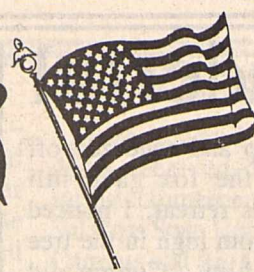


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Class of 2001**
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Graduates: Don't Drink and Drive! Pre-schoolers graduate



A message from Kinney County Law Enforcement, Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department, and Kinney County EMS: Hey Brackettville High School Graduates... if you plan on drinking and driving, we'll wait up for you!

Improvements made to elementary playground

On Friday, May 18, volunteers, students and teachers met at the Jones Elementary playground to dedicate their newly refurbished equipment.

In addition to the repairs, a new pavilion was added at the playground, and was dedicated to Maria DeLeon, a 6th grade student who lost her life in a recent car accident. A plaque was mounted on the pavilion which reads, "In memory of Maria DeLeon, May 2001, An angel to watch over the children."

Volunteers have been meeting on Saturdays to complete the project. All existing playground equipment was sanded and repainted, the swings were fixed, new tetherballs were put on the existing poles and park benches were added to the playground. Also, kindergarten students planted eight trees.

The playground improvement project was funded by a grant awarded in January of this year. Christina Sifuentes, kindergarten teacher at Jones Elementary, wrote the grant called, "Play it Safe." She helped plan the project, and also participated.

The total cost of the project was approximately \$4,800. In addition to the money provided by the grant, the school and Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), along with students, had fundraisers to fund the rest of the project.

The completion of this project proves the PTO motto, "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."

The adults who worked on the playground are Arnulfo Alonzo, Robert Maxwell, Sammie Duncan, Sylvia and Phil Donaldson, Jill Duncan, Cathy Calk, Paula and Tom Renken,

Candace and Dennis O'Neill, Doris and Bill Cronin, Ann and Johnny Couch.

The children and teens who helped are Krystal Sifuentes, Cullen, Jacque and Levi Duncan, Courtney Frerich, Juliann Ashabranner, Jeff Tipps, Lauren Duncan, Justin, Emily and Brian Calk, Josh O'Neill, Casey Couch, and Megan Cronin.

The people who helped in other ways are PTO officers Ann Couch, Doris Cronin and Candace O'Neill who worked with Ms. Sifuentes to plan the project, purchased items needed and put the plan into action; David Luna, David Martinez and his crew provided and put in the fill dirt, Tim Ward donated the topsoil, Richard Terrazas has spent extra hours watering the trees and grass and Les Meyer provided storage and tools.

One family serving many families

In a day of "mega-this" and "warehouse-that," it is refreshing to find a business enterprise that still holds on to the traditions and values that has made it so successful. One looks for a business that prides itself on really getting to know its customers on a one-to-one basis. Super S Foods, an independent Texas family owned chain of supermarkets, is one such business. That independence motivates the company to become more involved in the communities it serves and to touch the lives of its customers in positive ways. Super S Foods has never lost sight of the fact that customers always come first in everything they do.

This year, Super S will award over \$46,000 in academic scholarships to high school graduates in towns with Super S Foods stores. These scholarships will help students to continue their education in various colleges and universities this fall. In the program's eight years, Super S Foods has provided over \$400,000 in scholarship funds.

Super S Foods congratulates Albert Lattimer of Brackett High School, one of the recipients of the 2001 Super S Foods \$1000 scholarship award. Albert will be attending Texas State Technical College this fall.

Scholarship recipients are chosen by their school principal based upon the student's outstanding scholastic achievements.

"This is an exciting time of year," Mr. John Dieterle, President of Super S Foods said. "Our scholarship awards program is just one of the many ways we help support the communities we serve, and I can think of no better way to reinvest our funds than by helping further the education of our youth."

Ernesto Contreras, Manager of Super S Foods in Brackettville, adds his congratulations.

"This is what being a local, independent grocery store is all about," Contreras said. "We can really make a difference in the lives of people in our community. It's important for us to be involved. I wish Albert the best of luck and success."

Community involvement is one of the hallmarks of Super S Foods success. Many times, it is done "behind the scenes" and away from public view. The store is a reflection of it's community, a mirror of it's customer's values.

"We're here every day, doing business and bringing fresh meats, produce and personalized service in towns where the large stores have chosen to ignore because it's not profitable enough for them," Contreras says. "There's something to be said for doing business with a friend. We're all neighbors here. We know each other. We're on a first-name basis and that's something that the flash and dazzle of mega-stores can't begin to match."

Super S Foods Team Members take pride in their work. Many have been with the company for 10, 15 or more years and are the first to acknowledge that customer service combined with top quality meats and fresh produce is the key to success. "Their personalized service conveys the message that Super S Foods really cares who you are, what you want, and that you're totally satisfied every time you shop their stores," said David McBurnett, Senior Vice President. Customers are always treated with honesty, integrity and offered the best value for their money. The company's community commitment stems from the fact that Team Members are a part of every community we serve.

"It's folks like Ernesto and his Team Members who provide exceptional service and build the customer loyalty that have been the driving force behind our success," says David McBurnett.

McBurnett praises all the Super S Team Members for making certain that the company's high standards are always met, in operations as well as in the support of their local community activities.

"We provide good jobs for people in their home community and play an important role in the local economy. When you break it all down, it's a case of one family (Super S Foods) helping thousands of families, (the customers). One serving many."

Super S Foods supports children's reading programs, FFA Livestock programs, and many other educational and charitable causes. An example of their continued charitable support is their donation of over \$500,000 in the past 20 years to local FFA programs.

By Woodie Hornburg
Contributing Writer

Completion of this school year is the first educational milestone of achievement for the Brackett ISD Pre-K class of 2001.

Dressed in their white caps and gowns, fifteen four and five year-old students walked with as much dignity as they could muster, during their graduation's processional and recessional on Tuesday, May 22, at 10 am at the Brackett ISD Auditorium.

Ms. Woodie Trotter introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Paula Renken, Jones Elementary Prin-

cipal, and Elizabeth Goebel played Pomp and Circumstance on the piano as the young graduates made their way to the stage.

Recipients of diplomas were Judy Adams, McKenzie Castillo, Clarissa Cruz, Dolores Garza, Seth Graham, Anthony Martinez, David Ortega, Isauro Rivas, Ayissa Rodriguez, Ray Romero, Senise Salmon, Jose Talamantes, Clarissa Valdez, Donovan Villarreal and Gabriel Walker.

Following the ceremony, proud parents and Pre-K graduates enjoyed a barbecue at Rendezvous Park at Fort Clark.



Pictured are preschoolers in Ms. Woodie Trotter's class as they say the Pledge of Allegiance at their graduation ceremony on Tuesday.

EMS recognizes founders, members of Kinney County EMS

EMS Update
By Carolyn Rutherford

We've already been busy with EMS Week! Sunday afternoon, about 35 people of all ages showed up to help us kick off EMS Week activities.

There was a tasty menu, with Brisket cooked by Albert Payne and all the trimmings brought in by members of Kinney County EMS.

The purpose of this celebration was to recognize the founders and current members of Kinney County EMS.

Don Nance recalled the earliest days of EMS, when the ambulance was a hearse. The only tools our EMTs had to extricate people from wrecks were screw drivers and home made things.

Clearly, the sacrifices the original EMTs made are amazing.

Founders remembered were: Rose Mary Slubar, Rosa Baker, Joyce Hooten Fuentes, Smiley Goodloe, James and Candi Tyer, Janet Robinson Gieseke.

We recalled how the new EMS Building started as a good idea from the Commissioners at

the time: Freddie Frerich, Paul O'Rourke, Joe V. Williams, and Joe Montalvo. It was completed under Commissioners Frerich, Montalvo, Williams, and Melancon.

The facility, all agree, is truly a blessing, since it is shared whenever possible with the public for a meeting place.

Current EMS members were also recognized, starting with the most senior to the newest members.

Each member received a service pin for the number of years and a member pin.

Also recognized were the volunteer drivers (received membership pins).

Community Service plaques were awarded to U.S. Border Patrol - Brackettville, DPS Troopers Ashley, Slubar, and Wylie, Texas Department of Transportation - Brackettville, Brackettville Independent School District, each given for exemplary service in the community to assist Kinney County EMS on emergency calls.

We were in the schools and around town all week: Monday, at the high school, we gave EMS career information and CPR and automated external defibrillator demonstrations; Tuesday, at the elementary and middle school we talked about Summer Safety; on Wednesday, a mural contest for the theme, "Making the Call"; and Thursday, May 24th, Open House at the EMS Station from 10 am-2 pm.

Our office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you need to reach us by phone, call 830-563-9090.

If you are reporting an emergency, call 9-1-1.

Our first ambulance out is staffed with a crew of at least two Texas Department of Health-certified individuals. While that unit is committed to a call, the second and third ambulances out may be staffed with one EMS certified person and a non-certified driver.

