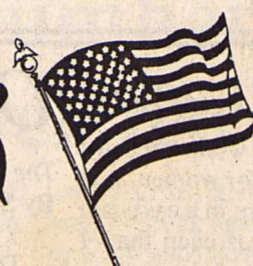


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Briefs ...

Tiger Hoop Camp

Boys in grades 5 through 9 are invited to Tiger Hoop Camp, June 5-9 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Brackett High Gym.

Cost is \$25. Each age group will have a Most Valuable Player, Shooting Champion and an Attitude/Hustle Champion and will be awarded a Nike Composite Basketball.

At the end of the camp, 10 Nike Composite Basketballs will be given away in a drawing.

Interested persons may contact Coach Thomas at 563-2635 for more information.

Schuster earns master's

John Paul Schuster has earned a master's degree from Sul Ross State University, Rio Grande College. He was among 231 graduates who were awarded degrees in ceremonies May 12.

Schuster was awarded a Master of Education degree in School Administration.

Library needs volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help with Kinney County Library's Summer Reading Program, June 6-28. Last year, two adults were needed for each class - there were seven classes last summer.

If you would like to help, please call the library at 563-2884.

Toastmasters can help

If you have trouble speaking in public or if you would like to improve your public speaking skills, help is just a phone call away.

Brackettville residents interested in forming a Toastmasters Club may call Barbara Kerby at 830-775-9203.

Revisit the 50s and 60s

Brackettville residents are invited to revisit the 50's and 60's Saturday, June 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Studio Arts, 301 E. Garfield Ave., in Del Rio.

The art gallery will present Collectormania 2000, an exhibit showcasing the largest collection of LP's and 45's featuring the hits of the 50s and 60s.

A DJ will be there to play music from that era.

Fingerprinting of children

The Brackettville Housing Authority Resident Council and Project Serve are sponsoring the fingerprinting of children in Kinney County June 17-18 during the Juneteenth celebration in Seminole Indian Park.

The service will be provided at no cost.

For persons unable to take advantage of the fingerprinting service during the Juneteenth celebration, alternate dates and locations will be announced soon.

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Miranda Letsinger wins Red Cross poster contest



Miranda Letsinger, Jones Elementary third grader, won a Red Cross poster contest and a brand-new 12-speed bike and helmet. Above, from left are Miranda's mom, Katherine, Miranda, Jane Pratt, Red Cross director in Del Rio and Grace Emery of the Red Cross chapter in San Antonio. (Photo by Diana Gonzales)

Miranda Letsinger, third grader at Jones Elementary School, was awarded a new 12-speed bike and a safety helmet last Thursday afternoon after it was announced that she won a Red Cross poster contest.

Though all entries were impressive, Miranda's drawing stood out because it was so creative and detailed, explained Cyndi Wright, spokesperson for the American Red Cross chapter in San Antonio. (See her drawing on Page 3)

Red Cross officials had kept the winner's name a secret until last Thursday when they and third graders gathered at the library for the announcement.

When her name was called out,

Miranda blushed and appeared stunned. After awhile though, she smiled a big smile, said thank you to the Red Cross officials, and appeared to be delighted with her new bike.

Miranda's drawing is of a house with smoke and red and orange flames shooting out of it. The smoke alarms ("beep! beep!") warned the family to get out. As the fire engine arrives ("wooooo") and the ambulance ("wee-ooe-ooe") the family is shedding tears because their home is burning, but they are together and safe.

The parents are standing alongside a tree and the kids are sitting on tree branches with birds and a raccoon for company.

At the top right hand corner, Miranda wrote: "Your family should have a meeting place in case of a fire," a lesson Miranda and other third-graders at Jones Elementary learned when they participated in the Red Cross Safe Families Curriculum.

The Curriculum taught the students how to keep their families safe in case of a fire or a medical emergency such as choking or cardiac arrest, and water safety.

After the curriculum, which consisted of three 30-minute lessons, the children took a report card home and made sure their families had working smoke detectors, a meeting place outside of the home in case of fire, a disaster supplies kit, and other items.

The children then drew a poster illustrating how they have made their families safe.

Presenting the bike to Miranda during a ceremony in the school library were Jane Pratt, Red Cross director in Del Rio and Grace Emery, Strategic Chapter Investment manager in San Antonio.

Miranda is the daughter of Gary Cash and Katherine Letsinger. Rocksprings Sheriff Don Letsinger, is Miranda's grandfather.

Miranda was presented the bike after a short skit by fellow third graders Brooke Bowlin, Valerie Davis, Summer Alan, Jared Harris.

In the skit, Brooke played a mother who became concerned when her baby was having trouble breathing. She asked her daughter (played by Valerie) to call 9-1-1 and in no time, paramedics (played by Summer and Jared) arrived. The skit was directed by Amanda Edgar, third grade teacher.

RRC reminds backyard cooks of propane safety before, during and after the cookout

AUSTIN - As backyard barbecue cooks roll out their propane grills this summer, Railroad Commission Chairman Michael L. Williams, Commissioner Charles Matthews, and Commissioner Tony Garza today offered Texans some simple safety reminders.

"While it's easy to remember the steaks and hamburgers for backyard cookouts, there are basic propane safety rules that must come first," said Williams. "These simple precautions will

make it easier and safer to enjoy this year's barbecues."

"It's estimated that 4.5 million Texans use propane barbecue grills," noted Matthews. "Propane is less expensive, faster and cleaner burning than other fuels, but as with any energy source, precautions must be made to ensure that it is used safely and correctly to get maximum results."

"As Texans prepare to fire up their grills, there are some basic safety tips to keep in mind," added Garza. "By using clean burning

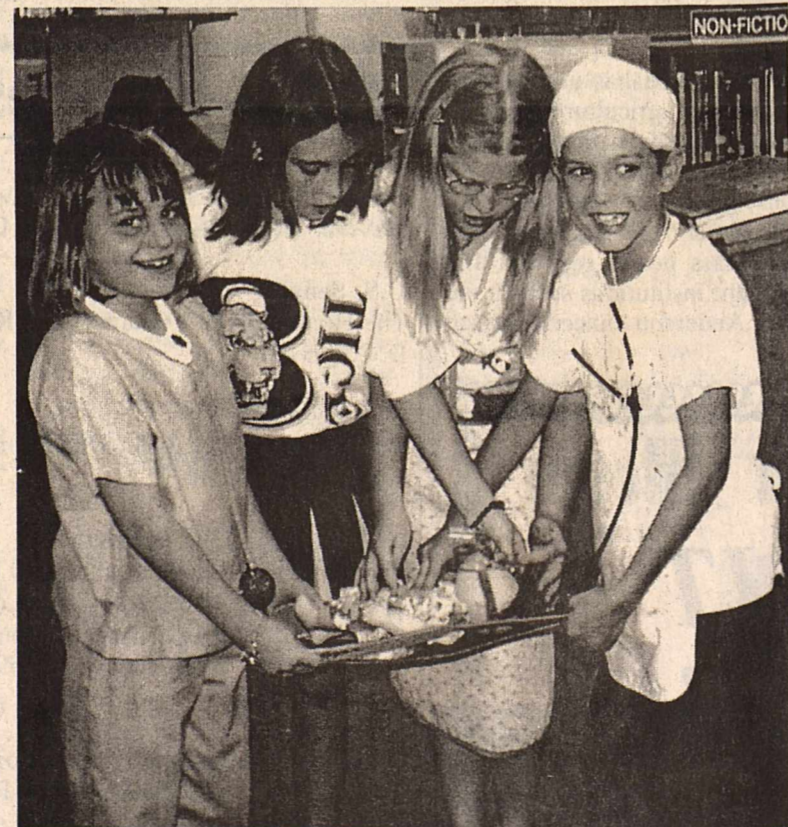
Texas propane and following these tips, backyard chefs can grill safely and concentrate on the most important part of any cookout - the food."

