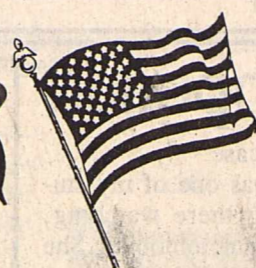
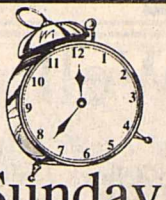


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Students take home awards from Science Fair

Briefs ...



Pictured are a few of the winners at last week's Science Fair. From left to right, back row - Albert Lattimer, Eliot Stone, Lee Davis; middle row - Jay Cullen Duncan, Seth Frerich, Kyle Moore, Robert Davis, Bianca Stewart; front row - Stanford Conoly, Meghan Davis and Kelsey Bruce.

Shena Meyer, a Junior at Brackett High School won Grand Champion, at the Annual BISD Science Fair held Wednesday, March 21.

The event included over 165 entries from grades Kindergarten through 12th.

Meyer won the overall award for earning the most points overall for her project in which she tested three different commonly used pesticides in an effort to determine which had the least negative affect on plant growth. Meyer also won Best of Level for the 9th to 12th grade division, and 1st place in the Life Sciences category for this experiment.

Lee Davis, a Junior at Brackett High School, won Reserve Grand Champion for being the second overall point earner at the Science

Fair. For his project, he used three remote control airplanes to test his hypothesis that the size of an engine will affect fuel consumption. He also won 1st place in the Physical Sciences category for this experiment.

Also in the 9th to 12th grade division, Tina Luna won 2nd place and Tammy Smith won 3rd place in the Life Sciences category. In the Earth Sciences division, Albert Lattimer won 1st place, Eliot Stone won 2nd place and Amanda Smith won 3rd place. In the Physical Science category, 2nd place went to Erika Garcia and 3rd place went to Jesse Davis.

In the 6th to 8th grade division, Stanford Conoly won Best of Level. His project was an experiment to determine the quantitative differences in bacterial growth

from day to day, at Las Moras Creek in Kinney County. He won 1st place in the Earth Sciences category for his project. Also in the Earth Sciences category, Joshua O'Neill won 2nd place and Robert Davis won 3rd place. In the Life Science category, 1st place went to James Gass and 2nd place went to Betty Lattimer. Evaristo Villareal won 1st place in the Physical Science category, Jay Cullen Duncan won 2nd place and Seth Frerich won 3rd place.

In the 3rd to 5th grade division, Best of Level went to Summer Allen for her project titled, "Homemade Perfume," in which she set out to determine if a fine smelling perfume could be made at home. Allen also received 1st place in the Earth Science cat-

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Cinco de Mayo

On May 5th, the Las Moras Hispanic Organization celebrates it's 6th Annual Cinco De Mayo festivities. There will be a parade, talent show, Little Mr. and Miss Cinco De Mayo, King and Queen, performances, food, games, a dance and there are booths available.

Please contact: Parade - Robert Aguirre (563-9574), or Monica Castillo (563-3017), Talent Show - Estella Valdez (563-2309), or Julia Terrazas (563-3261), King and Queen Candidates - Gloria Samaniego (563-3585), or Lorenza Gutierrez (563-2036), Booths - Ruben Martinez (563-9103), Dance Tickets - Alma Gutierrez (563-3139) or any member.

First Aid and CPR class

The American Red Cross will be conducting a CPR and First Aid classes on April 3, 4, & 5th, in the evening from 6:30 - 9:30 PM in the Eagle Room, 1904 Bedell Ave. This course trains people to act in emergency situations, and to recognize and care for life-threatening emergencies such as respiratory or cardiac problems, sudden illness or injuries to infants, children or adults. Meets Childcare licensing requirements. Participants must pass written quizzes and skills check to receive CPR and First Aid cards. Cost of the course is \$30.00.

A class in Spanish will be held, Saturday, April 7th at the Eagle Room at 1926 Bedell Avenue. The cost of course is \$25.00. The class is limited to ten students and begins at 8:30 AM.

Please call ARC office at 775-8626 to sign up for either of these classes.

Fish Fry next Friday

Del Rio Chamber of Commerce will be having their first-ever Fish Fry, Friday, April 6th, at the Del Rio Civic Center, from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. There will be fish, hush puppies, fries, cole slaw and Pepsi served. Adult tickets are \$8 and children's (under ten) tickets are \$6.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please call (830) 775-3551.

BISD teaches music to improve learning

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

Ms. Judy Burks brought a chorus made up of third grade students to perform for the Rotary meeting on March 22. This was an excellent program because it showed the effort put forth to give children some music education in the schools.

Superintendent Taylor Stephenson and elementary school principal, Paula Renken, recognized the need for this. They made it possible for Ms. Burks to teach the third grade students, this required a special effort on Ms. Burk's part. It would not have been possible without the two other third grade teachers, Joanna Bowlin and Kandace LaMascus, backing her up by taking some of her classes.

In the last decade, brain research has revealed benefits from children being taught music along with their regular academic requirements. Learning music helps in the development and coordination of the brain. Students who learn an instrument learn the discipline and focus needed to play. The muscle work keeps one side of the brain active while the other

is involved in an ongoing analysis of the music produced. Research shows that learning music tends to produce higher SAT scores and improves students math scores.

The Brackettville School System has recognized the value of music and a great deal of effort has gone into making room for this experience. In the present time, students are required to cover so much material that this is not easy to achieve.

Music is taught from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. three times a week. The program presented to Rotary consisted of an overview of what they have done through the year.

The title of the program was "Encore," and it was divided into three parts. The Veteran's Day speakers who introduced the musical program were Cody Clark, Emily Fuentes and Elidia Molinar.

"Kwanzaa," a song from a Disney movie, was introduced by Raul Rivas, Ivy Garcia, Emily Fuentes, Adolfo Reyes, Chris Black, Amanda Flores, Krystal Rangel, Brianna Escamilla, Katie Yeager, Ramon Gutierrez and Amanda Bosque.

"Kwanzaa" Poster Holders were Rolando Rivas, Bryan

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These third graders pictured with their teachers, Kandace LaMascus, Joanna Bowlin and Judy Burks, entertained Rotarians at last week's meeting with songs and skits.

EMS helps sponsor Easter egg hunt

EMS Update
By Carolyn Rutherford,

In these times when youth are so caught up in growing up so fast, it makes me glad for my warm memories of childhood. One of the most delightful times was the Easter season.

I believe the reason I always looked forward to it was the excitement of having loved ones near again, good food, candy (within moderation, thanks, Mom!), and one whole new Sunday outfit. This tradition has not changed over the years: in America and thank God for that!

To add to the warm memories and good times Easter's season brings, Ft. Clark Recreation Center and Kinney County EMS are sponsors of the 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

This year, we planned it for April 8, 2001 from 2-4 p.m. at Ft. Clark Springs Rendezvous Park. Kids from age 2 to 12 are

welcome. Easter Egg Hunt is for the small kids (age 2-10) while relay races are for older kids (age 10 to 12).

Kids of every age need to know that their community cares about them. Kinney County community cares and proves it by all who contributed to this cause, donating gift certificates, other prizes and candy.

Those folks, organizations, and businesses who have helped are Burger and Shake, Conrad's Video, Crazy Chicken, The Giftbox, Sheriff's Office, EMS, H.E.B. in Del Rio and Uvalde, City of Brackettville Fire Marshal, Ft. Clark Springs Shriners' Club, Davis Hardware, Ora's, Green Acre Nursery, Southwest Service, Jug Store, Ana Cano, Ft. Clark Springs M.U.D., Ft. Clark Security, Lions Club, City of Brackettville Employees, Casuals Plus, Cordelia Mendeke, Super S of Brackettville, Chamber of Commerce, Pico #15, Grace Commu-

nity Church and many anonymous donors.

That's just the list up to this submission. This support for our kids is truly the best thing... let's build their memories and show them how much we care. Mickey Romero, EMT Basic and Dianna Walker are coordinating the efforts on this. If you have questions, please call the EMS office.

A reminder for those citizens and organizations working on the Disaster Planning Committee... the last meeting for the Tabletop Tornado exercise is Monday, April 9, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. at the EMS Station. Be sure to bring paper, pencils and your cell phones (if you have one).

I must put to rest an inaccurate (aren't they all?) rumor... Kinney County EMS serves all of Kinney County, which includes Ft. Clark, City of Brackettville, City of Spofford, and the rest of Kinney County. Do not think that be

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Old Quarry presents variety show

The annual Variety Show sponsored by the Old Quarry Society will be held on Friday, March 30, at 7:30 p.m. at Post Theater.

