herself and in her service to her community. As her sponsor, Lion Walt Bauguess was challenged to aid Lion Carolyn in becoming an active, involved member of the Brackettville Lions Club.

Briefs ...

Health Week

Community Health week come to United Medical Clinic and enjoy refreshments with us from 1 to 5 p.m. Friday August 24th.

Weekly Statistics

Del Rio, Texas - The following is a report of the apprehensions by Border Patrol agents assigned to the Del Rio Sector for the period Aug. 13-19, 2001. The information is provided by station, and includes a sector total.

Abilene...31, Brackettville...191, Carrizo Springs...155, Comstock...35, Del Rio...197, Eagle Pass...591, Llano...18, Rocksprings...15, San Angelo...46, Uvalde...49, Sector Total...1,328, Other Than Mexicans...67

Border Safety Initiative

No deaths were reported during the week of Aug. 13-19, 2001. Three rescues were reported by Border Patrol Agents.

On Aug. 13, Agents from the Eagle Pass Station encountered an adult male suffering from dehydration. Individual was transported to Fort Duncan Medical Center for treatment.

On Aug. 15, Agents from the Del Rio Station found an adult male in the railroad freight yard. The man was suffering from severe head trauma. On Aug. 16, Del Rio Station Agents patrolling FM 2523 and FM 3008 located an individual suffering from dehydration. Both individuals were transported by Emergency Medical Services to Val Verde Regional Medical Center.

Gospel Brunch in Gruene Hall

In the tradition of a New Orleans-style gospel brunch, we are serving up awe-inspiring gospel music coupled with a mouth-watering buffet, September 9th. Brunch hours are 10:30 am-12:00 pm. Purchase tickets on our Web site - www.gruenehall.com, call (830) 606-1601 to purchase tickets by phone, or stop by Gruene Hall in person. Advanced tickets are recommended. \$19.50 for adults, \$8.50 for children.

Old Gruene Market Days

Nearly 100 vendors feature uniquely crafted items, antiques, collectibles and packaged Texas gifts on September 15th through the 16th. Market hours are 10 am-6 pm. Free admission. Contact (830) 629-6441 for information.

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Back To The Hen House

But I could be wrong
By Chuck Hall

One more side story and I'll stop with tales of badgers and hen houses.

After I had eliminated the countryside of badgers, my grandmother began fussing at granddad for not providing the necessary security for her chickens.

"I want a cement floor in that hen house. Nina Merrill and some other neighbors are bringing me some young pullets and that hen house had better be fixed today."

When Grandma Hall wasn't happy, nobody was happy.

Granddad and I went to the creek bottom for a pickup load of sand. We shoveled it into the chicken coop.

Next we went to town to get several sacks of cement.

I wondered why we still

didn't have any way to mix the sand and cement.

When we returned, grandma was with my aunt busily securing a new batch of hens.

Granddad said "Good thing your grandma isn't here. Now we can do this the easy way."

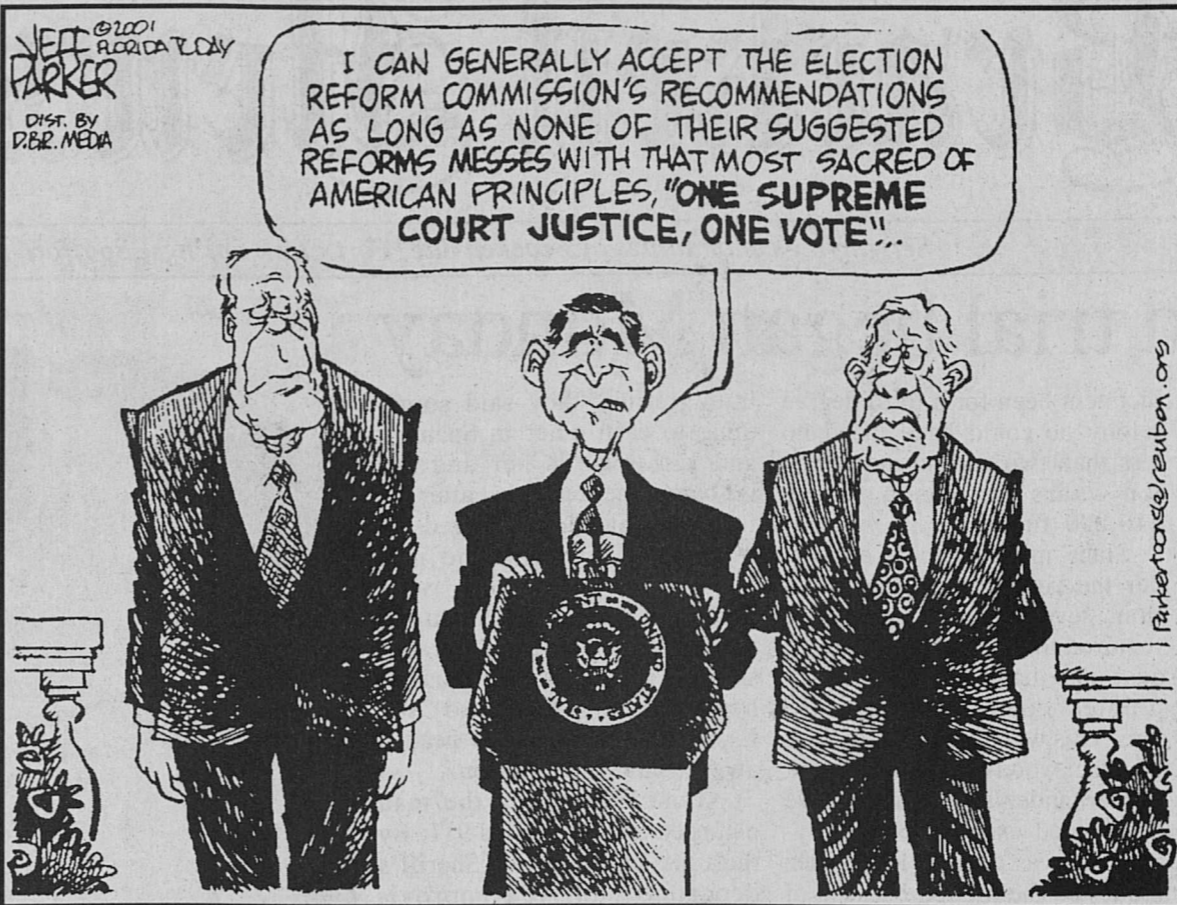
We'll just spread the cement on top of the sand, mix it around a little with a rake, sprinkle it with water, and it will set like stone."

Now I don't recommend this as an approved construction technique, and I'm certainly not suggesting that you try this at home, but when we finally tore down that old hen house, some twenty years later, the concrete slab was as sound as could be.

It proves that granddad Hall was right about what he said.

"Even a blind hog finds an acorn once in a while."

But he could have been wrong.



The reason prayer works

The Way I See It
By Steven R. LaMascus

I was flipping through the channels the other night, looking, in vain I thought, for something worth watching on the television. I was pleasantly surprised when I found a documentary piece on the power of prayer. I don't remember which channel it was on.