Williams, Matthews, and Garza advised Texans not to use a propane gas cylinder if it shows signs of internal damage such as dents, gouges, bulges, fire damage, corrosion, leakage or excessive rust. Outdoor cooks should also make sure the propane cylinder is secured to the grill as directed by the manufacturer before starting any cookout.

Other safety tips to remember include:

- Always open the grill hood before lighting and light according to the manufacturer's instructions. Never use gasoline or kerosene to start the fire
- Always grill in a well-ventilated area. Do not grill indoors or close to the side of a building.
- Use foil or a drip pan to catch juices and help avoid grease fires.
- To see how much propane is left in your cylinder, run a wet finger down the side. The wet streak will evaporate faster over the empty part of the cylinder.
- Since a hot grill is easier to clean than a cold grill, clean with a wire brush or scraper immediately after cooking, then wash off.
- To turn the cylinder valve on and off, remember "rightie tightie, lefty, loosey." After grilling, the cylinder must not be stored indoors or within any enclosed space.

The Railroad Commission of Texas' Alternative Fuels Research and Education Division (AFRED) can provide consumers with basic safety tips, as well as additional propane uses and rebates by calling toll-free, (800) 64-CLEAR (800-642-5327).



Jones Elementary third graders presented a skit for Red Cross officials from Del Rio and San Antonio who were in Brackettville last week. Brooke Bowlin portrayed a mother who was worried because her baby wasn't breathing. Her daughter, played by Valerie Davis, called 9-1-1 and paramedics played by Summer Alan and Jared Harris, responded to the scene. (Photo by Diana Gonzales)

Bike Mike visits Brackettville on his way to Kerrville to raise funds for Texas Lions Camp

"Bike Mike" enjoys bicycling for fun and lately, he's also been bicycling for funds.

Bike Mike is the nickname of Mike Davis, a member of the Del Rio Host Lions Club, who, for the second year in a row, is raising funds for the Texas Lions' Camp for Special Children in Kerrville. Bike Mike began his journey in Del Rio around 6 a.m. last Friday.

He stopped to rest near the entrance of Fort Clark Springs about 9:30 a.m., where he was greeted by Louis Sofaly, a member of the Brackettville Lions Club.

Davis explained that he was on his way to Kerrville and that it was his hope to raise \$10,000 by the time he got there, which he figured, would be sometime Wednesday, May 30. A

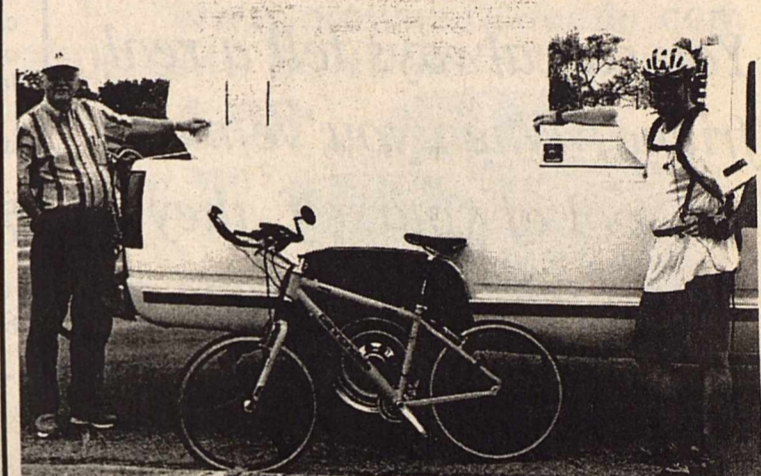
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numerous sponsors propped up on its bed. Davis has been a member of the Del Rio Host Lions Club for the past four years. He is a Wisconsin native who moved to the area 30 years ago following his dad's transfer to the Standard Components twin plant in Del Rio. The elder Davis, also a Lions Club member, now is retired.

Mike Davis said last year's fund-raising trip involved a modified route. Part of the 50th anniversary of the Lions' Club gathering in College Station involved bicyclists peddling from College Station to California.

But Davis, who was on vacation from work and could not take any additional days off to complete the trip to California, decided to end his trip in



Bike Mike (Mike Davis, Del Rio Host Lions Club member) and his dad, Dean, took a break in Brackettville last Friday on their way to Kerrville. Bike Mike began the 250-mile bike trip in Del Rio to raise \$10,000 for the Texas Lions' Camp for Special Children.

Kerrville resident, who preferred to remain anonymous, said he would match any amount Davis raised.

As of Friday morning, Davis had raised \$8,886 and had more than 25 sponsors. The amount had already exceeded his goal of \$5,000.

Last year, Davis pedaled 265 miles from College Station to Kerrville and raised \$4,100 for the Texas Lions' Camp. This year's trip is 250 miles.

Davis, who works with Central Power and Light Co. in Del Rio, is accompanied on the bike trip by a member of his support group, his dad, Dean, who follows him on his journey.

The elder Davis drives a white pickup with blinking yellow lights to alert motorists that Bike Mike is on the road. The vehicle sports a Lions Club decal on its doors and a big, white sign with the names of Davis'

Kerrville instead. The lone bicyclist traveling that route, he raised more than \$4,000 for the State Lions' Camp.

Children with special needs such as blindness, diabetes, hearing impaired or paralyzed attend the Camp where they have access to fellowship and special training to deal with life's challenges.

Bike Mike's route this go-round included Uvalde, Hondo, Castroville, San Antonio, Boerne, Comfort, Fredericksburg and finally, Kerrville.

He said he would be on the road May 26-28 and May 30 but intended to park his bike on Memorial Day because of the anticipated heavy traffic.

Persons interested in making contributions to the camp may contact Davis at (830) 774-2330, Dean Davis at 775-5922 or email mikee@delrio.com.

Alamo Saddlery donates to West Texas Boys Ranch



Alamo Saddlery of Brackettville has donated saddles to the West Texas Boys Ranch in San Angelo. Shown with one of the saddles that will be contributed are, from left, Hadley Wardlaw Jr., owner of Alamo Saddlery and a West Texas Boys' Ranch Foundation trustee; Bill Armstrong Jr., West Texas Boys' Ranch trustee; Lawrence Williams, West Texas Boys' Ranch executive director and Leisha Ashley, general manager of Alamo Saddlery.

Why Men/Women are attracted

I could be wrong!
By Chuck Hall

This isn't going to be too profound. This is simply the way I see the relationships between men and women.

Women don't need men for protection. Nor do they need us for companionship. They can change their own tires if forced to and we certainly don't provide that much quality when it comes to conversation. We are essential for reproductive services but that isn't the sum of our necessity. They need us as constant reminders for those things that their mental faculties can't process.

Men need women for exactly the same reason. Quite simply put, neither gender can figure the other

out. I once heard a woman remark that if it were not for women, that man would still live in a cave and wear a loincloth, if even that. I think she's right.

Men are basically contented type individuals while the females are the changers. My buddy Ted says he is very happy when his wife wants to dye her hair or rearrange the furniture. He's content because when she's occupied with that, she's not trying to change him.