Traditionally, the Variety Show is held on the evening of the Fort Clark Springs annual membership meeting; however, due to scheduling conflicts, the Variety Show will be on Friday night before the annual meeting.

Featured among this year's performers will be the Voices of Fort Clark. For the first time, the Voices Spring Concert will be a

part of the Variety Show.

In addition, there will be various local talent performing musical numbers. A short skit entitled "I'm Herbert" will also be presented.

For Old Quarry season ticket holders this will be the last performance on your current ticket. Tickets will be available for the general public at the Adult Center or from members of Voices or the Old Quarry Society. For more information, you may call 563-9229.

Uvalde team wins annual Las Moras Creek Invitational

Edward Trevino and Ruben Alcorta won 1st place in the Championship flight at the Las Moras Creek Invitational Golf Tournament held at Fort Clark Springs golf course on the 17th and 18th of March. They shot a 115, 25 under par, in the 36 hole, two man select shot contest. This Uvalde team led the field.

Because of the thunder, lightning and drenching rain inundating the course, a difficult decision was made to cancel the morning flight on Saturday, making the tournament an 18 hole contest for the 3rd, 4th and 5th flights. However, full prize money was paid to winners of the 18 hole match.

The winners of the Championship Flight were; First Place: Edward Trevino - Ruben Alcorta, Second Place: Aaron Billings - Bruce Thompson, Third Place: James Benites - Brian Rutledge,

Fourth Place: Keith Cansler - Brad Gray.

The winners of the First Flight were; First Place: Fernando Romero - Macario Ortiz, Second and Third Place Tied: Tim McCormick - Ryan Gray, Jaime Velasco - Felix Rendon, Fourth Place: Richard Cordova - George Carvajal.

The winners of the Second Flight were; First Place, Juan Martinez - Peter Garza, Second and Third Place Tied: Geo Rodriguez - Richard Sanchez and Philip Pena - Daniel Pena, Fourth Place: Ronnie Monclova - Felipe Fierro Jr.

The winners of the Third Flight were; First and Second Place Tied: Pablo Rodriguez - Max Cuellar and Eddie Rodriguez - Arturo Guzman, Third Place: Scott Sanders - Richard Slubar, Fourth Place: Roger Lunquist - Josh Lundquist.

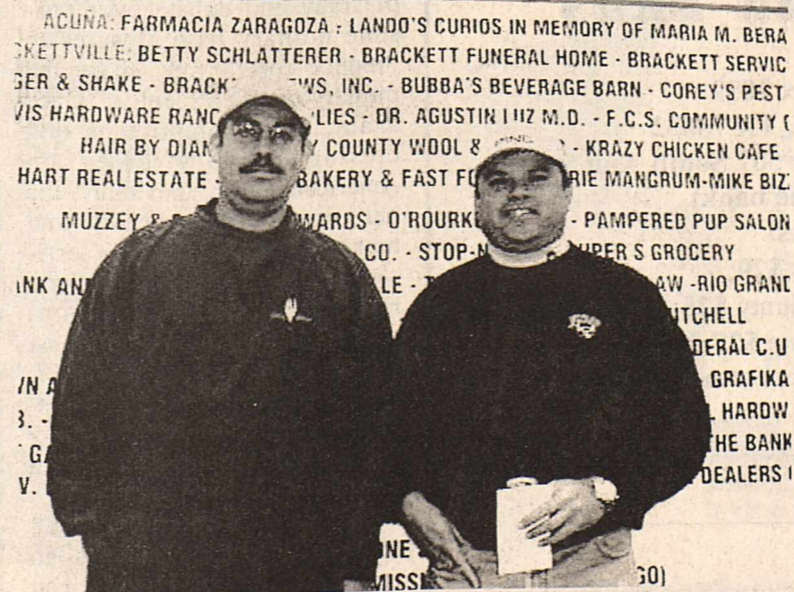
The winners of the Fourth Flight were; First and Second Place Tied: Bobby Diaz - Ruben Martinez and James Renfro - Jeff Winston, Third and Fourth Place Tied: Chavez - Chavez and Ricky Calderon - Jesse Rodriguez.

The winners of the Fifth Flight were; First Place: Roberto Saucedo - Roberto Saucedo Jr., Second Place: Rick White - Tommy White, Third Place: Jerry Sandahl - Jerry Weber, Fourth Place: Jose Garcia - Rickey Rodriguez.

The nearly 50 volunteers of the Fort Clark Women and Mens Golf Associations are to be complemented for conducting, what we feel was, in spite of the rain, an outstanding golf tournament.

They and the sponsors and the support of the surrounding community make this event possible and successful.

Fort Clark Springs Men and Ladies Golf Association



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INSIDE

The way I see it!

Once again there has been a shooting in a school. Once again there is a hue and cry for more gun control. Once again the people screaming the loudest are blind to the real problem.

An exhaustive study by U.S. military historian S.L.A. Marshall demonstrated that during World War II, only about 15-20% of American soldiers actually fired their weapons at the enemy.

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Making a difference

Several weeks ago I wrote about my friend Stanley. He didn't make it. Well, actually, he did, but his marriage didn't. Once again, he's about to utter the phrase "love is grand, divorce is twenty grand."

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Empowering families

"John and I believe that parents should teach their children to be responsible drinkers. After all, they are going to drink alcohol whether we want them to or not. Its part of growing up, like a rite of passage."

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Well, it finally happened

But I could be wrong
By Chuck Hall

Yes, I think I really did it this time. I crossed over the line. I have officially qualified for the nut house. I am eligible for the funny farm, the happy home. I don't want to tell this story on myself, but I have to before someone else does.

I was leaving the post office one day during the noon hour. So far, so good. I got into my suburban and noticed something was wrong. I couldn't quite put my finger on just exactly what was amiss, but something was not right. I slowly became aware of the fact that I wasn't in my vehicle. It gets worse. I fleetingly hope no one had witnessed my blunder. But, no, such was

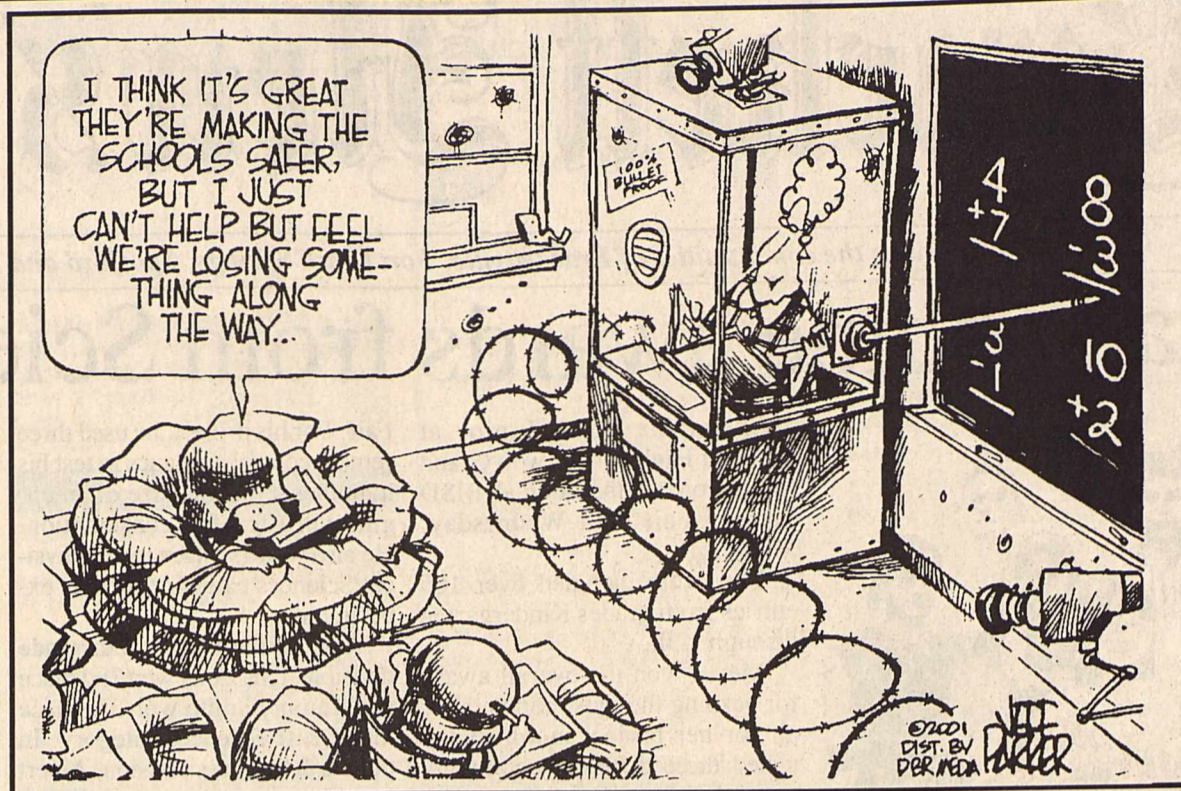
not to be the case.

