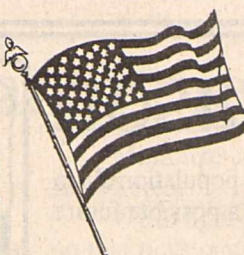


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## Fort Clark landowners will now pay MUD taxes

By Diana Gonzales & Wes Robinson

Landowners at Fort Clark Springs can expect to pay an additional property tax this year. Fort Clark Municipal Utility District (MUD) tax will now be billed by the Kinney County Appraisal District.

In years past, the Fort Clark Springs Association was paying MUD taxes that should have been paid by individual landowners. But that's against the law and reportedly was brought to the Association's attention three years ago.

So the MUD board decided March 21 to enter into an agreement with the Kinney County Appraisal District to not only appraise, but to collect as well. The MUD action came about two weeks following an Appraisal Board meeting where Chief Appraiser Bill Haenn presented information to the MUD board and Fort Clark Manager Jim Heath.

Previously, MUD paid the appraisal district approximately \$13,000 a year strictly to assess property; now the added responsibility of collecting taxes will hike the price by an estimated \$7,000 a year, explained Larry Sofaly, General Manager of MUD.

In the early 70s North American Towns of Texas, the developer of Fort Clark Springs, was seeking a bond issue in order to improve the water and sewer system on Fort Clark. To do that, MUD had to become a separate entity from Fort Clark Springs Association.

North American Towns was responsible for its projections of memberships sold, and agreed if these projections were not

reached, they would make up the difference of unsold memberships in regard to the \$3 impound fund. This was done so MUD would not have to tax the members. The practice was continued after Fort Clark Springs Association bought out North American Towns.

Payments on the bond issue expire in the year 2006. Payments are made twice a year - one with interest, and the other with interest and principal.

"The Fort Clark Springs Association for 27 years has paid everybody's MUD tax on Fort Clark from the impound fund," said Haenn.

Although the Association pays the landowners' personal property tax out of the fund that is supported by the membership fee, the amount is not being proportioned properly based on the value of individual property, said Sofaly.

"Take for instance the people who have a lot that is valued at \$2,000 and another person has a house that is valued at \$100,000. They are paying the exact same tax on their property and that's not right. If the MUD tax for instance is 42 cents per hundred dollar evaluation, then that person with the house should be paying more tax," he added.

When the Association stops paying the MUD tax from membership dues, a person would have to own property on the fort to get taxed any further.

Fort Clark Springs property owners will receive appraisal notices in May and tax bills in October. Though the new tax rate won't be set until July or August, no change is expected from the current tax rate of .4111 per \$100 valuation, Sofaly said.

## Black Knight Productions filming "Jericho" at Alamo Village

By Diana Gonzales Editor

"...a gunshot changed his life. Jericho, a cowboy without a name, without a past, without a future."

Black Knight Productions is filming "Jericho" at Alamo Village through mid-May.

Four West Point graduates head the company whose goal is to efficiently produce high-quality motion pictures at low-cost without sacrificing production value or the integrity of the stories. Though this is the first major production for Black Knight, its members have been active in the motion picture industry for years and have worked with major studios such as Paramount and 20th Century Fox.

"Jericho," written by Robert A. Miller, is a unique Western in the classic tradition of "Shane." A case of misidentity and pursuit affects the life of a mysterious gunman. He is rescued and befriended by an engaging



From left Renny Rozzoni-Producer, Mark Valley- "Jericho", Merlin Miller- Director, and Gil Dorland- Producer attended a barbecue Sunday afternoon. Filming started Monday morning on "Jericho".

"preacher." Together they survive certain danger while the gunman searches to find the answers to his lost identity. A final show-

down and romantic twist of fate leads to a surprise ending.

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### Welcome Aboard

The Brackett News is proud to announce the addition of Diana Gonzales to our staff.

Ms. Gonzales is from Del Rio and has many years of newspaper experience. Welcome Aboard Diana, we are looking forward to working with you.

### Easter Sunrise Service

The Church Alliance of Brackettville and The Voices of Fort Clark invite each of you, our neighbors, to come and share the wonder Mary must have felt at The Easter Sunrise Service at 7:30 a.m. at The Old Quarry Amphitheater Sunday, April 23. Jesus will be there with you.

### Senior Class Fundraiser

The senior class is selling tickets for a Hamburger Lunch that will take place Wednesday, April 26. The lunch is \$3.50 and will include a hamburger, chips and a drink. Raffle tickets for a cake from Barbara's Table will be sold. The money will be used to help sponsor the senior trip. Tickets are available from any senior. Please come and help support the senior class!

### Easter Egg Hunt

An Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 1 to 10 is planned Saturday, April 22 beginning at 12 noon at the St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church parking lot.

Youth Ministry will be selling hot dogs for 50 cents and Polish sausage with sauerkraut for \$1.00 "Come join us and have fun with the kids. All are welcome. God bless you all," said Zany McKelvey, youth coordinator.

McKelvey also reported that Youth Ministry delivered Easter goodies and visited homebound and elderly folks Thursday afternoon, April 20.

### Poetry Contest

A \$1,000.00 grand prize is being offered in a new poetry contest sponsored by Celestial Arts, free to everyone. A whopping \$25,000.00 in prizes will be awarded during the coming year!

"Even if you have never entered a competition before," says Poetry Editor Michael Thomas, "this is an opportunity to win big."

To enter send one original poem on any subject, using any style, to: Free Poetry Contest, 1257 Siskiyou Blvd., PMB4, Ashland, or 97520. Or enter on line at [www.freecontest.com](http://www.freecontest.com).

Be sure your poem is 21 lines or less and your name and address appear on the page with your poem. The deadline for entering is May 8, 2000.

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## County recognizes STEP employees



Kinney County Members of STEP, Senior Texans Employment Program, received certificates Monday April 10 at the Nutrition Center. Front row from left: Felipa Avila, Betty Moses, and Petra Fuentes. Back row Carmen Berlanga, Martha McDonald and Judge Herb Senne. Not pictured, Enriqueta Villarreal.

## Conner among 300 CAP volunteers



For the past five years Norma Conner has volunteered to cook for students, crew members, sponsors and cooks involved in CAP.

Fort Clark Springs resident Norma Conner recently returned from volunteering as a cook for the Christian Appalachian Workfest (CAP) in Kentucky.

CAP is an interdenominational, All-Christian, non-profit organization. Conner was invited to join CAP more than five years ago. Selection as a CAP volunteer requires extensive screening. Conner said she was honored to have been asked and chosen.

This year's CAP project involved repairing homes for approximately 12 families in and around McCreary and Knott counties in Kentucky. The area is one of the poorest in the United States, said Conner. About 300 CAP volunteers - students from 28 colleges, crew members, sponsors and cooks - participated in the project during Spring Break.

Conner cooked for students and leaders for three weeks. On the

weekends, she visited the elderly and shut-ins in the surrounding counties.

"Many are isolated on the ridges or in the hollers with few family members around and are unable to read or write. They do not have a vehicle to transport them to town so they depend on others totally. It is a life of loneliness and isolation," said Conner. "The lifestyle of most of these people can be compared to the general lifestyle of 80 or more years ago.

"Indoor plumbing is still rare. As we visited, we found there were no outhouses in some places. The work and fellowship with others is very rewarding as we strive to show the love of our God to people less fortunate than we. We in this area can truly count our blessings and thank God," she said.

## Historical Commission hosts reception for Department of Interior

By Woodie Hornburg Contributing Writer

The Kinney County Historical Commission held a reception for the "U.S. Department of Interior's" Underground Railroad Project researchers at the Wainwright House on Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Serving as hosts were Pat Spohnoltz, Donna Saylor, Peter Pohl and Ailene Reid.

Other honored guests were members of the Seminole Indian Scouts Cemetery Association and Ms. Charles Wilson, Alice Faye, Cloteal Exum and Loretta Walzem from Kerrville, Texas.

