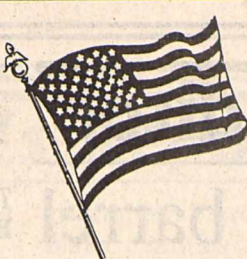


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Meet the local Candidates

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Briefs ...

Carnival set Saturday

Pastor Arnold Pinales invites everyone to a Christian Carnival Saturday, April 29 beginning at 6 p.m. at Templo Elim, 305 North St. There will be music, games and food. Every one is welcome!

Musical recital May 30

The music students of Marilyn Baker, Roxanne Gonzales and Lynn McNew will be presented in recital Sunday, May 30. The recital will be in the Calvary Room of the Las Moras Restaurant at 2 p.m.

Sunday's recital will be the culmination of this year's course of study and will showcase the students' accomplishments in piano and voice. The public is invited to attend.

Flower Show May 6

The Mountain Laurel Garden Club of Fort Clark Springs will present the Annual Flower Show Saturday, May 6 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Service Club.

The theme for the year 2000 is "Petals from Our Friendship Gardens." Members will show their expertise in growing beautiful flowers, cacti, greenery and herbs as well as their talents in artful arrangements and other displays.

Special tables representing the show's themes will be Garden Delights, Vintage Pleasures, Rosy Outlook and Hello Sunshine.

Everyone is welcome. There will be no admission fee and delicious refreshments will be served.

"Calvary Brigade"

Fort Clark Springs Community Council's "Cavalry Brigade" is scheduled its monthly first Saturday clean-up May 6. All FCS members are urged to join the volunteers in front of Shafter Hall at 9 a.m. At 12 noon, the group will enjoy a delicious lunch provided by the Community Council.

Agents nab 389

There were 389 apprehensions by Border Patrol agents in the Brackettville area between April 17-23. Total apprehensions in the Del Rio sector during that time period were 3,660. The complete breakdown follows:

- Abilene: 25; Brackettville: 389; Carrizo Springs: 545; Comstock: 33; Del Rio: 697; Eagle Pass: 1,769; Llano: 8; Rocksprings: 28; San Angelo: 21; Uvalde: 145; other than Mexicans: 155.

Lions Club donates to Local Emergency Services



Lions Club members Peter Pohl, Lou Sofaly, Cliff and Wilma Lewis, Don, Joyce and Kevin Migota, Jim Strother, Norma and Marshall Conner and Don Bond present donations to Tino Gomez, Ruben Buantello, Fire Chief Joe Williams, Rudy Luna, Nat Terrazas, Jeffrey Luna, Demitreus Williams and Jimmy Martinez of the Kinney County Fire Department.

Brackettville Lions Club members are helping save lives and are aiding in the fight against brush fires.

Local Lions have donated \$300 worth of supplies to the local fire department and ambulance service, according to Louis Sofaly, Lions Club president.

"We asked the fire department and the ambulance people what they needed and they told us. The firemen said they needed shovels to help put out brush fires. We donated 14 shovels - seven flat ones and seven pointed ones. The ambulance service got videotapes to be used in their training classes and other equipment for the ambulance," said Sofaly.

Besides a videotape on CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation), the Kinney County EMS also obtained donations of a Basic Life Support (CPR) slide set and Manikin Face Shields from the Lions Club.



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Three injured in one vehicle rollover

Three people were injured Saturday afternoon in a vehicle rollover on Highway 90 West, 1.8 miles west of FM 1572 (Anacacho Road).

Department of Public Safety records show the driver, Sandra Luz Obregon Torrubiates, 41, of Reynosa, Tamaulipas, Mexico and three passengers were west-bound on Highway 90 about 12:15 p.m. April 29 when the vehicle's left rear tire blew out and the vehicle veered to the left. When the driver tried to correct it to the right, she apparently lost control and the vehicle slid sideways off the highway, into a ditch and rolled over about 11/2 times before coming to rest upside down,



Armanda Cabrerapena, all of Tamaulipas, Mexico. Another passenger, Javier Arturoviate did not require hospitalization.

Brackett first graders ambassadors of goodwill

First graders at Jones Elementary School are ambassadors of goodwill.

They are responsible for bringing a group of first graders from Almena Elementary in Barron, Wis., to Brackettville the first week in May.

While here, the Wisconsin students, their mothers, teachers and student teachers will be here five days and will tour Brackettville, including Alamo Village, Fort Clark, attend Cinco de Mayo activities, be guests at a genuine Texas barbecue and will learn more about the diverse cultures Texas has to offer.

The Texas to Wisconsin connection began when the present first graders were kindergartners, according to Alma Gutierrez, who

teaches first grade at Jones Elementary.

Each year around mid-May the students and their parents leave Brackettville and travel to Barron, Wis., where the parents work the fields. During the school year, the Brackettville students attend Almena Elementary in Barron. They return to Brackettville in November.

Although the students' stay in Wisconsin was short, they made friends there they wanted to keep. So, they continued corresponding with them, with the help of their teacher, Gutierrez.

The students exchange "snail mail" email and videotapes. In one video, the Wisconsin students were playing in the snow and the Brackettville students, who of

course, are not accustomed to such a sight, went up to the television screen to "touch" the falling snowflakes, said Gutierrez.

The Wisconsin students and their teachers were sent an instructional unit all about Texas and they have been studying it in preparation for their trip to Brackettville.

The Wisconsin students also have learned a dance (La Raspa) for the Cinco de Mayo celebration here Saturday, May 6, and they want to practice the dance with Jones Elementary first graders who will perform during Cinco de Mayo activities in the Civic Center.

While here, the Wisconsin students, their mothers, teachers and student teachers will be staying with host families, said Gutierrez.

Early Voting continues through May 2nd

As of Wednesday at 1 p.m., 95 people had voted early in the City Council elections and 109 had voted early in the School Board election. Early voting by personal appearance continues through Tuesday, May 2.

Voters may cast their votes early for the School Board race at the BISD Central Office, 400 S. Ann St., between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Citizens may vote early for City Council candidates at city hall from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business Friday, April 28.

School board candidates include incumbents Rosemary Slubar and Tim Ward, seeking reelection to three-year terms. Leonel G. Juarez and Albert (Abbie) Garcia are running for

two at-large positions.

City council candidates include incumbent Carmen M. Berlanga in her fifth bid for mayor, is facing Mary V. Flores, Jesus (Jesse) Garcia and Diana Koch Ward. Alderman Place 4 Ralph Gonzalez and Alderwoman Place 2 Tencha Pena are seeking re-election. Former Alderman Wes Robinson is challenging Gonzalez and Lee James Canty is vying for Pena's position. John Samaniego has no opposition in his bid for the Alderman Place 5 seat.

The City Council election is limited to Brackettville residents; all registered voters in Kinney County are eligible to vote in the School Board election. Citizens who want to vote Saturday, May 6 may do so between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. at the school district's central office and at city hall.

Cinco de Mayo celebration May 6th

This year's Cinco de Mayo celebration will be "bigger and better" according to Alma Gutierrez, president of Las Moras Hispanic Organization. The group has sponsored Cinco de Mayo activities for the past five years.

The celebration will begin at 9 a.m. with a parade starting at the Alternative School, and will continue south on Ann Street to Spring Street and on to the Civic Center parking lot where more activities are scheduled beginning at 11 a.m.

There will be performances throughout the day until 5 p.m., food and game booths, a local tal-

ent show, the naming of Little Mr. Cinco de Mayo and Little Miss Cinco de Mayo, performances by out-of-town artists, and the coronation of the Cinco de Mayo queen during a dance scheduled from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Civic Center.