Not only was one of my students standing there watching, but it was her automobile! She had a great laugh at my expense. Oh yes, she really enjoyed seeing her favorite teacher red in the face.

I could create a hundred excuses to cover up my stupidity. I could generate many reasons for the faux pas. But the simple truth of the matter is that they don't make as many colors for cars as they used to.

There isn't enough difference in the style and year models so the average person can tell them apart.

And to answer your question, no, I'm not getting senile. I do not have "old-timers." But I could be wrong.



Learning to entertain yourself in a small town

The Way I See It
By Steven R. LaMascus

The town I grew up in was even smaller than Brackettville. Benjamin, Texas, had at that time (early 1960s), a population of just over 300; it has since declined a bit. As a child, it was a wonderful place to live. I have always loved the outdoors, and in Benjamin we were never far from the land. I roamed over untold thousands of acres of rolling plains with a .22 rifle or a shotgun.

In town there was very little entertainment. We had no video arcade, no movie theatre, no water parks, amusement parks, or zoos. The nearest movie, a drive-in, was in Monday, a twenty-mile drive. We got three

TV channels, two from Wichita Falls, and one from Lawton, Oklahoma; unless, that is, there was some kind of atmospheric interference, which was most of the time. To switch from the Wichita Falls stations to the Lawton station, someone had to go outside and turn the big antenna from east to north.

Kids today, accustomed to being entertained, as opposed to entertaining themselves, would have gone stir-crazy. Instead, my friends and I learned to read, play chess, hunt, fish, and track; play baseball, basketball, football and tennis; ride, rope, and work. I drove a tractor, worked as a cowboy, built fence, pumped gas, hauled hay, and raised sheep and chickens. I learned that hard work really

did no permanent damage.

We learned to communicate with each other. We explored new country. We invented games. We wrote stories. We used our imaginations instead of sitting glued to a boob tube in rapt, brain numbing attentiveness. This was America as it was when it was really America; rural, small town, patriotic, family values, morally strong, devoutly Christian, honest, hard working, dirty fingernails, stand up for what's right, get involved, help thy neighbor, blessed by God - America!

My wife and I chose to raise our children in a small town. Brackettville was our choice. It was our choice for the same reasons I just mentioned. While small town, God-fearing America is fast going the way of the dinosaur, it is still clinging to many places in the heartland. City dwellers make fun of us country hicks and our anachronistic ways, but for some reason thousands of those same city people are fleeing the cities every year to live in the country villages of America. If city living is so wonderful, I wonder why so many are running away from them? Hmm. Very strange.

Small town America is the last stronghold of the patriot. It is the place where people are still close enough to the land to understand that guns are not inherently evil; that meat is not manufactured in a factory; that take-out food is not a necessity of life; and that Beverly Hills 90210 is not a documentary.

It is the place where schools are not barred and locked like prisons; where almost everyone is at church on Sunday morning; where the Lord's Prayer is still spoken by common consent before high school football games, and to heck with the Supreme Court; where folks don't always lock their doors; where you know most of the people you see on the streets; and where the crime rate is even lower than the unemployment rate.

I have lived in a city. I hated it. I felt like I was a prisoner in my own home. If anything was left outside overnight it was gone in the morning. You never left your car running while you went into the post office or the grocery store. You never let your children walk to a friend's house. It was dirty, dangerous, impersonal, and crowded.

Lindy, my eldest daughter, thought she wanted to live in the city. "Just think how many wonderful things there are to do there. You would never be bored. You don't have to drive halfway across the state to find a pair of shoes. There are movies, restaurants, entertainment of all kinds. It'll be a fantastic experience!"

Lindy was home this last weekend. She is the one who asked me to write this piece. I am proud to see my daughter is finally becoming the responsible, adult I knew she would be. She told me how much she loves to come home, to rural small town America, where the important things in life are still recognized, entertainment is a quiet talk with a good friend, and your neighbor is not just a nameless face in a mass of unrecognized, untrusted humanity. God still lives in Small Town America.

Matthew 11:28-30 - "Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Rolling back the red tape

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

Should a grocery store employee be prohibited from bagging a turkey that weighs more than 15 pounds? Should hospital and nursing home employees be restricted from lifting patients from their beds? Should workers be prohibited from spending more than four hours per day at a keyboard?

These regulations sound pretty ridiculous. It's hard to believe that in the final hours of the Clinton Administration, these regulations became a reality. Just four days before leaving office the folks at the Occupational Safety and Health Administration - otherwise known as OSHA - issued its ergonomics regulation. The regulation was based on pseudo-science and unsavory politics. When all was said and done, it would have cost American businesses - and ultimately consumers - hundreds of billions of dollars.

We all support safe workplaces. That is not what the ergonomics debate is about. The ergonomics debate is about defending the rights of small businesses.

Over 90 percent of all new jobs in America are created by small businesses. The OSHA ergonomics regulation would have forced almost 1.6 million companies to create an ergonomics program. In most cases, this would mean hiring an extra employee just to handle the massive amounts of paperwork and regulations. The mammoth price tag attached to the regulation would have resulted in job losses, hiring freezes and lower employee salaries.

The OSHA ergonomics regulation was a one-size-fits all solution that did more to hurt American workers than help them. Can you imagine applying the same rules to a florist as you would apply to a nurse or even a computer manufacturer? It is impossible to design a federal government standard that would apply to every worker in every workplace in America. It just doesn't work that way.

My colleagues in Congress saw this train wreck coming down the track. Immediate action was needed to protect small business employers and employees. The House of Representatives and Senate joined together and introduced a resolution that would effectively repeal the burdensome ergonomics regulation. Rarely have I witnessed both Houses of Congress work in concert so quickly. The immediate action paid off. The resolution was approved by Congress and President Bush quickly signed it into law.

I was proud to be a co-sponsor of the legislation and to stand with President Bush as he made the resolution a reality. Rolling back the ergonomics regulation signals an important change in our nation's capital. We now have a Congress and President who believe in small businesses and hard working Americans.

The history of America's growth is a strong testament to the importance of small businesses. They are the backbone of our nation's economy and should be allowed to thrive without burdensome federal government interference. I'm proud to be a part of the team that's keeping it that way.

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Asking the right questions on military readiness

Capitol Comment
Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

On March 19, the U.S. Army was forced to drastically curtail training for 65,000 soldiers in Germany for fear that their boots and equipment could spread the highly contagious hoof-and-mouth disease virus that is afflicting livestock in Europe. This will, without doubt, affect their combat readiness, and as a result, America and the world's bottom-line security.

In recent years, protesters have curtailed U.S. military training at ranges in Okinawa, Korea and Puerto Rico. With these and similar training restrictions being imposed on American troops stationed abroad, Congress may want to debate whether it makes better sense to concentrate on expanding and improving U.S. based facilities to ensure training is conducted in our country under our total control.

As surely as Texas bluebonnets bloom in spring, the convening of a new Congress has brought calls for another round of study and debate over possible military base closures to "reduce costs" and "shape the military more efficiently." Once again, the assumption is that closing military bases on American soil is, inevitably, the only way to "reduce costs" and make the military more efficient. I'm not so sure, and these new training restrictions imposed in Europe have again cast into doubt the wisdom of prematurely closing more domestic military bases.

Congress needs to take a closer look at several factors:

1) How should our armed forces be structured in order to reverse the decline in American military readiness we've witnessed over the past seven years and keep America the preeminent global military power?

2) How can we best avoid the missteps of the last round of base closures? The fate of Reese Air Force Base in Texas is an excellent example of a plan that looked good on paper but turned out badly. Reese was one of the Air Force's premier sites for entry-level pilot training, but an Air Force analyst decided there were adequate training facilities available elsewhere and Reese should be closed. Today the Air Force is experiencing a serious shortfall in training spaces for new pilots and is desperately trying to reestablish training sites on other bases. Everyone involved agrees that Reese never should have been closed.