A man marries a woman because he likes what she is and doesn't want her to change. A woman marries a man because she likes what she thinks he can become after she changes him. Often they are both disappointed. But I could be wrong.

Our endangered religious freedom

The Way I See It
By Steven R. LaMascus

The latest story in the sad saga goes something like this: Two children from a strong Christian home take their little pocket Bibles to school with them. The teacher, obviously in a fit of righteous indignation, takes the Bibles from the children and throws them in the trash with the admonishment that they were just garbage and not allowed in school.

In a related story, the same school has apparently issued suspensions to an undisclosed number of students for using book covers that displayed the Ten Commandments.

This is pure, unadulterated religious persecution!

Why is this allowed? How can we allow such bald-faced attacks on our faith and equally clear violations of our rights, as specified in the Constitution of the United States? Also, why have you not seen this travesty of justice plastered all over the news? Where is the so-called Civil Liberties Union? They are there in microseconds when we want to have a prayer before a football game. That is a clear violation of the non-existent constitutional separation of church and state. But obviously the teacher was well within her rights to confiscate inflammatory religious material and castigate the children who were in possession of it? Excuse me if I fail to see the logic here.

A minister is arrested for praying in the White House.

Children are suspended for covering their books with the Ten Commandments.

Prayer is outlawed in schools.

Evolution is taught as a fact, but creationism is outlawed as an

antiquated religious concept without merit.

Do you see a trend here?

We are on the verge of the greatest religious persecution since Rome fed Christians to lions in the Coliseum. Any time there is a decision regarding Christianity it almost invariably is against us. We have no public religious rights, only private. We can't bother anyone else with our hate-filled beliefs, even though those beliefs were the foundation upon which this nation was built. Believe me when I tell you that we are entering an era of religious persecution unparalleled in human history. Did you know that there is an organization of activists called the Freedom From Religion Foundation? Do you think they are interested in preserving your first amendment rights?

I was recently accused of being arrogant and sanctimonious in stating my belief that conservative political views and Christian doctrine were intertwined. That is totally incorrect. I am not arrogant I am terrified. I am not sanctimonious I am frustrated and angry. I see what this nation once was and my chest swells with pride; then I look at what it is today and want to vomit.

I was born just after WWII. I was conceived in an era of patriotism, was schooled in the rebellious sixties, lived through the drug culture of the seventies and matured in the amoral eighties. I have seen this country go from a nation of good, honest, hard working, self-sacrificing, mostly Christian men and women to a nation of spoiled, arrogant, self-centered, spineless, morally bankrupt whiners.

Day by day I see the signs of moral decay and wonder why

Small companies are big business

Submitted by
U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

You hear a lot these days about the death of the mom and pop store. But the truth is, small businesses in America are healthy and prospering. In Texas, there are about 318,000 small businesses. Nearly 90 percent of all U.S. businesses are considered small businesses, and more than half of the men and women who work for private companies work for small businesses. The small business is responsible for the creation of new jobs and America's booming economy. Clearly, what's good for small business is good for America.

Small business men and women are determined to live the American dream and Congress is passing legislation to make sure these entrepreneurs continue to thrive, free of unfair laws or regulations.

In March, the House of Representatives passed the Small Business Tax Fairness Act, a small business relief package that would assist millions of hard-working Americans. The bill includes several programs and reforms.

First, the act creates 15 renewal communities in urban and rural areas. These are communities that have had social and economic problems in the past, but have potential. The bill creates different programs and tax incentives designed to create jobs, encourage personal savings, and encourage home ownership. Employers are given tax incentives to hire people who live in these recovering communities.

A strong pension plan is vital for employers to retain an experienced workforce. This small business bill helps employers improve and better fund their pension plans by increasing contribution and benefit limits. This bill also reduces the so-called "death-tax," making it easier for businesses to remain family owned.

Lastly, small businesses are not allowed to take the same deduction for health insurance premiums as big businesses. Although, this outrageous disparity will be corrected by 2003, it's not soon enough for people who get ill today. We are working to correct this sooner.

In addition to trying to pass laws that promote small businesses, many of us here in Congress are also trying to stop laws that would put unfair burdens on these employers. As many of you know, I am currently working to prevent the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) from handing down an enormous new ergonomics regulation. This expensive regulation would force employers to change everything from the kind of equipment they use to the office furniture they are allowed to buy.

Small business is indeed making big headlines. I am confident that this Congress will continue to fight for the interests of entrepreneurs and the American economy.

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Capitol Comment
By U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

Texas is the second most populous state in the Union, yet Texas universities rank sixth in the amount of federal research funding they receive. This is not acceptable, as far as I'm concerned, and one of my most important goals is to change that.

I want to make Texas the country's premier technology center and expand the medical research that is conducted at our great colleges and universities, which already do world-class, Nobel Prize-winning work.

I recently convened a Higher Education Summit in Washington, where I was joined by the heads of some of the major institutions of higher learning in our state. We met to brainstorm the best way to promote the growth of our technology, health and agriculture sectors, and we agreed to work toward getting Texas onto the list of top three recipients of federal research funding by the year 2005.

There's no reason we can't achieve such a goal, and I have a plan to do it.

I have asked our top tier universities to identify and develop areas of excellence - of unique research expertise - and to concentrate on strengthening their programs in those areas. Then, when a federal research project is launched, there will be a Texas

school with a reputation for excellence in that area of inquiry to step up to the plate and be the best candidate to carry out the work.

Of course there will be a certain amount of overlap, but we don't want our schools to be competing against each other; we want them to be cooperating with each other, while competing and prevailing on a national basis.

The Texas congressional delegation will be working together to help match those capabilities with existing and emerging areas of federal research and development.

We've got all kinds of good examples of how this should work. Texas Tech is building its own niches of excellence in specialized areas of agriculture, health care and weather prediction. Thanks to technology and research at Texas Tech, your weather report on the local evening news tonight, in this first year of the new century, will present more scientific knowledge than the sum total of what the experts knew about climatology in 1900.

Texas A&M has unsurpassed expertise in agriculture research and maintains the nation's premier center for training emergency response personnel. The University of Texas at Austin is home top world-class health research and treatment institutions such as the M.D. Anderson cancer research

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High-Tech Texas

and treatment centers. The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas leads research efforts into Gulf War illness, and the University of Houston leads a top-flight physics department, including the world's most sophisticated superconductivity lab led by the noted Dr. Paul Chu.

Technology has changed our lives beyond imagination. And it has changed the way our country produces wealth and its standard of living, which is the envy of the world. At the beginning of the last century, the 12 companies in the famed Dow Jones Industrial Average produced sugar, rubber, coal, iron, gas and electricity. Today the Dow Jones average is dominated by computer, telecommunications and bio-engineering companies that we never could have dreamed of 100 years ago.

We are beginning to see the face of the future now, and we need to work together to ensure that future unfolds in Texas.

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Miranda Letsinger's Red Cross award winning poster. Letsinger won a brand-new 12-speed bike and helmet.

Floods number one cause of weather-related deaths in Texas

AUSTIN - The leading cause of weather-related deaths in Texas is floods and flash floods. Motorists who try to cross flooded low areas and children who walk or play near the banks of flooded creeks or streams are the most frequent victims.

Tom Millwee, state coordinator for the Texas Division of Emergency Management, warned that heavy rains soften river and stream bank soil, making it unstable. The bank can give way under even the lightest of toddlers, tossing the victim into the flood.

Millwee also noted the tremendous power of floodwaters. "As little as two feet of flooding will float most cars, trucks or SUV's," he said, "and combined with the all electric door and window locks on many of today's vehicles, when those are shorted out by water there isn't a ready escape."