This documentary gave instance after instance where prayer had produced miraculous results. Through the power of prayer, they said, people had been miraculously healed of incurable diseases. Even plants, it was proven, grew much better when prayed over. Wow, I thought, now we're getting somewhere. Finally, a scientific treatise proving what I have known all my life. But I should have known better.

Although the creators of this documentary freely admitted that prayer works wonders, they simply couldn't explain how it worked. They spent most of the show stumbling around in questionable scientific circles trying to find a rational explanation for a divine power. I was shocked. They were so close to the truth, but totally unable to accept that prayer works because God listens and acts. They could not and would not accept the reality of God, even though they had proven scientifically that prayer produced results. This is not just stupid, it is voluntary abandonment of reality. If prayer is real and produces miracles, then it stands to reason that God is real and is the

miracle worker. Though there was no other possible explanation, the producers of this show refused to accept the obvious.

It amazes me that humanity today, or at least the vast majority of the scientific world, is in total denial of anything that hints at the divine. They strive mightily to find causes for things that believers in God have taken for granted for millennia. The entire universe, they say, is a gigantic cosmic accident. Life itself was produced by accident when lightning hit a swamp full of unliving goop. The interaction of plants and animals and stars and planets and rain and wind all the things that must be totally balanced and harmonious to allow life to exist all happened by accident. Photosynthesis, the primal food chain, one form of life depending on another for sustenance, self-awareness of humans, the earth being in exactly the right place in the solar system to support life, gravity, bilaterally symmetrical animals, opposable thumbs and an endless list of other miracles are said to be accidental. It has to be accidental, you see, because there is no God. There is no divine plan. There was no First Cause, just a Big Bang. God didn't create man in His own image. Oh, no! Man evolved from the swamp goop the lightning smacked. There can't possibly be a God, because we humans are the most important things in the universe. We're the smartest, the best looking, the cleanest, and nothing is more advanced or more

powerful than we are.

Well, I will admit one thing: We are the most arrogant things in the universe. We are so sure of ourselves that we think that if we can't explain something using our magic "scientific method" then it simply can't exist. If we can't define it mathematically, then it ain't real. Yeah, prayer works, but there simply has to be a rational scientific explanation, and someday we'll figure it out.

Well, someday we will figure it out. Someday, soon I hope, Jesus will return with power and great glory and the skeptics and scientists who defy God and demand proof will get it. But then it will be too late.

Prayer works because there really is a living, loving God in Heaven. He is all-powerful, all-seeing, omniscient and omnipresent. When we pray he listens. He always answers our prayers, but sometimes the answer is "no." I have had prayers answered in ways that left no other explanation but that God had heard me. I know there is a God. I have spoken with Him. If you don't know Him and His son Jesus I would be glad to introduce you. Then you too can understand why prayer works miracles.

Matthew 13:15 - "For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their hearts, and I would heal them."

Cuellar gives "B.E.S.T." customer service

By Henry Cuellar
Texas Secretary of State

This summer, my office has been working to make things easier for Texas business owners.

I am pleased to announce that many of the Office of the Secretary of State's business and commercial functions are now available on-line, thanks to new software allowing businesses and corporations to file for permits and retrieve documents electronically.

I felt we could put modern information technology to work cutting red tape and giving Texans the kind of effective, efficient, and responsive government they deserve.

Among other duties, the Secretary of State is responsible for enforcing the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) and other acts relating to businesses and corporations in Texas.

The software that makes the on-line services possible is called Business Entity and Secured Transaction Filing and Public Access System, simply referred to as B.E.S.T.

NIC Conquest, Inc., a division of the National Information Consortium produces the software package. NIC Conquest has helped launch similar applications for state governments all around the United States. Pre-

viously, submitting or requesting commercial documents from the Secretary of State's Office was done via mail, phone, or fax. B.E.S.T. will provide another option.

Services that are available under the B.E.S.T. system include electronic filing of UCC and business documents, on-line orders for business specific documents or information, and the capacity to notify users of deficiencies in filing.

Fees charged for submitting or requesting documents through the B.E.S.T. system are payable through prepaid account, credit card, or a special debit card known as LegalEase.

Texas business owners are already making use of the B.E.S.T. system. Feedback for

the new system has been overwhelmingly positive. One user of the best system took the time to e-mail in his comments saying that the new system "worked great" and the Secretary of State's office was, "the best run and easiest to deal with of any state agency."

This kind of feedback is exactly what his office has been aiming for. We want to take customer-service to the next level.

It is important to us that Texas business owners know that making things simpler for them is our priority.

The system's URL is <http://www.direct.sos.state.tx.us>. Information about the system can be obtained at (512) 475-2755 or SOSDirect@sos.state.tx.us.

Scorecard of Congress' achievements

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

The past six months have been busy for the 107th Congress. We've had some fantastic accomplishments. I think now is a good time to take a look back at what we've done so far this year. For those of you keeping score at home, following is a brief rundown of some of our major accomplishments. Keep in mind, this is a brief rundown. There are many more achievements, but because space is limited, here are some highlights:

Tax Cuts

Two weeks ago, the United States Treasury Department mailed out the first shipment of refund checks. More than 92 million hard-working American taxpayers will receive refund checks this summer. These checks represent the most immediate result of the \$1.3 trillion tax reform package signed into law by the president. The changes in the current tax rates were a part of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 and were the first major adjustments to this system in two decades. These reforms were a major initiative of President Bush during his campaign. My colleagues in Congress wasted no time following through on this promise.

Patients' Bill Of Rights

Just last week, the House of Representatives approved legislation that will deliver patient protections and affordable health care to more Americans. The Patients' Bill of Rights allows patients to hold HMOs accountable for their health-care needs. At the same time, the legislation protects patients and their families from paying the costs of unnecessary and expensive litigation that threatens to increase their health care premiums and jeopardize their health insurance coverage. The key point in this legislation is that doctors and patients get to make important medical decisions, not attorneys and HMO executives.

Education

The month of May marked an end to Washington's control over our children's education. The U.S. House of Representatives passed education reform that will empower parents and give children greater opportunities. It's a common-sense approach that includes quality programs, accountability, dollars directly to the classroom, and parental involvement and responsibility. Education is not about government or bureaucrats or federal mandates. Education is first, last and always about children.

Energy

After eight years without a coherent energy policy, the House of Representatives approved a comprehensive energy plan to increase conservation and production while protecting the environment. The Securing America's Future Energy (SAFE) Act is designed to prevent the volatile gasoline and electricity price fluctuations of earlier this year from happening again. The SAFE Act was modeled after President Bush's national energy policy. If agreed on by the Senate, the legislation would encourage greater domestic energy production, help modernize America's aging energy infrastructure, and promote conservation. This solution has been a long-time coming.