Or take a look at Fort Hood, downsized to just one division in 1990 at a cost of great disruption to the community. Just a little over a year later, the decision was made to bring a division back. Now Fort Hood has two active divisions and a Corps Headquarters - and is recognized as the Army's premier post. How was such a miscalculation made and how do we prevent one from being made again? Closing bases will save money only if we can be absolutely certain we will never need those bases in the future.

3) "Reducing costs" isn't a foregone conclusion. Recent rounds of the base closure and realignment process turn out to have grossly exaggerated the amount of money closures would save. To clean up abandoned bases - so they can be returned to civilian use - turns out to be more expensive than anyone anticipated, and those bills come due immediately.

4) We have to be willing to learn from past mistakes. Having watched the base realignment process from my Senate position since 1993, I can bear witness that parochial political considerations came into play

early and never left the field, despite assertions that decisions were being made in a politics-free arena. I am not convinced Congress should again delegate the responsibility for the fate of military bases to a commission that brings its own inherent political considerations to the table.

We must first determine whether the current mix of military facilities and infrastructure on American soil and overseas serves our needs as well as it could. The United States maintains more than 74 installations outside our borders, with nearly 213,000 personnel permanently stationed in 140 countries. These commitments have absorbed funding that in some cases may have been better used to maintain or improve our critical domestic base infrastructure and training capabilities.

We need to take a look at the military construction projects we have undertaken abroad, which last year totaled nearly half a billion dollars, to determine if this is the most efficient use of our defense expenditures and if it is the best way to meet our national security objectives.

As Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Military Construction Subcommittee, I intend to hold hearings to determine what our future force structure should look like and what their mission requirements might be. Our first priority must be to ensure our military forces continue to have the training and logistical support they need to carry out the tasks we assign them. It is essential that we make these determinations first, before other decisions are contemplated.

I have not ruled out the idea of another base closure and realignment commission in the future, but I will not support one until all the right questions have been answered.

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Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Monday, March 19

7:39 p.m., A 911 call was received stating that an 18 wheeler pulling a flat bed was driving recklessly on Hwy 90 east. DPS Trooper Tony Ashley was advised.

10:00 p.m., A United States Border Patrol Agent reported that an illegal alien had escaped from his custody. He was wearing a grey sweat shirt, blue jeans and weighed about 190 lbs., with black wavy hair, on FM 334 near the track field.

Tuesday, March 20

7:25 a.m., A 911 call was made by a local woman who reported an illegal alien who tried to get in her front door. The illegal alien was caught and turned over to the Border Patrol. DPS Trooper Richard Slubar responded to the call.

3:00 p.m., Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter responded to a call from the principal of Jones Elementary School. There were broken windows in one classroom and three more in another room. The estimated damage and repair is \$80. This case is under investigation.

Wednesday, March 21

10:17 a.m., A man called to report that someone had broken into his house on FM 334 and took some of his clothing. Sheriff Buddy Burgess was advised.

11:21 a.m., A man reported that his house was broken into on FM 1572. A window was broken and two shirts, two jackets, coffee and soda were taken.

7:11 p.m., A report of a sick raccoon was made at Fort Clark by unit 15 lot 72. Deputy Manuel Pena Jr. responded and took care of the animal.

9:24 p.m., Fort Clark Security reported of a possible argument

around unit 15 and wanted a deputy to check it out. Deputy Pena responded.

9:39 p.m., Deputy Pena reported that an unoccupied house in Fort Clark, was broken into. Fort Clark Security was advised. The case is still under investigation and the house has been dusted for prints.

11:40 p.m., A local woman requested an officer at her residence because the man she bought a car from was causing problems. Deputy Pena was advised.

Thursday, March 22

7:46 p.m., An employee at a local store reported a man who appeared to be intoxicated, had told her that his truck had been stolen. Deputy Pena was advised and found the truck.

Friday, March 23

10:20 a.m., Ismael Orlando Lira, 23, from Del Rio, was arrested for possession of marijuana and an active warrant by Trooper Slubar. Lira was released the same day on a bond of \$1,200.

10:20 a.m., Joshua Chabasco Lira, 21, from Del Rio, was arrested by Trooper Slubar for driving while license suspended. Lira was released the same day on a bond of \$1,200.

3:45 p.m., A report was made about a black Ford F-150 truck was driving recklessly and passing everyone on the shoulder on Hwy 90. DPS Trooper Tom Wylie, Trooper Slubar, and Deputy Pena were advised.

11:22 p.m., Cline check point advised Trooper Wylie of an 18 wheeler that was reported driving recklessly on Hwy 90 east.

Saturday, March 24

12:53 a.m., A Fort Clark resident requested a deputy come to

his residence because someone threw a flower pot at his window. Deputy Chism responded.

3:20 a.m., A one vehicle accident on Hwy 90 was reported. Trooper Slubar and Deputy Karl Chism were advised.

4:32 a.m., A Border Patrol Agent advised Trooper Slubar about a two vehicle accident on Hwy 90 and FM 693. EMS was advised.

8:30 a.m., A Border Patrol Agent reported a white Ford pickup with dealer tags abandoned

on FM 1572 approximately two hundred yards from Hwy 90. Trooper Slubar advised ABC Wrecker.

11:53 a.m. A rottweiler dog was loose from it's owners yard and was trying to bite some kids. Deputy Pena notified a city employee and owner.

9:30 p.m., Trooper Wylie radioed to the Sheriff's Office, requesting assistance and a wrecker out on Hwy 90 west by Pinto Creek. Border Patrol and Deputy Chism was advised.

Library director guest speaker at Historical Society meeting

The Ft. Clark Historical Society was privileged to have Susan Anderson and George Nelson speak at the Saturday meeting. Susan is director of the Public Library in Uvalde and is spearheading plans for a new library - museum combination. In addition, the new structure will house a state of the art archive section, which is seriously lacking in most museums. She hopes that the building will be completed enough by 2003 to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the present library. Property that once held the school house has been acquired for the building.

George Nelson is from Regan Wells and has family ties in Uvalde County since 1852. He is the author of the book: "The Alamo In Illustrated History", and is an artist, sculptor, historian, archeologist, and museum designer. His plans for the new museum call for a regional theme that ties in the history of all surrounding areas including Ft. Clark and Brackettville.

The History will be layered beginning with the geological development up to how each successive culture influenced the next. We have been exposed to the Indian, French, Spanish, Mexican, and Anglo cultures. This is a fascinating approach and if it can be done, he is the man to do it.

We wish them the best of luck in this worth while endeavor. They will gratefully accept any and all contributions.

Duplicate bridge at Fort Clark

Duplicate bridge was played at Fort Clark Springs in the Gorgas Room at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, 2001. The Mitchell Movement was used for 7 tables.

The winners in the East/West were: 1st - tied between the Molly Schroeder and Carol Benfield team and the Ann Legg and Evelyn Whitely team; and 3rd - Ruth Potter and Gertrude Trautwein. The winners in the North/South were: 1st - Nelda Thomason and Carolyn Rutledge; 2nd - Joyce Bell and Alice



Pictured is "Top Guns" team member, four-year-old, Madison Frerich, as she hits the ball during her team's very first game, Monday evening. Opening ceremonies were last Saturday, and t-ball season is now officially in full swing.

Beta Sigma Phi greets new pledges

Preceptor Theta Sigma chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met on Monday, March 19, 2001, at the home of Katie Brown. In an impressive ceremony, the Exemplar Degree was conferred on transfer member Janie Meredith. New pledges, Donna Gracie, Katie Brown, and

Louise Pflughoeft, were greeted by sisters present following the Pledge Ritual.

The meeting was called to order by President Shirley Hadsell, followed by roll call and secretary and treasurer's reports. Bobbie Waddill read from the Book of Beta Sigma Phi. She informed us about the Order of the Rose, which will be conferred on several members in the near future.

Members present were Jan Chism, Luella Gilliland, Donna Gracie, Lou Green, Shirley Hadsell, Pat McKelvy, Lynn McNew, Alicia Raymer, Molly Schroeder, Arlys Simpson, Mylo Unruh, and Bobbie Waddill, along with new members Janie Meredith, Katie Brown and Louise Pflughoeft.

Next meeting will be Monday, April 2, 2001, at the home of Molly Schroeder.

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Wine is arrogant, Science Fair winners strong drink riotous advance to Regionals

Empowering Families
Dr. Donald Smith

"John and I believe that parents should teach their children to be responsible drinkers. After all, they are going to drink alcohol whether we want them to or not. Its part of growing up, like a rite of passage."