On April 11, a noon barbecue was hosted by the Seminole Indian Scouts Cemetery Association at Seminole Park. Aaron Mahr, of Brownsville, TX, Regional Coordinator for the "Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program", served as spokesperson.

Mr. Mahr introduced Keith Everett from the National Park Service in Philadelphia, PA; Iantha Gantt-Wright from the National Parks Conservation Association in Washington, D.C.; Guy Washington from the California National Park Service; Diane Miller, Coordinator of the National and Midwest Region based in Omaha, Nebraska; Art Gomez from Santa Fe, N.M. serves as Regional Historian. Intra Mountain Support Officer; Barbara Tagger, Southeast Region from



Front row from left: Jenny Masur, Washington, D.C., Iantha Gantt-Wright, Washington, D.C., Keith Everett, Philadelphia, PA., Barbara Tagger, Atlanta, GA. Back row: Diane Miller, Coordinator, Omaha, NE., Tara Morrison, Boston, MA., Art Gomez, Santa Fe, N.M., and Guy Washington, Oakland, CA.

Atlanta, Georgia serves as Project Historian; Tara Morrison serving the Northeast Region, thirteen states from Maine to Virginia, is based in Boston, MA; Jenny Masur, National Capitol Region Coordinator, based in Washington, D.C.; and Dr. Shirley Botiles Mock from the Institute of Texas Cultures of San Antonio, Texas.

The fifteen national representatives from their respective regions meet quarterly in different areas throughout the United States.

Clarence Ward recognized special guests Alice Faye, Ms.

Charles Wilson, Cloteal Exum and Loretta Walzem, who are descendants of the Seminole Scouts.

Approximately 60 guests were in attendance, including members of the Kinney County Historical Commission and the Fort Clark Historical Society.

Clarence Ward expressed appreciation for the "behind the scene" workers who made the barbecue possible. Special thanks were given to Carol Dimery, Mary Jaso, Beverly Wright, Audrey Ward, Georgia Mae Shields, Cerilla Steward, Donna Saylor and Albert Payne.



Justin Kesteloot, right, caught a 12-pound catfish with the help of his friends, Cullen Duncan, left and Will Butler. The fish was caught in Las Moras Creek on Fort Clark, by the Golf Pro Shop.



# It's Turkey Season

This is for all of the hunters out there. I hope you've had an opportunity to bag one of those old bearded toms. I got mine. Never even fired a shot. I guess technically the correct way to put it is to say that he got me. I was driving down the road, minding my own business, when out of left field, here he came. SMACK! Right into my windshield. Blind-sided me. He got me all right.

Now in Texas, the Parks and Wildlife department claims all wildlife belongs to the state. And if one shoots a deer on the side of the road, thereby depriving the citizens of one of their prized possessions, that person must pay the usual fines for breaking the law, plus an additional charge for retribution to make up for taking that

animal out of the population chain and taking away a possible future trophy.

Dear Texas, one of your birds caused considerable damage to my truck. \$500 to be exact. How soon can I expect payment for the damages caused by this inconsiderate fowl? Also note that there were no "turkey crossing" signs in the vicinity. Please answer soon because there may be more of those feathered creatures awaiting unsuspecting motorists. We wouldn't want a series of accidents to occur. And by the way, I'm not sure this was accidental. You might want to check for suicidal tendencies in the Kinney county flock of avian friends.

I anticipate a check real soon. But I could be wrong.

# Summer Vacation is Around the Corner

U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla  
23rd Congressional District

The last few weeks of school are upon us and before we know it, our little ones will be home for summer vacation taking rides around the block on their bicycles, playing catch in the front lawn with the other neighborhood children and escaping the Texas heat with a swim in a pool.

Summer is not just a great time for children, it is also a great time for families. It provides for an excellent opportunity for families to get away and visit someplace new.

Each year thousands of visitors descend on our nation's capital for family vacations. If you're still looking for a great place to bring the kids or just get away this summer, our nation's capital is a wonderful, as well as economical, choice-filled spot with a lot of sights to see.

Every year I'm thrilled by all the folks from Texas that make their way to Washington. But before you come, make sure to give my office a call and I'll do all I can to set you up with helpful brochures, tours and ticket information.

Airfare and hotel expenses for a trip to Washington, D.C. can be pretty costly, but there is some good news-most of the best and most exciting things to see in the city are free! That includes visits to the White House, the U.S. Capitol, the Washington Monument, Arlington National Cemetery, the National Zoo and the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials. Even the Smithsonian Institution, including the Air and Space Museum or the Museum of Natural History, has no cost and are fun for kids as well as adults! The fact that it's all free lifts a heavy burden off mom and dad so they can bring everybody along.

Of course the first stop you need to make is a visit to my office located at 1427 Longworth House Office Building, just steps from the U.S. Capitol Building.

I'd look forward to the chance to say hello and meet with you and your family, and my staff can help supply maps or point you in the right direction for your tours.

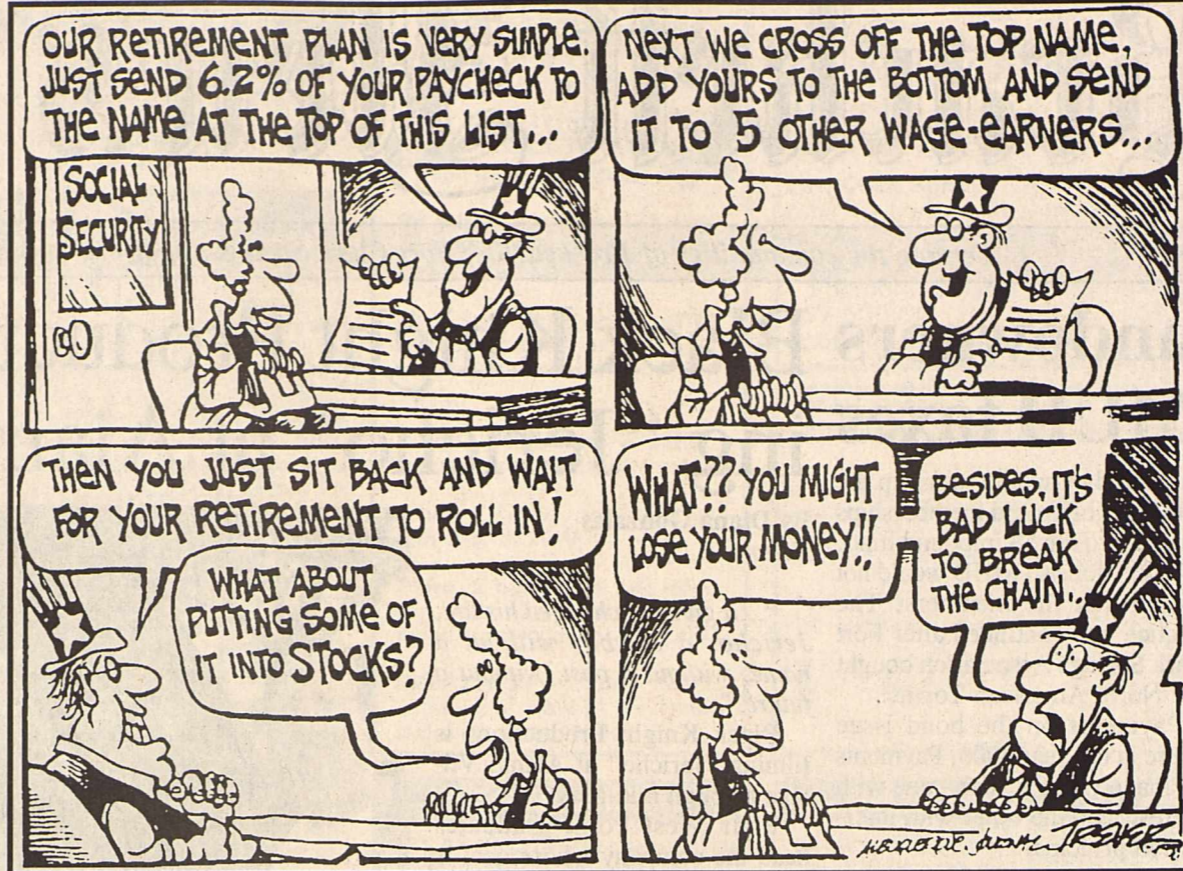
You might even be interested to take a seat in either of the visitors' galleries of the U.S. Capitol and catch some exciting debate when either the House of Representatives or the Senate is in session. My office can provide you with free passes to view both branches of Congress in action.