Please know that at all times our patients are attended by at least one EMS certified person. This variance is allowed by Texas Department of Health on a temporary basis until our certified personnel list meets TDH requirements.

Briefs ...

Service for veterans

American Legion Post #298, will hold a service for all veterans in Brackettville and surrounding areas, on Memorial Day May 27, 2001, 11 a.m., at Seminole Cemetery.

Potato festival

The Pearsall Potato Festival will be held in Pearsall the weekend of May 31 through June 3rd. The festival will be held at the Lions Club facilities. There will be a dance Thursday night, and on Friday night Encuentro and Masizzo, which begins at 8:00 pm, will be featured. Saturday night Prentiss Varnon will be performing at 9:00 pm. There will be live music during the day on Saturday by the County Swing Band, John Allen and more. Everyone is invited to participate in the Tator Trot 5-K Run on Saturday morning at 8:00 am. Other events scheduled are a Chuck Wagon Cook Off, Lawn Mower Races, Volleyball Tournament, Miss Pearsall Beauty Pageant, Hot Sauce Contest, Domino Tournament, Youth Rodeo, Steer Roping, Potato and French Fry cooking Contest. Call 830-334-9414 for further details on any of the upcoming events.

Weekly statistics

The following is a report of the apprehensions by Border Patrol agents assigned to the Del Rio Sector for the period May 14-20. The information is provided by station, and includes a sector total.

Abilene...24, Brackettville...388, Carrizo Springs...479, Comstock...20, Del Rio...259, Eagle Pass...757, Llano...26, Rocksprings...29, San Angelo...53, Uvalde...94, Sector Total...2,129, Other than Mexicans...136.

During the week, Border Patrol Agents with the Del Rio Station seized 784 pounds of marijuana in two incidents.

Thursday (5/17/01), agents seized 490 pounds, valued at \$392,000, while patrolling near the intersection of Qualia Drive and Riverview Lane.

Saturday (5/19/01), agents seized 294 pounds, valued at \$235,200, while patrolling approximately 1 mile down river from the Del Rio Port of Entry.

The marijuana and those apprehended were turned over to the Drug Enforcement Agency Task Force in Eagle Pass.

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Empowering Families

Janet struggled to regain control of her mind. She squeezed the coffee cup in one hand while rubbing it with the other. She was deep in thought, trying to make sense of her life.
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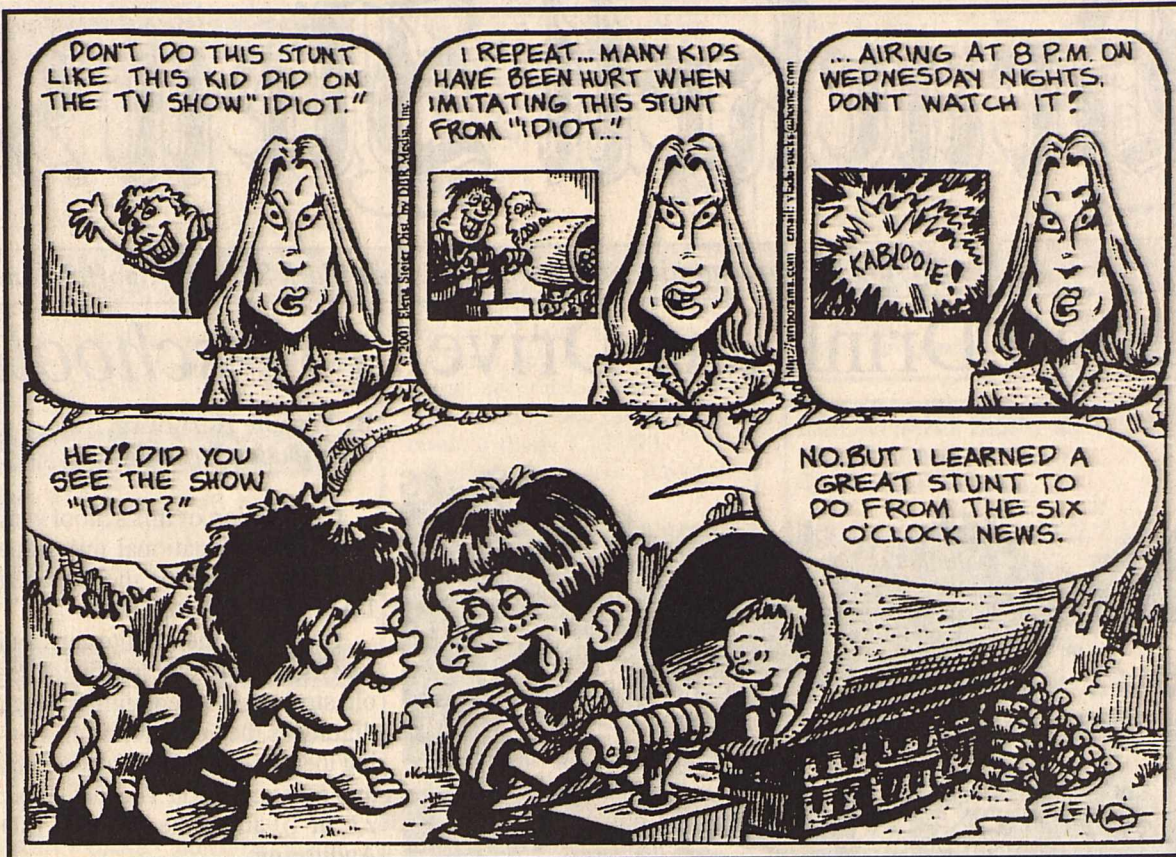
Pictured from left to right are Stephanie Bonner, Courtney Frerich and Juliann Ashabranner; in front is Shanae Simmons. The girls won 1st place in the 13-to-14 year-old girls division at the 1st Annual Youth Hoop-Fest to benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Del Rio on Sunday, May 6.

Chuck the wonderful

I could be wrong
By Chuck Hall

Lately I haven't been my usual super-intelligent self. I know this needs further explanation. One sunny afternoon after school I went to the ranch to check and feed the goats. Everything was going my way. As I approached the goats, a large fox trotted across the road. I decided to dispose of him in case he should one day get the urge to dispose of one of the young goats. I try to carry a rifle for just such occasions. I stepped out of the truck with my portable cannon and quickly scanned the brush to see if the furry creature could be found. There he was about 25 yards away in clear sight. I leaned across the toolbox on the back

of the pickup and squeezed off a shot. As the fox gave full throttle to his retreat, I noticed a limb fall from high in the tree high above him. Connie did too. "Was he up in that tree?" It wasn't a smart aleck question but a genuine one. She and I both have seen many foxes up in trees. They climb quite well. But no he wasn't up in a tree. How did I overshoot so badly? I put the gun back in the truck, called the goats up for feed and climbed into the bed of the pickup. Then I noticed the new shiny grove in the toolbox lid. I had made the classic shooters mistake. I had forgotten that the scope of a gun is higher than the barrel. Wisdom doesn't always come with age. Sometimes age comes alone. But I could be wrong.



Congratulations, Class Of 2001

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

This is such an exciting time of year. Spring is in full bloom and Summer is right around the corner. This time of year always reminds me of new beginnings. This is especially true for the students getting ready to graduate from high school.

You've all been through your "ups" and your "downs" over the past few years. It wasn't easy. Homework wasn't always fun and many times it made your head hurt: struggling to solve algebra problems, writing papers for English class and working on history projects. Like many of my classmates at South San Antonio High School, schoolwork did not come naturally to me. It was discouraging to see half of the kids in my class give up the fight and quit school. However, I believed - and continue to believe - that if you work hard and give it your all, you can do anything you want. Each of you has the power to become a doctor, a rancher, a writer, an engineer, or even a U.S. Representative.

Here in America, we have greater opportunities than any place in the world. Education provides us with endless possibilities. It opens doors we never realized existed. For example, there are many people out there who start their lives at a disadvantage. But with hard work and a dedication to their education, they can soar to new heights. I know this is true, because it happened to me.

Real life success stories begin in communities just like yours. Every day is an opportunity - an opportunity to learn and an opportunity to set new goals for yourself. You might learn how to program a computer, build a fence, speak a new language or put together an engine. Whatever you plan to do in the future, never stop thirsting for knowledge and reaching for the stars. Your efforts and success are what will keep our nation strong in the coming century.

So, for those students out there who are about to march across the stage and receive your diploma, I would like to congratulate you on a job well done. You're about to start a new chapter in your life. I wish you great luck as you set out to realize the American dream.

Congratulations and good luck, Class of 2001!

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Big Mama Sez!



It is not a bad idea to get in the habit of writing down one's thoughts. It saves one having to bother anyone else with them.