"I agree with you, Ann. Parents have to be conscientious and have to set a responsible example." Joanne continued, "What I don't agree with you about, is allowing your teenagers to drink with you at home. We're having a senior party too, and we're making it plain that there will be no alcohol allowed."

"What if someone sneaks something into the punch?" Ann asked with a snicker. "How will you stop that?"

Joanne responded, "We have several couples who have promised to be at the party for as long as it lasts. They know how to have fun with the kids. Our pastor will also be coming and will offer a very special blessing to all the kids who attend."

Trying to have the final word,

Ann said, "I still think you're wrong. They're going to bring their drinks and some of them will have already had too much by the time they get to your house."

"We've thought of that too Ann," Joanne responded. "A couple of youth workers from our church will be there. They will take drinkers aside and counsel with them. If someone has been drinking, we will take them home. Think about it, Ann. If we want our children to be responsible with alcohol, the first thing they must learn is that alcohol is an illegal drug for anyone under the age of twenty-one. Being responsible is waiting and obeying the law."

A very wise man long ago said, 'Wine is arrogant, strong drink is riotous, none who goes astray for it is wise (Prov. 20:1).'

Another wise man tells us that it is not wise to do things like drink alcohol if it causes our children to stumble in life. (Rom. 14:21)"

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egory. Laura Swinson won 2nd place and Kaden Berg won 3rd place.

Also in the 3rd to 5th grade division, in the Life Science category, Meghan Davis won 1st place, Jessica Garza won 2nd place and Bianca Stewart won 3rd place.

In the Physical Science category, Kevin Bonner won 1st place, Kyle Moore won 2nd place and Daphne Hunt won 3rd place.

EMS also serves Fort Clark

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cause we are located in City of Brackettville that we do not serve Ft. Clark!

Approximately 70% of our EMS runs last year were in Brackettville. We need to pay attention to the statistics in this case. We have not completely moved out of Ft. Clark.

We reserve the ambulance bay for disaster, when we may need to provide ambulances from Ft. Clark if something happens to this station. If you are concerned about any rumor you hear regarding EMS I will personally thank you if you call me up or come by for a visit.

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In the Kindergarten through 2nd grade division, Kelsey Bruce, a second grader, was the sole participant. She took home 1st place and Best of Level for her project, "Are Smiles Contagious?" She tested her hypothesis by going to places, like department stores, and smiling at people to see if they would smile back.

Students who won 1st and 2nd place in each category will advance to the Del Rio Regional Science Fair on May 11.

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Our patients are attended by EMS certified personnel at all times.

Rotarians enjoy performance

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Chacon, Elena Molinar, Miranda Salmon, Dulce Rodriguez, Casey Couch, and Alexis Buecher.

Valentine Day's Speakers were Aracely Martinez, Crystal Bartlett and Daniel Molinar and they set up selections. Each child brought with them a few props that were used along with their songs. One was a poster board human skeleton that moved.

This was held up as the children sang Ezekiel's "Dry Bones." After the number was completed, Ms. Burks asked the correct name of each major bone in the body,

and the children eagerly answered. This demonstrated how the information taught in regular classes can be re-enforced with the music.

Rotarians were impressed with how well behaved these youngsters were, how well they sang, and how enthusiastically they took part in the program.

It was obvious that the group enjoyed what they were doing. Congratulations to Ms. Burks, Ms. Bowlin, Mrs. LaMascus, Principal Renken, and Superintendent Stephenson, and the 3rd grade class.

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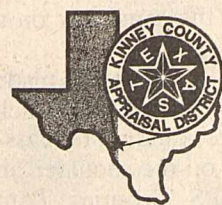
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United Daughters of the Confederacy

The Albert Sidney Johnson Chapter #2060, United Daughters of the Confederacy, met at Ft. Sam Houston's Officers Club on Thursday, March 22.

Theresa Gold, program chairman, introduced "Show and Tell" by showing replicas of some Confederate coins. Norm Hawkinson, a naturalized citizen from Sweden, showed an actual Confederate \$500 bill which was in excellent condition.

Some of the other treasures shown were a copy of a Spanish Land Grant setting aside several acres of land in the historic San Antonio area for a cemetery, of which four acres now belong to the UDC; a 1918 edition of the book "The Confederate Soldier in the Civil War," an actual Confed-

erate Battle Flag, an article written by a member's ancestor who saw Custer killed at Little Big Horn and an out-of-print copy of "My General" by Ronnie Hatfield.

Members were reminded of upcoming events such as the marker dedication ceremony for Dorothy Pennino's great grandfather at the Masonic Cemetery at Eagle Lake on March 31, pilgrimage to the Alamo on April 23, a visit by the Texas Division President Deena Dark on May 5-6, and Jefferson Davis Luncheon on June 2nd.

Area members attending were Edith Frazell from Batesville, Priscilla Montgomery from Tarpley, Louise Stone and Pat McKelvy from Brackettville.

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¿Debo solicitarla cada año?

Por lo general, si su propiedad ya recibe una valoración productiva agrícola o maderero, no hay necesidad de pedir una nueva cada año—al menos que se lo pida su jefe de valoraciones. Si una solicitud nueva se requiere, el distrito de valoraciones le mandará un aviso por correo.

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UIL meet, Science Fair successful J.H. girls track places first

Making A Difference
By Taylor Stephenson

Fort Clark's Annual Meeting will be held this Saturday. Friday night, you'll be able to hear the Voices of Fort Clark while attending the Old Quarry Society's annual variety show. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall. The Annual Meeting is an exciting event as new board members are announced and the board reorganizes for the next year. The member barbecue is good and is fun. Fort Clark Springs is a vital part of our community. Good luck to all in this endeavor.

Our Winter Texans have begun to leave Fort Clark for their summer homes. They enrich our community and add to our churches, golf clubs, social life and economic base. These folks have lots of fun while enjoying the beautiful weather and hospitality of Kinney County, Texas. Thank you for what you do for the community.

The University Interscholastic League meeting in Brackettville was a success. Cindy Brandt coordinates UIL for the secondary schools. It's tough to get more than 200 students and their academic

Tigers do well at Uvalde meet

By Walt Brock
Contributing Writer

The Tigers did a great job at the Uvalde Invitational Track Meet last Saturday. The sprint relay team (Jared Hobbs, Eliot Stone, Raymond Gomez, and Damian Toms) took the silver with their fastest time of the season 44.71.

The mile relay team took 4th place with two alternates, Tito Hidalgo, Lee Davis, Raymond Gomez, and Damian Toms. Taking the gold in the Big Man relay were Doug Sanchez, Mike Young, Jason Smith, and J.P. Pineda.

Levi Duncan took 5th place in the 110 HH with a time of 17.12. Thomas Crow took 5th in the 800m and 2nd in the 3200m. Eliot Stone placed 4th in the 100m with a time of 11.30. Damian Toms

coaches to the right places at the right time. Our secondary staff did a fine job supporting the competition in Brackettville. Maxine Bonner coordinates elementary UIL and its competition at Natalia. The elementary staff works to teach our students the skills needed to compete.

The BHS Science Fair was the best since I've been in Brackettville. Karen Crumley coordinates this effort. She worked long and hard to make it a good competition. The student projects were well done. There was more participation this year than ever before. We had to display elementary projects in the Hall of the 5th and 6th grade building. Secondary projects were in the school library. Thanks to Mrs. Crumley and to the teachers who worked hard with their individual students to get the job done well.

There is a nice display of art work in the library done by the Art History Classes taught by Kathy Bader. Take the time to come to visit the exhibit.

Last Saturday, the BHS Colorguard captains and sponsor, Sandi Maxwell, traveled to Uvalde for the Annual Cactus Jack

took the gold in the 400m with a time of 50.38. Toms also took 5th place in the triple jump (40'7.5") and 3rd in the long jump (20'5.5"). Raymond Gomez placed 4th in the 200m and Tito Hidalgo placed 6th. Lee Davis placed 3rd in the high jump clearing 5'8". In the Junior Varsity Division, Terrell Freeman took 5th place in the long jump with a distance of 18'2". Mike Young placed 3rd in the triple jump and the J.V. mile relay team took 5th place (Greg Gonzales, Mike Young, Star Smith, and J.P. Pineda).

The Tiger Track Team is doing a great job this season and will be having their last meet before the district meet this Saturday at Jouranton. The Tigers would appreciate your support.

Colorguard Classic. Sponsored by Texas Educational Colorguard Association (TECA), all Colorguard units performed in dance, flags, props tied to a theme and performed on the gym floor. Our BHS unit learned new techniques while hoping to join TECA and to compete in the near future.