These are only a few highlights of the tremendous accomplishments of Congress so far this year. We've also passed an Agriculture spending bill. I'm especially proud of this legislation because I serve as the chairman of the subcommittee that authors it. I'm also especially proud of our work overturning a flawed ergonomics regulation put in place by the Clinton Administration. We have a long way yet to go, but I think we can all agree that this is a great start.

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Big Mama
Sez!



The trouble with using experience as a guide is that the final exam often comes first and then the lesson

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The Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library Committee meets

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library Committee met on the Alamo grounds Thursday, August 16 @ 10 a.m.

According to Caddel-Smith chapter member, Pat McKelvy, the big news with the DRT Library is

the upcoming availability of the library catalog on their website <http://www.drtl.org/>. The public is encouraged to tap into this resource to see the varied items in the DRT Library.

There is a waiting list for at-

tending the family history seminar Dig'n up Bones, Texas Style on August 24. However, the DRT Tenth Texas History Forum is scheduled for Friday, October 19 in Alamo Hall and the theme is "Women Who Make A Difference."

The cost is \$25.00 which includes a luncheon at the Menger Hotel. Mark your calendars and make your reservations early.

Family papers, records, and images of early Texas continue to be donated to the library and this

is very important. The library has an excellent system for protecting, indexing, and cataloging collections for patron use. The vault with temperature and humidity controls and excellent security precautions assure you of the ongoing safety of your prized possessions and their continued availability to future generations. The library has professional staff members who are leaders in the library and archival field who can advise you

on the best organization and placement of your cherished treasures. Please contact the library when you and your family are ready to put family heirlooms in a place for safekeeping for generations to come.

Small groups, ten or less, may arrange a physical tour of the library. The public is encouraged to visit the library and to call upon the library staff when you need research assistance.

OUTDOORS

Dove season success up to Hunter

By Henry Lutz
Contributing Writer

Austin, Texas — Changes in dove season regulations developed primarily through public input will put hunters to the test this year.

Texas Parks and Wildlife officials say the new rules, which offer the best use of available dove hunting days and bag limits ever in Texas, should provide hunters with the greatest opportunity for success.

"We gave hunters what they wanted," said Vernon Beville, TPW game bird program director. "Within the options available to us, we based this year's dove season framework largely on public comment."

Under framework approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Texas has the option of conducting a 60-day mourning dove season with a 15-bird daily bag limit or adopting a 70-day mourning dove season with a 12-bird daily bag. Because neither combination affects the resource, TPW wildlife staff looked to the hunters to help choose the format.

To avoid a potential citation, hunters in the Central and South zones need to remember that the bag limit has been reduced there from 15 to 12, as detailed below. The daily bag for all zones should be composed of only mourning doves, white-winged doves or white-tipped doves, with no more than two white-tipped doves on any day. Daily shooting hours for

all zones are one half hour before sunrise to sunset.

In the Central Zone, dove season will run Sept. 1 through Oct. 28 and Dec. 26 through Jan. 6 with a daily bag limit of 12 birds. The South Zone season will run Sept. 21 through Nov. 4 and Dec. 22 through Jan. 15 with a daily bag limit of 12 birds this year. (Dec. 22-Jan. 11 in Kinney County, South of US 90).

The white-winged dove season is Sept. 1, 2, 8 and 9 in the Special White-winged Dove Area of South Texas. Bag and possession limits are 10 white-winged, mourning and white-tipped doves in the aggregate, including no more than five mourning doves and two white-tipped doves per day. Shooting hours are noon to sunset.

Regulation changes alone won't put birds in the bag. Success afield is determined primarily by wingshooting skills and weather. While prowess with a scattergun is in the hands of the hunter, the rest of the equation might not be difficult to solve if dry conditions across most of the state continue into the hunting season.

"We still should have pretty abundant early fall foods for dove so they should be kind of spread out, which makes for average hunting in a lot more areas instead of really good in just a few spots," said Brownwood-based wildlife biologist Stephen Jester. "Tank shooting could be productive in

areas where surface water is scarce."

South Texas wildlife biologist Joe Herrera of Pleasanton agrees. "Mourning and white-winged doves have benefited from the good forb and grass seed production this year and seem to be unfazed by current drought conditions," he noted. "Doves will be attracted to water holes if dry conditions persist."

Texas boasts a fall dove population of more than 40 million birds, more than half of which are produced annually. In addition, several million more migrant doves from bordering states to the north make their way across Texas each fall. Last season, nearly 400,000 Texas dove hunters spent a combined 1.2 million days afield and took 4.5 million birds.

White-winged dove hunters are reminded that a \$7 white-winged dove stamp is required to hunt whitewings anywhere in Texas and that whitewing populations are expanding throughout much of the Central and South Zones.

Hunters are also reminded to renew their hunting licenses, which expire Aug. 31, before heading out on opening day. Dove hunters must answer Harvest Information Program questions while buying their license.

HIP certification will be printed on the license at the time of purchase after a brief series of questions have been answered. Lifetime license holders must also be

HIP-certified in order to hunt migratory birds.

Also a reminder that everyone that hunts, regardless of age, needs a hunting license. Also those born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, must have completed a Hunter Ed course or if younger than 17, may hunt with another person 17 or older.

Finally, don't forget that if you lease your land for hunting (including dove hunting) you need to purchase a hunting lease license for that property. All licenses are available in Brackettville at Pico's, Super S, or Bubba's Beverage Barn.

If you have any questions about licenses, season dates or bag limits, please contact your local Game Warden.

Obituaries...

Petra C. Perez, 74, passed away Aug. 14, 2001, at her residence in Brackettville, Texas. She was born Dec. 26, 1926, in Oregon, Coahuila, Mexico.

She is survived by her husband, Jose Perez of Brackettville; daughters, Josefa Payne of Brackettville, Adela Avila of Brackettville, Rosario Luna of Brackettville, Emelina Paz of Sonora, Texas, and Norma Munoz of Austin, Texas; sons, Emilio Perez of Brackettville, Paco Perez of Omaha, Neb., Alonzo Perez of Sonora and Genaro Perez of Sonora; brother, Eliberto Castillo; sisters, Dominga Rivera, Ernestina Perez, Zulema Reyes, Alvina Salas, Sofia Campos and Maria Saenz; 29 grandchildren,

14 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held August 16, 2001 from 1 to 9 p.m. at the Brackettville Funeral Home Chapel. A prayer service was recited at 7 p.m.

Funeral service was Friday August 17, 10:30 a.m. at Templo Eliam Church in Brackettville.

Burial followed at the Catholic Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Del Rio Funeral Home 114 North St. 563-9600.

Read the Brackett News to find out what's going on in and around Kinney County

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Monday, August 13
4:20 p.m., Chief of Police Arnulfo Alonzo, responded to a shop that was damaged.

9:20 p.m., A 911 call was received. On Hwy 3008 and Hwy 90, a white Dodge or Ford pickup was reported with two men in the back with spot lights. Deputy Larry Robinson responded.

Tuesday, August 14
8:45 p.m., A man reported gas coming from a local store. An employee from the city was advised.
9:25 p.m., A United States Border Patrol Agent, reported a car that hit a deer, on FM 693. Deputy Robinson responded.