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What being sophisticated is really about

The Way I See It
By Steven R. LaMascus

I heard the other day that this country had become too sophisticated to accept ancient religious superstitions, like Christianity. And you know, they're right. Many people in this nation have become too sophisticated to accept Christianity. But that statement is true only if you are aware of what the word sophisticated actually means.

I looked it up. I am too ignorant and illiterate to know very many words, but I've got a good dictionary. One way sophisticated is defined in my Webster's is: "Not in a natural, pure, or original state: Adulterated."

Sophisticate is: "1. To alter deceptively. 2. To deprive of genuineness, naturalness or simplicity."

Sophistication is: "The process of making impure or weak."

So tell me, are you too sophisticated to accept the Gospel as the unvarnished truth it is, or are you still genuine and pure and strong?

I always hear how sophisticated the French are. I believe that also. You can see the results in their chaotic government, in the moral decadence they display to the world, in the rudeness and disingenuousness of their citizens. It is an accepted tradition for married Frenchmen to keep a mistress. Marital faithfulness is a passe tradition in France.

The socialist party is one of the strongest political parties in France, even after they wit-

nessed the debacle of Communist Russia and the inhumanity of Communist China. The French think they alone are "sophisticated" enough to make socialism work.

Big city urbanites also consider themselves sophisticated, just like they consider small town folks to be unsophisticated. Again I am forced to proudly, but sadly, agree. This assertion can be proven by looking at the big city crime rates, as compared to small town crime rates. It seems that along with this "sophistication" comes crime, immorality, anger, rudeness, vulgarity, and an abandonment of basic human hospitality. Another thing that suffers by sophistication is faith.

All the basic urbanite ever sees is the man-made chaos of concrete, traffic, thronging humanity, hurried and harried workers who exist only for the job they do, and the walls of the usually tiny fortress/apartment in which he passes the hours when he is not working in an even smaller cubicle. This breeds distrust and cynicism instead of faith and optimism. Since this person has no fellowship with nature, he is unable to understand the divine nature of creation. Since man made everything he can see, he places all his faith in man's creation and then accepts as truth the theory that modern man, through his sophistication, has discovered basic truths that original, natural, simple man was unable to understand. He has, through the process of sophistication, begun to worship the creation instead

of The Creator. His god is money; his church a high-rise office building. He has reached his goal. He has become sophisticated. And he is as spiritually lost as the lowest pagan of the Stone Age.

However, this same sophisticate will tell you that he believes in flying saucers, the Loch Ness Monster, Big Foot, and that the dead really do talk to John Edwards. He admires John Travolta for his devotion to the Church of Scientology, and de tests you for your devotion to Jesus Christ. He believes that Shirley McClain talks to spirit guides, but denies that you talk to God. He is more worried about what his sophisticated friends think about him than he is about what God (whose existence he denies) thinks of him. He believes he is enlightened while he stumbles blindly through a world of spiritual darkness.

Sophisticated? Not me! I prefer to be saved. Am I simple? I hope so. Am I genuine? I try to be. How about you? Are you sophisticated, or are you a hick? Do you believe in evolution and the Big Bang, or do you have faith in God and his promise of eternal life? Do you believe that John Edwards talks to the dead on the television, or that the Apostle Paul spoke to Jesus on the road to Damascus?

Colossians 2:8 - "See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of the world rather than on Christ."

Head to head on agriculture exports

Capitol Comment
Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Agriculture is a key element of American success in the global marketplace. The 15 member countries of the European Union represent a market with some 370 million consumers - all potential diners on U.S. beef, rice, dairy products and corn, and potential users of high quality U.S. cotton. The European Union is one of our chief trading partners, and at the same time, a competitor in world markets.

Those facts were at the center of discussions I had in April with EU Agriculture Commissioner Franz Fischler on ways to tear down trade barriers that currently impede the export of certain U.S. products to European markets.

The European Union has, over the last 10 years, imposed significant restrictions on American agricultural products, causing great harm to U.S. producers, even though in several cases the U.S. producers have been successful in fighting these bans as violations of World Trade Organization (WTO) rules.

Beef represents a case in point: In 1989 the European Union closed its markets to U.S. beef when it was alleged that American cattle were being fed growth hormones that pose a

threat to human health. The hormone charge refers to a naturally occurring, growth-promoting hormone that is scientifically proven to contribute to the production of healthy beef products. Since then the European Union has increasingly insulated its own beef industry from competition, despite the fact that in 1996, the World Trade Organization ruled that the EU had failed to make its case against U.S. beef.

In May of 1999, the EU missed the deadline for complying with the WTO panel ruling. In this country, we call that thumbing your nose, so in August, 1999 the United States imposed 100 percent tariffs on \$116.8 million worth of imports from the EU. The current crisis caused by outbreaks of "Mad Cow" disease and foot-and-mouth disease in the European Union has made it even more difficult for European consumers to put meat on their tables.

With that history in mind, I made it clear to Commissioner Fischler that trade in agriculture products will be a top U.S. priority at this year's round of WTO negotiations.

Changes we are asking the European Union to make in its agriculture policies include greater market access for U.S. products, the reduction of EU export subsidies, the reining in of state trading enterprises and

the elimination of non-tariff trade barriers.

Our discussions were extremely cordial, but I told the commissioner that the United States expects the European Union to comply with the current trade agreements (and specifically with the agreement on beef), and to make substantive progress toward opening its markets to U.S. imports. We want trade equity - and will not settle for less.

Commissioner Fischler un-

derstands that trade barriers penalize U.S. producers and European consumers alike, and we agreed to continue to work on mutually beneficial ways to open, rather than close markets. He is scheduled to arrive in Washington for a second meeting the third week in May. We hope that the constructive dialogue we started in Brussels will continue, bringing both the United States and the EU to a workable and fair trade arrangement.

The two foes of human happiness are pain and boredom.
-Arthur Schopenhauer

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Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Monday, May 14
4:20 p.m., A reckless driver was reported by the Uvalde Police Department. DPS Trooper Tom Wylie responded to the call.

Tuesday, May 15
9:30 p.m., A woman was scratched by a squirrel. Deputy Karl Chism, EMS, and a city employee were informed.

Wednesday, May 16
5:30 p.m., Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter responded to a burglary on FM road 334, 15 miles out of town.

10:49 p.m., Deputy Manuel Pena responded to a call about a six pack of beer and two packages of cigarettes stolen from a woman's house.

Friday, May 18
12:00 a.m., Jane Vega, 50, was arrested for revoked parole by Deputy Fritter. Vega is serving 30 days in Uvalde.

12:30 a.m., David Lee LaBuda, 45, from Del Rio, was arrested by Deputy Chism for a DWI warrant. LaBuda is still being held.

8:09 p.m., On FM 334, a black Chevrolet pickup went through a fence on the side of the road.

Saturday, May 19
3:00 a.m., A dispatcher from

Kinney County Constable report

Of a possible 216 Hrs. Actually worked 266.5 Hrs.

Patrol: City - County FM roads, Hwy 90 and Ft. Clark Spgs. also worked the B.I.S.D School Zone

Traffic Citations: \$4,290 worth (verbal and written warnings given as well-locals and out of town)

Collected: \$1,416.34 in outstanding traffic fines

Collected: (2) Individuals for community service they owed J.P. Court

Arrested: (1) For family violence/injury to a child

Arrested: (1) Hit and Run/DWI on assistance to DPS (Local and Del Rio)

Arrested: (2) Juveniles - Possession of control substance in drug - free zone (parents contacted/Juv's taken to Juv. Det. Ctr in Del Rio)

Arrested: (1) On a capias warrant for J.P.

Grd. Jury: (1) Presented unauthorized use of vehicle (true bill) (1) Presented child abandonment (true bill)

Child Protective Service: Child abandonment case still on going. Also, on another case: (1) Child temporarily removed from home for well being of child (case on-going)

Assisted: The drug task force on the raid conducted in Kinney County

Assisted: Traffic control on the (2) back to back fires we had in our community

Assisted: UT 16 - UT 5213 with transportation of individual to K.C.S.O

Assisted: Mostly the night deputy on duty for K.C.S.O on various calls/vehicle accidents (as needed)

Assisted: K.C.S.O on transportation

Volunteer: Security work Civic Ctr. and Ft. Clk. Spgs. Youth drug/alcohol free dances

B.I.S.D.: Worked (5) cases of

Del Rio reported a reckless driver in a black pickup. Deputy Chism responded.

10:30 a.m., A reckless driver was reported east on El Paso. Chief of Police Arnulfo Alonzo responded.

10:53 p.m., Marcelino Covarrubias, 53, from Del Rio, was arrested for DWI 1st offense by Trooper Ashley. Covarrubias posted bond the next day.

12:10 p.m., A man reported that he was owed money by his boss. Deputy Pena responded to the situation.

12:10 p.m., A woman reported a man that she did not want on her property. Deputy Chism responded.

1:00 p.m., A man reported the front tires on his van and truck were slashed. Deputy Pena responded.

