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Brenk, Hadsell, Miller, Post, Simp-Four candidates Briefs ... son, and White elected to FCS board

Rudy Brenk, Shirley Hadsell, 2 year terms. Carol Miller, George Post, Jack Simpson, and Glen White were elected to the Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors. The results were announced Saturday at the association's 28th Annual Membership Meeting.

Due to past resignations and appointments the number of places open on the board was three times higher than usual.

staggered three year terms. FCS Board elections being at large, the top vote getters receive the available positions.

ceived full terms of 3 years each. Year. Brenk and White both received

Miller received a 1 year term. Directors Robert Burkepile, Don Parks and Jack Workman did not seek re-election.

A total of 1,830 ballots were received; 70 were rejected and 1,760 were counted.

Following the general meeting, the Board of Directors appointed Betty Gibbs as president. Other officers elected were White, Vice Board members usually serve President; Hadsell, Secretary; and Carol Miller, Treasurer.

Frank Cheaney, Jr. and Cubie Kurtz were named Fort Clark's Members of the Year and Dianna Hadsell, Post and Simpson re- Walker was the Employee of the

FCS Election

Candidate	Votes
Shirley Hadsell	1,050
Jack Simpson	894
George Post	856
Rudy Brenk	805
Glen White	793
Carol Miller	
Milo G. White	
David Gonzalez	
Herb Senne	
Ella Mae Chambers	
Russell Williams	
Harry S. Jones	
Chuck Taravella	396
Jack Taunt	365
Juon Lucite	

Rio Grande ECI Advisory Meeting



Mary and J.D. Martin with their new computer at the Rio Grande ECI spring advisory committe meeting.

lucky winners of a computer dur- manager/CEO Dan Laws, on tive. Committee members serve a ing Rio Grande ECI's spring aditems of interest to the members, term of three years, with the revisory committee meeting held in including Senate Bill 7, delinquent tiring committee members nam-Brackettville on Tuesday evening accounts, and wholesale power ing their successors for the comat Rio Grande ECI office. The contracts. Danny Samaniego area ing year during the September committee, which meets twice operations manager, of Brackett- meeting.

J.D. and Mary Martin were the yearly, was updated by general the management of the coopera-

ville also provided an update to the committee regarding improvements.

Mr. Billy Maness of Ozona was elected committee chairman for the coming year, with the next meeting being scheduled for September 12, 2000. Other committee members for 2000 include Mr. and Mrs. Mike Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Blackwood, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Brooks, Mr. Carl Dyreson, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Freitag, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Fritz, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Holley, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hurley, Mr. Bill Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. Pack Waddill.

Rio Grande ECI developed the advisory committees in 1981 for the purpose of creating a communication link between the members, the board of directors and

EMT-Intermediate course one-third finished

By Carolyn Rutherford

know how the EMT-Intermediate please leave a message on our ond idea is to have some kind of course is going. We are about onethird finished with it and our students are all "in there." They all had their first major exam about a week ago and (for the first time be prizes for a bicycle rodeo that neighbor who lives alone, try to in my teaching EMS) every single is in the planning stage now. student in the class passed it! The Watch this column for more de- on them if you don't see them. hard part of the course starts now, tails! while the students learn new information about the advanced skills they will use. If you can remember chemistry or biology in high school (boy do I remember if you are alone and hurt or ill. really looks great! that!), you have an idea of the dif- I'm in touch with a gentleman ficult level. The new information from El Dorado Hospital who last week, you saw an article on play gives them hands-on experi- Stewart, Tyler McDonald, Josh is mostly bio-chemistry--- acidbase balance, the major body minerals, electrolytes which are the basis for healthy existence. The new skills they will learn are Endotracheal Intubation (placing a breathing tube down the windpipe) and IV placement (putting a line for fluids and medications in the patient's veins). They also learn about medications they are authorized to use under specific situations. These medications are used only in life-threatening emergencies, such as heart attacks, severe allergic reactions, and diabetic emergencies. "It's all uphill from here," but in the end, Ricky, Michelle, Mary Jane, and Mickey

We need more help!!! Start calling us now to sign up for our EMT Basic Course, which starts in June. If you agree to volunteer for Kinney County EMS for one year and take regular call, there is no charge for the course. The course is an evening course, so it won't interfere with your daily routines. You learn more than you already know about what to do in emergencies. You also benefit your family as well as your com-

will know "It was worth the trip!"

munity. Aw, come on now! Call tain spot every day at the same wonderful answering machine.

Kids program. These helmets will

I've received a lot of great suggestions for what I've named started such a program. I'm still open to suggestions, so please give me a call. So far, we have two basic ideas: one is to have a common object that is moved to a cer-

me and sign up! 830-563-9090 time. If anyone in the area doesn't Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to see it, they know to check in on Some of the local Boy Scouts working toward their Community You readers might want to 5 p.m. If we're not at the station, the resident of that house. The secportable audible signaling device Kinney County EMS has won that sends out a distress signal. a grant for helmets for our Safe Until we figure out how the program works, if you know of a keep in touch with them and check Display. The project was a joint Rutherford held a question and an-

Have you noticed the new station? Go by Henderson and Ellen ganized by Angie Garrett, a Rutherford are very impressed and watch it grow! The founda-"Project Fast Friends," to collect tion is complete and the steel struc- Pack Leader. ideas to send a signal of distress tural components are in place. It

> If you read The Brackett News First Aid merit badges. The displanning for disasters. This article ence by allowing them to learn Smith; Wolf Cubs, Chris Blake, was the result of the Local Emer- more about law enforcement and Alex Zamora, and Lawrence gency Planning Committee's Pub- EMS vehicles and equipment in Salazar; and Bear Cub, Josh lic Information officers' efforts.

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running for Mayor

Boy Scouts learn

about Public Safety

The Boy Scouts from strated his patrol vehicle, ran

effort of Kinney County Sheriff's swer session inside the ambulance.

former Paramedic and current with the quality of questions on

ing on Community Service and were: Tiger Cubs, Alyn

Four candidates are seeking coming May 6 election.

Flores, Jesus "Jesse" Garcia, and the two at-large positions. Diana Koch Ward in her 5th consecutive bid for Mayor.

have also filed for re-election.

Former Alderman, Wes Rob-

lenge Pena for the position of Al- 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM. derman, Place 2.

trustees will be elected to fill two School Board election. expiring three-year terms.

Incumbents Rosemary Slubar the position of Mayor in the up- and Tim Ward have filed for the three-year terms. Leonel G. Incumbent Carmen M. Juarez and Albert "Abbie" Berlanga will be facing Mary V. Garcia have also filed to run for

Early voting for both elections will run from April 19 through Alderman Ralph Gonzalez May 2. Early voting for the City and Alderwoman Tencha Pena Council election will be at City Hall from 8 AM to 5 PM.

Early voting for the School inson will challenge Gonzalez in Board election will be at the the race for Alderman, Place 4. district's Central Office, located Lee James Canty will chal- west of Jones Elementary, from

You may vote election day John Samaniego is running at the same locations, from 7 AM unopposed for Alderman, Place to 7 PM.

The City Council election is All positions have a two-year limited to Brackettville residents. All registered voters in Kinney In the School Board race, County are eligible to vote in the

Don't forget to

Spring forward

this weekend!!!!

Old Quarry Society

The Old Quarry Society will host the annual Wine and Cheese Party and installation of officers for 2000-2001 on Monday, April 3, Post Theater at 5:30 p.m.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Border Patrol Stats

Del Rio Sector weekly statistics- March 20-26, 2000

Del Rio, Texas- The following is a report of the apprehensions by Border Patrol agents assigned to the Del Rio Sector for March 20-26, 2000. The information is provided by station, and includes a sector total.