But before you pack your bags and head to Washington, please give my office a call. With enough advance planning - many times up to three months ahead of time - we can set you up with the V.I.P. tours of the White House.

Other V.I.P. tours include the Supreme Court, F.B.I. and Bureau of Engraving.

I hope you and your family enjoy your vacation time whatever direction you decide to travel.

But if your trip heads north to our nation's capital, I look forward to hearing from you! You can reach my office at 202-225-4511.



# Just how low can television go?

The Way I See It  
By Steven R. LaMascus

For years we have been told that children watching sex and violence on television does not increase their propensity for sex and violence in real life, that there is no correlation between the escalating violence on television and the escalation of teen violence in our society.

Well, it seems that the American College of Forensic Psychiatry conducted research in 1998, in which 1000 studies were presented and dissected. In all but 18 of those studies it was "demonstrated that screen violence leads to real violence." And - surprise, surprise - 12 of those 18 were funded by the television industry. Additionally, in 1992 the American Psychological Association concluded that the link between screen violence and real violence had been amply demonstrated over the last 40 years, but simply ignored. They stated that the "scientific debate is over" and called for federal regulation to "protect society."

Teens, and even younger children, are extremely susceptible to television propaganda: They are at the stage of their lives where they are searching for an identity. They are searching beyond the family boundaries and are easily influenced by what they perceive as normal or acceptable behavior, as portrayed on television.

In 1998, according to Nielsen Media Research, the average American household watched 7 hours and 15 minutes of television daily. If you accept that most folks work or go to school for about 8 hours a day, and that most sleep about 8 hours a day, and watch TV for 7 hours and 15 minutes a day, that leaves, let's see, ah, 45 minutes a day for family interac-

tion. No wonder the average American family is dysfunctional!

Hey! Mom and Dad! Yeah you! Television is dangerous! To quote a report I have on my desk as I write this, "Broadcast television no longer serves a broad public interest, and in many cases is not even suitable for viewing by a broad public audience." That means, folks, that it should be rated R. What you allow your children to watch each night during the non-existent family hour is vulgar and obscene.

People magazine asks "Faced with nightly sex, violence and a smut glut, parents, critics - even kids - wonder: Just how low can television go?"

I have heard, on numerous occasions, some television personality - producer, director, actor, studio mogul - say that they were "pushing the envelope." Each time I hear this inane statement, almost always uttered in relation to some further erosion of the decency of programming, I have to ask myself, "why?" Why must this person be so adamant in his need to make an already obscene medium even more vulgar? I can understand pushing the envelope in a number of ways; better special effects, fewer commercials, higher standards of integrity, better documentaries. But why push the limit of allowable smut on an already filthy schedule?

It's quite simple actually. It is a well-conceived and carefully executed attempt to reduce the moral values of our society to the level of animals. It is an attempt to lessen the value of human life; destroy the moral values of monogamy, chastity, honesty and integrity; and erode our faith in basic Judeo-Christian values. It is a direct assault on our faith in God, and the sanctity of human life. It

is an attempt to return this once God-fearing nation to the idolatrous past, which destroyed so many powerful nations. If you want to see our future, just look to the past. Take a good close look at the fate of the Babylonians, the Romans, the Egyptians, the ancient Greeks. They were once powerful nations. But their refusal to adopt Godly principles and their acceptance of morally reprehensible behavior brought on their destruction.

When this nation abandons the high moral, Christian values that made it great, it is going to fall like a rock down a well. It has already begun. Our nation is a mere shadow of what it was just twenty years ago. We have no cohesion, no patriotism, no righteous anger. The loudest voices in the land today are not those of the moral majority, but those of the perverse, adulterous, idolatrous, obscene minor segment of our society. They are winning the battle because they simply don't care what they have to do to attain victory. They do not play by any civilized rules. They are totally without moral restraint; they want to win at all costs, and we don't want badly enough to stop them.

We have the power. All we have to do is realize that they are truly evil, and stand up to them. Draw a line in the sand and do not allow it to be crossed. We cannot be defensive; we must assume the offensive. Fight back, do not defend, attack! Use the Word of God as a two-edged sword to dismember the slimy, obscene, unspoken agenda of the liberal minority. Or we can sit by and watch the demise of our nation on CNN.

Psalms 37:27 "Turn from evil and do good; and you will dwell in the land forever."

# Over-the-counter medications exempt from sales tax

AUSTIN - State Representative Pete Gallego (D-Alpine) reports that over-the-counter medications and some medical equipment will now be exempt from all sales tax.

The Texas Legislature made these products tax-exempt during the last session of the legislature as a way of easing the tax burden on Texas families. Exemptions took effect April 1.

It is expected that this will save Texas taxpayers \$742,821,000 over the next five years in state and local sales taxes.

"This is an excellent way to provide medical necessities at a more affordable cost, while at the same time providing a responsible tax cut for Texans."

All over-the-counter drugs and medicines that have been issued National Drug Code numbers will qualify for the exemption. These include a wide range of products. Some of the more commonly used products are allergy treatments, cough suppressants, eye care and antiseptic products.

The law also specifically exempts braces, crutches, wheelchairs, hearing aids, hypodermic needles and syringes and blood glucose monitoring strips. However, not all medical equipment will be exempt. Those not exempted include thermometers,

heating pads, toothbrushes and dental floss.

"These exemptions will help families throughout Texas ensure that their basic health needs can be met and ease the worry of costs for over-the-counter medications."

(American Legion National Commander Alan G. Lance Sr. issued the following statement recently after the U.S. Senate defeated Senate Joint Resolution 14, a flag-protection constitutional amendment, by a vote of 63-37, four votes short of the required two-thirds majority. The amendment - "The Congress shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States" - passed in the U.S. House of Representatives June 24, 1999, by a vote of 305-124.)

WASHINGTON - After 11 years and countless resolutions and bills, letters, phone calls, meetings, rallies and speeches, it is with deep disappointment that we stand here today and witness the defeat of Senate Joint Resolution 14, the Flag Protection

Amendment. The individual flag-burner is not nearly as much of a threat to our democracy as the belief, held by a minority of senators, that an amendment supported by 49 states and a poll-validated super majority of the American people is somehow invalid.

Today, we have lost this battle, and I must admit that I fear we are losing much more. Could it be that "we the people" and the states are losing control of our democratic republic? The very idea of representative democracy presupposes that elected officials follow the will of the people. Senators have told us that calls, letters, and emails poured into their offices in support of this amendment. I was even told that calls were 100 per-

cent in favor of the amendment in some offices. If the Senate refuses to follow the will of the people on an issue so clear-cut, so broadly supported as the Flag Protection Amendment, then is this really a republic? Is this really our government? Perhaps this defeat will serve as a wakeup call for America. Perhaps it will inspire us to fight harder. Perhaps it will prompt us to remind our senators - in a not so subtle way - that they work for us, not us for them.

I refuse to believe that fighting this battle was in vain. We have learned, we have grown, we have rallied a nation. We will not surrender. We will continue this struggle until our federal government is put back into balance and the people's prerogative honored.

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# Independent Cattlemen's Association How to treat or prevent Lyme disease members want water law modified

The Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas (ICA) has broken with all other agricultural trade associations in the state and urged the Legislature to modify the "Rule of Capture," to protect landowners from having their water sources depleted.

ICA President Chuck Kiker of Beaumont said that landowners face the certainty of losing the right to control the water under their land if the Legislature fails to act.

"The drought of the last several years has shown us all too clearly that water is a scarce resource," Kiker said. "It is also our most basic and valuable resource. Landowners are the best stewards of our water and have been since Texas was first settled."