5:10 p.m., Deputy Pena responded to a man driving fast on Rose Alley.

8:25 p.m., A man reported that the sign in front of a local store was knocked down by a red truck.

8:31 p.m., A woman from Val Verde Emergency Medical Center reported a patient with a dog bite. The patient was the niece of the owner of the dog. Deputy Chism

truanacy of students attendance/tardiness (List on-going still)

Civil Service: (1) Served Radar: Had radar installed in unit

Repairs: Odometer stopped working had P.O. Req. and repaired.

Vehicle Maintenance: Have had vehicle (unit) washed 3 times, wheels painted black (were different colors) grill painted black and from blue/red lights fixed. At no cost to the county, I paid for.

Office work: Resulted in keeping records and paperwork up to date. Have worked the delinquent warrant list with the following results: Del Rio individuals owe \$20,150, Uvalde \$5,041, Eagle Pass \$5,218. These three sister cities owe Kinney County approx. \$30,409. I have made contacts with the officers in these cities and an effort between the officer and myself - we will begin knocking on doors! * Special note* The other money owed Kinney County is from other towns, example: Austin, San Antonio, Dallas, Houston and many more! This total I am working on and will have to compile a list to mail to the newspaper of the areas, encouraging individuals to contact the J.P. Office for payment arrangements.

Cont. Education: Have continued my required Cont. education classes on Internet and will attend seminars in April and May. Also, continuing my personal education at S.W.T.J.C.

Summary: I have worked hard for our community these past 3 months but have truly enjoyed it. I will continue to do my best for the county, community, and the position as constable.

I have been working the Internet and other contacts in regards to grant/s. I will give you another three month report in June, 2001.

responded to the call.
11:30 p.m., A report of a dog that was taken to the city pound came back with a bump on the front of it's head. A city employee was notified.

Sunday, May 20

12:07 a.m., Joseph Espinoza, 19, from Corpus Christi, was arrested for minor in possession of alcohol and DWI 1st offense by Trooper Ashley. Espinoza was released the next day on a PR. Bond.

12:40 a.m., Luis Flores Jr., 38,

from Brackettville, was arrested by DPS Trooper Richard Slubar for a warrant and driving while license suspended. Flores posted bond the same day.

7:58 p.m., On Hwy 90 and Crockett St. a woman called to report that a woman got out of a car and a man chased her. Deputy Chism responded.

9:04 p.m., Chief of Police Alonzo responded to a report of a reckless driver in a black Jimmy, driving all over town.

Sul Ross students receive degrees

Two hundred seventeen students received degrees during spring commencement exercises at Sul Ross State University's Alpine Campus and Rio Grande College.

April Blake, of Brackettville, received her BA in Interdisciplinary Studies.

Blake was named Magna Cum Laude.

Graduation ceremonies were held Saturday, May 12, 10 a.m. in Graves-Pierce Gymnasium, Alpine, and at 7:30 p.m. at Matthews Student Center on the campus of

Southwest Texas Junior College, Uvalde.

An audience estimated at over 900 heard Mayor George Garza of Uvalde tell Rio Grande College graduates that the great lesson he had learned as a young student was "be your best."

It has guided him as he faced his challenges as a student and in business.

In life they would face many challenges, and they would fail. The shame was not in failing but in "staying failed."