Abilene-25, Brackettville-617, Carrizo Springs-823, Comstock-64, Del Rio-928, Eagle Pass-2,666, Llano-19, Rocksprings-58, San Angelo-67, Uvalde-274, Sector Total 5,541. Other than Mexi-

FCS Bridge Club

Ft. Clark Duplicate Bridge Club met March 21st with nine tables present.

Winners were: N/S 1. Rozetta Pingenot and Tina Baugess, 2. Fred and Nita Clayton, 3. Choppy and Joyce Ambler

E/W 1. Laverne Schaeffer and Ruth Wilks, 2. Joyce Bell and Alice Seargeant, 3. Ann Malin and Ann Watts

Fort Clark Springs **Community Council**

It's a present from FCS's Community Council to all Ft.Clark members! It's a free hamburger lunch on April 1, at 12:00 noon at the Swim Park. The Council is calling the occasion, "Mad Hatters' Spring Fling Ding." Why? Well you don't have to wear a crazy hat, but if you do, you may win a prize. All Fort Clark members are urged to come and make this quality time with your family and enjoy three important ingredients-Food, Fun and Fellowship!

Cavalry Brigade

Attention FCS Community Council's "Cavalry Brigade!" The scheduled clean-up coincides with the date set for the "Mad Hatters' Spring Fling Ding.'

It wasn't intentional, it just happened. However, only those who choose to do so, meet on the Shafter Hall steps at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 1st.

Bring broom, dust pan, rags, rake and or hoe. If you can't bring equipment- just come!

At 12:00 p.m., the "Cavalry Brigade" will join other Ft. Clark members for lunch and the "Mad Hatters' Spring Fling Ding!"

INSIDE

■ The way I see it! It really makes me proud to be

an American when I see that the things we once thought were perversions, abominations in the eyes of God, are in reality things to be celebrated as good and whole-

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The Varsity Tigerettes Softball team upped their district record to 4 wins and 1 loss, with a 16 to 6 win over the D'hanis Cowgirls. Community/Page 3

■ Making A Difference That's right, the boys have won their first two district games while

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Commissioners take no action on Indigent Health Care

optional services at their last regu- folks that would potentially ben- opinion we're going to be spendlar meeting.

The presentation concerning listed.' the optional serivces was given by

The changes in Texas House Bill 1398, on rules for Indigent April 1st. The changes include cide which, or if any, additional tions that we have now." services are provided by a county.

on the available programs, they if you add anything on, what you are listing as optional services. are talking about is the county The county can accept or reject, paying 20 percent of no telling you can accept all of them, one of how much," said Commissioner them, two of them, none of them," Freddy Frerich.

Commissioners took no action said Rutherford. "As you know

fied clients whatever a doctor suggests within a certain amount.

"My opinion, the areas that are Health Care, will go into effect really important, would be, the vision impaired, diabetic supplies, optional services that were previdurable and medical equipment. ously unavailable. Counties are Again assuming that the folks required to fund 20 percent of the were qualified and eligible for you." cost. Since the services are op- those services, said Rutherford. tional, county commissioners de- They're above and beyond the op-

"This year we're going to go "They expanded the coverage through our budgeted amount. So

"I don't think the county can who could not bond out and are on Indigent Health Care program in this area, we have a bunch of afford to add anything. In my efit from all of those services ing what we got, added Frerich. ber 1st. No one has really had a If we add anymore additional ser- sampling of it. Evidently you are Under the current regular pro- vices, which it sounds cruel, the dealing with misdemeanors like EMS Director Carolyn Ruther- gram the county provides quali- money is just not going to be DWI's who are apprehended and there. "It may be something we can

Service and First Aid merit badges.

Brackettville's local troops of Ti-

gers, Bears and Wolves (first, sec-

ond and third-graders) visited the

Sheriff's Office for a Public Safety

Office and EMS, which was or-

These Boy Scouts are work-

a nonthreatening environment.

Deputy Carl Chism demon-

look at for future use I'll check into that, explained Rutherford. The request for this program, I think it is annual, but I'll have to

Judge Herb Senne was designated and approved to be the ADA (American Disabilities Act) Coordinator for Kinney County.

Commissioners approved a \$25.00 fee/per day for inmates ties, medical care (if required), air that had been tried and convicted on misdemeanor charges. This will not apply to anyone that is vaiting for arraignment or persons

waiting to go to trial. "The law took place Septem-

lights and siren, and answered

questions about his job and

Sheriff's Office responsibilities.

The EMS Director, Carolyn

Both Deputy Chism and Mrs.

The young men who attended

Letsinger, Jody Garrett, Sam

first aid and EMS functions.

they got to serve 10 days in jail," said Sheriff Buddy Burgess. "I don't know how much we

will get out of it, but it wouldn't hurt to try. Some of these people can't pay their fines, can't make check into it and get back with bond. So you know how they are going to be paying \$25 dollars a day," added Burgess.

An average of \$25 to \$30 is the amount Burgess reports it cost to house an inmate per day. Housing includes 3 meals a day, utiliconditioning and heating, cable, and outside exercise.

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GRADUATE

The Way I See It

agency Reuters:

By Steven R. LaMascus

I'M GOING INTO

TEACHING.

THAT'S SO COOL!

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE GOING INTO

THE PEACE CORPS.

the losers are

Letters to the Editor

Who authorized the lawsuit to be filed

On March 25, 2000, Fort Clark vice president and president. Springs Association held its 29th Annual Membership Meeting. Vice President Betty Gibbs acted with outstanding ability, honor body. as President.

Five members of the board of week earlier. directors, Kinney County Judge Herb Senne, Don Parks, Ella Mae Chambers, David Gonzalez, and tioned.

years as an outstanding member Kinney County. of the board. He served with honor, honesty and integrity as

and honesty until he resigned one

These two gentlemen resigned Betty Gibbs were present, all re- of Fort Clark Springs Association, the board at the present time. ceived praise for their service to against a member for perceived the membership, all, except two libel and slander without a reso- Betty Gibbs, the type of persons members who resigned at the last lution by the board. In fact, Mr. you wish to make decisions affectboard meeting one week earlier. Burkepile and Mr. Workman did ing the Association morally and Their names were not even men- not know of this improper action financially, or the type of indi-Mr. Bob Burkepile served three filed in the 63rd District Court of and your interests on the board of

This type of action is strictly

prohibited by the By-Laws of the Mr. Jack Workman served the Association and violates all rules one year he was elected to serve of conduct of the deliberating

Who authorized this lawsuit to be filed?

Four members of the past board in protest against the fact that a are no longer serving, the fifth lawsuit had been filed, on behalf one, Betty Gibbs is president of

Are the four past members, and for several days after the suit was vidual you wish to represent you directors?

Arvel "Art" Baker

What is the real story with the city employees?

for the resignation of the two expense; at least once during my much more money. former city employees. I as a time employed by the city. former employee, of the City of Brackettville, and supervisor for be jealous or envious as described envious just because someone else some time of these two employ- by Mr. Luna but productive and can do a little mechanic work. ees, was left wondering what is talented individuals. These emthe real story?

they had failed the Animal Con- roof over City Hall and worked trol test, he failed to mention the on many other projects. Projects

When Mr. Luna mentioned that trol facility, they also built the new employee's resignation?

After reading David Luna's other employee, that has also been that otherwise would have been comments on the reasons he gave unable to pass this test, at the city's contracted out and cost the city

> I don't see why these talented I found these employees not to individuals would be jealous or

What is the reason for the latployees built the city's animal con- est Animal Control licensed

Randy Castilla

Burkepile - a real Unsung Hero

He served on the Board of Di- and ill-considered action of memserved as President of the Board of Directors until March 18 of this year. He was the ideal image of a ship Meeting, his name was not help was needed. He went out of Springs Association. his way to treat everybody, friend or stranger with extreme fairness chose to ignore him. and consideration.

to take legal action against a member in good standing of the Assowrong, without success.

was not seeking reelection.