Flash floods in Texas most of-

ten occur in late afternoon and early morning hours when visibility is low and floodwaters are most deceptive.

"The darkness combined with the fact that flood waters are almost always deeper and swifter than they appear can lead to disaster for even the most experienced driver," said Millwee, "and even in daytime, a flash flood is very deceptive."

Because light is bent as it travels through water, the flood is nearly always deeper than it appears to be, and because we must view the flooding from the side, we judge the speed of the water from the edge of the flow. This water is traveling slower than the water in the middle of the flooding due to friction. Flooding also

hides damage to the road beneath it; large holes may have been dug that vehicles cannot cross or debris may have been placed across the road or street.

Even if someone has crossed a low area hundreds of times, the combination of debris and roadway damage can cause a false sense of security. The rule of thumb should be to stay out of the area and avoid potential flooding.

"The only way to be safe when floods threaten is to stay out of low water areas. A pint of milk or a trip to the mall just isn't worth a life," Millwee added.

In Greek Orthodox churches, Christians receive fragrant bay leaves on Palm Sunday. The leaves are used in cooking during the year.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report ...

Tuesday, May 23

2:47 a.m., A motorist was reportedly speeding and swerving on Highway 90 heading toward Del Rio. Authorities in that town were notified to be on the lookout for the careless driver.

1:45 p.m., A local resident said she saw a man bleeding from a head wound and carrying a rock and heading toward a local residence. Deputies responded but found no one.

Wednesday, May 24

1:43 p.m., A local resident called to ask whether a warrant had been issued for a certain individual and if so, the individual had been seen in front of his residence.

3 p.m., Three black cows were seen on Standard Lane between Las Moras and Spofford and the owner was notified.

3:04 p.m. Department of Public Safety troopers responded to the scene of a one car rollover on Highway 90 East. Troopers later requested a wrecker.

8:15 p.m., A local resident reported that a motorist was driving at a high rate of speed and running stop signs on Beaumont Street. Deputies went to investigate.

8:20 p.m., Someone reported that a motorist in a black car was writing down license plate numbers on sticky pads. A deputy went to investigate and was told the driver left the scene and drove toward Del Rio.

9:43 p.m., A local resident reported that an operator of an 18-wheeler was driving recklessly on Highway 90, going west. A trooper was asked to investigate.

11:45 p.m., A local resident asked deputies to go check on her daughter, who she suspected took too many pills. Deputies responded and later notified the mother that her daughter was all right.

Thursday, May 25

6:30 p.m. A local man found some Angora goats and asked deputies to help him find the owner. Deputies found the owner and let him know where his goats were about 9:38 p.m.

9:16 p.m., A driver was reportedly driving recklessly on Ann Street and FM 693 (Macy Road). A deputy went to the scene.

A motorist driving a silver diesel truck ran a red light and went into Fort Clark Springs. Deputies were advised and were on the lookout for said vehicle.

Friday, May 26

2:25 p.m., Patricio (Pat) Gomez, 44, of Brackettville was arrested for criminal trespass. He is still in custody.

3:27 p.m., A local resident complained that his neighbors were playing loud music. Police responded and the volume of the music was turned down.

8:53 p.m., A local resident said his sister wanted to talk to a deputy about a certain male who keeps coming to her residence. The woman told the deputy the man had been staying at her apartment but was no longer welcome. She said his belongings are in a plastic bag in an outside closet and she wants him to take them and

leave her apartment. Deputies went to look for the unwelcome guest and one of his relatives, but were unsuccessful. The woman said she would let the deputy know if the man ever returned to her residence.

Saturday, May 27

12:30 a.m., Joe V. Vasquez, 43, of Kerrville was arrested for theft by check. He is still in custody.

1:15 a.m., A local resident reported that a motorist ran over a gas line on North Ann Street and that gas was leaking. Deputies and city employees went to the scene.

5:23 a.m., The body of an undocumented worker was found on a ranch about 1 1/2 miles west of Brackettville, off Highway 334. There was no sign of foul play and lawmen believe the man may have died of heat exposure. Border Patrol agents discovered the body about 5:23 a.m. shortly after apprehending five other Mexican nationals. The five said they had stumbled over the body as they fled from agents. The man's identity was not known.

5:24 p.m., A motorist drove off without paying for gas at Pico's. Deputies who responded to the scene were given the vehicle's license number and went looking for the motorist.

Sunday, May 28

6:09 a.m., A Border Patrol agent reported that a motorist had driven past the Cline Checkpoint without stopping and may be intoxicated. A deputy went to the scene and later requested a wrecker.

7:47 a.m., Someone complained about a disturbance at a local residence. When a deputy arrived, he was told that two men had gotten into a heated argument. One of the men had left the scene by the time deputies arrived. The other man was still there but would not say anything to the deputy other than he had had an argument with another man. The deputy went to the other man's house and was told by the man's mother that her son and another man had been drinking and had started to argue. She had convinced her son to leave the site of the argument and to come home. She promised the deputy that she would keep her son in the house and make him go to sleep.

8:30 a.m., John Alvarez, 18, of San Antonio, was arrested for driving while intoxicated (first offense). He posted bond and was released. 4:39 p.m.

Monday, May 29

7:59 a.m., Someone called about a minor accident on East Spring Street in front of the library. A deputy responded.

5:46 p.m., A goat was caught in a fence and its owner was notified.

9:36 p.m., Uvalde police reported that there was a one-vehicle accident on Highway 90 east of Brackettville, approximately three miles west of checkpoint on the south side of the road. A DPS trooper was informed and responded to the scene.

10:50 p.m., A resident was sighted burning trash; a deputy

responded. Tuesday, May 30 2:33 a.m., Border Patrol agents reported that a driver apparently had lost control of a vehicle and it

had left the roadway and fallen into a ditch. The agent said there were no injuries and requested a wrecker.

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'Answer a fool as his folly deserves' Rotarians learn about Bullis' service here

Empowering Families
By Dr. Donald Smith

"Mama, why did Daddy have to leave?" Ten-year-old Samantha was asking the question that was also on the minds of her younger brother and sister.

"Did we do something wrong?" Genie looked at her children and did her best to keep her composure.

Her mind flashed back to Tuesday when she had had her last conversation with her husband, Jack. The children were not there to hear that conversation, so she had to explain.

What should she tell them? Would it be wise to tell them that she kicked him out and take the blame totally on her? "Mama, is he coming back?" Samantha asked tearfully.

Genie decided that she had to be honest with her children. She sat them down and told each one how much she loves them.

"Do you remember what some of our family standards are?" Genie began.

She waited but there was no reply. "Your daddy did not leave because of anything you did wrong," she continued.

"I don't know if your daddy will come back. If he does, he will come back because he loves us and is willing to live up to our family standards."

"Daddy made some personal decisions. He decided that going out with his friends is more important than spending time with us." She continued. "He decided that drinking is more fun than playing with you. And, he decided that our family's relation-

ship with God is something he doesn't want to be a part of."

It is a wise father who knows to spend his time with his children. If he searches after evil it will find him (Proverbs 11:27).

It is a wise mother who knows how to "Answer a fool as his folly deserves, lest he be wise in his own eyes" (Proverbs 26:4).

(This column is brought to you by the St. Henry de Orso Project... Working to strengthen families, faith and education in Brackettville.)

Red Cross offers suggestions for safe swimming

With the season for splashing and swimming fast approaching and the kids out of school, the local Red Cross has some tips and rules to keep you and your family safe this summer.