10:15 p.m., A motorist reported a dead deer on Hwy 90. Deputy Robinson was advised.

Wednesday, August 15
1:35 p.m., A man reported a car in the middle of five points. Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter responded.
6:50 p.m., A woman reported a dead skunk in her yard. Deputy Manuel Pena Jr. responded.
7:10 p.m., Two subjects were reported arguing on East 2nd St. Chief Alonzo was advised.

8:40 p.m., A woman reported an 18 wheeler driving recklessly east on Hwy 90. Chief Alonzo and Deputy Pena were advised.

Thursday, August 16
1:28 a.m., A woman reported that her daughter was missing. Deputy Pena was advised and the girl was located.

10:31 a.m., A grey Honda was reported driving recklessly on Hwy 90 west. Del Rio Police Department was notified.

4:30 p.m., Chief Alonzo responded to a tan jeep that was reported driving recklessly and firing fireworks.

7:03 p.m., A woman reported that someone had put super glue on the driver door of her car. Deputy Fritter was advised.

Friday, August 17
5:21 a.m., A border patrol reported a vehicle roll over on FM 693. EMS and the Fire Department were dispatched.

4:41 p.m., A woman reported her sister and children were taken against their will, in a white Corsica car to Dublin, TX.

Deputy Pena, Edwards and Junction Sheriff's Office were notified. The car was stopped and the family was OK.

Saturday, August 18
7:50 a.m., A man reported three dogs that killed seven of his goats and injured fourteen. Deputy Pena responded.

2:35 p.m., A grass fire was reported six miles north on Hwy 674 on the county line. Rocksprings Sheriff's Office was advised.

4:27 p.m., A white and red Ford Bronco was weaving on Hwy 90

west. Del Rio Police Department was advised.

Sunday, August 19
5:00 p.m., Ifitckhar Zadid, 39, from Stephenville, was arrested for theft by deception and warrants out from Springfield, Illinois by Deputy Pena.

Monday, August 20
1:59 a.m., Deputy Chism responded to a man who needed some assistance in getting into bed. Border Patrol was advised to assist.

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Edward Jones investment representative is coming to Brackettville

Over the coming months, Joaquin Davis, plans to knock on a lot of doors in Brackettville and Del Rio. That's because he is the new Edward Jones investment representative in Del Rio, and he wants to get to know the residents and business owners in this area.

During his door-to-door introductions, Davis hopes to learn more about the values and goals of the people who live in this area.

"I realize that to get people to open up and trust me, I must open up as well," Davis said.

Davis graduated from Texas A&M University and lived in Brackettville just prior to joining Edward Jones. Joaquin and his wife, Amy are native to this area.

"I decided to enter the financial-services industry because I enjoy helping people make their dreams a reality by planning for their financial future," Davis said. "This is a fascinating business, and I hope I can pass my enthusiasm for my work on to my clients."

According to John Bachmann, managing partner of the firm, Davis was hired as an Edward Jones investment representative after an extensive screening process conducted by the nationally known Gallup organization.

"We carefully select the best of the best," Bachmann said. "After being hired, our investment representatives go through



one of the most rigorous training programs in the industry, involving three months of 10-hour days, six days a week."

But the training doesn't end there. Edward Jones brokers continue training literally for the remainder of their careers. Davis said he is impressed with Edward Jones' emphasis on continuing education.

"After all, this industry is constantly changing. My clients can't afford for me not to be on top of things," he said.

Edward Jones, the only major financial services firm advising individual investors exclusively, traces its roots to 1871 and currently serves nearly 5 million clients. The firm offers its clients a variety of investments, including certificates of deposit, taxable and non-taxable bonds, stocks and mutual funds.

The largest firm in the nation in terms of branch offices, Edward Jones currently has more than 7,500 offices in the U.S. and, through its affiliates, in Canada and the United Kingdom. Plans call for expansion to 10,000 by 2003.

The Edward Jones interactive Web site is located at www.edwardjones.com. Joaquin can be reached at 830-775-0023.

Abstract art is the kind where you are not distracted by reality. —Leonard Levinson

Learning as we grow

Empowering Families
By Dr. Donald Smith

Rosie heard the door slam and looked up from what she had on the stove in time to see her daughter throw her books on the table and run to her bedroom slamming doors on her way. Rosie knew Lori well and decided to give her a few minutes alone before trying to talk.

Lori had her face buried in her pillow and was crying when Rosie opened the bedroom door. She sat on the side of the bed gently stroking her daughter. They shared between them what mothers and daughters have shared from the beginning of time. "Want to talk sweetheart?"

After a few more minutes,

Lori turned over and looked at her mother. "How could he do this Mother? He promised."

"How could who do what?" Rosie responded.

"Juan," Lori sobbed. "He said when he came back to school we would still be together."

"So, Juan went up north with his parents this summer and now that he's back he's no longer interested in you, is that it?"

"But Mom, he promised. He told me there wouldn't be anyone else. He even gave me this necklace. Now he wants it back. I'm going to hate him for the rest of my life." By now Lori was angry.

"Oh my lovely daughter," Rosie said. "Even in your tears you have beauty. There will be

another day. You are growing up and you are learning. A very wise man long ago said that sometimes sorrow is better than laughter because when the face is sad the heart grows wiser (Ecclesiastes 7:3). Another very wise man who had lost everything, even his wife and children to tragedy, said long ago that God will once again fill your heart with laughter and your lips with rejoicing (Job 8:21). Come now, we have things to do. Together we will fix our meal and then do your homework. Then we will talk about tomorrow."

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

Scorching heat increasing wildfire threat

Scorching summer heat continues to bake the Texas landscape, increasing the grip of drought across the state and raising the specter of wildfires. State fire control leaders fear that abundant vegetation promoted by winter and spring rains could fuel dangerous wildfires if dry weather persists and Texans fail to exercise all possible fire safety precautions.

Portions of the state are drier now than at this time last year, according to Tom Spencer, fire risk assessment coordinator for the Texas Forest Service in Huntsville. He indicated that average drought index values for north central and central Texas, the Rolling Plains and the Hill Country are significantly higher, an ominous sign considering last year's record wildfire siege.

People who live adjacent to or within areas of undeveloped grass, brush or forest should be extra cautious with all outdoor activities that could spark a wildfire, said Mary Kay Hicks, state wildfire prevention coordinator with the Texas Forest Service in McGregor. She added that these

residents should quickly take steps to improve the "survivability" of their homes before a wildfire occurs in their vicinity.

The fire prevention coordinator offered several tips to improve fire safety around the home. Keep lawns mowed short for a distance of at least 30 feet around your home and wider on the downslope side of homes built on slopes. Remove leaves and debris from roofs and gutters. Eliminate tall grass and weeds from around structures and decks and from under overhead utility lines. Prune lower tree branches and remove tall brush from under trees. Screen under decks and behind house vents with wire mesh. Stack firewood well away from the house. Keep shrubbery and flower beds near your home well-watered and free of dead leaves and branches.