During the Annual Member- achievements.

President Betty Gibbs just

rectors of Fort Clark Springs As- bers of the board, he resigned one members of Fort Clark Springs sociation, Inc. for three years. He week before his term expired. He Association, thank you for your center stage at the Oscars on Sun-rality and right and wrong. unselfish service and your day as 'American Beauty' swept

You are a real unsung hero bepresident, always friendly and po- mentioned, much less recognized cause you have the courage to tress to stardom. lite, always willing to help where for his contribution to Fort Clark stand up for your principles of fairness and justice!

Glen Heesacker plots of repressed homosexuality

But he is no weakling. When spiteful members of the past Board of Directors decided unilaterally I especially commend Captain win an Oscar."

Please do me the favor of publishing this expression of profound Marshall Conner of Fort Clark their response to our medical team. They were superb!

ciation without a prior resolution thanks to those of our community Springs Security. Also, Director ebration by the entertainment inof the board, he tried to right the who were so swift and caring in Carolyn Rutherford and her EMS

Gasoline isn't that expensive

My brother sent me this information. I think it's great. Do you think a Gallon of gasoline is ex-

> Diet Snapple -16oz for \$1.29 equals \$10.32 per gallon

equals \$ 9.52 per gallon Gatorade - 20oz for \$1.59

equals \$ 10.17 per gallon

Pint of milk -16oz for \$1.59 equals \$12.72 per gallon

\$34.00 equals \$170.00 per gallon \$3.15 equals \$ 33.60 per gallon

Pepto Bismol - 4oz for \$3.85 equals \$123.20 per gallon Whiteout - 7oz for \$1.39 equals

So if we really think the price of gasoline is too high, we'll just family hour television. It has come Matthew 7:12-14

ners were, to quote the news some.

loss.

Once again Hollywood has an American when I see that the

"Once taboo subjects - homo- mongers who are holding back the Robert E. Burkepile, we, the sexuality, adult sex with juveniles, rest of the more enlightened world women who live as men - took with our antiquated views of mo-

> the main awards and 'Boys Don't Don't Cry," Hilary Swank said: TV censors out of work, because Cry' catapulted a little-known ac- "I think this movie opens the door they are certainly not censoring to letting people know what's go- anything. 'American Beauty,' a tale of a ing on in society and putting an dysfunctional family with its twin end to intolerance in the future."

and adult fantasies of sex with a supposed to tolerate homosexual-16-year-old girl, was named the ity, murder, and pedophilia? Tell year's best film, becoming after me; when did it become okay for 1950's 'Sunset Blvd.' The second an adult to have sex with a child? film narrated by a dead man to When did same gender sexual relationships become natural and And there you have it - cel- normal? When did this country go tors, producers and entertainment dustry of the very things that are ored and obviously Godly precepts from society and who wouldn't destroying our nation and causing of heterosexuality, protection of recognize reality if it bit them on Charles B. Fralick unparalleled decay of the morals children, and sanctity of human the rump! It is only normal to the life?

Hollywood today, and apparfaced with daily doses of reality reach. and cannot comprehend the damage they are doing our society.

The examples are too numerous to name, but simply look at the movies that win awards and at

I turned on the TV one night Evian water - 9oz for \$1.49 equals last week, flipped to, I think, ABC Ocean Spray - 16oz for \$1.25 \$ 21.19 per gallon. \$21.19 per and the first words I heard were, "Kill the bastard."

of our young. Their gain is our to the point that my family and I cannot watch mainstream televi-It really makes me proud to be sion because of the adult content.

I will not allow my daughter to proved that they are completely things we once thought were per- watch it and I refuse to do so bewithout morals. In a not unex- versions, abominations in the eyes cause it is plain and simply offenpected night of dissipation and of God, are in reality things to be sive. Not just small parts of it eicelebration of depravity the win- celebrated as good and whole- ther, but the vast majority of the programming. Curse words are It is simply we intolerant hate thrown around like they were high

It is absolutely sickening to witness the senseless profanity which is included simply because Speaking of her movie "Boys it can be. There must be a lot of

The entertainment industry, who have no conception of real-I have a question. Why am I ity, are trying to persuade us that all these horribly repulsive things are normal.

Well, they are wrong. They are not normal. They are only normal in the minds of the morally bankrupt actors, actresses, direcperverts of the world!

Don't be blinded by the glitz ently much of the population of and glamour. These people are the United States if you believe scum; they are evil. They are led the polls, live in a Godless world by the prince of evil to corrupt of perverse fantasy. They are not the minds of as many as they can

The more Christian morals they destroy, the more people they can enlist in their evil causes, the more powerful Satan becomes. Do not be fooled. Do not quit fighting for the profanity and perverse subjects what is truly right and good and on your television set each night. moral and Godly; "For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many will enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads This was during prime time, to life, and only a few find it."

In protest against this illegal emergency of March, 17. Member of

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But I could be wrong By Chuck Hall

pensive? Check out these prices.

Lipton Ice Tea - 16oz for \$1.19

equals \$ 10.00 per gallon

STP Brake Fluid - 12oz for Vick's Nyquil - 6oz for \$8.35

equals \$ 178.13 per gallon

\$25.42 per gallon Scope - 1.5oz for \$0.99 equals \$ 84.48 per gallon

And this is the real kicker gallon for water!!

Johnny Walker - one fifth for stay home. But I could be wrong.

Texans set their tax-cut priorities

were not shy about offering comfederal taxes: eliminating the mar- to Washington." riage tax penalty, abolishing the board 1 percent tax cut.

a 1 percent, across-the-board tax joy the fruits of all our hard lacut. The remaining 28 percent of bor." you split evenly between doing away with the inheritance tax or ending the marriage tax penalty.

Here are some of your comments on this question:

From San Antonio: "We need

lege without a single dollar of fi-As is usually the case, Texans nancial aid or tax break."

Cleburne: "Give every workments on the taxes they pay. In ing American a tax cut. The surmy annual questionnaire, which plus was made possible by govwas published last December, I ernment taxing us more than necasked you to rank the importance essary. Let working people keep

us. We feel the marriage tax pen- the middle income bracket?" The mail really rolled in on this alty the most - when it means the cating your top priority would be by and actually being able to en-

> Tomball: "The 'death tax' taxes both the living and the dead. Please do away with the inheritance tax first, and stop the double taxation of the same money."

some across-the-board tax relief. penalty is ridiculous and very anti-We are lucky enough to make family. My husband and I sacrimore than the average family, but fice to pay taxes every April even we don't make enough to have any though extra tax money is designificant tax shelters or loop- ducted from our salaries during holes. We've worked hard and the year. Single friends earning a saved to get what we have. We comparable amount of money al-

Gorman: "Since I am 60, mar-

ried and in the \$60,000 range, all three of these tax-cut questions take it. My husband, who is 75 affect me. The inheritance tax is probably the most unfair tax there business and doesn't want to give is. It should have never been en- it away and retire." acted. The marriage penalty is just of three potential ways to lower their money instead of sending it another blow against the sanctity of marriage. In most couples to-Dickerson: "Any tax relief day, one partner works just to pay inheritance or death tax, or giv- would be welcome. The 1 percent their income taxes. Why does the ing all taxpayers an across-the- could make a real difference for government penalize success in

Dumas: "The 'death tax' is unone, with 72 percent of you indidifference between just scraping just. Why is it taking so long to curity payroll taxes to Social Sephase it out? It should be abolished now. It has already destroyed more family farms and ranches than all the bad bank loans year by passing marriage tax penever did."

Eagle Pass: "Doing away with the marriage tax penalty is first on our list. We are a working-class San Antonio: "The marriage family. Please keep this in mind when decisions that affect us must be made."

Santa Fe: "The marriage tax and inheritance tax should both be abolished. The income tax should be reduced by 5 percent."