Performers will include Ballet Folklorico featuring some Brackettville performers and dancers from La Casa de la Cultura in Del Rio and La Casa de la Cultura in Eagle Pass. Also planned are a two-hour performance by Voces y Guitarras, an hour of Loteria and a Cake Walk to benefit local organizations, said Gutierrez.

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The way I see it!

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Tigerettes go to Regional

The Tigerettes now play Johnson City for the area title. The game will be Thursday, April 27 at 6 p.m. in San Antonio in the Frank Tejada Sports Complex.

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Easter baskets for elderly

Members of Youth Ministry at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church delivered Easter baskets and visited the elderly, April 20.

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Over 20 locals involved in the filming of "Jericho"

When you watch the movie, "Jericho" later this year, you might be tempted to blurt out, "hi, neighbor!"

More than 20 local people are involved in the movie that Black Knight Productions is filming at Alamo Village through mid-May.

The locals either have bit parts, have lines or don't have lines, or they're somewhere behind the scenes. So, you'll see some of them on screen or you'll read their names in the movie credits. But no matter what their capacity, they're all important to the making of a motion picture.

Locals involved in the production include Amy Davis, script supervisor; Charles Ingram, production designer; Penny Ingram, production coordinator; and Robert Hooker, set decorator.

Also, Kyle Ingram, Dave Crowe, Mike Bowlin, Harrell Floyd, and Robert Hooker, who have speaking roles; Jana Ring, Kimberly Ring, Richard Curilla, Candace Ingram, Lashawn Wardlaw McIver, Virginia Shahan, Bill Moody, Caleb Wylie, Lil Garza, Casey



From left: C.W. Gaebler, Edwina Gaebler, Marie Coburn and Phil Coburn some of the many local extras in the movie "Jericho." Brackett News Photo by Diana Gonzales

Wardlaw, Molly Earl Kaplan, C. W. Gaebler, Edwina Gaebler, Marie Coburn and Phil Coburn. Also in the movie are James Hamm of Uvalde (who, during the course of the movie, starts off being an older gentleman and then, as through movie magic, becomes young again!)

According to Amy Davis,

script supervisor, production is ahead of schedule, by one week. "Things are going well; everything is falling together beautifully. We're all having a great time," she said.

Echoing those sentiments was Mark Valley, who plays the title role. He was waiting to play a scene and though it was a warm

day, there were no complaints from the Ogdensburg, N.Y., native and current Hollywood resident. "I'm enjoying my stay here," said Valley, who added that this was his first visit to this part of the country. Valley is best known for playing the part of Jack

"Things are going well; everything is falling together beautifully. We're all having a great time." - Amy Davis.

Deveraux for three years on "Days of Our Lives."

Also starring in the film are country western singer Mark Colie, who plays Johnny O and Buck Taylor, who plays Pap Doolin. Taylor is a long-time character actor of "Gunsmoke" fame whose recent films include "Tombsone," "Gettysburg" and "Wild Wild West." Also starring are Kelly Curtis and legendary rodeo clown, Luke "Leon" Coffee of

Austin and Lisa Stewart, who sings the title song and also has a part in the movie;

"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 "preacher." Together they survive certain danger while the gunman searches to find the answers to his lost identity. A final showdown and romantic twist of fate leads to a surprise ending.

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

"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.

Letters to the Editor

Buying ink by the barrel

One of your basic freedoms, enjoyed by anyone who, as the saying goes, "Buys ink by the barrel," is the right to choose which material to publish or not to publish.

One of my basic freedoms is to choose which material to bring, or not to bring, into my home. Please cancel my subscription

to "The Brackett News." I thus exercise my freedom, as you have been using yours.

Any refund due me may be sent to the address below.

Don Parks

■ Editor's Note: Mr. Parks was refunded the balance of his subscription.

Thanks for revealing the truth

Thank you, Brackett News, for printing the reader letters revealing the truth behind the illegal lawsuit filed by members of the Board of Directors against a member of

Fort Clark Springs Association. I hereby renew my subscription for the next two years.

Annemarie Brenk

Was I early or late?

I could be wrong!
By Chuck Hall

Last weekend I took down some Christmas lights. Please don't lecture me on being so neglectful. Don't remind me how long it has been since December 25th. I am only too aware that this is March. I know the Yuletide is long over but I also realize that it'll come again. I really didn't want to remove them either. You know who made me.

The reason I didn't want to take them down was simply that they were up in a tree and it's darned hard to get those blasted things up in the branches. It's difficult to take them down too.

I think I have taken them down for the last time. The tree has

grown into such a monstrosity that it just doesn't look right with nativity ornaments in it. Next December I'll have to find some other place for those electrical candles.

But in the meantime, where do I store them? Wherever I store them, I won't be able to remember where they are until long after the holiday season. That's why I liked 'em just where they were! I knew where to find them. They were well out of the way. I didn't have to search for them or for a storage spot to deposit them into.

Oh well, it's done. Now the neighbors won't notice how tardy I am at getting these things accomplished. Folks won't point and laugh when passing by my yard. But I could be wrong.

Party Line vs. Patriotism On a mission this Congress

The Way I See It
By Steven R. LaMascus

This last weekend, as I write this, unless you were hiding under a rock somewhere, you saw the government raid the home of the people who had been holding Elian Gonzalez captive for so long. If you are like me, you are sick and tired of hearing the ongoing saga of Elian and just wish it would go away. The media have over-covered this so-called human-interest story to the point that most of us are thoroughly sick of hearing about it. Did you know that news teams had rented most of the front yards of the houses up and down the street on which Elian had been living? Yeah, they set up remote control, continuous feed cameras in the yards, focused on Elian's relative's house, so they wouldn't miss anything when the government got tired of being lied to and stalled by Elian's relatives and finally decided to enforce the law. That's right, everyone knew that it would eventually come to that, that Elian's relatives were never going to voluntarily return him to his father.

Then when it finally happened, everyone pretended to be shocked and appalled that the government could be so rude and cruel. I won't argue with you about the method of enforcement. I know it appeared to be overly forceful. I have heard it said that they could have just knocked on the front door and taken Elian. Well, let me tell you from experience that such tactics would not have worked.

You would have had a full-blown nasty domestic situation that would have escalated into widespread riots. The tactics employed, on the other hand, were designed to be precise, sudden and frightening. It is well known that in such situations you, as a law enforcement officer, never give the object of your actions time to react in any way except submission. You get in, do your job, and get the heck out, as rapidly as possible. This raid was carried out, flawlessly I might add, in the only way it could be done without violent confrontations.

It could, however, have been avoided entirely if those allegedly wonderful, Christian, law-abiding relatives of Elian had simply complied with the law and done as they were instructed and turned Elian over to his rightful parent, his father, instead of holding him captive and refusing to obey the law. In my opinion, at the same time the Border Patrol tactical team (BORTAC) was taking Elian they should have arrested the relatives for refusing to obey a lawful order. How would you feel if some of your relatives had your son and refused to give him back to you? All the other political claptrap is totally immaterial to the case. The father has the right to have his son with him.