The school board election scheduled for May 5 has seven candidates for three positions. Early voting begins April 18 in the Central Administrative Office. Maintaining excellence in schools is vital in Brackettville. We have fine teachers and students. The schools have high ranks. Help us continue to have great schools by electing a board that will work together for our kids. Learn about the candidates. Take the time to vote. Have a great week!

Junior high boys run well in Rocksprings

The junior high boys track team placed well at the Rocksprings track meet. Overall, 24 places were given to the Tigers.

Evaristo Villareal placed 5th in the 800m and 6th in the 1600m. Tres Rueda placed 1st in the 300 IH with a time of 48.96, 3rd in the high jump (4'10"), and 4th in the 110 HH. Ryan Moore placed 3rd in the 110 HH and 6th in the 300 IH. Rolando Ortiz placed 6th in the 110 HH. Clyde Adams placed 1st

Changes that could increase drug use in children

(ARA) - Just months ago he was the master of his universe, the envy of his younger schoolmates, so confident now that he was finally at the top of the elementary school totem pole. But that was then — this is now. Now, the same child who thought he knew it all is learning his way around a new school, mixing with older kids, facing puberty, and, most likely, confronting decisions about drug use for the first time.

The truth is when kids make the leap from elementary school to junior high, their exposure to drugs increases dramatically. Recent studies show that one in 13 sixth graders have smoked marijuana. That figure jumps to an even more alarming one in five by the seventh grade — an increase of nearly 300 percent.

What does this mean for parents of budding teens? Many parents have had "the talk" with their children. Others have yet to discuss the dangers of drugs with their child. Do it now. As parents, you do make a difference in your child's decision about whether to use drugs. Love, trust and recur-

The Junior High girls placed 1st at the Track Meet in Rocksprings on March 22nd.

In the 100 meter, Vanessa Williams - 1st, Davina Pena - 2nd, and Dana Bonner - 6th. In the 200 meter, Vanessa Williams - 1st, Dana Bonner - 3rd, Timmeka Simmons - 5th. In the 400 meter, Rachael Swinson - 1st, and Davina Pena - 3rd.

In the 800 meter, Blair Lambert - 5th, Tanya Molinar - 7th. In the 1600 meter, Juliann Ashabranner - 2nd, Jessi Crane - 5th, and in 2400 Meter, Juliann Ashabranner - 1st, Jessi Crane - 6th, and Clarissa Aguirre - 7th.

Timmeka Simmons, Stephanie Bonner, Dana Bonner, and Ashley Castillo placed 3rd in the 400 Relay. Timmeka Simmons, Rachael Swinson, Courtney Frerich, and

Ashley Castillo placed 1st in the 800 Relay. In the 1600 Relay, Davina Pena, Rachael Swinson, Ashley Castillo, Vanessa Williams placed 1st.

In the 100 Meter Hurdles, Stephanie Bonner placed 1st, and Courtney Frerich placed 2nd. In the 300 Meter Hurdles, Courtney Frerich placed 2nd and Stephanie Bonner placed 4th.

In the High Jump, Courtney Frerich - 1st, Stephanie Bonner - 2nd, and Ashley Castillo - 5th. In the Triple Jump event, Vanessa Williams - 2nd, Davina Pena - 5th, Timmeka Simmons - 6th, and in the Long Jump event, Vanessa Williams placed 5th.

Tye Taylor placed 2nd in Shot Put. In the Discus, Tye Taylor placed 1st and Shanae Simmons placed 4th.

overall in the 100m dash with a time of 12.57 and 3rd in the 200m. Tillman Davis placed 5th in the 100m and 6th in the triple jump. Kody Yeager placed 4th in the 400m and 2nd in the triple jump with 31'4".

Brand Wylie placed 6th in the 400m and 3rd in the triple jump. Noe Talamantes placed 1st in the 200m. Overall, Mark Kesteloot scored the most points with 30. Kesteloot placed 1st in the 400m

with a time of 56.06, he also placed 2nd in the shot and discus (119'). Mark Kesteloot, Kody Yeager, Brand Wylie and Noe Talamantes placed 2nd in the 4x400m relay. Travis Nowlin, Whitney Massingill, and Miles Brasicke gave great efforts in their events. The junior high track team has done a great job and plan on making a run for the district title at Dilley this Friday. They would appreciate your support.

Teacher health insurance plan

Austin - Lt. Governor Bill Ratliff said he expected that the Senate would be able to come up with a plan to provide some state funding for health insurance for teachers and school employees.

"I think we will pass a teacher health plan, put it in place, and then we will determine how much money we can put into it," Ratliff said. "And the balance will be the responsibility of the school districts and/or the teachers and the school employees."

Teachers' groups have called for an insurance plan similar to what state employees receive, with individual coverage provided at no cost and dependent coverage provided at half cost. Teachers have testified before committees that even in some school districts where insurance is available, the premiums are often too high for them to afford.

Budget constraints would make 100 percent funding impossible, Ratliff said, but teachers would still benefit from a statewide plan that at least would make coverage more affordable.

"Simply by putting it in place, we accomplish a great deal for these school districts that either have plans that are very expensive or they don't have any plan at all because they simply can't get an insurance company to write it," Ratliff said.

Ratliff said the dilemma facing the Senate Finance Committee, which writes the General Appropriations Bill, is that money dedicated to funding insurance is also money that would have gone to schools for other purposes.

Although the 77th Regular Session of the Legislature has reached the halfway point, Ratliff said there is still enough time left to craft an insurance funding plan.

Ratliff spoke with reporters about several high-profile issues, including proposals to simplify the Medicaid enrollment process.

Ratliff said he supports the idea, but added that, as with many proposals in the Legislature this session, the budget will be the deciding factor.

"There are a number of things that can be done, all of which could be classified as 'simplification,'" Ratliff said.

Ratliff said he has meetings scheduled with members of the Senate, including Finance Committee Chair Rodney Ellis of Houston, to try to determine what can be done within the budget.

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Brackett ISD Activity Calendar

Thursday, March 29
HS UIL @ Brackett, Staff Development/Student Holiday/Host UIL

Friday, March 30
7:00 PM V Baseball Dist. Natalia (H), Elem. UIL @ Natalia, Girls Softbl JV/V Dist. Pettus (A) 5/7:00 PM, Tennis Knippa, Track JH Dist. @ Dilley

Saturday, March 31
Track VG/JVB/VB, Jouranton

Monday, April 2
10:00 AM Boy's Golf, Place: District-Brackett, 10:00 AM Girl's Golf, Place: District-Brackett, 4:30 PM Girls Softbl JV Eagle Pass 9th (A)

Tuesday, April 3
4:00 PM V Baseball Dist. Dilley (A), 7:00 PM Girls Softbl V Dist. Three Rivers (A)

Wednesday, April 4
Tennis Dist. Uvalde

Tigerettes place fourth

The High School Girls Track Team won 4th place in the Uvalde Track Meet on Saturday, March 24. In the 3200 meter, Lacey Dodson placed 6th and Nicole Mata placed 7th. Queta Garza, Melinda Villareal, Stacy Castilla and Carissa De Los Santos earned 5th in the 400 Relay. Stephanie Coronado won 5th in the 800 meter. Melinda Villareal won 1st place in the 100 meter. In the 400 meter, Stephanie Coronado earned 3rd place and Sarah Meyer earned 5th. Celeste Hill placed 3rd, Ashley Smith 5th and Tammy Smith 7th in the 300 Hurdles event. In the 200 meter, Stacy Castilla placed 3rd and Queta Garza came in 5th. Carissa De Los Santos, Stephanie Coronado, Celeste Hill and Melinda Villareal placed 5th in the 1600 Relay event. In the 800 Relay, Queta Garza, Sarah Meyer, Stacy Castilla and Carissa De Los Santos placed 5th.