Seguin: "Doing away with the

Submitted by gave up boats, RVs and other plea-u.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison gave up boats, RVs and other plea-sures to put our kids through col-don't." ways get a tax refund, but we inheritance tax is the most impor-tant. It forces couples (who may tant. It forces couples (who may live another 20 years) to give away their prosperity so the IRS can't years old, is active in our small

> I remain committed to all three ways of cutting federal taxes. Last year Congress passed a comprehensive tax-relief plan that addressed all three of these priorities, but still allowed for a dramatic pay down of the national debt and dedicated all Social Security. Unfortunately, President Clinton vetoed it.

> We're going to try again this alty relief. Since I started the drive in 1997 to end the marriage tax penalty, American married couples have sent \$90 billion to Washington in marriage tax penalty payments. The federal government should not penalize couples for being married. We can afford to end this practice, and I think we have a good chance of succeeding.

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"Safe Riders" program sponsored by TxDOT Obituary

By Frances McMasters Contributing Writer

The March 16, meeting of the Brackettville Rotary began with the newly instituted short background talk given by a member. The scheduled member was unable to attend, and President Patsy Calnan asked Jim Heath, general manager of Ft. Clark to fill in. Heath gave his own personal history with his usual wit and talent at public speaking.

Mr. Heath was born in El Paso in 1938. During World War II, the family moved to Portland, Oregon, where his father worked in the Gunnerson Shipyard. After the war the family moved to San An-

Heath completed his secondary schooling there and graduated from Peacock Military Academy



From left speaker Marjorie Mellot head of the Quality Assurance Section of the Val Verde Medical Center, Tracy Slate, her assistant and Carolyn Rutherford, Director of EMS and Rotary Program Chairman for the month.

ment, he began a long career in development, both in domestic dramacitally. Chamber management in several and foreign community relations. Texas towns. He worked almost in San Antonio. He received a 14 years under Governors John development, Heath decided to go BBA in business at Baylor Uni- Connolly, Preston Smith and into another area. He worked for Having studied Chamber of velopment manager, he was re- He also served as office manager

After 30 years in economic trial Commission. As senior de- pleted a book on Texas history.

for Texas Workers Compensation Commission in Dallas.

Heath was hired as Fort Clark Springs General Manager in February 1998. He has 2 married daughters and 3 grandchildren. He enjoys hunting and fishing as his recreation.

"Safe Riders" is a program sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation.

This program trains volunteers who provide opportunities for parents to have their childrens' safety seat inspected for correct installation and placement. Correct safety belt placement is also checked.

Since these community services have been offered, incidences of Commerce and trade manage- sponsible for industrial project injuries to children have decreased

If you are interested in being trained as a volunteer for "Safe Kids" contact Ms. Mellot or Carolyn Rutherford who serves as versity and completed one year of Dolph Briscoe in the Texas Indus- a publishing company and com- Vice Chairman of "Safe Kids", at 563-9090.

Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Fralick, work. born to Clifton B. and Uva L. Linwood, Ind., died March 18, June 1946. The following years many nieces and nephews. took Betty and her husband and eral U.S. cities.

They retired from active serat Fort Clark Springs, where she 8221. enjoyed travel and volunteer

Survivors: husband, Charles Thomas, on July 1, 1918, in Fralick; son Eric T. Fralick and wife Nikki Bado-Fralick, Colum-2000, in Del Rio. Mrs. Fralick bus Ohio; sisters, Dorthea Kurth was a high school graduate and of Stuart, Fla., and Sawmill Lake attended Wittenburg University in Ind., Harriet Hidy and husband Springfield, Ohio. She married Hayes of Springfield, Ohio, and Charles B. Fralick (LT. USAFR) Sawmill Lake, Ind.; sister-in-law, upon his return from Europe in Lois M. Davis of Lima, Ohio;

Grave side services were held son to live in England, Spain, at Fort Sam Houston National Germany, Hawaii, as well as sev- cemetery with the Rev. Joe Walts officiating.

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Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Saturday, March 18

white truck had removed a deer cow blind from his property without permission. The vehicle was were released.

4:45 PM, A local woman re- took the person home. ported leaving her purse in a shop-

dence 6 miles east of Brackettville. about the area.

It was a false alarm. Sunday, March 19

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a reckless driver, driving a silver Deputy Bobby Guidry was dis-4 door car, ran her off the road.

9:55 PM, A 911 call was received reporting a one vehicle accident. DPS Troopers Richard ported a Blue two door Impala was a person had taken two twelve open. He secured the building. Slubar and Tom Wylie were dis-

ported that the occupants of a ries and that the vehicle had hit a was dispatched.

Monday, March 20

stopped and escorted to the quested a deputy go to a residence arrested by DPS Trooper Tony Sheriff's office. The rancher rec- and remove an individual who was Ashley for outstanding warrants. Sheriff's Office reported a vehicle ognized the occupants and they refusing to leave. Chief Deputy Cazarez was released the follow- on fire at Sycamore Creek on Hwy Johnny Fritter was dispatched and ing day for time served.

Tuesday, March 21

5:01 PM, Century Security refound a purse in Pear alley. The ported an alarm going off at a resi- contents of the purse were strewn

10:26 PM, An anonymous caller reported an unattended child 1:01 AM, A motorist reported in a running vehicle at Super S. patched to the scene.

Wednesday, March 22 2:50 PM, A local woman re-

patched to the scene. They called doing doughnuts in front of the packs of beer from a convenience 1:40 PM, A local rancher re- for a wrecker, reported no inju- field house. Chief Deputy Fritter store without paying for them.

Thursday, March 23

10:39 AM, Jaime Davila 7:30 PM, A local resident re- Cazarez, 36 of San Antonio, was.

10:24 AM, A local woman Deputy Guidry was dispatched.

Friday, March 24 6:45 PM, A lose cow was reported on FM 693.

7:06 PM, A local woman reported an individual refusing to leave her residence. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the Department was already on the

Saturday, March 25

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Deputy Chism and DPS Trooper Ashley were dispatched but were unable to locate the individual.

Sunday, March 26

8:14 PM, The Val Verde 90 West. Deputy Chism and the 10:52 PM, A stranded motor- Brackettville Volunteer Fire Deist called to ask for assistance. partment were dispatched. Subsequently, Deputy Chism reported reaching Val Verde County without finding the accident. The dispatcher in Del Rio was called and reported he had given the wrong information, the accident was on Hwy 277, and the Val Verde Fire

9:06 PM, Deputy Chism re-2:48 PM, A local man reported ported the Civic Center door was

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ers of Kinney County. The preciate your continued primary is now over, and I support and your vote for am looking forward to the District Attorney, in No-

> Thank you, Fred Hernandez

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of this and more will occur within

late indicating that there are three

forces which can stop this flow of

sickness. First, strong traditional religious faith which teaches the

existence of God and that there is

such a thing as right and wrong.

Finally, strong support for tradi-

tional education in which values

are taught and modeled and reli-

gion is not made fun of. In addi-

tion, schools must teach the life

skills of family, citizenship, work,

to some ideas that are literally

thousands of years old and which

have stood the test of time and

eternity. These ideas direct us to

our attitudes toward our families.

The Psalmist tells us that, "Chil-

dren too are a gift from the Lord,

the fruit of the womb, a reward

(Psa. 127:3)." We can also look

For a beginning, let us return

and extended education.

Research continues to accumu-

ten to twenty years.