Texans can also help themselves and each other by taking precautions to keep wildfires from occurring, particularly since people cause over 90 percent of Texas wildfires.

"The greatest single cause of wildfires in Texas is careless de-

bris and trash burning," said Hicks. "This is why our agency supports outdoor burning bans as a fire prevention tool where and when drought and fire conditions warrant."

Hicks added that where outdoor trash burning is allowed, use a burn receptacle equipped with a metal screen or grid and surrounded by a wide fire break down to bare soil. She also recommended that all outdoor burning be postponed when dry, windy conditions prevail and vegetation in the area is dry and fire-prone.

Other recommended safety precautions include using welding, grinding and other spark-producing equipment well away from dry grass. Avoid driving vehicles through tall, dry grass to prevent hot pollution control equipment from igniting the grass. Watch out for rocks or metal when bush hogging or mowing. Dispose of smoking materials properly. Check hay balers frequently for hot spots and overheated bearings, and keep a fire extinguisher readily available.

Persons with Internet access can go to the Texas Interagency Coordination Center web site at <http://ticc.fws.gov> to get additional fire safety and fire danger information.

Answers to Crossword

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IT'S A GIRL!



Jim and Jennifer McDaniel are proud to announce the arrival of their first grandchild, Elizabeth Laney Jost. Proud parents are Shelley and Gerald Jost of Wall. Laney arrived on Aug. 4, 2001 at Shannon Hospital in San Angelo, TX. She weighs 6 lbs 2 oz was 19 1/2 inches long.

The paternal grandparents are Welbert and June Jost of Wall. Laney was also welcomed by her proud aunt Wendy McDaniel from Austin.

Thank You

Thoughtful friends and neighbors were a blessing in seeing us through our difficult time. The family of Harry S. Jones realizes this fact and we wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all of you for your many gestures of love and kindness through visits, calls, flowers, cards, food, and donations to the St. Jude's Cancer center. Your tributes to the memory of Harry are gratefully appreciated.

Rev. Ken Sellers was a great comfort in our time of need and to him we owe our special thanks.

Sincerely,
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Up-to-date immunization records needed for children Academic Excellence Indicator System Report

While back-to-school needs often include notebooks, pencils and paper, clothing, shoes, backpacks and lunch boxes, one of the top items required is an up-to-date immunization record for children in schools and child-care facilities.

Immunization requirements remain the same for this school year with one exception, said Monica Gamez of the Immunization Division at the Texas Department of Health (TDH). "TDH is deferring for one school year the requirement that students have a booster dose of tetanus and diphtheria (Td)." This 10-year booster is usually given to students at about age 14.

The action applies to Texas schools from July 1, 2001, to August 1, 2002. Once the deferral is lifted, all students will be required to show proof of a Td booster. The deferral is due to a national shortage of adult tetanus and diphtheria vaccine that resulted when one of two manufacturers discontinued production.

Vaccines required at various ages for all children are polio; diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis or acellular pertussis (DTP/

DTaP); Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib); measles, mumps and rubella (MMR); chickenpox (varicella); and hepatitis B.

A hepatitis A vaccine requirement affects only children attending school or child-care facilities in 32 counties along the Texas-Mexico border. Children with proof of a previous hepatitis A infection do not need to be vaccinated.

All children attending public or private schools or licensed, certified or registered child-care facilities must have the required immunizations for their age group completed by the first day of attendance. State law gives local school districts and child-care facilities the option of allowing children to attend if at least one immunization in each series has been received, but the remaining required immunizations must be received as soon as medically possible.

Children ages 5 and 6, for example, should have had the following immunizations to enter school:

- 3 doses of polio vaccine, including one on or after the fourth birthday;
- 4 doses of DTP/DTaP vac-

cine, including one on or after the fourth birthday (proof of pertussis vaccination not required for children 5 years or older);

- 1 dose MMR vaccine on or after the first birthday and one additional dose of measles vaccine that may be received as part of a second MMR;
- 3 doses hepatitis B vaccine;
- 2 doses hepatitis A vaccine (32 border counties only);
- 1 dose varicella vaccine on or after the first birthday for children born on or after Sept. 2, 1994.

For more information contact Monica Gamez, TDH Immunization Division, at 512-458-7284; or Emily Palmer, TDH Assistant Public Information Officer, at 512-458-7400.)

Note: The hepatitis A vaccine is required only in these 32 border counties: Brewster, Brooks, Cameron, Crockett, Culberson, Dimmitt, Duval, Edwards, El Paso, Frio, Hidalgo, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Jim Hogg, Kenedy, Kinney, La Salle, Maverick, McMullen, Pecos, Presidio, Real, Reeves, Starr, Sutton, Terrell, Uvalde, Val Verde, Webb, Willacy, Zapata and Zavala.

Making A Difference By Taylor Stephenson

Welcome Matthias Katzfuss who arrived from Germany this past Friday. Rotary President, Bill Haenn, picked up Matthias at the San Antonio Airport. The Lloyd Lee Davis, Jr. Family is keeping our exchange student for the first few months of school. We're grateful to the Davis Family, and I know they are excited about having Matthias in their home. This is a fine Brackettville family that will give a grand American welcome to our first foreign exchange student in many years.

Matthias loves to play trumpet. He brought his band instrument all the way from Germany with him. He's also a tennis player. He speaks English fluently as well as several other languages. Mrs. Frerich and Mr. Schuster worked on his schedule and on making certain that

he was welcomed by BHS students.

The big news is that Academic Excellence Indicator System Reports were received for BISD & each of our school campuses. The ratings were better than they have ever been in Brackettville. Brackett High School achieved the highest rating in the state of Exemplary for the 2nd year in a row. Jones Elementary and Brackett Junior High received a recognized rating for the third year in a row. Brackett Middle School received a Recognized rating. To receive exemplary, the school can receive no score lower than 90. For recognized, the district or campus can receive no score lower than 80 (most of which were 90s). The next level of Acceptable requires at least a 70. All campuses & the school district received ratings that were higher than Acceptable. Brackett Alternative School is

rated on a different scale than regular school campuses.

We're very proud of our teachers and students at BISD! It takes a caring bunch of parents & a supportive community for the schools to work as well as they do. We have all of those ingredients at Brackett ISD. Thank you for all that you do. I am delighted with the ratings.

This past weekend, I was in Amarillo where they experienced a thunderstorm that brought an inch or so of rain. It was nice to return to Brackettville Sunday afternoon and find .30 of an inch in my rain gauge. I have heard mention of many reports that were much more than I received at Fort Clark Springs.

School is going well. We're concerned about the heat and are trying to keep water in those students who must practice in the hot weather. Have a great week!

Brackett Varsity Tigerettes Volleyball

On Tuesday August 14, 2001, the Brackett Varsity Tigerettes Volleyball team lost to La Pryor. The leading scorers were Erica Meyer 9, Mayra Aguirre 7, Vanessa Castillo, Susannah Davis, and Duquesa Hunt with 6 points.