And speaking of political claptrap; the slick and slimy politicians who weighed in on both sides make me sick. None of them care a hoot about Elian's welfare. The conservative politicians, who should have applauded the deci-

sion to act, were pretending to be appalled at the actions of the government. Then the liberal politicians, who normally rant and rave and cry every time a law enforcement officer arrests someone, were staunchly in favor of the use of force to retrieve Elian. Wonder why? Well I'll tell you why! Because the order was given by a Democrat. The Democrats had to back up their own and the Republicans had to condemn the actions taken by their opponents. None of them cared what was best for anybody else, they were divided on party lines and right and wrong were lost in the political rhetoric. If the actors were reversed and a Republican had given the order, then the Democrats would have been screaming that it was an outrage. I personally think they should arrest the politicians for pretending to be human. They are obviously just political robots without the ability to think on their own. Good grief people, get real! This is not about Cuban refugees versus Castro, or the U.S. versus Cuba, or Democrat versus Republican. It is simply about the right of a parent to have custody of his son, and about the refusal of certain people to obey the law. In this case, the government did the right thing.

Proverbs 28:4,5 - "Those who forsake the law praise the wicked, but those who keep the law resist them."

Evil men do not understand justice, but those who seek the Lord understand it fully."

Submitted by
U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

The conservative majority has shown it is on a mission this Congress. Our mission is to let every American share in the prosperity of America's economic boom. Our target is the 44,000 page Internal Revenue Code. The beneficiaries of our mission are the 125 million American taxpayers.

Last month, Congress passed the Marriage Tax Elimination Act, which repealed the higher tax penalty placed on married couples filing jointly. Congress passed the Senior Citizens' Freedom to Work Act, which repealed the earnings limit placed on seniors who chose to stay in the workforce by docking \$1 in Social Security benefits for every \$3 in wages earned over \$17,000. This legislation will free 800,000 seniors from this penalty. The best news is the conservative majority isn't done yet. We have more ideas, further penalties to repeal and more incentives to offer.

The next step in our mission is Congressman J.C. Watts' American Community Renewal Act (ACRA). This measure, which I have cosponsored, offers an array of tax incentives to encourage prosperity in the nation's most struggling urban and rural communities (i.e. communities with unemployment at least 1 1/2 times the national rate, a poverty rate of at least 20% and households with incomes below 80% of the national median in metropolitan areas). The bill would authorize more than \$2 billion in tax incentives for people to start businesses and hire those who need jobs.

The American Community Renewal Act would also empower neighborhood groups and religious institutions the ability to provide various assistance, such as drug treatment and counseling. In all cases beneficiaries would be given the option of selecting services from a non-religious provider.

More low-income families will have the opportunity to buy their first home, provide healthcare to their family, provide post-secondary education for their children, save for their future and ultimately become self-sufficient through the American Community Renewal Act. In this booming economy, we must make sure that those who want to better their lives have those opportunities. These bills reinforce the values of family, hard work, and self-sufficiency. They are values that Texans have held dear for generations. It's nice to know Washington is finally catching up.

Texans eye World Trade Association

Submitted by
U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

Texas exports are valued at nearly \$100 billion a year and 98 percent of the more than 7,000 companies exporting from Texas have fewer than 500 employees. Any trade pact which expands world markets would have a direct impact on our state's economy and on the financial future of those whose livelihood depends on the healthy growth of exports. So one question I included in last fall's annual survey had to do with Texans' perception of the World Trade Organization (WTO). When the results were counted, 51 percent of you replied that the WTO isn't perfect, but it is worth trying to make it work and 49 percent of you indicated you think the United States is at too great a disadvantage and should go it alone when it comes to trade arrangements and deal with each trade conflict that arises independently.

Here are some of your comments.

From Houston: "Opening our doors to more imports will best serve American consumers, who will gain increased access to affordable, quality merchandise from around the world."

Quinlan: "I am a strong proponent of free trade but do not support the concept and structure of the WTO, particularly in respect to its restrictions on national sovereignty."

Austin: "I know there are many who object to the WTO, but high tariffs and government subsidies for some industries lead to inefficient manufacturers supplying consumers with second-rate products. Ultimately, jobs disappear despite protection and subsidies. Everybody loses."

Houston: "The well-being and ongoing freedom of the American people is much more important than the principle of free trade. Our forefathers fought and died for our right to make decisions for ourselves. We dishonor them by allowing the WTO to direct American law and policy."

University Park: "Social change throughout the world can be achieved through economic ties. The WTO is a step in the direction of global interaction and increased social change where needed, such as China."

Richardson: "The WTO has destroyed America's industrial infrastructure, exemplified by the projected \$400 billion to \$500 bil-

lion trade deficit. We risk the U.S. becoming a beggar nation controlled by the International Monetary Fund."

Georgetown: "We need to look at some of the positive aspects of WTO."

Irving: "We need to fight for our national sovereignty and freedom, not cede it to an organization that consistently acts against our best interests."

Killeen: "The WTO does not represent fair trade. We have lost enough jobs already to overseas operations. When will it stop? I believe in fair trade when it's truly fair. The WTO isn't."

Houston: It is my sincere belief as an advocate of individual liberty that the U.S. should withdraw from the WTO. WTO promotes and prolongs mercantilist, managed trade and implicitly assumes that free trade, especially unilateral reduction in barriers to trade, is undesirable. We should withdraw."

Dallas: "U.S. membership in


WTO cedes authority to an unaccountable, international institution and therefore weakens U.S. sovereignty. We don't need an outside organization, which may or may not have our best interests at heart, dictating our trade policies."

Rockport: "Thank you for supporting the WTO. It is the only way we are going to bring the rest of the world along to our standards of living, and democracy."

The United States is trying to lower barriers to free trade around the world. I believe it is in our country's best interest to increase the amount of goods and services we sell overseas, creating more American jobs and boosting the world economy.

By a large margin, the United States has prevailed in cases of unfair trade it has brought before the WTO. This is leading to increased trade, investment and job creation, as well as consumer choice and low prices in the marketplace - a big win for Texas.


Big Mama Sez!



The fatality of good resolutions is that they are always too late.

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TP&W announces dates for hunting

A little on the Wildlife side
By Henry Lutz

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department recently released the dates for the 2000-2001 hunting season.

They are as follows and are specific for Kinney County (dates for other counties may or may not be slightly different):

Dove Season: Central Zone (North of US 90 in Kinney County) Sept. 1-Oct. 17 and Dec. 26-Jan. 7, South Zone (South of US 90 in Kinney County) Sept. 22-Nov. 5 and Dec. 26-Jan. 5.

The bag limit for these seasons remains the same at 15 birds per day.

The Special White-Wing Dove Season (open only South of US 90 in Kinney County) dates are Sept. 2 and 3 and Sept. 9 and 10.

Quail Season: Statewide: Nov. 4-Feb. 25 with a special Youth Season Oct. 28-29.

White-tailed Deer Season: Archery Season: Statewide: Sept. 30-Oct. 29, Regular (Gun) Season: Special Youth Season dates: Oct. 28-29, Regular Season (North of US 90): Nov. 4-Jan. 7 with a late Antlerless and Spike season Jan. 8-21.

Regular Season (South of US 90): Nov. 11-Jan. 21 with a late Antlerless and Spike season Jan. 22-Feb. 4. Muzzleloader Season: (North of US 90 only): Jan. 13-21.

Mule deer season dates: (Gun): Panhandle: Nov. 18-Dec. 3, Southwestern Panhandle: Nov. 18-26, Trans-Pecos: Nov. 25-Dec. 10, Mule Deer Archery dates are the same as regular deer season archery dates.

Rio Grande Turkey Season: Archery: Same as deer season archery dates. Special Youth Season: Same as youth deer season dates.

Fall Turkey Season: Same as Regular (Gun) deer season dates in each part of the county. Does not include the Antlerless and Spike season dates.

North of US 90: Nov. 4-Jan. 7
South of US 90: Nov. 11-Jan. 21.
Spring Turkey Season: Countywide: March 31-May 6. Special Notes for this upcoming deer season.