The "Rule of Capture" was declared to be the law in Texas by the Supreme Court in 1904. It affirms the right of landowners to use the water under this land.

"The Rule of Capture has served us well for 96 years," said Tom Beard, an ICA director from Alpine, "but landowners cannot compete with Texas cities in the demand for water. The cities simply have bigger pumps."

ICA is urging that a duty be imposed on all water users in Texas to consider the impact on the aquifer from which they are pumping and on adjoining landowners. "It's not an onerous duty," Beard stated.

"What we are talking about here is reasonable people acting responsibly. That should not be too much to ask. We ask it already in most other areas of the law and it forms the basis of civil society."

When large cities are desperate for water, the environmental

consequences of pumping an aquifer dry are the last priority, ICA says.

"To drain an aquifer that took thousands or even million of years to fill because of the needs of a municipality today is unconscionable," Kiker said. "We must have reasonable limits and it's a lot better to have landowners decide than the state." Kiker pointed out that the alternative, ultimately, was regulation of groundwater by the State of Texas. "That should appeal to no one."

*A little on the Wildlife side*  
By Henry Lutz

Last week we looked at what Lyme disease is and how it is contracted. This week we will look at prevention and treatment of Lyme disease.

Treatment for Lyme disease is antibiotics. If detected early, treatment is usually completely successful. Untreated, Lyme disease may result in severe damage to joints, the heart and nervous system, according to CDC information. The chances of being bitten by a tick can be decreased with a few precautions.

—Minimize contact in tick-infested areas.

—Wear light-colored clothing so that ticks can be spotted more easily.

—Tuck pant legs into socks or boots and shirt into pants.

—Tape the area where pants and socks meet so that ticks cannot crawl under clothing.

—Spray insect repellent containing DEET (diethyl toluamide) on clothes and on exposed skin other than the face, or treat clothes (especially pants, socks, and shoes) with permethrin, which kills ticks on contact.

—Wear a hat and a long-sleeved shirt for added protection.

—Walk in the center of trails to avoid overhanging grass and brush.

—After being outdoors, remove clothing and wash and dry it at a high temperature.

—Inspect body carefully and remove attached ticks with tweezers, grasping the tick as close to the skin surface as possible and pulling straight back with a slow steady force; avoid crushing the tick's body. In some areas, ticks (saved in a sealed container) can be submitted to the local health department for identification.

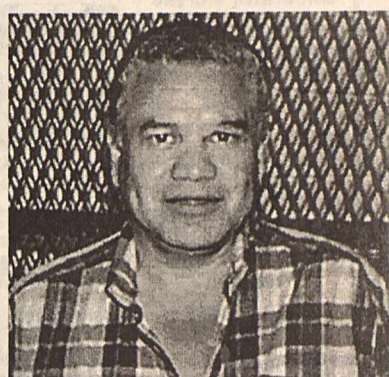
Live ticks may be submitted for identification and testing to the

TDH Laboratory. "The ticks should be placed in a small container such as an old pill bottle with the cap tightly on," said Rawlings. "The ticks should never be placed loose in an envelope." Call the TDH Laboratory at (512) 458-7615 for information on proper ways to submit live ticks.

A vaccine to protect against Lyme disease, LYMERix, is available for people ages 15 to 70, according to TDH, which recommends contacting your health care provider for more information about the vaccine. "If people have any flu-like symptoms — with or without rash — after contact with a tick, they should get medical attention," Rawlings said.

Additional information about Lyme disease is available on the Lyme Disease Foundation hotline (800) 886-LYME and on the World Wide Web at [www.lyme.org](http://www.lyme.org).

## Notice



Juan Manuel Lumbreses - 49 year old male - 307 W. El Paso St. Brackettville, Texas has registered with the Kinney County Sheriff's Department as a convicted sex offender. Convicted of "indecent with a child." Victim was a female child.

### Notification

Juan Miguel Lumbreses - 49 anos de edad - 307 W. El Paso St. Brackettville, Texas se registró con el departamento de el Sherife en el Condado de Kinney y fue convicto de una ofensa sexual. Fue convicto de "indecencia con una nina" - La victima fue una nina.

## TWC awards help train child care workers

AUSTIN- The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) is granting awards to eligible child care workers as part of the Train Our Teachers (TOT) program.

The \$1,000 awards will be given to approximately 500 child care workers enrolling in summer sessions to earn national certification as a Child Development Associate (CDA) or Child Care Professionals (CCP) or who are seeking a Level One Certificate or an associate's degree in child development or early childhood education from an institution of

higher education.

Applicants must have a high school diploma or a GED; must currently be employed in a child care facility that is licensed, registered or accredited by the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (DPRS); must obtain one of the aforementioned credentials; and immediately after completion of award-subsidized course work, must continue employment for at least 18 consecutive months in a DPRS licensed, registered or accredited child care facility.

Applications and guidelines for the 2000 summer sessions are available at TWC web site [www.twc.state.tx.us](http://www.twc.state.tx.us) under Education Training Opportunities. They also will be available at Texas Workforce Centers and community colleges with approved programs. Completed applications and supporting documents must be mailed to the TWC address on the application and postmarked by Monday, April 17. Applications postmarked after that date will not be considered.

## Kinney County Sheriff's Report

### Tuesday, April 11

8:40 a.m., A road crew reported that a truck was blocking the railroad tracks near Las Moras Road (FM 3348). The Union Pacific Railroad Police were advised and took precautions. No trains were due during this time. By 9:12 a.m. the truck had been moved.

4:45 p.m., A local man reported that someone took some wires from his house and he had no electricity. Later he reported that a neighbor driving an 18-wheeler, accidentally pulled the light meter off the side of his house. The neighbor said he

would pay for the damages.

9:30 p.m., A power pole caught fire 3 1/2 miles out on Farley Lane (FM 2804). Firefighters were dispatched. Rio Grande Electric Co-op officials were informed so they could turn off the power to the pole.

### Thursday, April 13

9:09 p.m., A two-car collision occurred in the Super S parking lot. No one was hurt and neither car sustained damage.

### Friday, April 14

11:30 a.m., A local woman reported that a dog had been digging through trash in Unit 34 at Fort Clark Springs and had

growled at her. Deputies checked the area but found no dog. The resident said she would keep an eye out for the canine.

12 noon, Manuel Sanchez Alvarez, age 36 of San Antonio was arrested for driving while license suspended and for not having plates on trailer. He was released April 16 for time served and posted bond.

11:39 p.m., Troy Keith Schubach, age 21 of Boling, Texas, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, first offense. He was released on bond on April 15.

11:45 p.m., David Seargeant, Sr. age 46 of Brackettville was ar-

rested for disorderly conduct. He was released April 15 for time served.

11:45 p.m., Tom McPearson, age 29 of Brackettville was arrested for disorderly conduct. He was released April 15 for time served.

7:16 p.m. A gray, older model T-Bird, heading west from Uvalde was reportedly weaving all over the road. Department of Public Safety troopers were notified. At 7:25 p.m., a wrecker was requested.

### Sunday, April 16

1:23 a.m. - A local woman phoned the sheriff's office and

requested that a deputy accompany her to her aunt's house because her husband had beaten her. Suspect was brought into custody at 1:40 a.m.

2 a.m., Eustasio Vera Narvaez of Brackettville was arrested for public intoxication and family violence. He is still in custody.

11:24 p.m. - A local business owner reported that two men had been in the shop asking questions in a language she could not understand. She said the men were acting suspiciously. Deputies checked but didn't see anything or anyone around the area.



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I wish to thank all my friends and customers for the wonderful anniversary party for being 30 years in business. Thanks for the delicious food, gifts and a special thanks to Jane Vega for putting the party together.