Kills were: Erica Meyer, Christina Flores, with 7 points each and Duquesa Hunt with 5 points. Assists were: Susannah Davis 15, and Vanessa Castillo 4 points. Digs: Erica Meyer with 2 points.

The Junior Varsity Volleyball team won against La Pryor. The scores were 15-8, and 15-11. The outstanding players were Beth Ballew and Amanda Davis.

On Saturday August 18,

2001 the Varsity Brackett Volleyball team won against Leakey. The scores were 15-7, and 15-9.

Leading scorer was: Mayra Aguirre 11, and Susannah Davis 8. Kills: Mayra Aguirre 4, Christina Flores 3. Assists: Vanessa Castillo 4, and Susannah Davis with 3 points. Digs: Vanessa Castillo 4, Duquesa Hunt with 3 points.

The Brackett Varsity Tigerettes Volleyball team also won against the Comstock Lady Panthers. The scores were 15-2, and 15-10.

Leading scorers were Mayra Aguirre with 14, and Duquesa Hunt with 9 points. Kills: Christina Flores with 2 points. Assists:

Susannah Davis with 3 points. Digs: Erica Meyer, Mayra Aguirre and Christina Flores with 2 points. The record for the Brackett Tigerettes is 2-1.

The Brackett 9th grade volleyball team won against Leakey. The scores was 15-10, and 15-6.

Outstanding players were: Valerie Terrazas and Stephanie De Leon.

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Texas team takes third place at National Scholastic Trapshooting Championship

Vandalia, Ohio (August 13, 2001) - The Brazos Valley Trap Team, of College Station, Texas, earned third place honors today in the junior high division at the 2001 Scholastic Trapshooting Program National Championships. The competition took place at the country's largest sport shooting event, The Grand American World Trapshooting Championships.

This third place winning team, having won its state championship earlier this summer, competed against state championship teams from 24 other states in a daylong competition during the Scholastic Trapshooting Program's inaugural national finals. Team members won travel scholarships to the national championships, apparel and other prizes.

Members of the 2001 Scholastic Trapshooting Program Third Place Junior Division Team are Allen Gadus, Max Jolliff, Kevin Kolb, Kohl Sieckmann and Dylan Burg. The team is coached by Steve Musser.

The Jefferson County Sportsmen's Club Junior Trap team, of Fairbury, Nebraska, took first place, with The Dixie Trap Shooters from Union Springs, Alabama, taking second place honors.

The Scholastic Trapshooting Program's national championship played host to over 200 highly skilled young adult competitors. "We are very pleased with this extraordinary turnout in the first year of the program

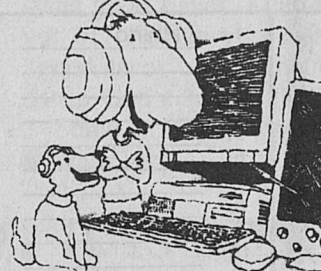
and want to thank all the participants and their coaches for the outstanding sportsmanship they exhibited during the competition. These young competitors clearly show that the future of trapshooting is in good hands. Special kudos go to the members of the national champion teams for the exceptional shooting ability they displayed," said Doug Painter, executive director of the National Shooting Sports Foundation.

A cooperative effort between the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) and the Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA), the Scholastic Trapshooting Program gives

junior high and junior high school-aged young adults an opportunity to showcase their competitive trapshooting skills and earn state and national recognition.

NSSF, the leading trade association of the shooting sports industry, manages a variety of programs designed to promote a better understanding of and a more active participation in the shooting sports. The ATA, founded in 1900, is the largest clay target shooting organization in the world, and governs the sport's rules and regulations and seeks ways to further enhance the sport and increase participation.

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

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Trivia Time by Walter Branch

1. What 1950 film won seven Oscars, including Best Picture?
2. Who rode naked through the streets of Coventry to protest taxes?
3. Who was "The Poor Little Rich Girl," granddaughter of F.W. Woolworth?
4. What is the name of the Wizard of Id's wife?
5. What orchestra leader was called "The Flower of the Music World" by Jackie Gleason?
6. What is the title of Mark Twain's autobiography?
7. What do you call an animal that eats both plants and animals?
8. What group starred in "Rock Around the Clock"?
9. What age followed the Bronze Age?
10. What is the basic flavoring of Kahlua?

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HOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) This isn't the right time to make any travel plans. It's best to wait until the holidays. Later in the week, a financial opportunity comes your way.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) While there's a bit of turmoil around you, maintain a calm attitude. Otherwise, your judgment is impaired. This weekend, avoid making any huge decisions until consulting with your mate.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Both personally and professionally, your ideas are tops this week. Enlist the aid of friends and family to get things going. Just be sure you're ready to follow through on the details.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're being unusually insensitive to the needs of someone close to you. Wake up! This person is crying out desperately for your attention.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Things are relatively calm for you this week. However, avoid letting that lull you into complacency. Over the weekend, you're in no mood for surprise guests.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) It's a good week to just kick back and relax. Enjoy what time is left with the kiddies before they go back to school. Make the weekend a real family celebration.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A close friend is being way too pushy. Don't be bamboozled into helping this person with that plan. Stand on your own two feet and say no.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) It's a good week to take some physical stock of yourself. Perhaps you've been overly indulgent this summer. If so, it's time to put yourself on a diet.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Steer clear of office romances. Even if you're not the one who's involved, no one's interested in your opinions. This weekend, a domestic challenge awaits.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Someone close to you disappoints you by being less than supportive. This person has a good reason. Find out what it is before losing your temper.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A co-worker tries to take credit this week for a job you've done. However, bigwigs know better. You get the recognition you deserve by week's end.

Roaring Twenties Solution:

1. Bunny	11. Panda
2. Camel	12. Rhino
3. Eland	13. Sheep
4. Hippo	14. Skunk
5. Horse	15. Snake
6. Hyena	16. Steer
7. Lemur	17. Stot
8. Liama	18. Tiger
9. Moose	19. Whale
10. Mouse	20. Zebra

Trivia Time Answers (c) 2001 DBR Media, Inc. The Iron Age; 10. Coffee
 1. "All About Eve"; 2. Lady Godiva; 3. Barbara Hutton; 4. Blanche; 5. Sammy Spang; 6. The Autobiography of Mark Twain; 7. An omnivore; 8. Bill Haley and the Comets; 9.

Any reason for a hug is good Be faithful and overcome challenges

St. Mary Magdalene Church
By Lynn McNew

For many years I had a cartoon on my refrigerator that said, "A hug meets the minimum daily requirement of everything you need." Over the years the cartoon has disappeared, but the sentiment has not. I have always been a "huggy" person, as my former students will attest. Hugs are good!

There have been many studies done which tell about the effects of touch and a person's mental health. I remember a film I watched years ago in a college education course I was taking. Basically the story was about a young boy who was ignored. No one talked to him much and more importantly, no one ever gave him any physical contact—no one ever hugged him. Eventually he died, he just sort of disappeared, he did not feel wanted or loved. That was one of the saddest films I have ever seen and I have never forgotten it.