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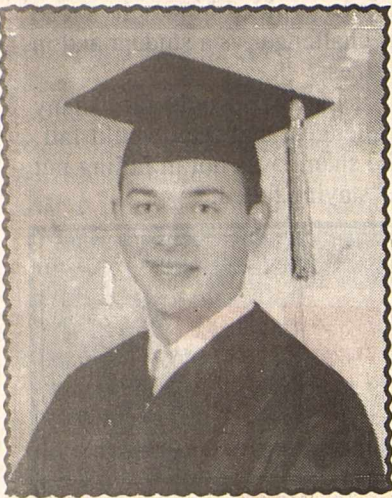
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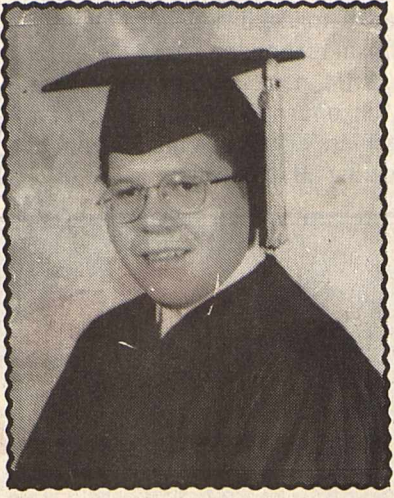
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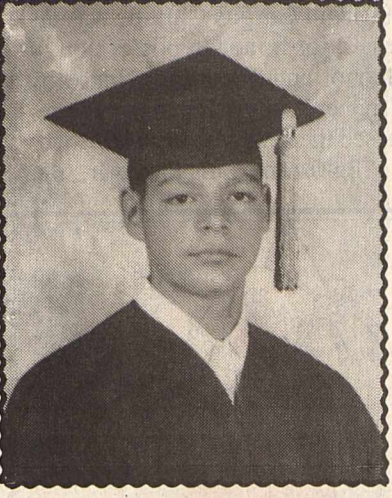
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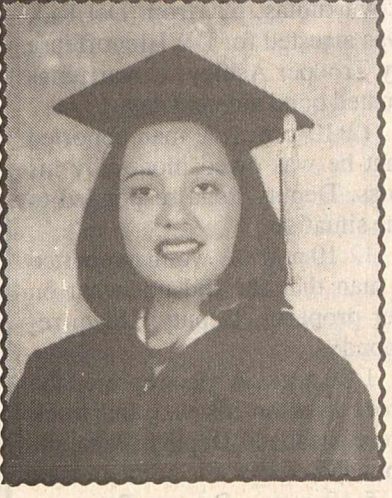
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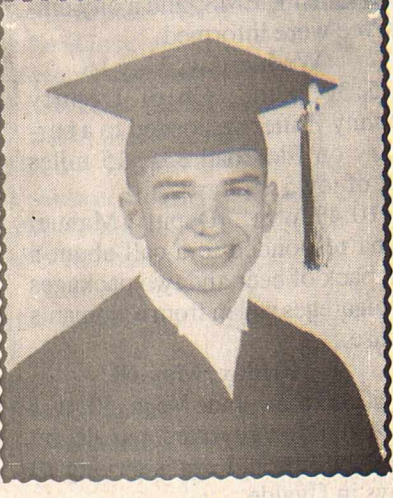
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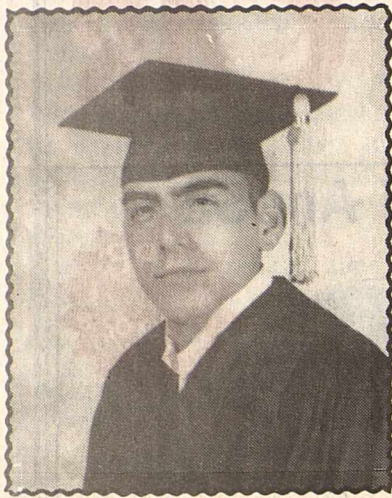
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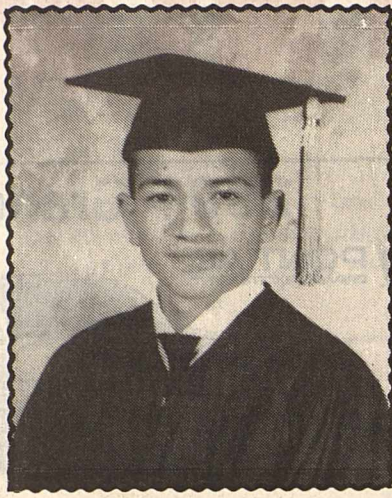
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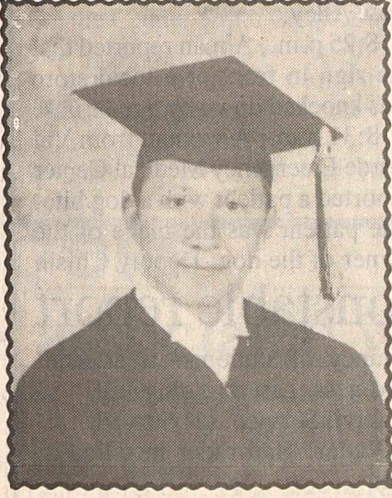
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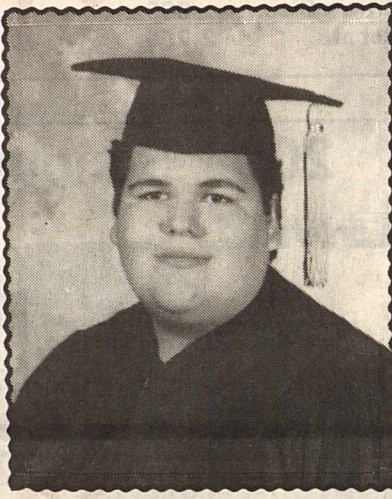
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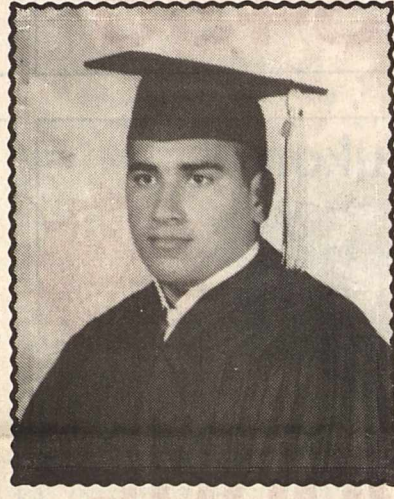
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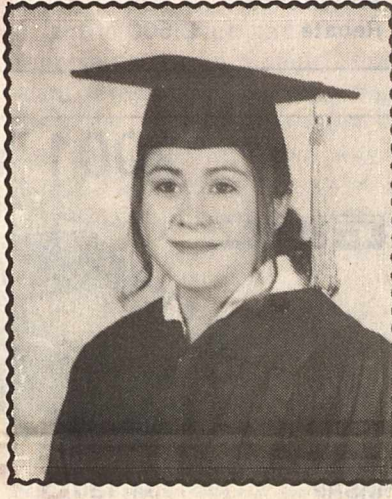
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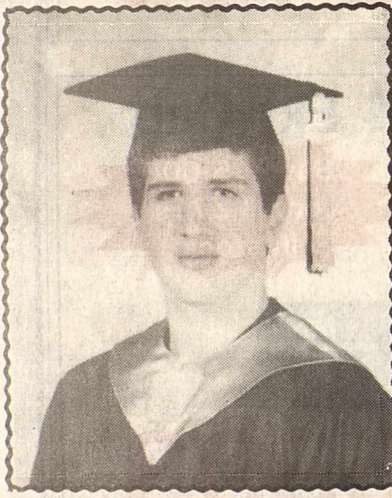
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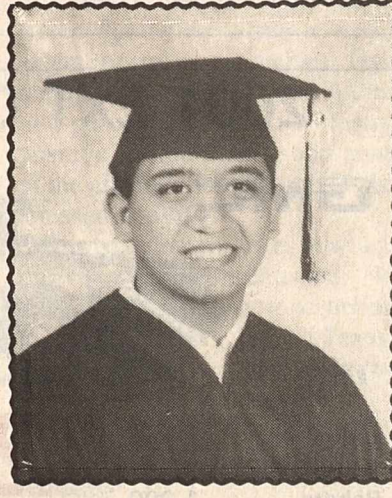
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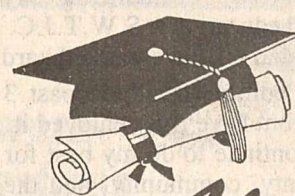
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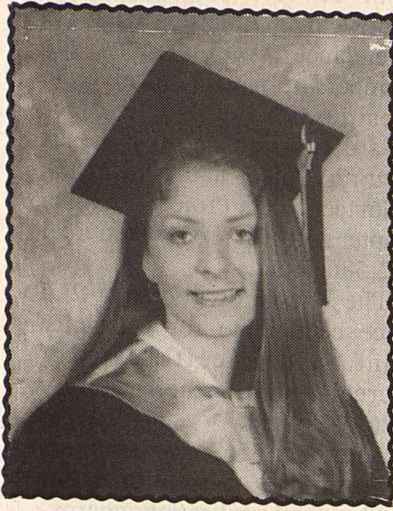
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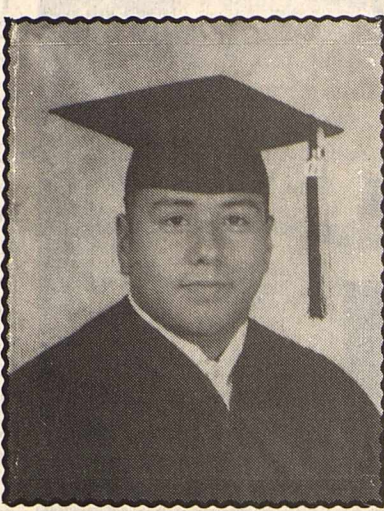
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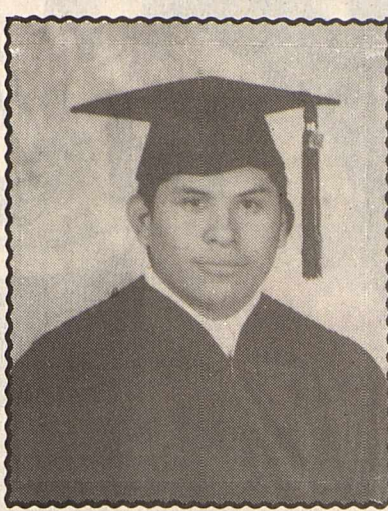
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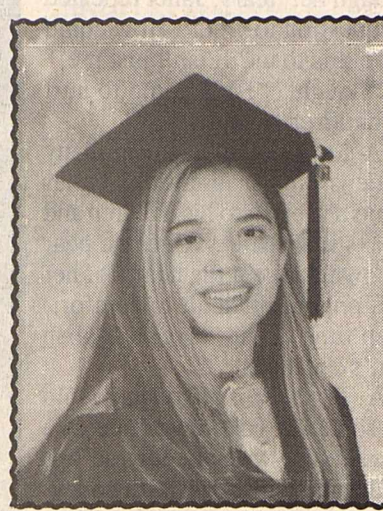
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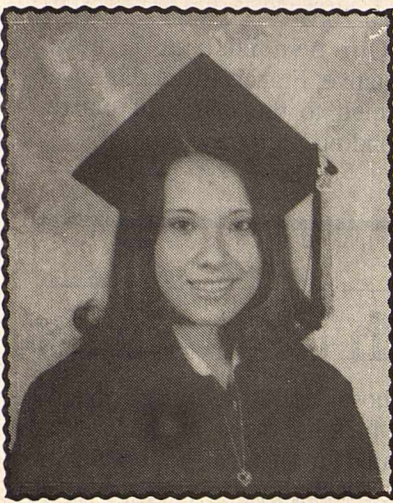
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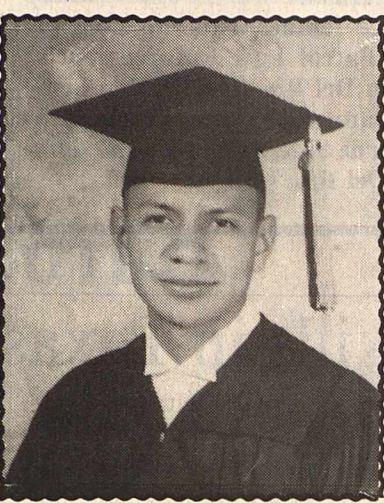
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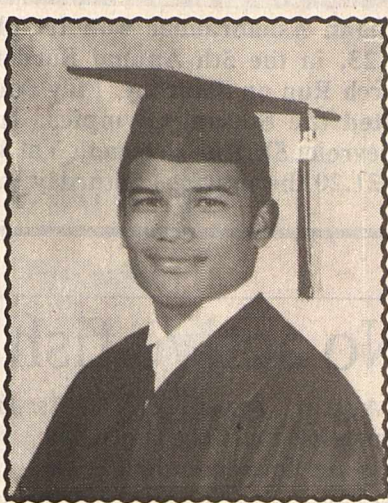
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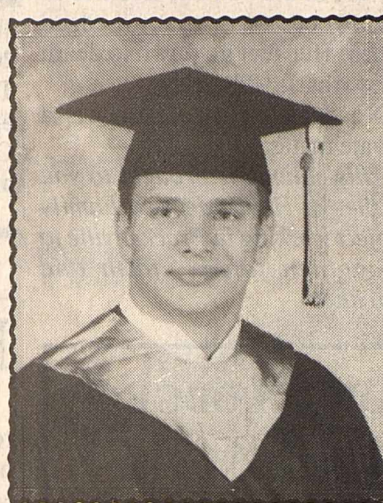
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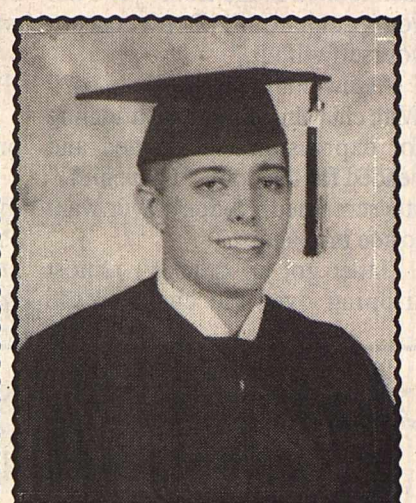
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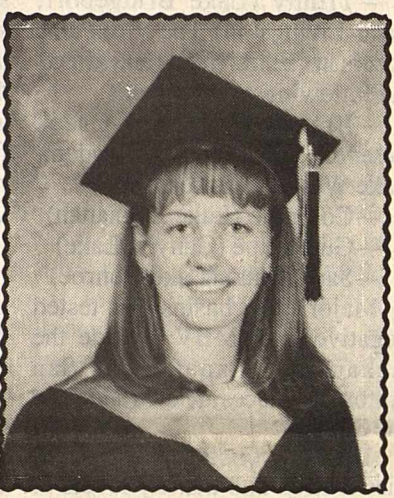
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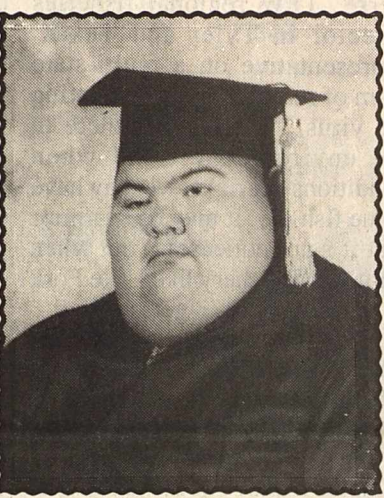
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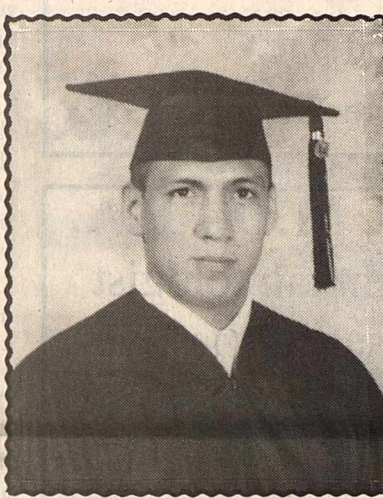
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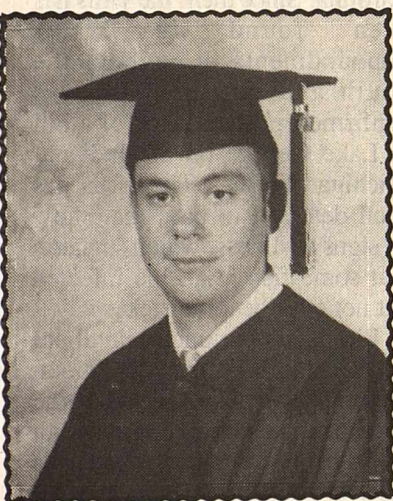
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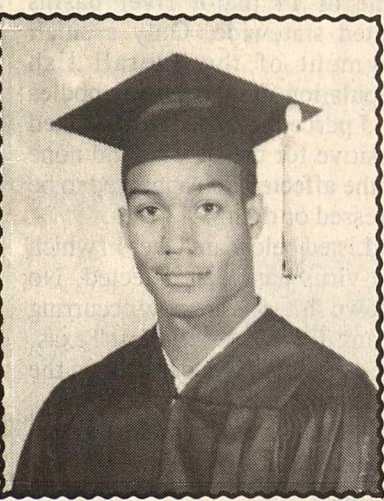
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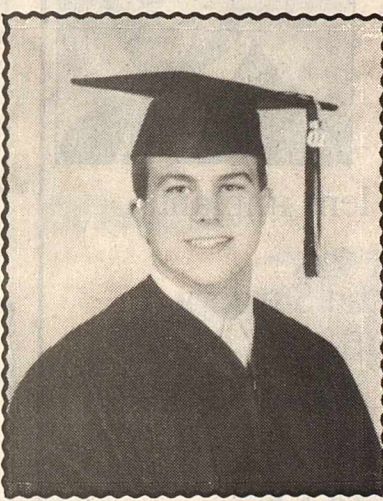
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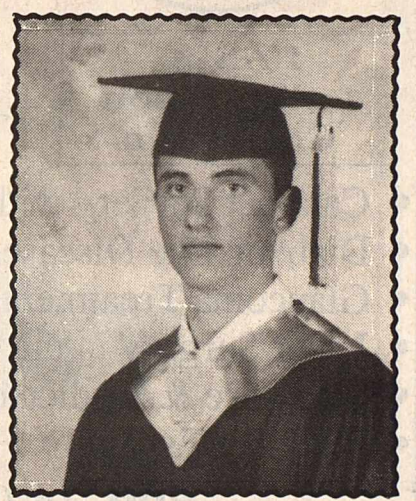
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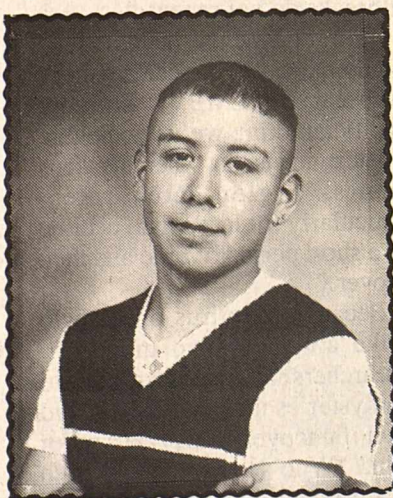