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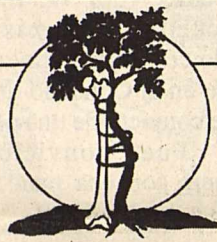
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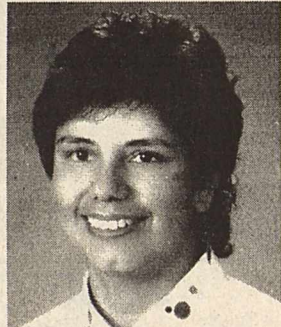


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## Kindness is more important than anything else

Empowering families  
By Dr. Donald Smith

"Susie is so intelligent, I just can't get over how smart she is." Susie's mother was bragging to a friend about her daughter's academic accomplishments. Of course, Susie was listening to the conversation.

"You know, Uncle Ed made it big. I wish we had the kind of money he has." Dad was talking to the family about their current financial plight and the children took it all in.

It is good to praise our children for what they accomplish. There is nothing wrong in looking up to those who are better off financially.

However, we often reserve our highest praise for intellectual, athletic, or financial success. In doing so, we often neglect to teach them that deeds of kindness and justice deserve the highest recognition.

Intellectual, athletic and financial accomplishments are witnesses unto themselves; they need little attention.

"He who pursues justice and kindness will find life and honor," says the writer of Proverbs (21:21). A wise old Jewish sage said, "Like dew that abates a burnin wind, so does a word improve a gift" (Ecclesiasticus 18:15). We lay a piece of eternity into each act when we build the lives of our children upon deeds of kindness and justice.

"Daddy, would it be all right if I give Janie one of the blouses I just got? She is not going to have anything new for Easter." "Sweetheart," says Dad, "you know how

proud I am of all the things you do. But, the thing I admire most about you is your willingness to be kind to your friend."

What if we could teach a whole new generation that kindness is more important than anything else? What would it cost and what would we gain if we learned to reflect the kindness of our Saviour who gave Himself for us?

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

## Coburn tells Rotarians about Gen. McKenzie

By Frances McMaster  
Contributing Writer

The Brackettville Rotary Club met April 13 at their weekly luncheon meeting and heard Mr. Bill Coburn speak about General Lionel Slydell McKenzie.

Mr. Coburn and his wife, Marie, moved here in 1994 after traveling around the country and settling at Fort Clark. Both have been active in Fort Clark affairs since moving here. He has been active in the Historical Society, Sutler's Store and the Museum. Ms. Coburn is active in Fort Clark Arts.

Coburn was at one time in the Navy, then went to work for General Dynamics in San Diego.

He moved to the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories, one of the two nuclear plants in the United States. He was in charge of book acquisition, technical information and cataloguing and retired as senior photographic technician.

Coburn began contrasting McKenzie's role in the Indian Wars to that of Gen. George Armstrong Custer, whose image with leather fringed jacket and long, golden hair, immediately comes to mind.

However, Custer lost more men in his disaster at Little Big Horn, one engagement, than McKenzie did during his entire Army career including his 12 years of virtually uninterrupted combat in the West fighting the Indian Wars.

In fact, if McKenzie's Civil

War casualties were added to those figures, they would still fall below those of Custer's losses at Little Big Horn. Yet McKenzie is practically unknown.

This was largely due to Custer's political connections with the Capitol and the powerful Eastern press. His wife, who was a "publicity machine," according to Coburn and continued to write books about him until her death in 1838.

As a child, McKenzie was an average student, but when he got to West Point, in 1862, he graduated at the top of his class of 28.

Although in the Army, he was known as a strict disciplinarian, he collected an unusually large number of demerits during his four years at West Point.

When he graduated, the Civil War had already begun, but he was assigned to the Corps of Engineers, a choice assignment since it meant a lot of travel during peace, but during a war, it was a "dead end" job with no chance to gain glory.

McKenzie was used as a courier and a scout, serving on the staff of numerous other commands. He saw duty in many different battles and his action was exemplary.

At Gettysburg, he served in an unknown role and probably (according to Coburn) saved the Union Army from defeat. He located reinforcements which followed him to an unmanned position on Little Round Top which had been discovered and McKenzie got the Union troops

there about a half hour before the Confederates arrived to take advantage of the situation. They were never able to dislodge the Union forces. If it were not for that, Lee would probably have won and would have gone on to win the Civil War, according to Coburn.

McKenzie was wounded eight times during the war and had two fingers blown off one hand. The Indians called him Bad Hand and McKenzie's own men called him "Three Finger Jack."

He ended the Civil War as a Captain, but in 1868 he was offered the command of the Forty First Infantry regiment which consisted of black soldiers.

Many white officers refused this command, but McKenzie took it and was jumped three ranks to become a colonel at 26, the second youngest colonel in the Army.

He built the 41st into a top of the line outfit, using discipline and adherence to proper military conduct. His men hated but respected him and they would have followed him anywhere.

Before he was 26, he became Major General of Volunteers. The Forty First Infantry was changed to the 24th Infantry and went on under his command to become one of four immortalized as Buffalo Soldiers.

McKenzie was put in charge of protecting the frontier during the Indian Wars. He was used as a troubleshooter and was sent to several different forts, including Fort Clark, as each became the focus of marauding Indians. He could



Historian Bob Coburn holds a picture of Gen. McKenzie

do little but patrol since no war existed. But after Sheridan and others came to consult with him and Sheridan missed being massacred by Kiowas by just one day, McKenzie was evidently ordered to attack, although no record of this exists.

However, he was given anything he needed to carry out his mission. He aggressively went after the raiders. Texas was so grateful that the Legislature passed a proclamation to thank McKenzie, the only general to be honored by a state.

McKenzie's health began to fail. He had been severely wounded many times and had had a serious head injury from a fall from a wagon a year or so before he died. He retired from the Army when he was 43 and was dead at 48 years of age. It is thought that his wounds and deteriorating health contributed to a mental breakdown he suffered before he died.

## National Park passes now on sale

Amistad National Recreation area announces that the new National Parks Pass will be available for sale at park headquarters on Highway 90 West in Del Rio.

The new annual pass gives the passholder and accompanying travelers free entrance to any unit of the National Park System and costs \$50. Since Amistad NRA does not have an entrance fee, the passes are not needed for the park, but will be sold as a convenience to travelers.

Amistad NRA is one of many parks that do not have entrance fees. For the 146 parks with entrance fees, there are now four

passes available:

- Golden Access lifetime passes are free for permanently disabled citizens.
- Golden Age lifetime passes are \$10 for citizens 62 years of age and older.
- Golden Eagle annual passes are \$65 and are valid at all federal land management areas that have entrance fees.
- National Parks Pass is an annual \$50 pass valid for all NPS areas with an entrance fee.

The new National Parks Pass is for entrance fees only and does not cover Amistad's camping and boat use fees; only Golden Access

and Golden Age cardholders are eligible for half-price on these user fees. The new pass has been developed in cooperation with the National Park Foundation; more than 80 percent of the proceeds will go directly to National Park Service conservation and education programs. Amistad National Recreation Area headquarters is located on Highway 90 West and is open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., except for major holidays. For more information, visitors may call (830) 775-7491, tune in to AM 1540 near the lake or visit the park's website at [www.nps.gov/amis](http://www.nps.gov/amis).

## 'Jericho' being filmed through May

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with right over wrong and the need for traditional values in a wild and unjust land. It is the compelling story of a man in search of his roots, who questions his own beliefs and tries to recapture a love and life that haunt him.

After evaluating hundreds of projects, Black Knight producers selected this screenplay for its superior quality.

Full of action and intrigue, "Jericho" is an entertaining story of broad appeal that will not be offensive to a mass audience, according to the producers.

"Jericho" will be filmed in a variety of regions in Texas and New Mexico and will be test marketed at key festivals in the fall of 2000 followed by an anticipated

wide-theatrical release during the holiday season.

"Jericho" stars Mark Valley, the handsome actor who played Jack Deveraux on the soap opera, "Days of Our Lives." Like the producers, Valley also is a West Point graduate. Also starring in the film is Buck Taylor, long-time character actor of "Gunsmoke" fame whose recent films include "Tombstone," "Gettysburg" and "Wild Wild West." Kelly Curtis and recording sensations Lisa Stewart and Mark Collie.