As reflected in the dates above, the area north of US 90 in Kinney County will have a late Antlerless and Spike season this year for the first time. Also this same area will now have a five deer limit, up from four previously. It will be five deer, no more than two bucks whereas the area South of US 90 will still be five deer, no more than three bucks. Essentially the new limit gives those hunting North of US 90 an extra doe deer this year. For more information or questions about any of the seasons, contact your local Game Warden or call TPWD at 1-800-792-1112.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Monday, April 17
3:37 p.m., A local woman called 911 to report that a pedestrian had been struck by a car. A deputy went to the scene to investigate.

7:35 p.m., Security personnel at Fort Clark Springs requested that an officer go to Unit 14, Lot 17. A deputy responded and later requested that an ambulance go to the same location.

Tuesday, April 18
6:25 p.m., Fort Clark security reported that some minors were drinking in the swimming pool-park area. A deputy responded and took care of the situation.

10:15 p.m. An officer from Cline Checkpoint asked if there was a Department of Public Safety trooper on duty to take care of an intoxicated driver that he had pulled off the road.

11 p.m., Juan Cotto, age 53 of Austin, was arrested for public intoxication. He was released the following day for time served and was fined.

Wednesday, April 19
6:59 a.m., Someone called 911 from Fort Clark Springs but when the call was returned, no one answered. Fort Clark personnel checked the apartment where the call was made but no one was there.

Thursday, April 20
1:38 a.m., Someone called the Sheriff's Department to report that the bathroom light was on in an empty house. Deputies went by to check things out.

8 a.m., A local woman phoned the Sheriff's Department to report

a credit card stolen in another county.

11:45 p.m., A local woman reported that a driver of a white van had followed her to her home. She said a motorist driving a white van had been seen around Fort Clark, asking a lot of questions and writing down information. She wondered whether it was the same person who followed her.

Friday, April 21
1:06 a.m., A local woman reported that a man was following her sister, that he was at her residence and would not leave. Deputies responded and were told by the woman's sister that the man following her was her husband, who lives in Del Rio because they are separated. She said she did not mind him visiting as long as he did so "at a decent hour."

11:20 a.m., The body of an undocumented worker was found at the Burr Ranch.

12:17 p.m., A motorist with a cell phone reported a one-vehicle rollover approximately four miles east of Brackettville on Highway 90, with injuries.

4:30 p.m., A motorist with a cell phone reported a possible car fire near Cow Creek. Deputies investigated. There was no fire but the owner of the vehicle was advised.

5 p.m., Earl Wright, age 23, of Brackettville checked in to jail to serve time on weekends as arranged by the Val Verde and Kinney County Sheriff's Offices.

6:05 p.m., Someone reported that a family was stranded on Highway 90, three miles west of

the Border Patrol checkpoint. When deputies arrived at the scene, there was no sign of the family.

10:16 p.m., A local tavern owner called deputies for assistance. A deputy responded to the call and took care of the situation.

Saturday, April 22
4:10 p.m. A local motorist flagged down a deputy and reported that a motorist in a gray and white truck who had been driving very erratically and weaving in and out of traffic coming from Del Rio. The driver had pulled in to a convenience store parking lot and was in the store when the deputy was being told this. The deputy waited until the driver came out of the store and got into his truck. The driver had trouble getting out of the parking lot and when he finally went back on the road, was weaving his way east on Highway 90. The deputy stopped the motorist and gave him a field sobriety test, which he failed. The deputy contacted a DPS trooper and motorist was given a breath test which he also failed. The driver was placed under arrest on a DWI, second offense charge.

5:35 p.m., Santana Vazquez, age 47 of San Antonio, was arrested for DWI, first offense and is still in custody.

7:55 p.m., A local man called the Sheriff's Office and reported that another man wanted to beat him up. A deputy went to the house of the man who made the threat and talked to him about the

situation.
9:44 p.m., A local man reported that there was some fighting going on near the housing project on First Street. Deputies checked it out and found out that there was no fighting involved, just a family having a good time.

Sunday, April 23
11:30 a.m., Deputies on patrol on Highway 90 noticed a driver in a red vehicle traveling west at an approximate speed of 88 mph. The driver was stopped and after a routine check, it was determined that he had had his license suspended in September 1999 because of a DWI. He was issued a citation for driving 88 mph on a 70 mph zone and was taken into custody.

11:30 a.m., Jesus Garcia Luna, age 28, of San Antonio, was arrested for DWLS (driving while license suspended). He was released April 25 after posting bond.

Monday, April 24
12:13 a.m., A local woman reported that there was an intoxicated man outside her house. Deputies went by to search the area but found no one.

8:25 a.m., A local man reported that he had left the front door of his house open so that his son could enter the premises. His son did not show up, but a burglar did. Stolen were a color TV and a window air conditioner unit.

11:25 p.m., A motorist in a small white car appeared to be shooting a paint gun at the deer around Fort Clark. Security is keeping an eye out for the car.

Parents are a child's first line of defense against an evil world

Empowering Families
By Dr. Donald Smith

"Da-a-ad. Why? All my friends watch it. I'm the only kid in school who has such picky parents. Sixteen year old Maria was pushing the limits. 'Sorry, honey,' said her dad. 'Your mom and I watched that program, and it

doesn't make it up to our standard for television. Don't you remember what we agreed would be our standard for television?" "Yes," said Maria, "but this is just a comedy. It's funny." "Let me remind you of our standard," said Dad. "First, we will not allow the media, including television, to interfere with our family times. Sec-

ond, we will not watch anything that shows immoral or violent conduct. Third, we will watch only those programs that show the family values we believe in. That goes for all of us, your mom and I included. The program is funny and I'm sure some of your friends watch it, but it makes living together outside of marriage look

like normal conduct. The Bible and the Church teach that such behavior is immoral. I understand your feelings." Dad continues, "when you are sixteen, you want to be like your friends. But, there are times when your friends are wrong and you are right to be different." Jesus was teaching in Capernaum. His disciples and the

people watched him place a child in their midst. Then Jesus said something very important. "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea (Mt. 18:6)" Jesus takes the souls of children very seri-

ously. Parents are a child's first line of defense against evil in the world. If parents lose control of the media in their own home, it can be a matter of life and death for all of eternity. (This column is brought to you by the St. Henry deOsso Family Project, working in Brackettville to strengthen families, faith and education).

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Mayor

Carmen Berlanga



As Mayor for the past eight years, I have given my best. My goals and priorities have been and still are for the betterment and benefit of our community. As a public servant, I have a 100 percent attendance record for eight years of City Council meetings and workshops. As representative of the city, I have over 95 percent attendance records in local and regional organizations and committees, which have direct impact on our community's welfare such as water, education, health, disaster/safety, elderly and youth.

Middle Rio Grande Development Council board member, 911 Advisory Committee Chairperson, Solid Waste Advisory Committee, and Budget/Finance Committee, 1992 to the present.

MRGDC Quality Workforce (JTPA), 1992 to 1997

Community Council Southwest board member and Executive Committee board member 1992 to the present.

United Medical Center Committee board member, 1992 to the present and

treasurer, 1997 to the present.

KC Agricultural Extension Service Board (FFA-4H), 1992 to the present.

KC Disaster Emergency Committee, 1992 to the present.

MRGDC Environment Committee and Education Committee, 1998 to the present

KC Workforce Career Center, formerly JTPA, 1998 to the present

MRGDC Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee, chairperson, 1999 to the present

During my administrations, with the combined efforts of four different city councils and City Hall personnel, major improvements have been accomplished such as wastewater improvements and water improvements, including a hydro-pneumatic booster pump and finalizing the previously approved 1987 water contract between the cities of Spofford and Brackettville.