Empowering Families "Special People and Tomorrow"

By Donald Smith Contributing Writer

social workers and politicians, that places that homosexual unions be and Hispanic populations in the in the new millennium the family recognized by religious and civil next ten years. It already apas we know it will no longer ex- authorities. ist. Changes are occurring in our certainly make that a reality. Al- of families? There is ample re-

ready we have record numbers of search to allow us to make estidivorces along with the results: mates of the consequences of this children being raised by one par- trend. Unwed pregnancies will We are told by psychologists, ent. There are demands in many increase two-fold among white

What will happen if we expe- American groups. Drug abuse and culture and society, which could rience a continuing disintegration addiction (including alcohol and

By Crystal Marks Contributing Writer

Last Friday evening, I received some rather unwelcome news. My stepdad called to tell me that my mom came out of surgery okay. However, he next told me that the mass they removed was cancerous. So the next move was going to be either chemotherapy or radiation, and after that there would be a definite mastectomy.

After the shock set in, I cried for hours. It all happened so fast, one week she was a healthy woman and the next she is being diagnosed with cancer, an unpredictable disease. Then I started

day, in great spirits and home her. from the hospital. She wanted to my mom tells me, "Honey I'll be week, next month or next year. fine, I am strong and I will get

thinking of the things she hasn't through this." All the while I seen or had in life yet. I wished I know she is scared. I also know I could take back all the arguments have to be strong for her, and hide she and I ever had, except I knew any fear that I have. So I let her they only made me love her more. know if she needs me, I'll be there Anyhow she called me the next and that I believe in her and love

Anyhow, my point is, anything tell me she had an appointment on can happen, no matter how real it Tuesday at the cancer center there may not seem. So for those spein the town where she lives. She cial people in life, especially your also wanted to tell me not to come mother, you should let them know home yet. (She wants me to fin- how much they mean to you and ish the semester). She then went that you love them. After all, you on to say she would keep me in- never know what unwelcome formed on her situation. And then news may come tomorrow, next

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Making a Difference by Taylor Stephenson

The time changes Sunday, April 2. Remember to Spring forward the hands of the clock (one hour). We'll lose an hour of sleep in that what was 7 o'clock will be 8 o'clock on the new time! Don't the Fall. There will be more daylight after school into the evening hours, but we will be going to school when it is dark. Watch for

boys have won their first two district games while the girls are

see the lights of the field burning; fine ball teams. I have enjoyed the Nike pub-

licity. There was a lengthy article I hope that you haven't missed the about Brackettville and Nike's opportunity to watch the San An-Bracketville in the Houston tonio Spurs play. Try it; you'll like Chronicle this past week. Also, it! worry; we'll regain the hour in Foxsports.com called and wrote a neat article entitled "Yes, Virginia, there is a Brackettville, Texas". This Saturday, there will the little ones going to school in nal two. I predict that there will 5:30. Hector Jimenez and I have the darkness of the early morning be more news from Nike on worked the band hard. We're go-Our baseball and softball teams finalists picks is still going, Michican get them for this annual conare doing great! That's right, the gan State. I pick them to win the test. NCAA bracket this year.

Games are held on Tuesday and Spurs at the Alamodome. What a great week! Friday nights; some are here and show! At courtside, you can't be-

some are out-of-town. You can lieve how tall Tim Duncan and David Robinson are. The game is so head that way and support our filled with games and contests (limbo, Frisbee, free throw contests and dancing folks. It's a blast.

Our school band goes to San Antonio John Jay High School Auditorium for its Spring Contest on Wednesday, April 5. We play be two games to determine the fi- at 5:00 PM and will sight read at Bracketville. One of my two team ing to have them as ready as we

Check out the school board This past weekend, I was able candidates. There are four. You playing tough in second place. to go to watch the San Antonio will need to vote for two. Have a

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at the very beginning of human history where we see that, "God created man in his image; in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them (Genesis 1:27)." God has given us chil-The drought of the 1950's dren. He created them in his image. They become for us our reminders of new life, new hope, new future, and new beginnings. Every day for the next week thank God for his gifts of children. Take your children to your church and do not hesitate to teach them your rupted drought (1950-1956), to be rationed and a pump station feed supplement. Farmers began faith. Go to your children's teach- which some say was the worst in was built to import water from the dramatically increasing the ers and tell them how much you 700 years. Experts believe this Red River. However, that water amount of groundwater pumped appreciate them and encourage them to be models of right living. Take the opportunity when your 1949. From 1949-51, Texas rain- and was unhealthy for people with up by saying, "We are fast findchurch provides for it to renew fall dropped by 40 percent. By heart and kidney problems. Daling out that water is about as valuyour marriage vows publicly and 1952, more than half the state re- las then opened stations where able as oil, only we can drink pledge to your spouse undying In the weeks to come we will talk about more practical things collecting records in 1888. For the

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For many Americans, the stood at only 11 of percent capac- yields drop by 20 percent and 1950's are remembered fondly. In ity. In 1954, yearly statewide rain-ranchers resorted to burning Texas it was a different story. fall averaged 18 inches, the least spines off prickly pear cactus and Texan's endured a 7-year uninter- since 1917. In Dallas, water had blending molasses as livestock drought began in the Lower Rio was so salty that it destroyed car for irrigation. A Kinney County Grande Valley and West Texas in radiators, fouled piping systems, Extension Agent summed things ceived 20 to 30 inches less rain- people could buy cartons of wafall than normal. In 1952, Texas' ter from artesian wells for 50 cents Texas' 254 counties were declared monthly rainfall average fell to a gallon, which was more than the federal drought disaster areas. just 0.03 inches - the lowest level cost of gasoline. More than 1,000 since the Weather Bureau began towns and cities had to enforce strict water conservation measures first time since 1914, Lubbock did and/or import supplies. In the spring of 1955, rolling clouds of not even record a trace of rain. Even hardy West Texas mesquite dust on the High Plains reduced trees began to die. By 1953, 75 visibility and motorist drove with percent of Texas recorded below their headlights on at midday. By normal amounts of rainfall. That 1956, Comal Springs, which normally flowed at the rate of 200 summer in the High Plains, bulldozers were used to remove drifts million gallons per day, dried up for the first time in recorded hisof blowing soil from highways.

The 1953 summer was blister- tory. From 1954-56, flows in the reached for brown crayons, not ing - Dallas endured 52 days in Guadalupe River dropped from an excess of 100 degrees while average of 241,000 acre-feet (AF) Corsicana topped the century to only 10,000 AF and were bemark 82 times. The heat wave low normal for all but one month. followed five years of below nor- As a result of the low flows, 11 mal rains. Half the state received power plants were crippled and rains that were 30 inches less than sensitive aquatic species were sister were never able to use the normal amounts. Lake Dallas threatened. Farmers saw grain raincoat.

water." By 1957, all but 10 of Finally, in the spring of 1957, the drought ended. Dallas reported the second wettest May in its history, Kingsville received three inches in an hour, and there was street flooding in Brackettville. Cooke and Grayson counties had to apply for flood relief by June. The impact of the drought can be shown by these stories: Texas school children were so used to the drought that many of them

green ones, to color a picture of grass. A Junction family gave their 10 year old daughter a raincoat as a birthday present in 1951. Because there were no rains, neither the 10 year old nor her 5 year old



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Outdoors

Texas Spring Turkey hunting outlook varies by region the season begins April 1 and runs mature gobblers this spring. In Texas landscape quickly greening A little on the Wildlife side

By Henry Lutz

on where in Texas you hunt, pros- hunters are required to purchase pects for the spring turkey season a special turkey hunting stamp. range from tough to terrific, ac- Revenue generated from this user cording to Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) biologists. But, as any serious turkey hunter will attest, ern turkey restoration project and you'll never know unless you go to fund various research efforts. afield and go often.

to below-average season state- variables involved: weather, habijudgment, a hunter needs to get in recent years and current breedduring the season," offered Steve change, so do hunting prospects. DeMaso, TPW's turkey program While it would be difficult if not leader. "You can't go out there impossible to predict how these once, not get a bird, then sit back variables will affect the upcomand complain that the season ing season, state wildlife officials wasn't good."