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A father's decisions affect the whole family

Empowering Families
By Dr. Donald Smith

Janet struggled to regain control of her mind. She squeezed the coffee cup in one hand while rubbing it with the other. She was deep in thought, trying to make sense of her life. She turned her eyes up to meet her daughter's gaze. She hadn't been aware of Jill's presence in the room. "Mama is Daddy seeing another woman?" Jill asked. Janet was surprised at the question.

Taking Jill's hand in hers, Janet replied. "Why do you ask a question like that, Sweetheart?" "Because Daddy doesn't come home sometimes and you seem very sad."

Janet thought for a moment then looked at the floor. "It's not your problem, Jill. Don't concern yourself with it."

"How could he do this to us?" With churning emotions struggling for expression, she turned and headed for the door. "I hate him," she screamed. "I don't ever want to see him again."

Janet got up quickly, almost tripping over the chair as she

hurried after her daughter. Grasping Jill's arm, Janet pulled her to her breast, holding her as tight as she could. Looking up through her tears, Janet repeated the question to God, "How could he do this to us? It isn't just me," she thought. "He's going to hurt his children as well."

A good mother can bear many burdens but an unfaithful father brings suffering to his children and breaks their hearts. She can bear her own pain but the hearts of her children are difficult to comfort. Even time cannot erase a foolish man's decisions.

A very wise man long ago told his son to, "Take no notice of a loose living woman, for the lips of the adulteress drip with honey, her palate is more unctuous than oil, but in the end she is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword. Her feet go down to death (Proverbs 5:3-5)."

No decision of a father is a private matter.

This column is brought to you by the St. Henry deOsso Family Project working in Brackettville to strengthen family, faith and education.

Ashabranner wins 5K Local DRT representatives travel to Corpus Christi



Juliann Ashabranner won 1st place female with the time of 20:23, in the 5th Annual Border Patrol Law Enforcement's Torch Run on Saturday, May 5th in Del Rio. The 5K run benefited the Special Olympics. Juliann also won the Jacinto Chevrolet 5K Run to benefit Val Verde Safe Kids, with the time of 21:20 the previous Saturday in Del Rio.

Pat McKelvy and Charolette Corey of Brackettville were two of the thirteen women who represented the Caddell Smith Chapter of Uvalde, Texas, at the Texas State Convention of The Daughters of the Republic of Texas this last May 17-19th in Corpus Christi.

The convention was held at the Omni Bayfront Hotel where there were over 412 members registered of which 344 were in attendance. Charolette Corey and Mrs. Lucille Myers (of Carrizo Springs) assisted others on the Historical Committee in helping to register and judge the chapter history books and year books. Mrs. Corey was a temporary replacement for Mrs. Emalee Caruthers (Chapter Historian) of Crustal City.

Pat McKelvy assisted others from the Caddell Smith Chapter in with hostess duties at the convention. Out of 102 Chapters in the state of Texas, the Caddell-Smith Chapter won 3rd place in the Class III Division with its

history book.

The Caddell-Smith Chapter was one of the four Chapters in the state to earn a six-star designation. To receive this honor the chapter must receive a first place Achievement Award, first place Attendance Award, receive the Membership Award, receive the President General's Project Award, participate in a Texas History Project and also in the Volunteer Hours Project, in which chapter members reported a total of 2,586 hours.

The chapter received a 2nd place certificate for Publicity Print, and a certificate of appreciation for their County History Project.

There were 563 new members approved and an additional 274 supplemental applications approved for a total of 837 for the year 2000-2001.