We have an expression in our family, when someone is having a bad day, we say that person needs a hug. And I guarantee it works. Hugs can always make you feel better. My children

are huggers. Nothing makes me feel better when I see one of my sons after a long separation than to be wrapped in a big bear hug. My daughter has had to learn as a junior high teacher that, unfortunately, you have to be very careful about who you should hug. Our grandchildren are all experienced huggers and love it.

Our society has become such that hugging is sometimes frowned upon. I agree that inappropriate touching should never be allowed, but hugging is not inappropriate and in fact is necessary.

So find someone to hug today. If you see me, I would be happy to have a hug—I'll hug you back! Hug your spouse, hug your children, hug someone who is sad or ill, hug someone because you are happy. Any reason for a hug is good. In fact, I don't think you need a reason to give someone a hug—just do it!

Lord, thank you for giving me two arms with which to hug the people around me. Help me to reach out to those who need to be hugged.

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

Frontier Baptist Church
By Dave Crowe

Last week, I wrote to you concerning the everlasting need of and for forgiveness. In order for us to be worthy enough, clean enough to join God in Heaven, we must be sin free.

We do this by going to God in prayer with a truly repentant heart, asking his forgiveness for our sins and passing that forgiveness on to others, daily.

This week, I am writing to you concerning the everlasting need of faithfulness.

What is faith? Webster defines faith as, belief without proof, especially in God. Confidence, loyalty, fidelity to a promise made.

God has made many promises to us. God's faithfulness does not waver, even though we may have many doubts. God fulfills his promises to protect and to provide for as many as will follow him and will trust in him.

In his book, the positive power of Jesus Christ, Norman Vincent Peale says, "Faith is a vital, life-changing and creative power in the human experience." He goes on to say "that faith is an in-death assurance, a profound certainty that God will

actually do what, in the Bible, he says he will do."

I believe that if you'll just believe in and have faith in God and his son Jesus, that wonderful things will happen.

You'll possess and have a peace and a joy, that you have never felt or known before.

You'll have the power or ability to actually feel the power of God operating in your life. This is exciting.

Jesus said, "Verily I say unto you, if ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, remove hence to yonder place, and it shall move and nothing shall be impossible for you."

This is no wimpy or weak kind of faith, but a super strong and courageous, I can do anything with God's help faith. Having faith in him can make you feel invincible. "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me."

You can have a real, deep, positive, sturdy wonder-working faith. Pray to God when you begin to feel anxious about the

ills or your boss, or school or whatever and know in your heart that God will be faithful to you.

One of God's many promises to us is that, we will have his presence. He is always with us and he will lead us through challenging trials that will help us to increase our faith.

With God's help, we must learn to face our life struggles both patiently and courageously.

By being faithful to God, we can and will overcome the daily challenges. We must never abandon God and he promises never to abandon us. He will be with us always, even to the end of the world.

In Dan De Haan's book, The God you can know, he says "God made us to enjoy him...God is our father and we are to enjoy him forever." That means, "That I can act as a child and treat him as a father. I am free to fail, free to speak my mind, free to be myself, free from fear and free of guilt."

In the new testament John said "The father has loved us so

much that we are called children of God. And we really are his children."

When things get tough, when you're in trouble, let God know. He knows our limitations. Stop, pray and know that God is there to help you. Be faithful to God and he will give you the strength that you need to be victorious.

God's plan for our lives includes a few surprises, but if you'll let him, he'll lead and he will provide the means for us to persevere and reach his goals.

By being faithful to God, all of a sudden that hopeless situation at work or at home or at school is not so hopeless after all. You are not trapped, you are not powerless to act! God hears and answers our prayers in a manner that is helpful to us, his children.

Now, here's one that's a little hard for most of us to accept. God's plan for us also includes remaining faithful even (now, hear this) through suffering and set backs.

Until next week, God loves you and so do I.

Keep the flavor of God in your life

Gateway Ministries
Pastor Charollette Corey

People who live along the Texas border understand "salsa". It is in their music, their work, their food and every area of their lives. Most of all, they understand the importance of chili peppers in their salsa. Without good chilies, salsa is just a different kind of tomato soup or salad. God wants his people to be "hot" for him, to have zeal in their relationship with him. Without "Chili" (so-to-speak) in their attitude, they are lukewarm and impotent, lacking in power. (Rev. 3:15-20).) Like Job, there were things that his soul refused to touch because of the lack of godly savor. Those things were to him like a sad piece of tasteless meat or a tasteless meal. (Job 6:6-7).

Without zeal in a person's relationship, it is difficult to endure the tough times, the times during which life is less pleasant and weeping is endured for a little while until "joy cometh

in the morning". (Psalms 30:5). Remember to temper your zeal with knowledge. (Romans 10:2). That is, "Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth." (Romans 10:4). Ignorant people try to establish their own righteousness rather than submitting to the righteousness of God. (Romans 10:3). This is like trying to make a good salsa with rotten chilies. They may look good on the outside, but are rotten on the inside and cause the whole salsa to be thrown out. (Luke 14:34-35, Matt. 5:13). This is balanced with zeal for personal repentance. (2 Cor. 7:10-11).

God loved the zeal he heard and saw in David. He heard David praise him with words "My zeal hath consumed me, because mine enemies have forgotten thy words. Thy word is very pure; therefore thy servant loveth it. Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth (Psalm 119:139-142).

He watched as King David,

brought the ark of God into the city of David with gladness. "And it was so, that when they that bare the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed oxen and fatlings. And David danced before the Lord with all his might, and David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the covenant with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.: (2 Sam 6:12-15). (Can we relate to this "salsa dance or what?")

Jesus, God's only begotten son, showed his zeal for the holy things of God, the Father, when he zealously drove out the money changers from the holy temple of Jerusalem. The scriptures were fulfilled that said, "The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up." (John 2:13-17).

Whether "chili peppers" or salt, the children of God understand good flavor. Keep the flavor of God in your life, be a "good savor" in his mouth, and dance God's "Salsa Dance".

Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

Sincere prayers are always answered

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
By Sisters Nelson & Coombs

Nothing will help us grow closer to God than prayer. All our thoughts, our words, and our actions are influenced by our prayers. As soon as we learn the true relationship in which we stand toward God (namely, God is our Father, and we are his children), then at once prayer becomes natural and instinctive on our part (Matt. 7:7-11). Many of the so-called difficulties about prayer arise from forgetting this relationship.

Prayer is the act by which the will of the Father and the will of the child are brought into correspondence with each other. The object of prayer is not to change the will of God, but to secure for ourselves and for others the blessings that God is already willing to grant, but are made conditional on our asking for them. Prayer is a form of work, and is an appointed means for obtaining the highest of all blessings.

As we pray to our Heavenly Father, we should tell him what we really feel in our hearts, confide in him, ask him for forgiveness, plead with him, thank him, express our love for him.