Drowning is the second leading cause of accidental death in school-age children.

Don't let summer fun be ruined by a preventable accident around water.

"Everyone should learn how to swim, but nothing takes the place of adult supervision," said Ana Sandoval, health and safety director for the local Red Cross.

"Children should never be left unsupervised around water, even when using flotation devices."

Call your local Red Cross at (210) 224-5151 to find out about Red Cross Learn-to-Swim programs in your area, and always practice these safe swimming rules:

- * Always swim with a buddy.
- * Swim only in areas that have a lifeguard.

- * Stay out of water when you're very tired, very cold, or overheated.

- * If you can't see the bottom of the pool in the deep end or if the water is cloudy, don't swim there.

- * Avoid swimming at night in unlighted areas.

- * Do not chew gum or eat while swimming. You could choke.

- * Do not push, shove, or run near the water. Horseplay can be dangerous.

- * Get out of the water if you see lightning or hear thunder.

- * Swim a safe distance from diving boards and slides. Never swim under them.

- * Never swim near a dam or boat ramp.

- * Avoid swimming in river currents.

- * Before you dive, check the depth of the water and for objects hidden in the water.

For those who own pools, some preplanning can make for a fun and safe summer. Follow these Red Cross tips:

- * Make it hard to get into your pool area.

- * Have lifesaving equipment on hand - hanging up - ready to use.

- * Take a Red Cross class to learn CPR.

- * Learn to swim.

Officers to be chosen at the June 3 meeting of Genealogy Society

The last Southwest Texas Genealogy Society meeting of the 1999-2000 year will be held Saturday, June 3 in Hondo at El Restaurante Azteca, 1709 Ave. K.

Members believe this meeting is very important as officers for 2000-2001 will be elected.

The program, "Battle Road, The Battles of Lexington and Concord," will be presented by Lt. Col. (Retired) Lester Reed Dillon. Col. Dillon, a graduate of Texas A&M, also holds a master's degree from the University of North Texas.

A retired instructor of American History at San Antonio College, he is past president of the San Antonio chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and helped organize the Uvalde chapter.

Currently, Col. Dillon chairs the San Antonio chapter of the American Revolution's ROTC Committee.

Registration is \$2, lunch \$8. The public is invited.

Submitted by
Frances McMaster

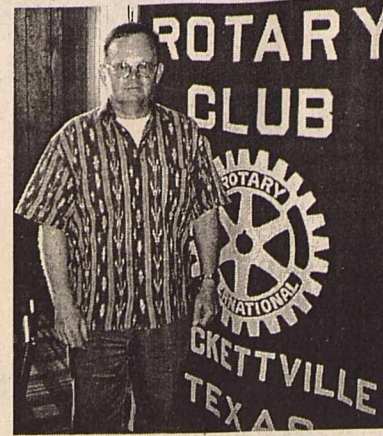
The anniversary of Brigadier General John L. Bullis' death occurred recently and local historian, Lt. Col. (Retired) Bill Haenn presented a program to Rotarians about the general's service here. Lt. Bullis was stationed at Fort Clark as commander of the 24th Infantry, a Seminole-Negro Indian Scout Detachment.

Bullis was from New York and during the Civil War he served his country as a corporal in Company H, 126th New York Infantry. He entered the service as a corporal and by the end of the war, he was a captain in the 118th U.S. Colored Infantry. This was his first command of Black soldiers.

He moved west after the war and started several businesses which did not work out. He then reentered the Army in 1867 as a second lieutenant in the 41st Infantry which was one of the newly formed Black regiments.

The 41st Infantry came to Fort Clark in 1868 under the command of Col. R.S. McKenzie and in 1869 it was combined with the 38th to become the 24th Infantry, the Buffalo Soldiers. Bullis took command of the Seminole-Indian Scout Detachment in the Spring of 1872.

He took part in McKenzie's Remilano Raid in 1873 and in other raids into Mexico with Lt. Col. William R. Shafter, called "Pecos Bill," along with S.B.M. Young. The raid for which Bullis will be remembered was the "Pecos River Fight" which occurred on April 25, 1875. Bullis was charged with the task of find-



Lt. Col. (Retired) Bill Haenn was the guest speaker at a recent Rotary Club meeting.

ing out if a large party of Indians was camped on the lower Pecos or Rio Grande Rivers, or between the rivers.

He left the garrison on April 16 with only three Seminole Scouts, since he wanted to leave "little or no trail and not to be seen" and accompanied Company A, 25th Infantry which was enroute to Fort Stockton until the 22nd when Bullis and his men turned west toward the Pecos.

The following day, they turned south and crossed the Pecos about a mile above the mouth, at an Indian crossing. They ran into signs of Indians, but not fresh ones, and they followed a trail, which became fresh. Soon, they saw a large head of horses. They dismounted, tied their own horses, and crept "back of a bush" until within about 75 yards of them. For about an hour they exchanged fire with 20 or 30 Indians who were armed with Winchesters and appeared to be Comanches from Mexico. Outnumbered, it appeared that the Indians were going to cut them off from their horses. Bullis lost his

horse and was saved by riding out behind his sergeant on the latter's horse. One of the Scouts had a ball shot through his carbine sling and the stock of his carbine shattered.

Bullis submitted a written report to his commanding officer and it so impressed those to whom it was sent that it was forwarded as General Order No. 10 to all posts. His accounting and his testimony of the courageous and soldierly conduct of the three scouts in this party won them the Congressional Medal of Honor. These men were Private Seminole-Negro Indian Scout Factor Pompey, Sergeant John Ward, and Trumpeteer Issac Payne.

Four Congressional Medal of Honor winners are buried here in the Seminole Indian Scout Cemetery (the three Scouts Bullis recommended) and Claron Windus, bugler with Company L 6th U.S. Cavalry, is buried at the Masonic Cemetery in Brackettville.

Bullis Hall on Fort Clark is named for Brigadier General Bullis. It was a cavalry barracks created in 1874, rebuilt in 1932 as a WPA project maintaining its original design and appearance. It was converted to motel units by John Wayne's production company for "The Alamo," and renovated in the 1980s.

Haenn feels Brackettville should be called "the city of heroes." Its unique place in history should be honored, and more of an effort should be made to keep the memory of those brave men alive.

Bullis is hardly remembered today. His highest rank attained in the service was major. When he died, he was given the rank of Brigadier General.

Haenn gives walking tour of fort

Submitted by
Frank Cheaney

The Palisado Building was the site of the monthly meeting of the Fort Clark Historical Society on Saturday, May 27.

In spite of the absence of many "Winter Texan" members, a good crowd of around 40 people attended the social period and business meeting and heard a brief presentation by local historian Bill Haenn.

Following the awarding of the door prize, won by Roland Boysen, attendees were given the opportunity to visit with local author Frances McMaster and buy autographed copies of her new book, *Death Plays the Lead*, a murder mystery with the Fort and Brackettville as its locale.

About 30 Society members and guests then went with Bill on a walking tour of Fort Clark's Historic District. The tour had been advertised for a month with the promise that all who took the tour would learn something they hadn't known about Fort Clark. Nobody went away disappointed!

The group heard details about the architecture of various historic buildings and anecdotes about the many interesting people who lived and worked at Fort Clark during its almost 100 years as an active Army post - at one time considered to be the largest and most costly Army post in the country.