Other accomplishments and improvements are more streets paved, alleys graded; complied with state mandate Subtitle D (garbage collection) with minimum cost to our citizens; baseball field, swimming pool and grounds; Chief of Police and Municipal Judge, at no increased property taxes; fire marshal, lower fire insurance key rate.

Under party status of opposition to the Adobe landfill in conjunction with Kinney County and the city, I am still very strongly involved.

Being professionally retired and unencumbered, I have the time and desire to continue representing our community. I respectfully request your continued support. Vote Berlanga for Mayor on May 6th.

Mary V. Flores

My name is Mary V. Flores and I am announcing my candidacy for city mayor. My eight years on the city council, three of which I served as Mayor Pro Tem, have been a rewarding experience. I have worked with the city council on city budget to maintain the status as low as possible on taxes. In implementing the city budget, I am proud to say that we have not raised the taxes in the last few years. As Councilwoman/Mayor Pro Tem, I have worked for the people, I have responded when the citizens needed me. I listened when the citizens needed to move the landfill from Sheedy St. (a neighborhood). Now, a beautiful baseball park occupies this area. I have 100 percent attendance in city hall with the exception of the October 1997 meeting due to my husband's (Meche) death. As I have made sound decisions in favor of the Brackettville citizens, never forgetting who put

me in office. If elected as city mayor, I will have the capacity to have 100 percent attendance at the Middle Rio Grande meetings and work for grants to improve our streets and a brush area that we desperately need.

Brackettville needs a strong mayor who will have a full council, (not split) to be able to work together and strive to interact with all citizens. I will listen to the council's motions and discussions and will advise accordingly with providing responsible, competent and appropriate advice. My eight years of Councilwoman/Mayor Pro Tem have given me the experience and qualifications for city mayor, therefore, I am asking for your vote and your support in the upcoming city election on May 6.

Thank you for the splendid support and time that you have given me in the last four election.

Mayor

Jesus "Jessie" Garcia



I, Jesus "Jesse" Garcia am asking for your vote for Mayor on May 6 (Saturday).

I am and have been a citizen of Brackettville. I attended and graduated from Brackett High School.

As a citizen of Brackettville, I see a lot of controversy on the City Council.

As your Mayor, I will try to run a city council where they (city council) are there for the benefit of the citizens and not for controversy.

I appreciate your vote and will be open to any suggestions for the citizens of Brackettville while I'm in office.

Alderman Place 2

Lee Canty

The Brackett News has asked the candidates running for office for a brief story on our qualifications, why we are running for office and any particular views we have of interest to the people of Brackettville.

I am answering all three of these questions with one statement:

I believe that honesty is the best policy and being a born-again Christian, I would not lie. To this date, I have no qualifications in this line of duty, however, I am running for the office of Alderman to try to make a better life for the people of Brackettville. If elected, I promise to do for you as the Lord will enable me to do.

Alderman Place 4

Wes Robinson



My name is Wes Robinson and I am running for Alderman Place 4 in the upcoming Brackettville City elections. The reason I am running for city council, is because I believe, I'm the best candidate to represent the interests of Brackettville citizens.

I have a very simple philosophy concerning city government. First, the most important purpose of a city is to provide services to the people who live there. Services such as water, sewer, garbage disposal, law enforcement, streets, etcetera. Secondly, every elected official should strive to get you the most for your money. Unfortunately, cities can not give you a

dollars worth of services for every dollar you spend, however, that is what elected officials should work towards.

I believe when a city has extra revenue and/or savings it should go back to the citizens in the form of improved services or discounted rates. It should not be used for exorbitant salaries, unnecessary positions or placed in a bank for unspecified purposes.

My qualifications include previously serving as a City Alderman for two years, one of those years as Mayor Pro-tem. I have been a bookkeeper for over seven years and keep books on five different businesses. I have been active in many Chamber of Commerce projects including both editions of "90 Miles on Highway 90". I am a former Chair and member of the Kinney County Historical Commission. In 1993, I coordinated a fund raiser for the Kinney County Historical Commission, that raised over \$3,200 used towards the restoration of the Fillipone Building. In 1991, I coordinated a "Friends of the Library" fund raiser, that raised over \$5,000 used towards the Library expansion project.

I hope you will give me the opportunity to represent you by giving me your vote on May 6th!

BISD School Board

Albert "Abbie" Garcia

I have proven leadership skills, am trustworthy, loyal, excellent in advisory and negotiating skills and am family oriented. Brackettville ISD has made great advances both academically and in extracurricular activities since I last attended school here. However, there is still much work to be done. I believe unity is the secret to success or as Abraham Lincoln stated, "A house divided cannot stand." I will work for all regardless of race, religion, or economic status. Let's make sure "higher" education is available to everyone.

My personal background includes: a distinguished 26 year military career (Special Forces) serving in both the Korean

War 1951-52 and the Vietnam War 1962, 1965-69. I am multilingual, well traveled and knowledgeable of many cultures both at home and abroad.

I had a successful 20-year career as a builder and general contractor in New Orleans, La. I am a devoted husband to Beverly (Barber) Garcia, who comes to Brackettville from the Magnolia State of Mississippi. Beverly has an extensive background in community service work, formerly working with the American Red Cross, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, the Salvation Army and Catholic Charities. I am the proud father of five daughters and fifteen grandchildren.

Rosemary Slubar

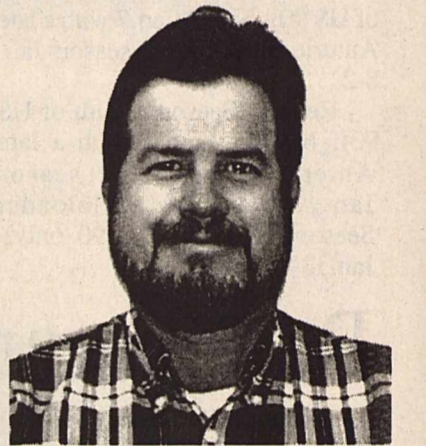


Our future is our children. I care about our children and young people of this community. I was born and raised in Brackettville. I graduated from Brackett High in 1956. My children graduated from Brackett High and now my grandchildren are going to school here. I feel I have a large investment in this school.

In my life, mostly, I have been a paramedic and now I am still working as a medical clinic manager. I manage the clinic here in Brackettville and three in Del Rio.

I have been on this school board two terms. I would like to continue to serve our children, young people and the people of our community.

Tim Ward



I am a long-time resident of Kinney County. I graduated from Brackettville High School and Texas A&M University. I am a self-employed rancher and I own and operate a heavy equipment business.

I have had the unique opportunity to serve our community at the city, county, tax appraisal board and the school board. With this experience, I have learned to work with others harmoniously and as a team player. During the last three years, I have enjoyed serving as a member of the BISD board of trustees. We have been able to upgrade our facilities within a budget that does not burden the taxpayers. The improved education of our students has been made possible due to a good working relationship between the school board, the administration, faculty and parents.