Legendary rodeo clown, Luke "Leon" Coffee of Austin, is realizing his dream making this film. Coffee is a bullfighter and barrelman and is well-known to the crowd at the Greely Independence Day Stampede. He also

works as a horse trainer, bulldogger and calf roper. He served in the Army for three years and joined the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) in 1973.

The Black Knight team is comprised of Merlin Miller, president -Chief Executive Officer, producer and director who worked with Paramount Pictures; Gil Dorland, chairman, writer-producer, who worked with 20th Century Fox; John Draper, board member, director of William Blair International Ltd., in London; and Renny Rozzoni, board member and associate producer who has been active in the motion picture industry for several years and who also works with Exxon Mobil Corporation.

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## Oops!

The following corrections are to be made on the coverage given Ms. Carmen Berlanga on her speech to the Rotary Club on April 13: In the twelfth paragraph, second sentence should have read: "Government functions are required by state law to provide law enforcements..." The last sentence in paragraph eleven contains a misspelled word. "Aldermatic" should have read "Aldermanic." In paragraph thirteen: "Five alder persons represent the five major functions by place..."

Paragraph fifteen, first sentence, should read, "The city of Brackettville is a council-manager form of government."

The next to the last paragraph should read "State law provides that the Mayor votes only in case of a tie..."

The final sentence should have stated: "Ms. Berlanga wore out three sets of tires in eight years."

As the contributing writer who turned in this story, I offer apologies to Ms. Berlanga.

The mistakes were mine and should not reflect on her knowledge and experience nor should they be attributed to the Brackett News.

Frances McMaster

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# School board names Hall Principal Briefs...

*Making a Difference*  
By Taylor Stephenson

Michael Hall has been selected by the school board as the principal for Brackett High School for the 2000-2001 school year. The position had been advertised extensively in Texas newspapers, on the TASA job line and on the Internet. We received inquiries from 44 applicants. The selection committee held interviews in Brackettville with 11 of those 44. The selection committee then selected two names from the 11 to send to the School Board. In the past week, the school

board conducted extensive interviews with both applicants and selected Mr. Hall. He accepted the position.

Mr. Hall returned to his home early Tuesday morning, April 18. He will return to Brackettville in May and will work for a week on the high school campus.

Michael will then return to California to complete his school year there and will return the second week of June to work full time at Brackett High School.

Hall's Masters is in secondary administration from the University of Northern Colorado.

He has 24 years of experience in education including five years as a teacher/coach, five years as a district superintendent and 14 years as a middle school principal. His wife is a kindergarten teacher in Colorado.

Last week while listing winners, I left out the Girls Golf Team at Brackett High School. They won second in District, and we are very proud of them. Jarret Harrison is a Medalist for the Boys Team. The entire girls team and Jarret will play in Regional Competition this next week. We're very proud of these young people.

The Brackett High School Girls team includes:

Laura Lee Ballew, Tiffany Eckenrod, Leslie Meyer, Erica Meyr, Debra Cortez and Susannah Davis.

This week, I'll give a presentation to 20 assistant superintendents from San Antonio on Ethics in the Education Profession and making deep changes to adjust to their job demands. It's a nice honor for me and for Brackett ISD to be selected. (It's also hard work).

The full moon after the equinox has appeared in the sky.

So, we're waiting for Sunday of this Holy Week for Easter. There will be the traditional sunrise service at the Fort Clark Springs Amphitheater at 7:00 AM. This will be followed by services in each of our local churches. Make a special effort to attend. Have a great week!

## JV baseball split against Del Rio

Brackett JV baseball played Del Rio's freshman team on Saturday, April 8. The Tigers won the first game 2-1 on a game winning single by George Martinez. Jared Hobbs only allowed two runs on

four hits. The defense played very good behind Hobbs. "They hit the ball better than they have all year long," said Coach Greg Voyles. The Tigers lost the second game 12-2.

## JV drops one against Del Rio

The JV baseball team played Del Rio again on Saturday, April 15. The game started off slow with no one scoring until the fourth inning. The Tigers scored their first run on a sacrifice fly by J.J. Rivas.

The Tigers were up 2-1 in the fifth inning. The Rams then turned it on and scored 13 runs in the sixth and seventh innings to make it 14-2.

*Please Remember that we attempt to include something for everyone within the pages of our paper. We realize that some folks enjoy finding fault and for those readers we thoughtfully include a socially acceptable number of errors within our publication.*

## Sports

### Texas High School Coaches Association announces 2000 Hall of Fame selections

The Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA) proudly announces the Hall of Honor inductees for 2000. They will be honored at the Hall of Honor Luncheon at Coaching School on Wednesday, Aug. 2, at 1 p.m. in Houston at the Radisson Astrodome Hotel.

#### O.C. "STUBBY" WARDEN

Warden's first coaching position was an assistant at Clarendon. He became the head coach in 1940 and left after two years with a 11-5 record. After a four-year stint in the Navy, he became an assistant at his alma mater, Ranger High School. He was promoted to head coach the following year and took the Bulldogs to a seven year record of 53-27-1 including a state championship in 1953, with a 14-1 record. Warden has served 37 years as coach, teacher and administrator in Texas public schools. He opted to remain in Ranger for the duration of his school career coming back as an assistant a couple of times. At the age of 84, Coach Warden is still very active in the community and aggressively pursues the revitalization of Ranger.

#### OSCAR CRIPPS

Coach Cripps is a graduate of Galveston Ball High School. He began his coaching career at Hemphill as head coach, where he went 7-3 before moving to Spring Branch Westchester, serving as an assistant until he was named head coach at Stratford where he coached until his retirement this past year. Stratford has made several playoff appearances including winning a state championship in 1978 with a 15-0 record. In 1987, Stratford went 15-1, losing to Plano in the championship game

and in 1988, made it to the semifinals before losing to Judson. Coach Cripps served on the THSCA Board of Directors from 1983-86 and also served as an All-Star Football coach.

#### ALEX LEAL

Coach Leal graduated from Lyford High School. He began his coaching career in Raymondville in 1960 remaining there until 1980 when he went to Rio Grande City from 1980-81, Port Isabel 1982-84, McAllen 1985-93 and finally Harlingen in 1993 where he is currently employed. He has been a head coach for 23 years and has amassed seven district championships, five playoff appearances as 2nd place team and has a career record of 175-68-7. He served on the THSCA Board of Directors from 1984-87.

#### JAMES GAMBLE

Coach Gamble was born in Texarkana, Ark. He graduated from Prairie View A&M in 1957. His illustrious coaching career began in 1957 at O.J. Thomas High School in Cameron. After one year of teaching, he served in the Army for two years, returning to Prairie View in 1960 as head track and assistant basketball coach. In 1962 he became the head basketball coach at Port Arthur Lincoln. Gamble has been named district coach of the year eight times. In 1976, he served on the THSCA All-Star Selection Committee.

His teams have won 15 district and 11 bi-district championships, one state 5A championship in 1981 and three 4A state championships in 1984, 1986 and 1988. His coaching record over 26 years is 641-220.

#### TOM RITCHEY

Coach Ritchey is a 1963 gradu-

ate of Abernathy High School and received a football-track scholarship to SMU, but transferred to North Texas State in 1964 where he played on a Missouri Valley Conference championship team. Ritchey held assistant positions at Euless Junior High, L.D. Bell, Lufkin ISD and Fort Stockton before becoming the Panthers head coach in 1972.

He became a varsity assistant at Midland Lee in 1974 and in 1975 accepted the head position at Idalou. During his 11 years at Idalou, the Wildcats won five district championships and were bi-district champs twice. In 1986, Ritchey became the head coach at Sweetwater. He has taken his teams to the playoffs several times including semifinal appearances in 1987 and 1991. He has recorded well over 200 victories in his illustrious career.

#### JOHNNY WILLIAMS

Johnny Williams began his coaching career at Midland Carver High School in 1950. During his 18 years as head coach at Carver, he led his teams to five district championships, one semifinalist appearance and two appearances in the state finals, one resulting in a championship in 1961.