We should not repeat meaningless words and phrases (Matt. 6:7-8). And we should always ask that his will be done, remembering that what we desire may not be best for us (3 Nephi 18:19-20). At the end of our prayer, we close in the name of Jesus Christ.

Our sincere prayers are always answered. Sometimes the

answer may be no, because what we have asked for would not be best for us. Sometimes the answer is yes, and we have a warm, comfortable feeling about what we should do (D&C 9:8-9). Sometimes the answer is "wait a while." Our prayers are always answered at a time and in a way that the Lord knows will help us the most.

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Incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding

St. Johns Missionary Church
By Rev. William P. Adams, Sr.

judgement and preserveth the way of his saints. Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path. Proverbs 2:1-9.

My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee,

So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding;

Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding;

If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hidden treasures;

Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God.

For the Lord giveth wisdom; out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous; he is a buckler to those who walk uprightly. He keepeth the paths of

Winning isn't everything, it is absolutely nothing!

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

At his death, Vince Lombardi was quoted as having said, "Winning isn't everything, it is the only thing." Of course, at his death there were no longer any games in which Coach Lombardi could compete. So, maybe he changed his mind?

I was a high school and college basketball player in the state of Texas, so I guess you could say I have some experience with the sports madness that infects so many Texans during football season. For the longest time our madness centered on high school football. It seems we just cannot get enough of over-muscled adult men (and youth) going out to compare their physical toughness against each other. That they call it a game seems a misnomer. The adult men who do this as a professional career are hardly concerned about the fact that some of them make salaries that are greater than the entire gross national income for some small countries. The college and high school youth certainly don't do it because it is soul satisfying or because it is preparation for life. Most of them play this seriously harmful game in order to raise themselves up out of poverty (or obscurity) into riches (or fame), however fleeting. I must admit that there are probably not just a few who do it because it satisfies the vicarious needs of a parent or two who never made it

(to fortune or fame) themselves.

Within the last few weeks there have been at least three deaths, that I can recall, attributed to the heat in which these football heroes work out. What a waste! I am struck by the price we are willing to pay as a society so that we may be associated, no matter how distant, with a "winner." That the highest point of life for any person should be The Super Bowl, The Rose Bowl, The Final Four, The Olympics or a place on the "starting team" is a sad, sad thought.

If you wish you may quote me on this, Vince Lombardi was wrong! Winning isn't everything, it is absolutely nothing! If we can no longer keep our games in perspective, how is it that we expect to pass along to our kids a reasonable perspective about life? In God's grace, all of us are equal despite the variety of differences in our physical, mental or spiritual skills. If we are going to sacrifice lives, I think God would prefer that we do so in pursuit of justice for the oppressed, quality of life for the sick and poor, and release for those who are captive instead of in pursuit of a football (or basketball, or hockey, or you fill in the blank) championship. In comparing the Christian life to a sporting race, Paul says, "They (athletes) . . . do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we are imperishable." (1 Corinthians 9:25) The games we sacrifice so

much to play and watch are perishable, of this world. Why is it we do not see our (and our youths') eternal lives as worthy of the same or greater value?

I have no intent to belittle those who play sports locally or in other places, for they are taught from birth to reflect the values of our society - be a winner, not a loser! How many more athletic deaths or injuries must occur before this society, this country, this state, this community, decides that there are

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS of proposed Texas highway improvement contracts. Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date (s) shown below, and then publicly read. Construction/Maintenance Contract (s), District: Laredo contract 0922-33-063 for sign refurbishing in Webb County, etc will be opened on September 05, 2001 at 1:00 pm at the State Office. Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Office listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract (s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 4277 State Office, Construction Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, Texas 78704, phone: 512-416-2540. District Office (s), Laredo District, District Engineer, 1817 Bob Bullock Loop, Laredo, Texas 78043, phone: 956-712-7400. Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

THE MIDDLE RIO Grande Development Council (MRGDC) is requesting proposals for Youth Services and/or Activities in the Middle Rio Grande Development Council's nine county area.

The Deadline for submission of this RFP is Friday, September 07, 2001 at 3:00 p.m., CST, at the following address: Middle Rio Grande Development Council, 307 West Nopal, P.O. Box 1199, Carrizo Springs, TX 78834.

Proposal packets may be obtained by contacting Evangelina De Leon, STC/Youth Coordinator at (830) 876-3533 or TDD telephone number (830) 876-1260 or from any of the Middle Rio Grande Workforce Centers: Dimmit County Workforce Center P.O. Box 1199 307 West Nopal, Carrizo Springs, TX 78834 (830) 876-3533 Tel (830) 876-9415 fax.

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Uvalde County Workforce Center 216 West Main Uvalde, TX 78801 (830) 278-4491 Tel (830) 278-2929 fax.

Val Verde County Workforce Center 1927 Bedell Ave. Del Rio, TX 78840 (830) 774-4741 Tel (830) 774-4550 fax.

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Real County Workforce Center P.O.Box 995 106 E. Fourth St. Camp Wood, TX 78833 (830) 597-3356 Tel (830) 597-3357 fax.

A bidder conference will be held on August 24, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. at the Dimmit County Workforce Center on 307 West Nopal, Carrizo Springs, Texas. All bidders who intend to submit a response to the RFP must attend the bidder's conference. Please RSVP no later than August 21, 2001 with Evangelina R. De Leon, STC/Youth Coordinator at (830) 876-1246. After the RFP is issued, the Bidders Conference is intended to be the primary source of information for all potential bidders. After the conference, only written questions on bidder letterhead will be accepted by or facsimile addressed to: Evangelina R. De Leon, STC/Youth Coordinator Middle Rio Grande Development Council P.O. Box 1199, Box 307 West Nopal Carrizo Springs, TX 78834 Facsimile number: (830) 876-9415. All questions must be received no later than ten (10) days prior to the September 07, 2001 deadline. All questions and answers will be disseminated to all bidders to ensure that each bidder is informed on an equitable basis. MRGDC staff may not provide individual assistance in writing proposals; only technical questions may be answered. The Middle Rio Grande Development Council is an equal opportunity employer and auxiliary aids and services may be made available upon request to individuals with disabilities. The Middle Rio Grande Development Council reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Kinney County Commissioners Court will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 15.40 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on September 4, 2001 at 9:00 A.M. at the County Courtroom, County Courthouse, 501 S. Ann St., Brackettville, Texas.

For the proposal:	Francie Wylie	Joe Montalvo
Against the proposal:	Nat Terrazas III	Pat Melancon
Present and not voting:		
Absent:	Herb Senne	

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average residence homestead value	\$ 26,801	\$ 28,508
General exemptions available (amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Average taxable value	\$ 16,801	\$ 18,508
Tax rate (per \$100)	0.8214	0.8663
Tax	\$ 138.00	\$ 160.33

Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would increase by \$22.33 or 16.18 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$0.0449 per \$100 of taxable value or 5.47 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures

The Kinney County spent \$96,026 from October 1, 1999 to September 30, 2000 on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \$41,344.

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