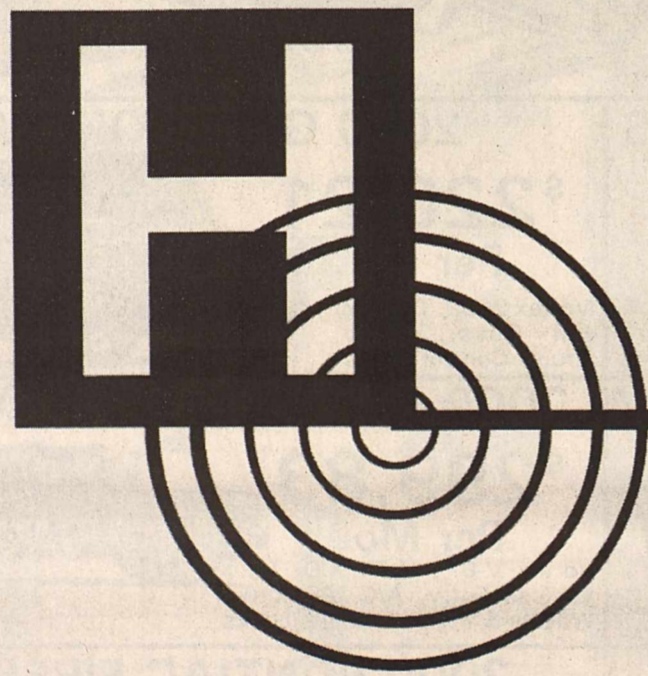
If re-elected, I will continue to work to ensure that each student receives a quality education and that all are treated equally and fairly. I would like to be a

part of the ongoing education of our children. Your vote and support would be most appreciated.

Sincerely,

Tim Ward

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Six Tigers earn All-District honors

By Jimmy Thomas
Contributing Writer

After a 16-9 record and play-off berth, for the first time in 15 years, six players were awarded all-district honors in District 30-AA. First team honors were given

to Schiller Hill and Steven Hagler. Second team honors went to Jacob Hughes and Jared Hobbs.

Honorable Mention honors were awarded to Coty Williams and Damian Toms. Congratulations go to these young men and their accomplishments.

Brandy Meeks named College Scholar

AUSTIN - Brandy Kathleen Meeks of Brackettville was among more than 3,500 University of Texas at Austin junior and senior undergraduates who were honored April 15 by the University community in ceremonies at Bass Concert Hall.

Meeks, a business major, was honored as a College Scholar for having a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9.

The 52nd Honors Day program recognized students of high academic achievement who fulfilled the following criteria:

- A grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 (college scholars) or 4.0 (Distinguished Scholars) in their UT Austin course work.

- Have earned 60 credit hours, a minimum of 30 at UT Austin, excluding transfer hours and advanced placement.

- Have enrolled in the spring 2000 semester for a minimum of nine undergraduate hours, with the exception of graduating seniors.

- Have registered within the 1999 calendar year.

- Have not yet received a degree.

The Honors Day convocation included ceremonial elements such as academic procession, orange and white honors cards worn by students and faculty, heraldic banners, inspirational messages and celebratory music.

A little over 4 weeks left!

Making a Difference
By Taylor Stephenson

The BHS Softball girls are making the news! We are headed to Regional in San Antonio. The school and community are proud of your accomplishments this year. The Girls are coached by Gregg Nowlin and assisted by Dusty Brotherton.

We're very busy with tennis, golf and track regional events this week. In a school the size of BHS, most of our students are involved in Spring activities. Our teachers and coaches also do double and triple duty in Brackettville. There's no way around it. The only way to have more school this time of the year is to cut the number of activities that we have. Research shows that the better and most behaved students are participants in extra-curricular activities.

So, the answer to the busy syndrome is not to have fewer activities. We just have to do double duty as coaches, sponsors and teachers. The students have to do double duty in academics as well as extra-curricular activities.

I enjoyed the Easter activities in Brackettville. The Sunrise Service sponsored by the Voices of Fort Clark and the Ministerial Alliance was a huge success. We

had about 200 to 250 people at the service. It's a beautiful setting for a church service, and the local ministers, especially Charlotte Corey with her inspirational message did a grand job. The Voices led by Lynn McNew sang the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah.

By the time this column is printed, there will be a little over four weeks of school left. The year has been a good one and it has gone by in a hurry. Our seniors will soon be graduating. It's senior leadership that is a key to success in school activities. Each year, a new senior class must step forward and assume its position as the leaders. Juniors, it's time to begin to think about your senior leadership for the year 2000-2001.

That's all for this week. I know the students and staff enjoyed the Easter holidays. Have a great week.

Don't forget to vote in the school board election. You can vote any school day until May 2 at 4 p.m. Election day is Saturday May 6. This is a very important election. All residents of Kinney County who are registered voters are eligible to vote. Please take the time to vote. Have a great week.



Bi-District Champions, The Tigerettes, will play Johnson City April 27 in San Antonio for the Area Title. Back row from left, Ira Sandoval, Michelle Melancon, Tiffany Eckenrod, Trish Robinson, Marty Payne, Jamie Bader, Vanessa Castilla. Middle row, from left, Tina Luna, B'Ann Gomez, Mayra Aguirre. Front row, from left, Queta Garza and Erika Garza.

Tigerettes Bi-District champions

By Coach Nowlin
Contributing Writer

The Tigerettes defeated Skidmore-Tynan 16-12 in Pearsall, Thursday, April 20.

Erika Garcia picked up her 11th win of the season. Handling the catching duties was Queta Garza. Queta had one of her better games of the year. She did an outstanding job! Leading the way at the plate was Michelle Melancon with 3 hits, 3 runs scored, and 4 RBI. She also had a homerun. Queta Garza had 3 hits, 1 run scored, 2 RBI and 2 stolen bases. Trish Robinson had 2 hits, 2 runs scored. Mayra Aguirre had a homerun, scored 2 runs and stole 2 bases.

The Tigerettes exploded for 12 runs in the first-inning, on 5 hits, 3 walks, and 2 errors. Skidmore worked their way back into the

game in the bottom of the 3rd inning on 4 hits, 4 errors, and 2 walks.

Even though the Tigerettes have been in the playoffs six out of the eight years they have been playing softball, this is the first Playoff win for them.

It was a very exciting win for us. I am so proud of these girls. We got off to a huge lead and then let Skidmore back into the game.

They put a lot of pressure on us in the end and the girls were up to the challenge. The Tigerettes now play Johnson City for the area title. The game will be Thursday, April 27 at 6 p.m. in San Antonio in the Frank Tejada Sports Complex, also known as Harlandale Stadium.

Please come out and support these fine young ladies as they make their way through the State Playoffs.

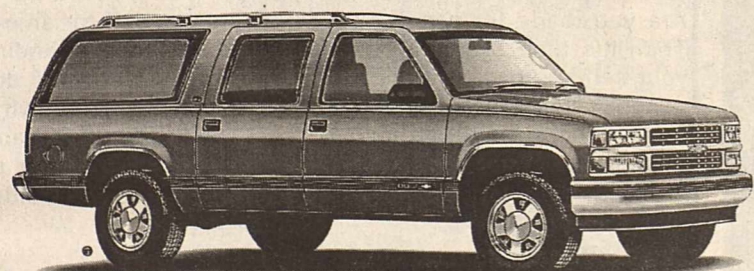
Please Remember that we attempt to include something for everyone within the pages of our paper. We realize that some folks enjoy finding fault and for those readers we thoughtfully include a socially acceptable number of errors within our publication.