Our own District 7 representative, Francis Brookshire, was elected to the office of Corresponding Secretary General.

OUTDOORS

No active fish kills in Texas associated with bass virus

Austin, Texas — A virus responsible for killing largemouth bass on four popular Texas reservoirs in the summer of 1999 and linked to almost 20 die-offs nationwide is not currently killing fish in Texas, according to Texas Parks and Wildlife officials.

A recent TPW study showing that the virus is present in two-thirds of the state's watersheds has raised concerns that bass may still be dying from largemouth bass virus (LMBV) in Texas lakes.

"We want to reassure Texas anglers that while we are concerned about largemouth bass virus and will continue to monitor the situation there are no bass virus fish kills occurring now and the virus is not a reason to cancel any fishing trip you've planned," said Phil Durocher, TPW inland fisheries director. "We have not had a die-off associated with the virus since the summer of 1999." Durocher said that although some of the fish in Texas are carrying the virus, the fish are in good shape, and fishing is excellent in most lakes. He added that the presence of the virus poses no

threat to human health if fish are consumed.

"What we now know is that this virus is not always a problem, not always lethal to fish," said Dave Terre, TPW regional fisheries director in Tyler and Texas' representative on a multi-state team of researchers investigating the virus. "It's just out there in the environment, and when conditions get right, we may have some fish die. It may be so minor that it's not noticeable, but when it impacts a fishery like Lake Fork or Sam Rayburn, it gets noticed."

TPW investigated 49 lakes in 2000 to determine the presence of LMBV. Scientists at the A.E. Wood State Fish Hatchery in San Marcos confirmed the virus in samples from 14 of the lakes. The infected bass populations reside in nine of 14 major river basins tested statewide. Only a small segment of the overall fish population in those water bodies — 5 percent on average — tested positive for the illness, and none of the affected fish appeared to be stressed or dying.

Listed below are lakes in which the virus has been detected. No known fish kills are now occurring in any Texas lakes. In East Texas, the virus has been detected in the following river drainages:

- Red River (Lake Texoma)
- Cypress (Lake Cypress Springs)
- Sabine (Lake Tawakoni, Lake

Fork, Toledo Bend Reservoir)

—Neches (Lake Athens, Lake Palestine, Lake Tyler, Lake Nacogdoches, Sam Rayburn Reservoir)

—Trinity (Lake Bridgeport, Lake Livingston) The virus also occurs in Central Texas and affects the following river systems:

- Brazos (Hubbard Creek Reservoir, Lake Possum Kingdom, Lake Whitney, Lake Belton)
- Colorado (Lake Buchanan)
- Guadalupe (Canyon Lake)
- San Jacinto (Lake Conroe)

Major river basins that tested negative for LMBV include the Arkansas (Canadian), San Antonio, Nueces, Rio Grande and the Sulphur.

The TPW findings illustrate the distribution and density levels of the virus in Texas, but researchers admit little else is known about LMBV. "We've completed the lab analyses of fish collected and wanted to make sure the angling community is aware of where we are at this point," said Terre. "This is not the end, just a chapter. There are a lot of variables we collected along with the fish that will take some time to analyze."

According to Auburn University scientist John Grizzle, LMBV is one of more than 100 naturally occurring viruses that affect fish but not warm-blooded animals. Its origin is unknown, but it is related to a virus found in frogs and other amphibians and

almost identical to a virus isolated in fish imported to the United States for the aquarium trade.

Although the virus apparently can be carried by other fish species, to date it has produced small numbers of deaths only in largemouth bass. Researchers have discovered that LMBV can stay alive in water for at least three to four hours. "Tentatively, that means you could transport the virus in a livewell, bait bucket or in bilges," Terre said. "We also now know that bass can contract the virus from contact with other fish, but we still do not know how the virus is activated into a fatal disease and if there is a cure or a preventative." LMBV first gained attention in 1995, when it was implicated in a fish kill on Santee-Cooper Reservoir in South Carolina. Since then, the virus has been found in water impoundments throughout the South and during 2000 was confirmed as the source of a kill in Lake George on the Indiana-Michigan border. The virus has been detected in bass that show no signs of illness, which suggests that some fish might be infected but not ever become sick.

Biologists are uncertain about how long the virus has been present in Texas waters, but the pattern suggests that unusually hot summer temperatures were a catalyst in the die-offs.

"The year the virus impacted Lake Fork, over half the bass sampled tested positive," said Terre. "That didn't mean 50 percent were dying, just that they carried LMBV. When we came back and tested again last year, only 3 percent of the Lake Fork bass we tested carried the illness. We don't understand the mechanics by which it becomes prevalent, but it seems to happen just once in varying levels, and outbreaks do not repeat."


The good news, he noted, is that there has never been a fishery lost because of LMBV. "The only significant thing we've been able to determine is that when the virus occurs, angler catch rates, particularly for large fish, decline for a short period of time and then recover."

Because the virus appears to strike a fishery and move on, researchers say finding answers to its mysteries may take years, and even if uncovered may be a moot point. "Who's to say this will even be a problem in 10 years or even if it'll be around?" asked Terre. "We need to be taking a look at fisheries in areas where the virus hasn't hit to determine if and where it already exists. This is a national problem that's getting more interest as more states are impacted."

TPW has taken a leadership role in looking for answers with its A.E. Wood facility now geared up to accommodate lab analysis specific to LMBV, but Texas is not alone.

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Fifty seniors to graduate Friday night

Making a Difference
By Taylor Stephenson

School is out, Friday May 25! We'll have traditional 8th grade graduation in the school auditorium at 9:00 am followed by the commencement exercises for the Class of 2001 at 8:00 pm at Tiger Stadium. This is probably the largest graduation class in the history of Brackett ISD. (I'll stand corrected if you have a class that can beat these numbers). We have 48 graduates from Brackett High School and 2 from Brackett Alternative School for a total of 50. The Class of 1987-88 has 47 on its class picture. This appears to be 2nd place. Congratulations to the class and to those parents and families who supported each of our graduates. May the future be a bright one for each of you.

Bids are being considered and will be awarded this week for improvements to the school auditorium, high school annex, and the football stadium. Extensive work at the auditorium will include carpeting, padded seating, drapes, a larger stage, a new sound system, and acoustical treatment of the interior of the building. In the high school annex, we'll remodel restrooms, biology lab, hall ceilings and tile and new exterior doors. At the elementary school, we'll remodel restrooms and put in new entry doors. We will paint the exterior of the elementary building this summer keeping with our color coding of beige with red brick trim. Stadium work will include aluminum seats.

How about the new rose-bushes and trees that have been added to the grounds? Dave Wilkin's landscape class has been busy this spring sprucing up the grounds. They have done a great job and in years to come will be proud of the change that they made at BISD.

Summer school classes begin Tuesday at Jones Elementary

and Brackett Junior High and will last for three weeks. These classes are designed to help students who need additional assistance to catch up to their grade level. In future years, passing the TAAS test will be required for promotion to the next grade level.

We've had a great year at BISD. The summer allows us time to remodel, plan class schedules and get staff hired for the next school year. It's a busy time for maintenance, custodians, administrators, secretaries, and support staff.

The Drug Free Graduation Party looks like it will be a gala

affair again this year. After the graduation exercises, seniors are invited to La Fonda Ranch for lots of food, games and prizes. It's a time when the Class of 2001 is together for the last time this school year. Cindy Brandt coordinates these efforts and does the job well.

Retirees this school year include Irene Keddy-School Nurse; Judy Blankenship-Diagnostician; and Phyllis Stephenson - BHS special education teacher. We'll miss them at BISD and wish them well in their well-earned retirement years. Have a great week!



Mr. Ron Willie with the American Legion Post 298 of Del Rio presents Mary Martin a check for \$200 for Brackett High School's Project Graduation. Martin has been working with Cindy Brandt, High School Coordinator, to raise money for this last event for the Seniors. Anyone interested in helping with Project Graduation may contact Martin at 563-2809 or Brandt at 563-2491.

BISD Activity Calendar

- Thursday, May 24**
10:00 am - 11:00 am, 6th Grade graduation
Final Exams
National Education Week
- Friday, May 25**
9:00 am 8th grade graduation, Auditorium
Final Exams
High School Graduation, Stadium, 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 26**
8:00 am Employee Appreciation Awards and Breakfast, Cafeteria, Work Day!
- Monday, May 28**
Memorial Day
- Tuesday, May 29**
9:00 am - 12 pm Summer School
- Wednesday, May 30**
9:00 am - 12 pm Summer School

More than \$3.1 million earned for Texas public school children

Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst has announced that more than \$3.1 million was paid by oil and gas firms to lease 17,094 acres of Permanent School Fund (PSF) lands dedicated to help fund public education.