A highlight of the tour was a visit to Bill's historic home, one of the officers' duplexes on Colony Row (or, as the Army would have called it - Officers

Row.) Bill's home is one of the best preserved of the historic homes and is decorated and furnished in the style of the 19th Century. The group marveled at the many artifacts and collectibles they saw tastefully displayed, and all attendees are anxiously awaiting Bill's next historical presentation to the Society.

Society President Frank Cheaney announced that the next meeting of the Society would be after the end of the summer, on Sept. 23. The Society's Old Guardhouse Museum and the Sutler's Store giftshop will continue to be open every Saturday and Sunday afternoons, from 1 to 4 o'clock or by special arrangement. Local residents and out-of-town visitors are invited to visit.

Kinney County 4-H members win awards at District 10 competition

Submitted by
Beth Ballew

On May 6, several local 4-H members participated in the District 10 4-H Roundup.

The contests included Method Demonstrations, Illustrated Talks, Share-The-Fun and Photography.

Winning first place awards were the team of Bailee and Summer Allen with their horse method demonstration, Jacquelyn Conoly in the Share-the-Fun vocal contest and Bianca Stewart in the people photography division. Stanford Conoly placed fifth in animal photography.

Other photography contestants who participated were Allison LaMascus in flora and plants and Kara Yeager in the landscape and scenic division.

Officers elected

Monday, May 15 at 7 o'clock, the regular monthly meeting of the 4-H Club was held in the district room of the Kinney County Courthouse. At this time, officers to serve for the new year were elected and other business was discussed.

This year it was decided that there should be both junior and senior officers, which would give more members experience in leadership. Elected as senior officers were Elizabeth Threadgill (president), Duquesa Hunt (vice president), Jared Hobbs (secretary), Dietrich Davis (treasurer), Beth

Ballew (reporter), Susannah Davis, and Sarah Gammill (council delegates). The junior officers elected were Robert Davis (president), Bailee Allen (vice president), Whitney Hobbs (secretary), Mason McWilliams (treasurer), and Tillman Davis (reporter).

The 4-H Club once again elected Nadalee Allen as club

Pat McKelvy elected vice chairman

Pat McKelvy of Brackettville has been elected vice chairman of the Capt. Charles Schreiner Chapter #2462, United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Other officers are Chairman Laura Ore from Pflugerville and Secretary/Treasurer Billie Miller of San Antonio.

The organization recently par-

manager. **Fundraiser Saturday**
The next fundraiser for the club will be a carwash and bake sale taking place on June 3 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Pico parking lot.

Club members are hoping that the community will come out and support them that day!

"The Brackettville Independent School District announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided at the school cafeteria, located at 400 N. Ann St., Brackettville, TX. Beginning June 5, 2000 through June 29, 2000. Breakfast will be served beginning at 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and lunch will be served beginning at 12:00 p.m. till 1:00 p.m. People who are eligible to participate in the program must not be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion, or political belief. Anyone who believes that they have been discriminated against should write immediately to: Director, Civil Rights Division, MCW-106, Texas Department of Human Services, P.O. Box 149030, Austin, Texas 78714-9030 or the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. NOTE: Discrimination complaints based on religion or political beliefs must be referred only to the Director, Civil Rights Division, Texas Department of Human Services."

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30 instructors attend Voc Ag Dept. workshop

Making a Difference
By Taylor Stephenson

A Trailer Building Workshop is taking place at Brackett ISD's Voc Ag Department through June 2.

Thirty Ag Teachers from across the state of Texas are here to improve their trailer building skills. During the session, which began Wednesday, May 31, the instructors will build a 5 foot by 30 foot Open Top trailer. Several representatives from tool and equipment companies are visiting the session and showing their new products. We're honored to have this workshop in Brackettville. Congratulations, John Paul Schuster, BISD Voc Ag teacher, and his fine students for having a program that is good enough to bring this type of workshop to Brackettville.

Building facelifts begin

In other news, summer has begun! School personnel are busy waxing floors and painting walls trying to get ready for the next school year. That's right; the work began immediately after school was out. It will take the entire summer to get our facilities ready for the next year. Our staff worked very hard to get commencement exercises ready for the public. The

facilities were beautiful. How about the nice settings for PK, 8th grade and the BHS graduation? Thanks, staff for a job well done.

Some of the major renovations that are scheduled this summer are at Tiger Gymnasium. We'll do some major restructuring and remodeling of dressing rooms at the gym.

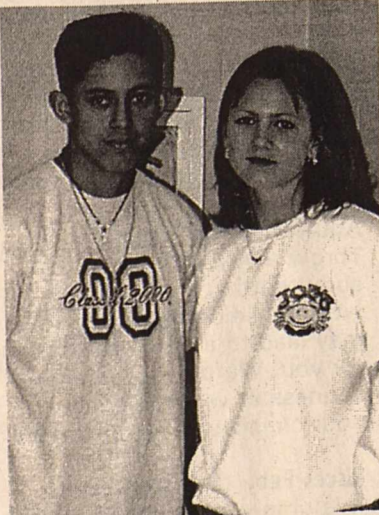
Beneath the bleachers, we will build offices and storage area for basketball and volleyball coaches. The Gym Floor will be sanded and refinished. The facility will be much more workable and usable with the remodeling. We have fine basketball and volleyball programs and need to make sure this facility is as good as we can make it. We're on our way! The district will also remodel the home economics building; particularly in the kitchen. It's time for a facelift for this program. We'll also replace floor covering (carpet) in the halls at Jones Elementary and at Brackett Junior High. The carpet is old and is worn out. We'll replace it with vinyl tile. Floor covering will be redone in the elementary classrooms and junior high classrooms as soon as funds are available. We will put in new hallway floors in both buildings this summer.

It was a great school year!

I have received many compliments from folks who live in the community and from parents on the great school year of 1999-2000. It was the best that we have had at BISD since 1992. Our kids and teachers are wonderful. The support that is given to our school system makes it all possible.

Visiting California

This week, my wife and I are in northern California visiting our daughter and her family. Our grandson, Bradley, is 8 months old. We're very excited to be able to visit this beautiful part of the state. Have a great week!



Publisher's Note: Last week we incorrectly identified the young man in this photo as David Luna. He is in fact, Jeffrey Luna, Brackett High senior who, along with Jamie Bader, was named Border Patrol Outstanding Student.



At commencement ceremonies last Friday, Brackett High School Principal Don Sims spoke to the graduates. Sims is retiring this summer after more than 30 years as an educator, including more than a decade as Brackett principal. Also pictured above are Henry Lutz, Tim Ward and Lloyd Lee Davis.

(Photo by Kayla Thomas)



Brackett High School Class of 2000 prior to receiving their diplomas last Friday night at Tiger Stadium. Valedictorian was Laura Lee Ballew. Salutatorian was James Burks.

(Photo by Kayla Thomas)

How to build, promote your web site

AUSTIN - Today, most companies can't afford to be without a Web site. The Texas Society of CPAs says a well-designed, focused Web site can help to build your company's reputation and business. Here is what you need to consider if you want to use your Web site to gain a competitive edge.

Determine objectives

Don't rush out to hire a technical guru to set up your Web site. The first step in building an effective site is to determine your objectives. What do you want your site to accomplish? Do you want to offer services online? Sell products online? Or support your customers online? Maybe you just want to reinforce your brand image and provide information about your business and services, or you may want to do all of the above. Whatever it may be, it is essential that you first outline your objectives, with careful consideration of your firm's overall business plan.