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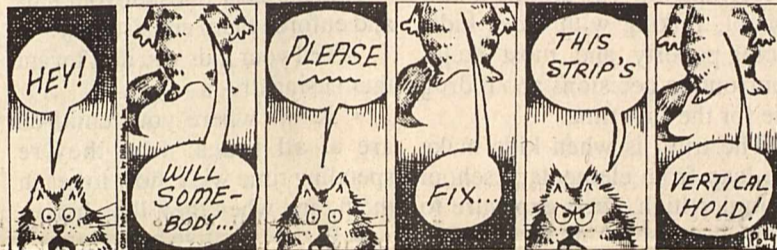
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ACROSS	33 Stone-ware: Fr.	DOWN	32 Overhead region
1 Hop	37 One who made the news on April 14, 1865	1 Pokes	33 Bridge expert
5 Castro, for one	41 Heights: abbr.	2 Part of the eye	34 Animal's color
10 Unconscious state	42 Put down	3 Fix	35 Suffix for major or cigar
14 Rosary prayers	43 Furious	4 Chi's follower	36 Cast off
15 One-___; in direct, personal confrontation	44 Half of MCII	5 ___ off; became less angry	38 Laid up
16 Norway's patron saint	45 Roused	6 Deprives of personnel	39 Opposite of priestly
17 20th-century dictator	47 Unable to escape	7 Tied	40 Skimpy outfit
20 Depressed	51 Deformed one	8 Response: abbr.	44 Textile worker
21 President Arthur's middle name	53 Humiliates	9 Tree house?	45 Eroder
22 Little-known facts	55 Make	10 Infant's bane	46 Sleeping
23 Combines	56 Specter's greeting	11 Item on a relish tray	47 ___ as all outdoors
25 Blue expanse	59 Popular actress	12 Obsession	48 Scottish clan chief
26 Uncouth people	62 Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright	13 Of birds	49 Large boat
29 Beast of burden	63 Telegrams	18 Candle ingredient	50 7th word in America, the Beautiful
31 A Bell for ___	64 Like hand-me-downs	19 Golds: Sp.	52 Prefix for active or grade
32 Enjoy an outdoor activity	65 Late actor Will	23 Wedding announcements	54 Cutting implements
	66 Croquet or cricket	24 Benefit	56 Foundation
	67 White House resident (1945-53)	26 Royal title	57 Individuals
		27 Singer Billy	58 Likelihood
		28 That's money	60 Drink slowly
		30 Family member, for short	61 Warship, for short

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

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ASTROSCOPES
 by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
 You begin the week with a bit of a defensive attitude. Try harder to get along with co-workers. You won't regret it in the long run.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
 An off-the-cuff remark has you fuming. Don't harbor this resentment silently. Let the person know how you feel.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
 You'll have a tendency this week to pick on someone who gets on your nerves. Once you realize what you're doing, you'll be able to put an end to this destructive behavior. This weekend, your social life picks up.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
 Some are lucky where contests or lotteries are concerned. In general, it's a good, productive week. Over the weekend, pay attention to others' feelings.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
 Your wanderlust comes to the fore this week. If possible, give into it and go on a little adventure. Work can be put aside for a bit.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
 You're a good listener, and those skills come into play this week. Someone close to you needs a shoulder to cry on. However, resist the impulse to give advice.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
 You manage a work crisis quite adeptly. By midweek, it's as if nothing happened and your routine is solid. Over the weekend, shopping is favored.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
 You'll be surprised when a normally submissive person gives you some trouble. However, it's about time this person spoke up. You've had a tendency to take advantage.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
 A child's astute observations take you by surprise. A midweek work assignment finds you burning the midnight oil. Later, take some time just to pamper yourself.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
 The best approach to a work situation is to use your formidable charm. You'll be able to win everyone over. Later in the week, pay close attention to details.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
 This isn't the time to be reckless with the family's finances. Instead, be sure you're sticking to that budget. This weekend, family harmony reigns.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
 You're wise to stay out of the fray at work. You don't really have a stake in what's going on. This weekend, your mate has a romantic surprise in store for you.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

Trivia Time by Walter Branch

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6. What type of phones did millionaire H.L. Hunt reserve for guests at his Dallas mansion?
7. What kind of beans are dropped into Sambuca?
8. What article of clothing did Greece's military junta ban in 1967?
9. What screen monster actor once admitted he was afraid of mice?
10. What president established the Green Berets?

Trivia Time Answers
 1. "Hamlet"; 2. Science fiction; 3. The Orient Express; 4. Samuel Goldwyn; 5. Imelda Marcos; 6. Pay phones; 7. Coffee beans; 8. Mini skirts; 9. Boris Karloff; 10. John F. Kennedy
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Mar. 29.....Melody Barrett	Apr. 1.....Tanya Frerich
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Apr. 1.....Dolores Francel	Apr. 3.....Greg Abrigo
Apr. 1.....Debra Frerich	Apr. 4.....Stella Guajardo
Apr. 1.....Denise Frerich	Apr. 4.....Richard Schafer

Roaring Twenties Solution:

1. Apple	11. Malt
2. Banana	12. Nachos
3. Candy bar	13. Orange
4. Cookie	14. Peanut
5. Crackers	15. Popcorn
6. Cupcake	16. Potato chips
7. Donut	17. Pretzels
8. Hot dog	18. Pudding
9. Ice cream	19. Raisins
10. Juice	20. Yogurt

Judging others is a form of hypocrisy

Which train will you be boarding? Help comes from the Lord

Gateway Ministries
Pastor Charolette Corey

God has a word for people who honor him with their lips and not also with their heart.... "Hypocrites!" If you judge others in even one thing and do not judge your own heart in all things, you have just become one of those people whom God, himself, calls a hypocrite.

Often it is easy to sit back in your own easy chair and judge others. It is easy to judge their cleanliness, their lack of following what you consider to be traditional or acceptable habits, yet, Jesus was more concerned about inner purity. (Matthew 15:1-19) Jesus was more concerned with what polluted the inside of a person... evil words that come from an evil heart, thoughts of murder, adultery and all sexual immorality, theft, lying and slander.

What we say and do each day are of more importance to the heart of God than man's traditions. Tradition, if not God commanded, can become shackles and chains to people. Some people, without realizing it, put other people in those chains. Spiritual slavery is just as bad as physical slavery. Slavery of the soul includes slavery of the mind, slavery of the will, and slavery of the emotions...all of which God has sent his only begotten son, Jesus Christ, to set people free. This includes you!

If you have been in the category of judging others, then repent and turn them over to God. Pray for them daily. Use kindness, mercy and unconditional love to influence them.

Let them see the evidence in your own life.

If you are one of the people who have been being manipulated, then rejoice, for your redeemer has come.

Jesus Christ has redeemed you from the curse of the law.

Forgive those who have offended you and let God deal with them, thus setting you free to listen to the direction of God's Holy Spirit.

Don't be a hypocrite. It is God's will for everyone to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness. Everything else God can and will take care of himself.

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

Lent: a time for cleansing

St. Mary Magdalene Church
By Lynn McNew

As I began to write my article this week, I really didn't seem to be inspired to write about anything in particular. My daughter was bathing the baby at the time and she said, "Write about taking a bath." At first I thought it was a silly idea, but then I began to think about bathing and being cleansed.

Taking a bath or shower is something most of us probably never think about—unless we are a ten year old boy or in a cast and unable to bathe. It is something we do frequently and go on with our lives. However, magazines, especially ladies' magazines, seem to have many articles on the relaxing, healing affects of a bath; and also, advertise many products to make this experience more enjoyable. I have to admit I enjoy a long relaxing soak in the tub from time to time. My spirit, as well as my body, seems to be cleansed and I come away with a new, fresh feeling.

When we receive the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed from the stain of original sin. On Easter, we frequently have new members of the Church baptized and at that time we renew our Baptismal vows. I always enjoy this ritual, as it not only brings new family mem-

Frontier Baptist Church
By Dave Crowe

Early last Friday morning, I received word, that yet another one of my friends had shed his earthly body and had caught the glory train and was bound for heaven.

Glory hallelujah! Praise the Lord! This is great news. This is an occasion for jubilation and celebration.

Of course, we are going to miss him everyday until we are reunited in glory.

Are you/will you be ready to

catch your train, if it comes tomorrow? You have a free ticket to ride the train of your choice.

When God gave you your life, you began your journey down to the train station. For some, it was a short walk, for others, it's a long road.

When you get there, your final destination is, and always has been, of your own choosing. Trains leave from there everyday. Some are glory bound, but most are bound straight for hell.

Which train are you boarding? This is a no brainer, right? No contest here! Yeah! That's what I think too. But, why are so many people opting for the low road?

Can anyone in their right minds, really want to go to hell, when going to heaven is so easy?

The Holy Bible says that, "the road to hell is wide, heavily traveled, with a wide gate and the road to heaven is narrow, hard to find and has a narrow gate."

What separates us from God is that three letter word 'sin.'

The bad news is, that no matter how hard you may try, you cannot live a sin-free life.

The good news is, that you can and must be, forgiven of your sins.

It's so easy. All you have to do is ask God. Pray to him and your sins can, and will be washed clean. You will be glory bound. Don't miss your train home.