His 18-year record at Carver was 132-51-3. In 1968, he joined the staff at Midland Lee as an assistant football and track coach and has also served as head track coach at Midland High School.

Putt Powell Sportswriter of the Year Award winner: Pat Turner, Jacksonville Daily Progress.

Curly Hays Official's Award recipient: Malcolm Robbins of San Antonio.

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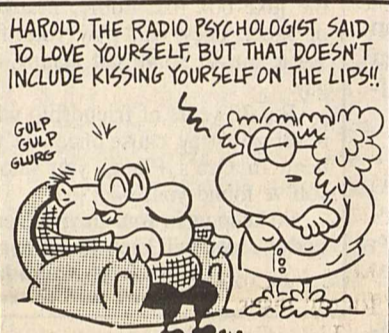
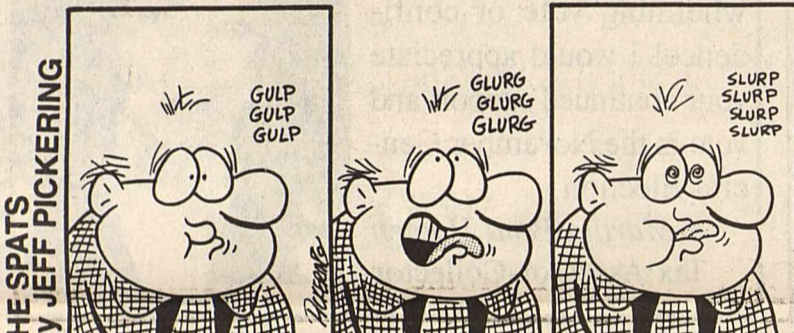
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**Aries March 21- April 20**  
 News from an unlikely source may not be as bad as expected. It is important you be direct. You can work out an agreement that will be profitable for everyone involved. It may not be the best time for you to take off on a long trip.

**Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23**  
 Deal with your coworkers positively. They'll be more likely to listen and try to understand your views. It is important that you value each person as an individual. They all have unique ideas, and they're worth listening to.

**Taurus April 21-May 21**  
 A health problem may be taking a lot out of you. You just don't realize how much it is affecting your family, too. It's time to quit ignoring it and see a doctor. Take some time to enjoy the simple pleasures and treasures in life.

**Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22**  
 A change of attitude is in the air. Whether it's your attitude or a friend's, it's important that you don't try to impose your spiritual values on someone you know. Try something new and different. It will give you a new outlook on life.

**Gemini May 22-June 21**  
 You may be challenged by someone in authority, so be sure you keep records of everything you have done. Remember, a good defense starts with a good offense. Be more compassionate toward loved ones. Your impatience is showing.

**Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21**  
 A friend is entrenched in a sticky domestic situation. Don't get involved. This is one situation you don't want to be in the middle of. Keep telling yourself that it's none of your business. Listen to a coworker's advice on investing some money.

**Cancer June 22-July 22**  
 Problems are on the horizon for a close relationship. However, it's a good time to laugh at yourself. You may be surprised at the allies you'll gain by shaking off your problems and laughing your cares away. Listen to a good idea at work.

**Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20**  
 The urge to roll up your sleeves and get busy will work in your favor. Your efficient methods will catch on very quickly. You'll have a tendency to make people very comfortable with your innovative and time-saving suggestions.

**Leo July 23-August 23**  
 Call your travel agent. This may turn out to be the best time in your busy schedule for a trip. If you sign up now, you won't be able to back out later. A legitimate business plan may be headed your way, so keep your eyes and ears open.

**Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18**  
 Don't wait any longer, take steps to register for that class you have been thinking of taking. Exciting career opportunities are headed your way. Be secure in your knowledge and open to change, and the opportunities will find you.

**Virgo August 24-Sept. 22**  
 You have a style all your own. This week you'll find that unique style will go a long way toward opening new doors for you...socially and professionally. So remember, no matter where you are, be yourself. Be understanding of differing opinions.

**Pisces Feb. 19-March 20**  
 Your decision about expenses is going to make a big difference in your professional and personal life. Instead of accusing supervisors of nit-picking, use their constructive criticism. It could go a long way toward accomplishing your goals.

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# Miracles in everyday life

St. Mary Magdalene Church  
By Lynn McNew

I believe in St. Anthony. He is the patron saint of lost things. When I was young, the nuns taught us to pray to St. Anthony when we had lost something. It was a simple prayer: "Dear St. Anthony, Please look around. Something is lost and can't be found. Please help me to find..." I can tell you it nearly always worked.

Last Wednesday, one of the fifth grade girls came to me during CCD and said she had lost her glasses. I questioned her and she was sure she had them when she arrived at the church. She and a friend looked and looked in the church yard, I went out and looked carefully, to no avail. Then I remembered St. Anthony. I went to both the fifth and sixth grade classrooms, explained what had happened and we all prayed to good old St. A.

As the students were leaving

after class I reminded them of our prayer and to look around for the glasses. Guess what? They were found. Did St. Anthony help? I believe so. Was this a miracle? I believe it was.

We can look around every day and see God's miracles in our lives. Some are as small as a flower pushing out from between two rocks. Others are as big as life itself. Prayer helps to bring about these miracles.

This week we are celebrating the greatest miracle in the history of Christianity. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Celebrating this miracle never grows old. Every year, we light the candles, ring the bells, sing the songs. Every year it is with the same great joy and awe, the sense of expectation that this year Christ's resurrection will make a difference in the world.

I pray that I may celebrate this miracle by recognizing the other miracles in my life. A son who survived a life-threatening auto-

mobile accident because three churches were praying for him. A premature baby granddaughter who is a healthy three-year-old with no evidence of a heart problem. Roses that bloom year after year in great beauty. Friends and family who love me. Wind and rain and a beautiful sunset.

Do you recognize and remember the miracles in your own life? Thank God for them.

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

The schedule of Holy Week services follows: Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6:30 p.m. followed by Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9 p.m.; Good Friday Stations of the Cross on the church grounds at 3 p.m. and Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 6:30 p.m.; The Easter Vigil at 8 p.m. on Holy Saturday; and Mass of the Resurrection on Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. God bless you!

# Roll open the stone of your heart

## Let Jesus be resurrected in your life today

Gateway Ministries  
By Pastor Charolette Corey

Have you experienced the resurrection of Jesus in your heart today or have you rolled the stone in front of His grave?

Have you taken His name in vain or acted in the power of His name by faith?

Have you murdered someone today or have you forgiven them and released them to God?

If you say you are a Christian, a follower of Christ, then you must walk in the power of The Anointed One and His Anointing.

You have "taken His name in vain" if you do not walk in the power of His anointing.

When you choose to allow your heart to become unforgiving, or "stony", you have "rolled the stone back over his grave signifying that He is not the God of resurrection in your life.

If you are a Christian, that is, Jesus Christ is living in you and

you, therefore, are a vessel by which the world sees and experiences the love of God, how can you choose to withhold that love and therefore condemn a person to darkness and spiritual death?

If you shun someone, if you choose to not forgive someone, even for a little while, you are "chaining" them to the situation and leaving them vulnerable to the lies of Satan.

We all know that Satan's purpose is to steal, kill, and destroy.

God knows your heart. (Ps. 139:23-24) He desires to "enlarge your heart" (Ps. 119:32-33).

He desires to turn your heart from wicked ways and to help you watch over the words you say. (Ps. 141:3-5).

If you say that you have never "murdered" someone, God knows. (Prov. 16:2, 19:21, 21:2)

You may say what's wrong with shunning someone, they deserve it. God says, "If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread

to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink." (Prov 24:17-21) and in Romans 12:21 says "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."

Jesus said (Matt. 5:8-12) "Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peace makers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad: for great is your reward in heaven".

"Roll open" the stone of your heart and let Jesus be resurrected in your life today. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

# Obituaries....

## Gladys Opal Fritter

Gladys Opal Lane Fritter passed away on April 15, 2000 at Camp Wood Convalescent Center. She was born on November 19, 1913 and except for the past six years resided in Brackettville, Texas.