Rio Grande turkey hunting sea- tions. son opens March 25, 2000, in South Texas and runs through April 30. In the remaining coun- according to TPW surveys, which

through May 7.

In addition to possessing a valid AUSTIN, Texas - Depending Texas hunting license, all turkey stamp goes to turkey-related programs at TPW, including the East-

DeMaso's advice to hunters is "I expect it will be an average reinforced when considering the have a handle on current condi-

In 1997, Texas recorded its highest turkey production in years, ties having spring turkey hunting, should mean an abundance of

rains resulted in excellent production last year, which means hunters should expect to see larger numbers of jakes (young males). "Unlike most of the rest of the state, South Texas had a good spring through mid-July in 1999," said Joe Herrera, TPW biologist in Pleasanton. "Rainfall was only moderate to light through spring and early summer but it was timely and spaced out in such a wide, but I think to make a valid tat conditions, turkey production manner that it created excellent nesting cover, insects and other out there at least five or six times ing activity. As the variables forage. There should be an abundance of mature, 3-year-old birds for hunters this year and the '99 hatch was fair to good and this bodes well for hunters."

The downside, according to Herrera, is that South Texas conto scattered rainfall since last July. "Current range conditions con- the habitat is there for nesting and tinue to be only fair with the South the rest is up to the weather."

South Texas, however, timely up," he noted. "Spring rains between now and early May will be critical to this year's turkey

Unlike South Texas, many areas are mired in a lengthy drought that not only has affected recent turkey production but also threatens this year's effort. "Because of the drought, you tend to see overgrazing, especially in north central Texas and the Panhandle," DeMaso explained. "Birds like to nest in areas such as the edge of plum thickets and shinnery oak motts and if those areas are grazed down, you don't have enough screening cover for nesting. In those areas, production will be similar to last year and I expect a year or so lag time under good rainfall conditions before grass tinues in a drought with only light production can recover. All we can do as managers is make sure

JV Softball team places 2nd Varsity Softball team 4-1 in district play

The girls JV softball team came in 2nd place in the 8th annual Tigerette JV tournament held over the weekend.

The Lytle Pirates won the championship with an 8 to 4 win over the home town Tigerettes.

The Tigerettes beat the Eagle Pass team 5 to 4 in the first game and beat Pearsall in the second game, to end up with 2 wins and 1 loss for the tournament.

Being named to the all-tournament team was catcher Tina Luna, third baseman Nicole Mata, and the pitcher Celina Cano who pitched all three games for the Tigerettes. The JV Tigerettes evened up their season record to 4 wins and 4 losses. Their next game is April 3rd in Eagle Pass at 5 PM. Way to go Tigerettes! Congrats on having such a good tournament! Coach Nowlin!



Back row from left: Celina Cano, April Martinez, Migdalia Gonzalez, Celia DeLeon, Vanessa Martinez, Nicole Mata, Tabitha Slaughter and Coach Greg Nowlin. Front row Tina Luna, Vanessa Garcia, and Shante Ward. Not pictured Stephanie Samaniego.

team upped their district record 2 runs scored, and 1 RBI. to 4 wins and 1 loss, with a 16 to 6 win over the D'hanis Cowgirls day the 24th has Natalia leading on Tuesday the 21st. Going the with 6 wins and no losses, closely distance on the mound for the followed by your Tigerettes at 5 improved her overall record to 9 with 4 wins and 2 losses. The Tigerettes!!! Coach Nowlin. wins and 7 losses on the season.

was Mayra Aguirre with 4 hits 3 runs scored, 4RBI's, and 5 stolen bases. Vanessa Castillo with 3 hits, 3 runs scored, 3 RBI's, 2 stolen bases, also Michelle Melancon with 2 hits, 2 runs scored, 2 RBI's, and 2 stolen bases.

Tigerettes continued their winning ways, with a convincing win over the Charlotte Trojans, 11 to 5. The win raised their district record to 5 wins and 1 loss. Doing the pitching duties for the Tigerettes was B'Ann Gomez. B'Ann remained undefeated for the season with 3 wins, no losses, and one save. Doing the damage at the plate was Erika Garcia with 2 hits, 2 RBI's, also Queta Garza with 2 hits both run homerun to make the score top of the first inning. Tommy of them being triples driving in 3 ter with each game they play.

The District standing as of Fri-

The Varsity Tigerettes Softball runs, Vanessa Castillo had 2 hits, Tigerettes travel to Dilley with a key district game on Tuesday the 28th. With a win they just might secure a place in the state playoffs, that would be 6 out of the 8 years the Tigerettes have been Tigerettes was Erica Garcia, who wins and I loss, then Jourdanton playing softball. Way to go

Leading the way at the plate J. V. Boys drop two in Sonora

By Greg Voyles Contributing Writer

The J.V. boy's baseball team traveled to Sonora for a double header on Saturday. In the first On Friday the 24th the game we jumped out to a 4-3 lead. We carried that lead into the 5th inning. Sonora started to put some hits together, and came back to win 14-8.

In the second game both teams continued to hit the ball consistently. We were tied 4-4 in the 4th inning. Sonora, again, started putting hits together and scored 10 runs in the 5th inning to go on to win 14-4.

The J.V. boys keep getting bet-

They hit the ball better Saturday than they have all year long. The J.V. team consists of: J.J. Rivas, Joey Escamilla, Dustin Slubar, David Lopez, David Campos, Philip Munoz, Jose Pineda, Javier DeLeon, Doug Sanchez, Jared Hobbs, George Martinez, and Raymond Gomez.

Thank You!

I would like to thank everyone who voted for me in the recent Fort Clark Springs Board election. I will try to serve all members in a fair and equal way. May God Bless you.

Shirley Hadsell

Tigers win two last week

By Ricky Creel Contributing Writer

against the Center Point Pirates. Coach Creel was real pleased with runs that the Tigers scored was a his players, "That was a big win three homerun by John Wylie, a defense for the entire game. for our kids."

the mound for the first district Sandoval. game, and held the Pirates in the ning with a base hit and was followed by a John Wylie RBI single. gers added another run in the sec- The Tigers scored two runs in the 2W-0L. ond.

John Wylie had held them scoreless until the top of the third inning, when the Pirates put a couple of hits together to score 2 runs in the inning. The Tigers countered in the bottom of the third with a Javier DeLeon three

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them a 12 to 2 victory. The other Brackett 2, Jourdanton 0. John Wylie, a junior, was on a solo homerun by Tommy nings and gave up two hits and a

The second game of district 30first inning with two Ks and a fly 2A play was in Jourdanton on run. The Tigers scored two more ball. In the bottom of the first in- March 24th. "This was a charac- runs in the top of the 5th inning ning Alex DeLeon started the in- ter builder and a big win for the on a Daniel Hernandez single and Tigers," said Coach Creel.

The game started out with a

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Sandoval was on the hill for the John Wylie shut the Pirates out Tigers and got three up three down The Brackett Tigers started the rest of the game, and the Ti- in the bottom of the first inning, their district 30-2A play with a win gers scored 6 more runs to give So after one inning of play

It was a dual of pitching and solo homerun by Zach Davis, and Tommy Sandoval went four inrun. John Wylie pitched three innings and gave up two hits and a a Joey Escamilla pinch-hit triple.