Have questions? Need help? Page me toll-free 888-745-6914 while you still have the luxury of time.

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

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills. From whence cometh my help? My help cometh from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; he who keepeth thee will not slumber.

Be hold, he who keepeth Israel shall neither, slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper; the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore. Psalms 121.

God doesn't use a clock to tell time

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

Twice each year, I go to prison at the Torres Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in Hondo, TX - once in the Spring and once in the Fall. This prison ministry is named Kairos, from a New Testament Greek word which, roughly translated, means God's time. It is not the time of chronology, but the time in which things happen without regard to the clock or to the planning of humanity. It is a time in which we give ourselves over to God's timetable and God's will, giving up our own.

Just Saturday morning (the 24th of March) I was reminded once again that God is in control and I am not! While in the Post Office to pick up the church's mail, I stopped at the bulletin board as I usually do. There, in large bold print, I read of the funeral plans for Tom McLish. I was so taken aback that I just stood very still and stared. I realized later that I spoke aloud my inner thoughts,

"It can't be! I was just with him!" I had visited with Tom and Sybil on Thursday morning at Retama Nursing Home, where Tom was undergoing some rehabilitation. When I got there, Tom was taking some physical therapy, lifting his arms to strengthen them. He smiled and spoke to me of his friends here in Brackettville, asking me to thank them for their prayers and good wishes. He looked better than I had seen him since I met him and Sybil at Val Verde Regional Medical Center over a month ago. Then he looked near death, on Thursday he looked well on his way to recovery. Now he is gone! I had begun to believe that God had provided a healing miracle for Tom, now I know that it was a miracle I had planned without consulting God. On Friday, God took Tom to be eternally with the saints, a miracle God offers to all of God's children.

Nursing home/hospital ministry and prison ministry (and ministry to all the world for that matter) are not ministries we plan for God, but with God. They are not ministries we cre-

ate but to which we are called. We, who call ourselves Christian, are not the means of bringing health to the ill or salvation to the sinner. We are but the instruments by which God reveals God's self to those who do not yet know God and God's power over all things worldly. We do not save souls, we are but the conduit by which God shows God's love to those who feel unloved. In God's time and in God's own way, we all partici-

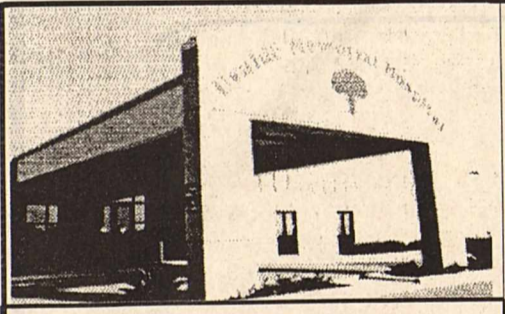
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Emergency Department
830-278-6251

Hyperbaric Center
(Wound-Care Therapy)
830-278-6251, Ext. 1377

Rehabilitation
Occupational, Physical & Speech Therapy
830-278-6251, Ext. 1310

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SW COLORADO. 10 acres - \$39,900; 45 acres - 79,900, B.L.M. land 3 sides. Great building sites, big trees and great access surrounded by majestic mountains.

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A BABY TO adopt - Two adoring parents, education, large family get-togethers and a safe stable future.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

OWN A COMPUTER? Put it to work! Up to \$25-\$75/hour, part-time/full-time. 1-800-835-0301.

\$1500 A MONTH part-time, \$4,500-\$7,200 full time. Work in home international company needs supervisors and assistants.

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ATTENTION! 29 PEOPLE needed. Work from home, part-time or full-time. \$25-\$75 per hour. Mail Order, will train. Call toll free.

MEDICAL BILLING - RECESSION proof industry. Unlimited income potential. Investment from \$2,495. Financing available.

CATTLE SALE

ROCKIN W POLLED Herefords - Texas bonanza polled hereford sale Saturday, March 31, Schulenburg, Texas. 100 head of polled Herefords sell bulls, cow-calf pairs, show heifers.

DRIVER TRAINING

COMPANY PAID CDL training & first year income \$35K - Stevens Transport - OTR drivers wanted! Non-experienced or experienced.

A \$35,000 PER YEAR career! CRST needs driver trainees. 15 day CDL training. Housing/meals included.

DRIVER - INEXPERIENCED? LEARN to be an OTR professional from a top carrier. Great pay, executive-style benefits and conventional equipment.

DRIVERS WANTED

DRIVER - OWNER-OPERATORS and company drivers - call now! Great pay and benefits! High weekly miles. West Coast lanes, trucks governed at 68 mph!

DRIVER - IT PAYS to start with us. Call SRT today 1-877-244-7293 or 1-877-BIG-PAYDAY. *Great pay *Paid weekly *Excellent benefits

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DRIVER: COVENANT TRANSPORT: No CDL - No problem 1-800-806-5549 * Teams start up to 46 cpm *Owner Operators/Solos .83 cpm

Answer to Crossword Puzzle

Grid of crossword puzzle answers: JUMP, CUBAN, COMA, AVES, NONE, OLAV, BENITO, MUSSOLINI, SAID, ALAN, TRIVIA, BLENDS, OCEAN, RIBALDS, ASS, ADANO, SKI, GRES, JOHN, WILKES, BOOTH, ALTS, LAY, IRATE, DLT, WAKENED, ATBAY, CRETIN, SHAMES, EARN, BOO, BARBARA, STREISAND, INGE, WIRES, USED, GEER, SPORT, BESS

DRIVERS WANTED

DRIVER - OWNER/OPERATOR average \$1.13 cpm in five state area running AR, TX, OK, LA, NM. We need 39 trucks to cover current obligation.

DRIVERS - 43 CPM, top miles, quality hometime, 90% no touch, assigned conventionals. Tuition reimbursement available for inexperienced drivers.

DRIVERS AND OWNER/operators wanted for various runs! CDL training available! Tuition reimbursement up to \$5,000.

DRIVERS - CFI HIRING OTR drivers. Company/student/owner operators. Company with one year experience start at \$.32 cpm.

DRIVERS GET REAL! Real pay, real miles, real people. 2-hour approval. Company paid medical for driver.

DRIVERS NEEDED! LOOK get your CDL and a great job! No money out of your pocket, if qualified.

DRIVERS: NORTH AMERICAN Van Lines has openings in logistics, relocation, blanket wrap and flatbed fleets.

DRIVERS: OWNER/OPERATORS. Fleetwood Transportation is now leasing. Great lease package, we can help keep you loaded.

DRIVERS: REGIONAL RUNS (70% Texas), \$600-\$800 weekly and benefits, more home time.

DRIVERS - SEEKING PROFESSIONAL flatbed fleet drivers. Over-The-Road fleet drivers looking to increase their profitability?

DRIVERS: SOLOS UP to .45 cpm, teams up to .41cpm. Contractors .81 all miles. Lease options available (no money down).

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OTR DRIVERS - MARTEN Transport, LTD. can pay you with 1 year plus experience, .33cpm.

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HOMES FOR SALE

HOME LOCATED ON Las Moras creek in the Oaks. 4/3/2, 2215 sq. ft. living, 9 ft. ceilings, isolated master bdrm, sprinkler system.

1999 PALM HARBOR home 3/2. New G.E. appliances, improvements. Setting on 3 lots, (3rd lot optional) at F.C.S. unit 27.

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REAL ESTATE

PRICED TO SELL - attractive corner lot at Warrior and Pompey, Fort Clark Springs. Call 563-2642.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS of proposed Texas Highway improvement contracts. Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date (s) shown below.

State Office Construction Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, Texas 78704. Phone: 512-416-2540.

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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2 bed 2 bath mobile home, excellently maintained inside and out.

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In Brackettville, 2 bed, 1 bath fixer upper.

Also available golf course lots, R V spaces.

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WANTED

WE BUY ALUMINUM cans .30 lb. Batteries .75 ea. Also old cars with titles. 563-9970.

God's clock tells a different time than ours

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pate in the kingdom, whether we know it or not, whether we cooperate or not.

judged a goat, inheriting eternal death. We are called, if we will answer, to be God's presence to the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick and the imprisoned - the least of these our brothers and sisters in this world, Today! Not tomorrow, but Today!

Join us Sunday at First United Methodist Church at 10:45 am (the 8:00 am service will not be held because the pastor is in Hondo) as we seek to hear God's will God's time (by the way, God also speaks God's will at times other than during church services, do you listen at those other times?)

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