Gladys was married to J.S. "Kize" Fritter and had two children. While the children were small, she was a housewife and helped Kize on the ranch.

She served as president of the PTA and was involved in all school activities, attending any function the kids were involved in. When the kids were older, she went to work for the Central Power and Light Company and re-

tired at the age of 65. Gladys was a housewife, school booster, PTA president, and CPL employee, but her greatest achievement was being the best "Mama" God ever created.

She is survived by her son, J.S. Fritter Jr. and wife Connie of Brackettville and her daughter Barbara "Tyne" Lomax and husband Jimmie of Rocksprings along with five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, one sister-in-law, Agnes Fritter Vondy of Brackettville and her very best friend Goldie Applegate of Del Rio.

Graveside services were held April 16 at 7 p.m.

Please donate to Alzheimer's research.

## Charles Hadsell

Charles Hadsell, 65 of Fort Clark Springs, Brackettville, Texas, passed away April 13, 2000, after a long and hard fought battle with cancer.

Charles was from up-state New York and came to Texas in 1952 to serve in the Air Force.

He married Shirley Cummings on October 7, 1955.

He retired from Rio Grande Electric Coop in 1999 after a 30 year career which took him all over West Texas.

Survivors include his wife Shirley of Ft. Clark, his son and daughter-in-law Bryan "Butch" and Patricia Hadsell and one grandson, Christopher all of Llano, Texas; one brother and sister-in-law, Robert and family of Cortland, N.Y., a sister Jean Bono and family of Frankfort, N.Y., his mother-in-law, Mattie Cummings of Brackettville and other relatives and a host of

friends. Charles was a member of the Church of Christ, the Fort Clark Community Council and Fort Clark Historical Society.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 15, 2000 at the Church of Christ in Brackettville.

Burial was in the Kinney County Cemetery.

Suggested memorials are: Building Fund Church of Christ, Brackettville, Fort Clark Historical Society and the Kinney County Friends of the Library.

Pallbearers were: Henry Fuentes, Elias Sanchez, Tom Dorrell, Gene Baldwin, John Jones, Elmer Haller, Bill Herman and Darrell Skeen.

Rio Grande Electric Coop crew members from across Texas and the Brackett Line Crew were honorary pallbearers. Funeral arrangements were with the Del Rio Funeral Home, dba Brackettville Funeral Home.

## V. Orlean Riley

V. Orlean Riley, age 71, passed away on Wednesday, April 12, 2000 at her home in Brackettville. She was born May 19, 1928 in Del Rio. She married William H. Riley on December 31, 1948 in Brackettville. She is preceded in death by her parents, William and Velma Senney, granddaughter Krysti Gail Schubach, Sister Virginia S. Lackey. A very loving and caring person will be missed by many of her friends and family. She is survived by her husband, William H. Riley of Brackettville; two daughters Sandra Ann Schubach and husband A.J. of Boling, Texas; Gail Elaine Woodward and husband Caven of Junction, Texas; three grandchildren, Donna Delaine Brown and husband Clint of Brackettville, William H. (Stormy) Starks of Wharton, Texas, Troy Keith Schubach of Boling, Texas; two great-grandchildren, Morgan Elaine Brown and Gage Dunbar Brown of Brackettville; one sister, Gladys Burkepille and husband Bob of Brackettville, one brother William H. Senney Jr., and wife Shirley of Carrizo Springs, Texas; also, caregiver and special friend, Esther Ortega and numerous nieces and nephews. Orlean attended Del Rio schools until her

freshman year when she transferred to Brackettville High School. After she graduated from high school at age 16, she went to work for the First State Bank of Brackettville and in 1968 started working for the U.S. Postal Service in that community, starting out as temporary part-time clerk. She was then promoted to part-time window clerk in 1973. By 1980, she was the supervisor of mails and delivery and on Oct. 1, 1983 she took over the position of Postmaster in Del Rio. She served on the board of directors of the Brackettville Chamber of Commerce. She was one of the charter members since 1968 of Preceter Xi Rho Phi Sorority in Brackettville and held many offices.

Pallbearers were William S. Whitworth, Charlie Foust, Herb Senne, Caven B. Woodward III, Clinton J. Brown, Gordon Lackey. Honorary pallbearers were Hank Tripp, Lloyd Keller, Cecil Stripling, William Bill Kennedy. Services were Saturday, April 15, at 3:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Brackettville. Interment followed at Kinney County Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of the Del Rio Funeral Home, dba Brackettville Funeral Home, 114 North St., Brackettville.

# 'He has risen, just like He said he would'

St. John's Missionary Church  
By Judith E. Adams

1. The first day of the week Mary Magdalene cometh early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.

2. Then she runneth and cometh to Simon Peter and to the

## 'Come share the wonder Mary must have felt at Easter sunrise'

By Rev. Ken Sellers, Jr.  
Contributing Writer

Mary Magdalene must have been one of the most loyal friends Jesus had. Luke (8:1-3) tells us that Mary, having been rid of demons by Jesus, became a follower and provided support from personal funds.

Matthew (27:55-56) tells us that Mary was at the foot of the cross on that dark afternoon so long ago, watching her friend die the death of a criminal. It was Mary Magdalene that rose early the day after the Sabbath to go to the tomb to give Jesus the burial preparation that was denied on Friday. And, according to each of the

other disciple, whom Jesus loved and saith unto them:

"They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre and we know not where they have laid Him."

3. Peter therefore went forth and that other disciple and came to the sepulchre.

4. So they ran both together and

the other disciple did outrun Peter and came first to the sepulchre.

5. And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying: yet went he not in.

6. Then cometh Simon Peter following him and went into the sepulchre and seeth the linen clothes lie.

7. And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with linen clothes, but wrapped to-

gether in a place by itself.

8. Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre and he saw and believed.

9. For as yet they knew not the scripture that He must rise again from the dead.

10. Then the disciples went away again unto their own home.

St. John Chapter 20:1-10.

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People hated Him because He was perfect in an un-perfect world. They nailed Him to an old wooden cross, driving steel spikes through His hands and feet.

Then the soldiers stripped Him naked and left Him hanging there for all the world to see. They mocked Him and hung a sign over His head which read, "Jesus, king of the Jews."

Jesus could have run away. He could have escaped. Instead, He went willingly, like a lamb to the slaughter.

Why? To fulfill the prophecy, that's why! Love brought Him to the cross at Calvary. It was for

you and me that He died.

He shed His life blood so that we might have eternal lives ourselves.

Make no mistake about this. You and I are going to live throughout eternity. After we discard these earth bound bodies we will be (our spirits, our souls) relocated either to Heaven or Hell.

You were told repeatedly while here, that the choice was yours to make. If you haven't made a choice, a commitment, by the time you die, God will make one for you. God will judge us fairly.

Life or death, either way it is a two step process. First earth, then Heaven or Hell. On earth you served either God or Satan. In the after life, your Master will claim you as His own.

The choice should be a simple one to make. But more people are going to hell than ever before.

Please choose to take the high road. Live a good and fruitful life and live forever.

## Jesus Video Project of Texas ongoing

The Jesus Video Project of Texas is moving forward for distribution beginning in October 2000.

Churches and individuals are now being encouraged to get involved by calling 830-257-0129 or 817-261-9495.

According to Lee Miller, state communications director, the time for signing up for participation is now.

"The Mobilization Plan is in place and ready for the involvement of the local church. One of the benefits of this plan is the opportunity for all the churches in a community to work together for a common cause."

The JESUS Video Project of Texas is a special project designed

to mail every household in the state of Texas a copy of the most widely viewed film in history, The Jesus Video (film.) The Project is set for the month of October 2000, the Jesus Video Project of Texas will mail to over 8,300,000 Texas households The Jesus Video.

The Jesus Video, produced by Campus Crusade for Christ International, has been translated into 582 languages and has 237 languages soon to come. Through January 1, 2000, the film had been viewed by over 3,397,900,000 people, making it the most viewed film in history. Over 26,000 churches have been invited to be involved in prayer financing and follow-up for the video mailing.



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