The final score was Brackett After the first inning of play it was Tommy Sandoval double to left 4-Jourdanton 2. The over all the Tigers 2 Pirates 0, and the Ti-field and a single by Alex DeLeon. record is 6W-7L, district record

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- 20. Maze traveler 21. Maiden
- 23. The Bard's river 25. "I'm Dickens __ Fenster"
- 26. Odd instrument in "The 1812 Overture" tor Bonzo
- 33. Indignation 34. Du Pont's drip-dry
- discovery 36. Not active, as a gas 38. Pulls, as a disabled
- 40. Spiritual food 42. Singer Laine
- board 45. "The Eve of St. Agnes" poet
- 48. Stirs 50. Jeers
- 47. Fire prevention
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- (Bellow) 58. Solder substance 59. Gloomy
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- 67. Son Judah 68. Breeds 69. Cairo's waterway
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- ginger 7. Squid's squirt 8. Had occasion for
- 9. Interruptive sound 10. Clubs 11. Small: suffix
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12. Certain duck

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 - 27. Bakery's come-on 28. Later 29. Anthropologists'
 - treasures 30. Business inits. 31. Summer dessert
 - 32. Standing tall 35. Actress Veronica et al. 37. Little kids
 - 39. B'way sellout sign 41. Listens 44. Holiday season
 - Tomé 49. Hyperion's orbit 51. She's Come
 - 53. Wharves 54. Motel amenity 55. Turner of Peyton
 - Place 56. Cries of surprise 57. The sisters of
 - Sister Act 58. Beginning of a Clement Moore
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Aries March 21- April 20 won't help change the circumstances. Be proactive. You may be challenged to offer your forgiveness where you don't really think it's deserved. Communication will come easier in the near future.

Taurus April 21-May 21 Observe the behavior of some-

one close to you to determine his/her motives. Whatever you do, don't take his/her actions at face value. Time and good luck may give you the chance to turn a challenge in your favor. There is a good solution. to working out a solution to a

Gemini May 22-June 21

Tensions are building between Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 2 you and someone you really care about. Take the time to spend a day with him/her before it gets any worse. Remember, the sooner the better. This isn't a relationship you want to let go by the wayside.

Cancer June 22-July 22 Watch your step and what you say around a nearby coworker. You just don't know who might or might not be on your side. Your harsh, unkind words have hurt a close friend. Apologize before it's too late to sal-

Leo July 23-August 23 Don't be presumptuous of an- Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 other person's motives. He/ she may be trying to help you. Are you thinking about fur-

thering your education or train-

ng? Take the initiative to sign

up for a summer class now be-

fore you lose your nerve.

vage the friendship.

Virgo August 24-Sept. 22 An activity outside of work is Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 the perfect solution to easing your stress. Find something you really enjoy. You'll end up with a better outlook on life. Listen to the expertise of a fito a relative.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23

Worrying about a close friend Remember, you are responsible for your actions. Keep your ideas to yourself when it comes to a coworker's personal problem. If you don't, you will only end up hurting an already tenuous relationship, causing problems for you at work.

> Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Your organization skills are just what you need to get the job done. A friend needs your trust and support during a difficult time. Hues of blue decorate

your thoughts. Don't commit

problematic situation. It's your time to shine. This could be the best time to approach your supervisor about the promotion or raise you so richly deserve. Just remember to get all your ducks in a row first. Thursday will be your lucky day.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Take advantage of the beautiful weather to spend some quality time with a special person in your life. Get out and go to the park or zoo. A sticky financial problem can be worked out. Just be aware of the sacrifices you will have to

Time to work out your priorities. What comes first? Your family or work? Think about what will be the most important to you in the long run. Don't let your curiosity get the best of you. Certain questions shouldn't be asked.

Reach deep inside yourself and use your sense of humor to get through the challenging week. By Thursday or Friday, you should see a light at the end nancial pro before you listen of the tunnel of responsibilities. Whatever you do, don't stop short of your goals.

Luck is when preparation meets opportunity.

Frontier Baptist By Dave Crowe

most non-existent and you really don't understand why?

Every thing and everyone seems to be moving at a slower many, many different factors. speed than you and are always in your way!

noy you. Used to be only the worth, self confidence, but most big things upset you. Now, every thing is a big thing!

Later, you're truly sorry and Not realizing that you, yourself Forgiving each other, in itself, are hurting and that hurting reduces tension and stress. people hurt people.

pening to me!"

If what I just described is not be thankful, because it so easily

their lives every day with a bare until it is too late. minimum of tolerance and pa-

tience. A time bomb ready to ex-

The world in which we all live Your level of patience is al- and are a part of, is filled with tension and stress. How we choose to deal with each other and life's problems depends on

The condition of our mental and emotional well being. As Every little thing seems to an- well as our self esteem, self important, our relationship to God, himself. Only through an Your nerves are shot! You understanding of God's love and strike out! You hurt people, of- God's patience, can we develope ten times the ones you love the a higher level of tolerance and patience ourselves.

To live as God would have us can't understand why you did it! to, we must love one another.

If you know God, get to know You cry out, "What is hap- him better. If not, let someone introduce you.

You do not have to carry the you or your life, praise God and burdens of this world alone, let God help you.

Please go to church some-We all know people who live where this Sunday. Don't wait

Got no patience? Going through your check list

Gateway Ministries **By Pastor Charolette Corey**

Curses, Confusion, and disillusionment do not belong to those who are following the word of God. (Deut. 28:20) If you find yourself in this situation, simply repent, turn around and get back on the right path. It will always be the path that is straight, narcleared the way. (Psalm 23).

God's word says that you are 5:23-24) the "head and not the tail" (Deut. 28:13), that you shall be blessed whatever you do (Deut. 28:12); that no plague or pestilence shall that your enemies will run from you. (Deut. 28:7) So, what is the neighbor as yourself. (Luke success in life.

If you find yourself wrapped

if there is something amiss.

so, forgive them. You forgive by choosing to forgive, not because you feel like it or not. You forgive because God has forgiven you and you must forgive others in order to maintain this forgiverow, and well lit by the light of ness. God won't accept the gifts God's word. It is the path that the you offer to Him until you have Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, has forgiven others and asked others already gone before you and forgiveness where you have offended them. (Mark 11:25, Matt.

2) Are you loving God with all your heart, soul, mind, and wherever you go (Deut. 28:3), in strength? Have you made an idol out of someone else, a TV program, a movie, a habit, a hobby, come near you (Psalm 91), and or anything else that has taken first place in your heart above the things of God? (Exodus 20:3-5). catch? The catch is that you must These "things" will eventually love the Lord your God with all take control over your mind, will, your heart, with all your mind, and emotions. They will rob you with all your soul and with all your of the strength and will-power to strength. You must also love your do what God has planned for your

3) Are you loving others with

in confusion and disillusionment, the same unconditional "agape" God has given you a sound mind go through your check list and see love that you desire God and oth- (II Tim. 1:7) Keep your eyes on ers to love you? (John 15:13) If God (Matt. 6:33) and he will keep 1) Is there someone that you not, then repent, and choose to you filled with blessings, vision are holding an offense against? If love. God will supernaturally em- and determination. Stand in faith, power you to do it. Remember, rest in hope, walk in love.

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Love thy neighbor as thyself

St. Mary Magdelene By Lynn McNew

numbskull." A friend overheard yourself down is an insult to the cept in myself. me and asked me whom I was talk- One Who created you." ing to.

embarrassment.

asked, "Would you ever dream of pays me a compliment. It some- hard. You did the best you could. talking to someone else like that?" times seems as if I have a little There's always a next time." My When I shook my head no, she scorekeeper in my head—and the shoulders got a little straighter, reminded me, "Remember, it says things I do wrong far outscore the and I resolved to give all my comin the Bible, 'love thy neighbor

request to the Texas Department

of Housing and Community Af-

fairs for a six month extension on

the contract that is partially fund-

asked for an extension until No-

vember 10, 2000. Senne reasons

for the extension read in part,

'Kinney County has experienced

some extenuating circumstances

that prevent the completion of con-

tract activities within the pre-

EMS personnel and facility. The

EMS facility was enlarged eigh-

teen hundred square feet, there-

scribed contract period'.