Establishing an identity

The next step is to establish a domain name. Your domain name is the Web address that people use when they are trying to find you. Typically you would use the name of your company. The rule is to keep it simple and easy to remember. Your domain name must be registered through InterNIC, a registered service mark of the U.S. Department of Commerce. You can contact InterNIC at <http://internic.net/regist.html> for a listing of registrars. The complete process takes about 24 hours and there is a nominal fee.

Determining content

After you've chosen your domain name, develop a content outline. Begin by looking at what your competitors are doing in terms of Web site content, special offers, customer support, etc. This will help you formulate your message and ensure that you've thought of all the important elements you want to include in your site. Then consider how graphics can support your content.

It's important to keep your content compelling and to the point. Remember that these words are not attached to a voice or face, and Internet readers tend to lose interest quickly. Choose someone who has good writing skills to help communicate your message.

Launching your site

Develop a publicity plan to launch your site, in much the same way you would promote a product or service. Send letters to customers and clients, issue press releases and mention your site in newsletters. You can invite people to your site by announcing it

as well as mentioning it in all company correspondence. It is important that you promote your site in every piece of literature you have, such as envelopes, letterhead,

business cards, brochures, fax sheets and report covers. The more aware people are of your site, the more likely they will visit.

District 30-2A All District winners announced

District 30-2A All District Baseball Award winners are: Most Valuable Player, Larry Lumbreras, junior, Dilley; Newcomer, Craig Hafner, junior, Comfort; Utility, Kyle Pressler, junior, Comfort. 1st Team All-District Infielders: Javier DeLeon, junior, Brackett; Jarrod Baker, senior, Comfort; Dereck Syfert, senior, Comfort; Jonathan Guzman, sophomore, Natalia; Bruce Schorch, sophomore, Jourdanton; Cole Steffek, junior, Jourdanton. 1st Team All-District Pitchers: Jarren Haufler, junior, Comfort; Tim Salinas, freshman, Jourdanton; Tommy Sandoval, senior, Brackett. 1st Team All-District Catchers: Marvin Tetzlaff, senior, Dilley; Weldon Werner, junior, Comfort; Simon Rodriguez, senior, Jourdanton. 1st Team All-District Outfielders: Chase Woerner, senior, Comfort; Santos Perez, senior, Dilley; Edmond Gallegos, senior,

Jourdanton; Alex DeLeon, senior, Brackett; Ali Frazer, freshman, Center Point; Jimmy Lozano, senior, Dilley. 2nd Team All-District Pitchers: Joash Powell, sophomore, Jourdanton; David Rodriguez, sophomore, Natalia; Greg Matter, sophomore, Center Point. 2nd Team, All-District Catchers: John Rizo, sophomore, Natalia; Matt Meador, sophomore, Center Point. 2nd Team, All-District Infielders: Joe Aguillar, senior, Dilley; Luke

Chapman, junior, Jourdanton; Zach Davis, senior, Brackett; John Wylie, junior, Brackett; Justin Guzman, junior, Brackett. 2nd Team All-District Outfielders: Alberto Lozano, senior, Comfort; Steve Gallegos, freshman, Natalia; Rudy Talamantoz, sophomore, Jourdanton; Juan Rivas, sophomore, Brackett; Kacey Sidensticker, senior, Comfort. Honorable Mention: Daniel Hernandez, Jaime Ortiz, Joey Escamilla.

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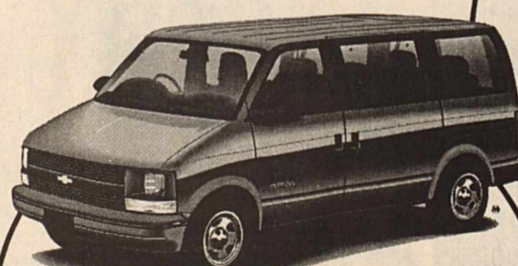


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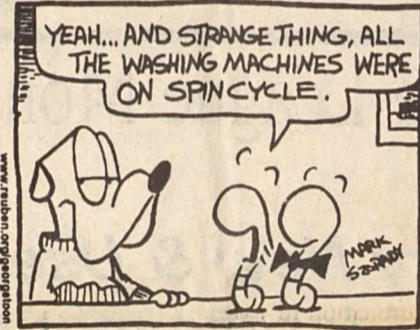
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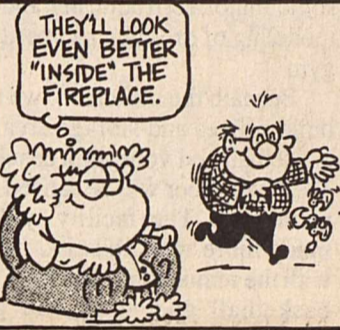
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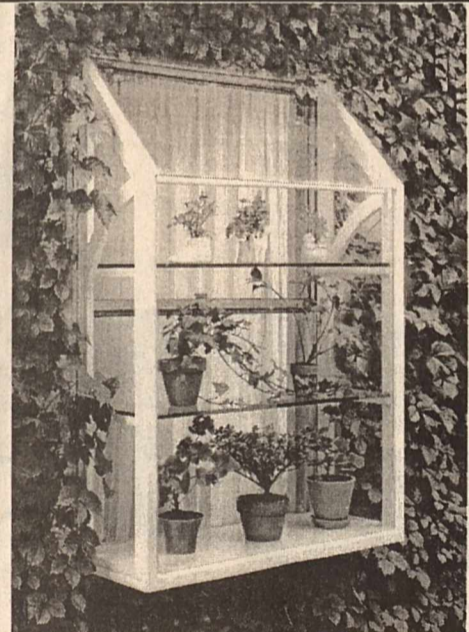
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 - Search for
 - Throaty singer Kitt
 - The U.S.A.'s largest metropolis
 - Gang (Philip Roth)
 - Chip Carter's sis
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HOROSCOPES

- Aries March 21- April 20**
 A close friend needs your help solving a family problem. Be careful what you say about your friend's family. Things said in the heat of the moment could come back on you later. A great night on the town is in the cards for you.
- Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23**
 A special date may prove to be the best thing for you. Enjoy the time and be yourself. An acquaintance could be very helpful when it comes to a career opportunity. Don't be too proud to accept the help. You could use it.
- Taurus April 21-May 21**
 A relative's poor health will weigh on your mind and cause concern throughout the family. Before it's too late, take advantage of the time you have. A workshop may provide a great outlet for your creativity. Sign up and enjoy!
- Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22**
 How many times are you willing to sacrifice your ideals for someone who doesn't really care? Stand your ground for once and do not give into peer pressure. Seek out sound advice for a money problem you can't solve.
- Gemini May 22-June 21**
 When the skies clear, get out of the house! Some fresh air will do you a lot of good. An appliance is bound to start acting up. Look to new innovations for the best solution. Call an old friend you haven't talked to in awhile.
- Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21**
 A day outing will help everyone at work communicate on a new level. You will be pleasantly surprised at the change in attitude for everyone who attended. Look to a Libra for love and guidance. It's a match made in heaven.
- Cancer June 22-July 22**
 A high-handed coworker is getting on everyone's nerves. Coworkers will look to you to help make this person understand that he/she is upsetting everyone. Don't forget you have plans for an important family date.
- Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20**
 Approach a new program at work with a positive attitude. It will help you and your coworkers deal with changes on the horizon. Keep your eyes and ears open at home. Something is going on, and you can't ignore it any longer.
- Leo July 23-August 23**
 Watch your attendance record at work. Time off for something your supervisor does not think is very important could cause problems for you and coworkers. Maybe it's best to bypass the fun day off for now.
- Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18**
 Throw away your hesitation about getting involved in a worthwhile organization. It may lead to a new relationship for you. Watch your outspokenness at work. It could hurt your chances of advancement.
- Virgo August 24-Sept. 22**
 Ignore the rantings of a very overworked partner. The problems aren't really your fault, but it's probably up to you to find a good solution. It's time you started watching what you eat. Snacking is causing you health problems.
- Pisces Feb. 19-March 20**
 It is time you stopped hiding out at home. Whatever drove you there in the first place is not bad enough to keep you there. Focus on making a career change. There is a perfect opportunity awaiting you. Open your eyes.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