BISD Activity Calendar	
April 27-May 3	
Thursday, April 27	Friday, April 28
"National TV Turn Off Week"	Regional Track Meet,
Secretaries Week	San Marcos (T)
Tennis, Regional Tourn.,	Monday, May 1
San Marcos	Jones Care Team @ 3:05 PM
Friday, April 28	Safety tip of the week:
"National TV Turn Off Week"	Drive Defensively.
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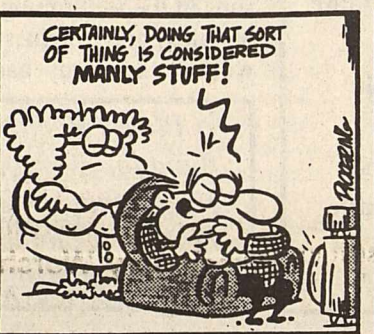
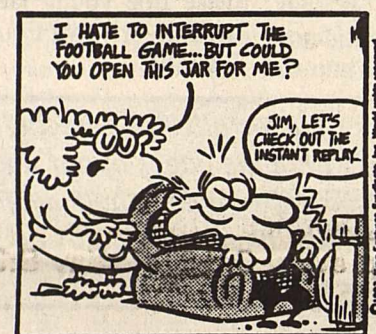
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 - Unwise ones
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 - Fudd of Warner Bros.
 - Threat word
 - Librarian's urging
 - Film/dom towngoer
 - Longines face
 - Get one's goat
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 - Showy orange flower
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April 29 Edward Salazar	May 2 Robert Tucker

HOROSCOPES

- Aries March 21- April 20**
 Shrewd and practical ideas will come to the forefront in the near future. Your ideas will be accepted by some and ridiculed by others. Those that scoff at your ideas may have hidden agendas. Be open to a weekend getaway with a special friend.
- Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23**
 Social activities should be organized around family and/or children. You won't regret the time together. Give yourself some time to digest your feelings about a personal relationship. It's not a good idea to rush into anything right now.
- Taurus April 21-May 21**
 Are you ready for a new you? Then it's time to put some of your self-improvement plans in action. With a better self image, you'll find your attitude toward others improves, too. Don't be afraid to make yourself happy and enjoy life more.
- Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22**
 Prepare yourself for an encounter with a very demanding person. Keep in mind you don't always have to agree with him/her. You'll learn first-hand that discretion is the better part of valor. Don't even consider a financial proposal.
- Gemini May 22-June 21**
 You may find yourself drawn to powerful and influential people in the next month. Their lives hold secrets. Don't be caught unaware. This is not the time to bite off more than you can chew. Influential people can be very pushy.
- Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21**
 Community will be the word of the week. Becoming more involved in your community and its efforts to help a nonprofit organization will give you great joy. Be sympathetic concerning a problem at home, and don't hurt anyone's feelings.
- Cancer June 22-July 22**
 Have some fun! You have been working really hard, and it's time you enjoy yourself. A close friend may end up being the perfect companion for a weekend away from the responsibilities of work, home and other burdens.
- Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20**
 Take pride in an idea you are proposing. Don't let one person in the room ruin what you've worked so hard for. Take a short trip. You may find a new investment idea. Talk out a family situation soon, before it gets a lot worse.
- Leo July 23-August 23**
 Don't take any action until you consider the outcome. A tense disagreement may strain a partnership. The whole ordeal could be a sign that this is not a good situation after all. Have other things been bothering you?
- Virgo August 24-Sept. 22**
 You can be happy. The answer to erasing your melancholy may lie in a non-conforming lifestyle. Listen to the advice of a long-time friend. A new acquaintance does not hold the answer to your problems.
- Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18**
 Strong personal relationships may result in new opportunities for you. Don't get so set in your ways. Be flexible and open-minded. Take the bull by the horns and try to overcome the emotional turmoil that's been eating at you.
- Pisces Feb. 19-March 20**
 It is time for you to take a step back from your responsibilities and decide who and what are the most important things in your life. You have let someone close to you down one too many times. The relationship is suffering. Don't do it again.

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Keep the spirit of Easter alive

Gateway Ministries
By Pastor Charolette Corey

Is Easter over for you? If so, you've missed the point.

Easter, or the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is a daily experience. Each day you remind Satan that he is defeated by the blood of the Lamb, and that your Heavenly Father has crucified your sins on the cross with Jesus.

You have a daily opportunity to ask God to search you and to reveal anything that is not of Him that has taken up residence in your heart and life. You have a daily opportunity to see the final sacrifice of Jesus and the shedding of his precious blood that was done once and for all.

Even as Jesus humbled himself on the cross so that we may be more than conquerors, so that we are made overcomers through Christ (the Anointed One and His anointing), we have a daily opportunity to come humbly before the throne of God, to thank Him and praise Him for His Sovereign Authority.

We have the daily opportunity to repent of our sins and start anew in the power of His Word, and in the power of His love. I am not talking about giving anyone the license to sin. I am talking about a walk of sanctification and holiness.

Only God, through the power of His Holy Spirit can soften your heart and give you ears to hear what He is saying. Only God, through the power of the Holy Spirit can give you a contrite and repentant heart.

Only God, through the power of His Holy Spirit, can give you strength to chose to lay the cares and sins of this world on His altar and walk away from them forever, and only the blood of Jesus can wash them away. "What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus!"

Our daily walk calls us to commune with our Heavenly Father through his son Jesus Christ. Remember, the word says, "Ask anything in my name and the Father shall do it".

We know that the "anything" is that which agrees with the word of God. If you ask God to strengthen you, fill you with his wisdom, guide your steps, comfort you in your pain, sorrow, or loneliness, or give you boldness to speak his word, He will do it. If you ask Him to overcome the way your flesh is not wanting to go along with his word, He will do it (because you have chosen His Living Word over the sin of this world).

Keep Easter going. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

St. Mark, chapter 6, verses 7-13

St. John's Missionary Church
By Judith E. Adams
Pastor William P. Adams

And he called on him the 12 ad began to send them forth two by two; and gave them power over unclean spirits;

And commanded them that they should take nothing for their journey, save a staff only; no scrip, o bread; no money in their purse.

But be shod with sandals; and not put on two coats. And he said unto the, In what placesoever ye enter into an house, there abide till ye depart from that place. And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when you depart thence, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them. Verily I saw into you, it shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment than for that city.

And they were out and preached that men should repent. And they cast out many devils and anointed with oil many that were sick and healed them.

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Members of Youth Ministry at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church delivered Easter baskets to the homebound and elderly last week. Pictured with the young people is Father James Cashin.

Members of Youth Ministry deliver Easter baskets to homebound senior citizens

Members of Youth Ministry and adult leaders at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church delivered Easter baskets and visited more than 20 homebound and elderly folks Thursday afternoon, April 20.

"It was a very uplifting experience for all of us," said Zeny McKelvy, youth coordinator.

No sooner had they returned from their visits than "the phone was ringing and ringing," she said. The phone calls were from people expressing thanks for the young people's thoughtfulness.

"You could see the appreciation in the eyes of the folks we visited. We visited people who were homebound - in bed or in wheelchairs; and we visited the

elderly. One woman will be celebrating her 103rd birthday in August. The kids were fascinated with her and asked her what she did and what she ate to live such a long life," McKelvy said.

At first, she added, the young people were puzzled about the reaction they received from some of the people they visited. "The kids saw tears rolling down people's cheeks when they visited and they asked, 'what did we do wrong? why are these people crying?'"

"They later understood that tears do not always mean that someone is hurting, but that tears also can mean that you bring so much happiness to someone, that they are overjoyed and may cry."

After the visits, the young

people were treated to a swimming pool party where they were served soft drinks and snacks.

Participating in the project were:

Lacey Herman, Amanda Herman, Cathy Herman, Jesus Balabur, Bianca Stewart, Sam Stewart, Alexiss Castillo, Isela Ram6n, Daphne Hunt, Meghann Davis, Ana Talamantes, Chris Campos, David Campos, Amber Castilla, Julie Castillo, E.J. Pe6a, and Christy G6mez.