Judge Senne to sign and send a tising for bids.

as thyself.' It doesn't say 'better things I do right. than thyself.' Never treat yourself

"Just myself," I admitted with myself down, how often I merci- mistakes I made?" The answer myself and in others this week. I lessly criticize the way I look or came immediately and I quietly will try to pay myself a compli-She looked at me seriously and act. How I react when someone said to myself, "You tried very

Commissioners pass resolution

making April Fair Housing Month

Commissioners signed a Reso-

ing the construction of the EMS briefing on this and what this is, monies come within the budget so

some sort of action or some sort

of an activity, each county does,

in the concerns of fair housing,"

Housing Month.

These circumstances were de- Bridge to County Wide Miscella- struction.

fore new plans and specifications being built on and to pay for a Herb Senne.

In written request the Judge down the way. We do have to take

scribed as, added needs that were neous line item. It increased that

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Continued from Page 1 had to be prepared before adver- new air conditioner already in-

lution making April 2000 as Fair justment is moving monies from

"Carl gave me a real quick (these are line items). So that those

it continues to qualify us for grants we can pay for non-budgeted ex-

A budget amendment was Center, declined an invitation to

passed by the commissioners in visit with the Commissioners and

the amount \$10,567. It transferred give an update on the progress of

that amount from the Road and the financing and eventual con-

This adjustment was done to that explains the fact that he ap-

pay for the labor and materials to preciated the invitation, but he has

build the pad the EMS facility is to decline at this time," said Judge

I seem to have a double stanany worse than you would treat dard. I will accept faults or mis-"You dope," I muttered. "You another human being. Running takes in others that I will not ac-

So I asked The Lord, "What I thought about how often I put would I say if a friend made the will try to recognize the good in

stalled in the sheriffs department.

Road and Bridge, to County Wide

penditures, to construct the pad,"

Valley Construction, Inc., the

company building the Detention

Danny Butler from Dinosaur

"Mr. Butler is not going to be

explained Senne.

"What we are doing in our ad-

ments the "Would you say that to a friend?' test from then on.

None of us is perfect—only God can claim that title. But all of us have good in us-sometimes we just can't see it in ourselves. I ment-and believe it.

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to what you should do if there is a idea. For example, if you take a ney County EMS's second unit out fire at home. It would be a great medication for a chronic illness for EMS calls may respond with idea to actually practice what each like diabetes, do you have enough less than TDH minimum requiremember's job will be and where medication to see you through that ments for certified personnel) you will go in the event of an period? Do you always have your

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This "pre-planning" is similar Emergency Action Plan on that

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Continued from Page 1 emergency. I'll remind you again gas level topped off in case you It pointed out the fact that as that article a week ago did, be have to evacuate to a shelter in another town? If you need any help, just call the Kinney County

If you need emergency help or days?" Base your Family from Fire Department, Law Enforcement or EMS, call 911! (Kin-

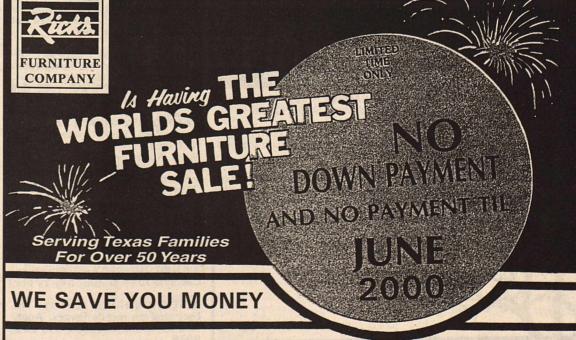


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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS - Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of ALLIE LORRAINE OSBORN, Deceased, were issued on February 4, 2000, in Cause No. 960, pending in the County Court of Kinney County, Texas, to: SANDRA KAY BAKER. The residence of the Independent Executrix is 2905 Bonito Avenue, Grand Junction, Colorado 81504;

SHAHAN, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 367 Brackettville, Texas 78832-All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated the 24th

the post office address is: c/o: TULLY

day of March, 2000. SHAHAN, Attorney at Law, Post Office Box 367, 401 South Ann Street, Brackettville, Texas 78832. Telephone: 830-563-2462; Facsimile: 830-563-9240. /s/ By: Tully Shahan, Attorney for the Estate. State Bar No: 18087500

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Town: large 3 bd, 2 bath brick home, CHA, painted inside/out, appraised \$35,000 will sell for \$32,000, great starter home!

Fort: well built stone home, 1,600 +-sq.ft., FP, large kitchen/den, office, big screen porch, carport, storage, sprinkler system, manicured lawn!

REWARD

\$5000 REWARD - A total reward of \$5,000.00 is being offered for information leading to the conviction of the persons responsible for the loss of over 400 Spanish goats from Rudy Ranch at Cline between April 1999 and July 19, 1999. Call 210-824-7595.

REQUEST FOR BIDS

THE COMMUNITY SERVICES

Agency of South Texas, Inc. (CSA) is requesting sealed bids for the procurement of materials for the Weatherization Program funded by The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) Weatherization Assistance Program, heating and cooling units for the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program and Home Program. The service area is a eight (8) county area the counties are Dimmit, La Salle, Zavala, Val Verde, Uvalde, Edwards, Real and Kinney. The Request for Proposal (RFP) with the specifications can be obtained by contacting Ernest White at (830) 876-5219 ext. 24 or come by the main office located on 910 S. 5th Street, Carrizo Springs, TX 78834. The deadline to submit sealed bids is Thursday, April 6, 2000 by 5:00 p.m. CSA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. We will not accept faxed bids. All bids must sealed and must state so on the envelope to avoid opening beforehand. The bids will be publicly opened at the CSA office on Monday, April 10, 2000 at 3:00 p.m. CSA is an Equal Opportunity Em-

THE MIDDLE RIO Grande Development Council (MRGDC) is requesting proposals (RFP's) from qualified insurance firms/agencies for the following insurance coverage: Participant Accident Insurance, Workers Compensation, General Liability, Property Insurance, Error & Omissions and Fidelity Bond. The deadline for submission of this RFP is 10:00 a.m., April 27, 2000 at the following address: Middle Rio Grande Development Council, 307 W. Nopal St - P.O. Box 1199, Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834. Proposal packets may be obtained by contacting Gloria Perez, CPM Department of the Middle Rio Grande Development Council at Voice telephone No. 830-876-3533 and TDD No. 830-876-1260. The Middle Rio Grande Development Council is an equal opportunity employer. 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.

REQUEST FOR BIDS

BRACKETT ISD INVITATION to bid. **Brackett Independent School District** is selling by sealed bid a 1984 Suburban vehicle. Information can be obtained by contacting Brackett In-dependent School District, Attn: Taylor Stephenson, Superintendent, P.O. Box 586, Brackettville, TX. 78832, 830-563-2491. All bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope with the words "Suburban" printed clearly on the outside of the envelope. Bids due into the Central Office by 10:00 a.m. Monday, April 3, 2000. Brackett ISD reserves the right to reject

any and all proposals.

THE COMMUNITY SERVICES Agency of South Texas, Inc. (CSA) is in search for subcontractors (carpenters) to bid on the Weatherization work provided by the CSA Weatherization Program to install quality materials and appliances: special items for mobile homes, doors, windows, ceiling and wall insulation, AC units, heaters, water heaters, stoves and other repairs. The work shall be done in the eight (8) counties of Dimmit, Zavala, La Salle, Uvalde, Kinney, Val Verde, Real, and Edwards. The Request for Proposal (RFP) with the specifications can be obtained by contacting Ernest White at (830) 876-5219 ext. 24 or come by the main office located on 910 S. 5th Street, Carrizo Springs, TX 78834. The deadline to submit sealed bids is Thursday, April 6, 2000 by 5:00 p.m. CSA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. We will not accept faxed bids. All bids must be sealed and must state so on the envelope to avoid opening beforehand. The bids will be publicly opened at the CSA office on Monday, April 10, 2000 at 3:00 p.m. CSA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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