What does "The Body of Christ" mean? Taking refuge in God

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

Have you ever considered why Jesus had "twelve" apostles? Of course, there is some scholarship which suggests the twelve represented the twelve tribes of Israel. Unlike some other numbers in the Bible, twelve has no other known significance. So, why was this number so important that Peter, following the resurrection and the ascension, suggests that one must be chosen to replace Judas (Acts 1:20-26)? Why is Matthias chosen over Joseph called Barsabbas? To be candid, these questions cannot be answered without great speculation. Our faith calls us to accept that there was some sufficient reason for Jesus' actions and the traditions which have risen around them.

Yet...the choosing of Matthias over Joseph (sometimes called

Justus) has gotten me thinking about the relationship between the "Twelve" and the 118 others (Acts 1:15) who were there the day when Matthias was selected. As one scholar suggested, were the "Twelve" the "first team" or the "starting team" at the birth of Christianity? If so, what of those who didn't make "the cut" for the first team like Joseph called Barsabbas? Did they go home and leave the "first team" to go it alone? I go to Paul for my understanding of this event, for otherwise it makes the "Twelve" look very elitist and that conflicts with my understanding of the workings of the Church.

Paul uses the imagery of the body to clarify the relationship of the members of the first century to one another (1 Corinthians 12). Each member is unique and each has God-given gifts which are necessary for the Body of Christ to

continue the mission to which it is called. So it must have been with the one hundred and eighty. Some had the gifts needed for apostolic work (Matthias) while others (Joseph, sometimes called Justus) used their gifts in support of the apostolic work. Today, we are so far removed from the first century church that we have no real sense of what it means to be "The Body of Christ." In the church of the New Millennium, the Body of

Christ "team" is made up of a few leaders (like the Twelve), a few supporters (like Justus) and "the spectators," those who pay for a ticket so that they may watch and call out encouragement from a distance.

Come and join us at First United Methodist Church this Sunday at 10:45 a.m. as we take a look at how "Christianity is a Team Activity."

St. John's Missionary Church
Judith E. Adams

In thee Lord put I my trust: how say ye to my soul, flee as a bird to your mountain?

For, lo, the wicked bend their bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may privily shoot at the upright in heart.

If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do? The Lord is in his holy temple, the Lord's throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.

The Lord trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.

Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an

horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup.

For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright. Psalms 11: 1-7.

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Words to be heeded

Gateway Ministries
By Pastor Charolette Corey

Whether you are just heading out into the world or have been dealing with problems for many years, there are a couple of words of advice that would be wise for you to heed.

1) If you don't want to be tempted to fall into a dangerous situation, don't stand at the edge.

2) If you find that you've dug yourself into a hole... quit digging.

Unwise people on TV and in the movies say that they like to "live on the edge". It is one thing to try exciting things in life, but it is foolishness to try something that God has commanded you not to do.

The word of God is very explicit when it comes to things like fornication (sex out of marriage) and adultery (sex someone other than your spouse), lust, sexual perversions, thievery, lying, coveting other people's things, "lord-ing" it over others, having a "party" spirit, getting involved in witchcraft, familiar spirits, committing murder, hatred, unforgiveness, bitterness, drunkenness, physical excesses,

and not loving others as yourself. These things happen when you choose to not let Jesus Christ be Lord over those areas of your life. Don't put yourself in a position to be tempted. (The "edge" may be the edge of the "Grand Canyon" and you could fall in. Listen to God's quiet voice.

When you do find that you have "dug yourself into a hole ...quit digging." It is sheer stupidity to continue doing the same things you have always done when you discover you are "digging your own grave". Repent to God for your wrong choices, ask Him to give you wisdom and He will help you work out the problem. It may or may not "immediately" go away, but He will help you "step through" the answer.

Remember, He is a loving Father and will always love you even when He doesn't like your wrong choices. He is quick to forgive when you are sincere. The blood of Jesus has paid for your sins, but don't purposefully abuse it. The word of God will always lead you. He gives his angels charge over you. Go with God. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

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Saint Mary Magdalene
By Lynn McNew

Many years ago, I was at a high school basketball game, watching my older son and my daughter play. For whatever reason, I was sitting alone. My younger son came up and sat with me.

I was surprised. None of the other kids were sitting with their mother, it wasn't "cool" to sit with your mother at a basketball game. But Tim acted as if it were perfectly natural for us to watch the game together. We talked, cheered and laughed together. After the game was over, he went off to talk with some of his friends, calling, "See you later," as though I were a friend, not his mother. Our fellowship was an unexpected

joy. I wonder whether God feels the same joy when we acknowledge Him before our friends without reservations. I know that when I'm at certain events and with certain people I seem to forget about Him.

I decided that I must learn to acknowledge Him easily and naturally, at all times, no matter where I am or whom I'm with—the way Tim acknowledged me at the basketball game. In everything I do and everywhere I go, Father, I must learn to say, "You are welcome here."

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

Dewhurst Lauds First Female State Land Surveyor

AUSTIN—Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst today announced the licensing of the first female State Land Surveyor in Texas history. According to Dewhurst, who is a member of the Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying (TBPLS), Nedra Jo Foster of Silsbee passed the qualifying examination in April and was registered earlier this month.

"At the Land Office we depend on our State Land Surveyors," Dewhurst said. "We're all proud of Ms. Foster and hope she will be the first of many women qualified to survey the boundaries of

state lands."

A State Land Surveyor license is required to survey Permanent School Fund lands in Texas. To be licensed as a State Land Surveyor, one first must be registered as a Professional Land Surveyor in Texas. This entails a combination of six years of surveying education and practice and passing two eight-hour examinations. Success on a third eight-hour examination covering the history and functions of the Land Office and the legal principles governing original land grant boundaries is required for licensing as a State



Nedra Foster
Land Surveyor. Texas began licensing surveyors of state land by

examination in 1919. Foster, a native of Welch in Dawson County, has worked for Shine & Associates surveying company in Silsbee since 1981. She studied at Lamar University-Beaumont and Paris Junior College, and published an article in Professional Surveyor covering a National Park Service survey of land for possible inclusion in the Big Thicket National Preserve. She has worked on numerous coastal survey projects and is currently collaborating on a book, "Inland and Coastal Waters of Texas and Their Boundaries."



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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Gladys Fritter, Deceased, were issued on May 23, 2000 under Docket No. 968, pending in the County Court of Kinney County, Texas to: Barbara Fritter Lomax. Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows: Barbara Fritter Lomax, Independent Executor, c/o W. Patrick Dodson, Dodson & Lowe, 318 E. Nopal, Uvalde, Texas 78801. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated this 23rd day of May 2000. Dodson & Lowe, 318 E. Nopal, Uvalde, Texas 78801 Telephone: (830) 278-4471, Facsimile: (830) 278-6347. By W. Patrick Dodson SBN 05942400 Attorney for Applicant.

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