Also, Cassandra G6mez, Israel DeHoyos, Rolando Zamora, Alex Zamora, Tony Zamora, Jerry DeHoyos, Anthony S6nchez; Janine Rex, Angie Talamantes, Sandy Herman, Elida Baldera, Maria Stewart, Susan Davis,

Reading the Scriptures The 91st Psalm

St. Mary Magdalene Church
By Lynn McNew

If you have driven past our house lately, you may have noticed a string and a sign blocking off the front porch. We are not in quarantine; however, we do have a bird's nest in one of the hanging baskets beside the front door.

There are five eggs in the nest. Every time someone comes to the front door the mother bird flies away and sits in the tree and has a "fit." So I put up a sign asking people to use the back door for a few days. I want those babies to be safe.

The other day I bought some flowers to plant and when I went to work with them, there was a little "hoppy" toad nestled down among the flowers. He hopped around in the puddles of water I had made and then disappeared. I hope he is safe.

During our Easter Vigil Service on Saturday night, we had several adults and teenagers who were baptized and went on to make professions of faith and be confirmed.

They have been studying the Catholic faith for quite some time and we welcome them with open arms into our parish family. I pray they will always feel welcome and more importantly, I want them to feel safe in our parish.

If you ask people what they like about living in this area, many will tell you they feel safe living here. People can be out walking and in

Airshow set this weekend

GALVESTON - The U.S. Navy's F/A-18 Hornet flight demonstration team will be featured at the Lone Star Flight Museum's 10th annual Spirit of Flight Airshow April 29-30 at Galveston International Airport. Visitors to the airshow will see a tactical demonstration by this fighter aircraft and witness it in a special Legacy Flight with Lone Star Flight Museum's F4U-5N Corsair. Gates open at 8 a.m. with flying scheduled to begin at 12 noon. Food and drink concessions will be available outside on the ramp. Airshow admission also includes entrance to the Lone Star Flight Museum and Texas Aviation Hall of Fame. Admission is \$8, adults; \$5 children ages 5-12; children 4 and under free.

their yards at night and not be afraid. It is safe. There are many ways a person can feel safe. A small child feels safe when he is with a favorite adult. Some people feel safe in the shelter of their own homes. Animals that live around here feel safe because people rarely bother them. God wants us to feel safe.

One of my favorite songs, "On Eagles' Wings," is based on the 91st Psalm.

In part, it tells us that if we dwell in the shelter of the Most

High and abide in the shadow of the Almighty, we have nothing to fear. He has sent His angels to protect us and lift us up from danger.

When you have time this week, read the 91st Psalm, or listen to the words of the song. Maybe we will sing it for Mass on Sunday. I pray you are safe in the love of the Lord, in your daily lives.

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

Thank You

I want to express my appreciation to my many friends in Kinney County who worked so hard on my behalf in the recent primary election. As we move on toward the November General Election I look forward to spending time at Ft. Clark, Brackettville and other parts of Kinney County to talk about the election and my qualifications to serve as District Judge. In the meantime, I thank you for your support and encouragement.

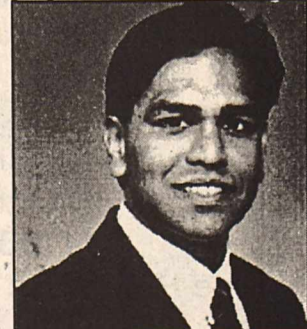
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THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE Development Council is looking for qualified applicants interested in two (2) positions of Accounting Specialist and Accountant. (1.) This position will report to the Central office in Carrizo Springs. Primary job functions and responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following: creates batches and posts transactions to purchase orders and encumbrances; prepares encumbrance and purchase order reports for cash forecasting; maintains purchase order and encumbrance files; awards purchase orders; liquidates purchase orders and encumbrances; may update contract files; may assist in the development of financial forms; may request advances and/or reimbursements from grantor agencies; may prepare financial reports to grantor agencies; and may prepare monthly expenditure reports for MRGDC staff. (2.) This position will report to the Central Office in Carrizo Springs. Primary job functions and responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following: perform general accounting procedures including accounts payable, accounts receivable and general ledger data, should be responsible for accurate data input and reporting in a timely manner. Prepare financial reports to grantor agencies; monthly expenditure reports; maintain revenue recognition tables; initiate and assist in the development of financial forms; analyze trends and identify inconsistencies and noncompliance to recognize areas of weakness in the disbursements of funds. The preferred requirements for these positions are as follows: B.B.A. in Accounting (four-year degree) plus six years experience in accounting and one year experience in computer data entry. Four years of related college hours may be substituted for work experience. These positions will require traveling within and outside of the MRGDC nine county area. All qualified persons interested in applying for these positions should mail a resume, copies of transcripts, and an application to the Middle Rio Grande Development Council, P.O. Box 1199, Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834. Attention: Ramon S. Johnson, Deputy Director of Administration. These positions will be kept open until filled. Annual salary range for these positions is \$20,379-\$28,009 and is negotiable based on experience. The Middle Rio Grande Development Council is an equal opportunity employer and auxiliary aids and services may be made available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

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ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION of Ed & Pat, LLC, A Texas Limited Liability Company. The undersigned, hereby adopt the following articles: 1. The name of the limited liability company is Ed & Pat, LLC 2. The limited liability company shall have perpetual existence unless sooner dissolved by law or by agreement of the parties hereto by a 75% majority interest holders then entitled to vote. 3. The purpose of the limited liability company shall be to conduct any or all lawful business for which it was formed and shall include to hold, develop, manage and sell real or personal property and equipment, to invest in and manage a securities portfolio, and conduct any general business as may be related thereto. 4. The address of the registered office in Texas is Fort Clark Springs, Unit 36-2-B, Redbud, Box 1977, Brackettville, Texas 78832. 5. The management of this limited liability company at the formation is vested in a manager. The name and address of that person is Patricia A. Moffatt, Fort Clark Springs, Unit 36, 2-B Redbud, Box 1977, Brackettville, Texas 78832. 6. The limited liability company was organized by the following: Patricia A. Moffatt, member, Unit 36, 2-B, Redbud, Box 1977, Brackettville, Texas 78832 Edward C. Moffatt, member, Unit 36, 2-B, Redbud, Box 1977, Brackettville, Texas 78832 7. The person executing this document need not be a member of the limited liability company at the time of formation or after formation has occurred. 8. Signed, Patricia A. Moffatt, member-manager, Fort Clark Springs, Unit 36, 2-B Redbud, P.O. Box 1977, Brackettville, Texas 78832. Date: 4-3-00. 9. I, Patricia A. Moffatt, having been designated to act as Registered Agent, hereby consent to act in that capacity until removed or my resignation is submitted in accordance with the Texas Revised Statutes. Patricia A. Moffatt, registered agent, 4-3-00.

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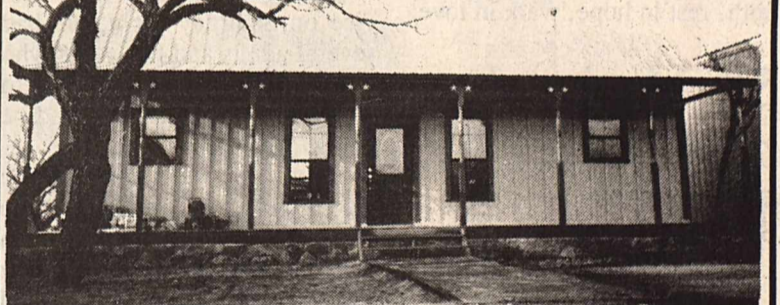
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