"This bonus is a welcome addition to the Permanent School Fund, which benefits the public schoolchildren of Texas," Dewhurst said. "We all want Texas' children to have the same or better educational opportunities we all had growing up, and it takes a lot of resources to do the job properly. I will continue to work hard to boost earnings from our state lands for public education."

Dewhurst said royalties earned from oil and gas produced on state lands accrue to the PSF, which earns money for Texas public schoolchildren from kindergarten through the 12th grade. The PSF has about \$20 billion in assets, and about \$662 million of income generated by the fund went to Texas public schools last year.

About \$33 million has been earned for the PSF since

Dewhurst doubled lease sales to four per year in January 1999.

In addition, \$179,126 was generated at the sale for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice through the leasing of 1,071 acres of prison property, and \$50,850 was generated for the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department through the leasing of 339 acres.

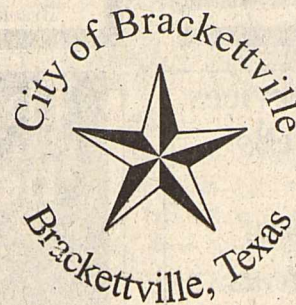
"Our success in encouraging companies to lease state tracts means additional money for public education," Dewhurst said. "It's a win-win deal for our children, who are our future, and for public education and the taxpayers of Texas."

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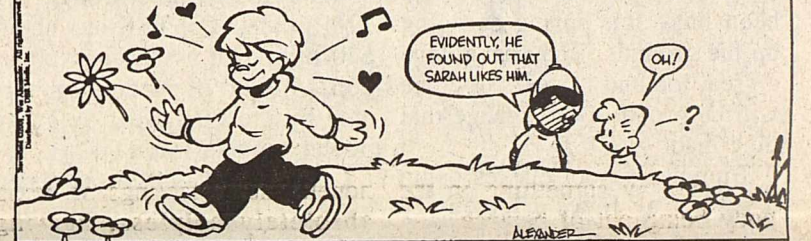
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1 Weird
4 Perpendicular to a ship's keel
9 Move back and forth
13 Panic
15 Actress
16 Lively
17 Renown
18 "...bombs bursting..."
19 Seed covering
20 Political convention attendees
22 Ancient Iranian
23 Golden
24 Move quickly
26 Health resort offerings
29 Piece of furniture
34 Sultan's wives
35 Put up
36 C-XXXIX
37 46 Across, and others
38 Tally
39 Kidney

DOWN
1 Mistaken
2 Departed
3 British title
4 Friends of the familia
5 Common-place
6 He was: Lat. ____
7 Tell ____; prevaricate
8 Penny, for one
9 Embar-rasses
10 ____ down; eroded
11 Parched
12 Prestigious school
14 Replaces a coat's inner fabric
21 Dutch export
25 Suffix for impression or conservation
26 Wader's spot
27 One who hit 755
28 Gives encouragement to
29 ____, Montana
30 Inlets

31 Unimpressed
32 Leaves
33 Breaks bread
35 Blessing
38 Divides into 3 parts
39 Family members
41 Refrain syllable
42 Spotless
44 Place to stay
45 Word with Golf, Catholic or Reader's
47 Man's nickname
48 Oliver Twist or Moby Dick
49 Confidante
50 On the ____; increasing
52 Manhandle
53 White-tailed eagle
54 Chilly weather item
55 Word with Honor or Majesty
59 Grads-to-be: abbr.

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Trivia Time by Walter Branch

1. What actor learned from a Time magazine article that the woman he thought was his sister was actually his mother?
2. What airship burst into flames shortly after chief rigger Ludwig Knorr noticed a leak in gas bag number four?
3. What word begins movie titles ending with "... of the Giant Leeches", "... of the Killer Tomatoes", and "... of the 50-Foot Woman"?
4. What horror film was billed as "The Strangest Love Story of All" and opened on Valentine's Day, 1931?
5. Who was the only U.S. president born in California?
6. Whom did the Roman Catholic Church force to recant his view that the Earth revolves around the Sun, in 1633?
7. What is sometimes referred to as "goober grease"?
8. What Missouri city is nicknamed The Gateway and Big Arch?
9. What European nation adopted the rights of "liberty, property, personal security and resistance to oppression" in 1789?
10. What is the name for a pile of firewood four feet by four feet by eight feet?

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May 24.....Bernie Allemeir	May 27.....John Garberich
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May 25.....Dolores Wilson	May 29.....Mary Etta Speaker
May 26.....Blanca Ortega	May 30.....Fernando Valdez

HOROSCOPES
by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
It seems nothing can stand in your way this week. You are determined to meet your goals. In the process, try not to ignore others' feelings.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
It's not a sign of weakness to admit you need help. Rid yourself of that insufferable pride. Once you do, you feel relieved.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
Choose your words carefully. Someone close to you is overly sensitive this week. However, by week's end, this person is back on an even keel.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
You tolerate no interruptions while tackling a work project. As a result, it is completed successfully early in the week. This weekend, take time out to be with friends.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
You need to take more time with work tasks. There's no reason to rush. Imposing imaginary deadlines only causes you stress.

VIRGO (August 23 to Sept. 22)
A child's enthusiasm keeps you amused this week. However, this can quickly turn to boredom. Be sure the child's activities are stimulating to the imagination.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to October 22)
This is not the time to betray a confidence. Doing so can destroy a long-standing friendship. Over the weekend, a family member is helpful.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
While you're known for being outspoken, this is the time to tone it down. Listen rather than talk. You just might learn something.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
A good friend has a clever idea this week. Following through on it gives you both pleasure. By week's end, you're exhausted but satisfied with the week's events.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
Your best approach to that problem with a child is discipline. Being too lenient won't help. However, you can achieve this in a loving manner.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
Affairs of the heart take center stage. However, you're still not ready to make a commitment. Be sure you state your position clearly to avoid misunderstandings.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
All work and no play isn't the wisest course this week. While the money is tempting, you can turn down some of those extra hours. This weekend, take time to rest.

CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS: Bob Dylan, May 24; Lauryn Hill, May 25; Genie Francis, May 26; Henry Kissinger, May 27

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Roaring Twenties Solution:

1. Abigail	11. Lady Bird
2. Barbara	12. Lou
3. Bess	13. Lucretia
4. Betty	14. Lucy
5. Dolley	15. Mamie
6. Eleanor	16. Martha
7. Florence	17. Mary
8. Grace	18. Nancy
9. Hillary	19. Pat
10. Jacqueline	20. Rosalynn

Trivia Time Answers
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1. Jack Nicholson; 2. The Hindenburg; 3. "Attack"; 4. "Dracula"; 5. Richard Nixon; 6. Galileo; 7. Peanut Butter; 8. St. Louis; 9. France; 10. A cord

Commit your ways to the Lord Accept the gift of life before it's too late

Gateway Ministries
By Pastor Charolette Corey

Whether you are a graduate or someone following along the path of "continuing education," these words are for you.

"Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him and he shall bring it to pass." (Psalm 37:5) "Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established." (Prov 16:3). "Trust in the Lord with all thine

heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones. (Prov. 3:5-8)

Commitment is the act of putting something into the charge or trust of someone or something else. It is something pledged. In the case of your

spirit, you commit it to God through faith in Jesus Christ so that you shall be saved. In the case of your ways, your goals, your hopes, dreams, and achievements, you entrust them to the Lord and he shall bring them to pass. He will also direct you or reveal to you which are your best choices. Yet, it shall still be your free will to choose them.

When you commit your mind, your will, and your emotions to the Lord, he will give you wisdom beyond the world's understanding. Through your connection with the Lord you will be nourished even as you were as a baby in your mother's womb. (This is where your navel came from.) You will also grow strong in the word as the foundation upon which to build the structure of your life. Just as the skeleton of the body is dependent upon the health of the bone marrow, all parts of the body are dependent upon it for healthy blood or the immune system, and for mobility. Everything is dependent upon fearing God more than men, reverencing him above all others and all else, and repenting of sin. This is the only way God can bless or prosper you. Again, everything is a choice, as God did not make us puppets, but creatures whom he desires to choose him freely. Choose to commit yourself to him. It's the right choice.

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We have a totally new outlook toward life and the second chance, that we have been given.

It's like we're really looking at the world around us for the very first time. Must we nearly die, before we can begin to live? Until you are really living, until you are truly alive, you are not prepared to meet and know the living God.

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There is so much more to living, than just being alive.

This may sound like an odd question, but are you truly alive? Are you living life to the fullest or are you just going through the motions?

Your physical body can be so healthy and in great condition. While both your spirit and your soul can be sick, diseased or even dying. For lack of proper nourishment and nutrition, desperately needing to be fed.

Life is such a precious God given gift, and yet often times, it is not fully appreciated.

Sometimes, not until we have had a heart attack or have nearly been killed in an accident. Not until, life has nearly been snatched away from us, do we wake up.

Then, all of a sudden, every minute of every day is so very, very important to us.

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"For God so loved the world (you and I) that he gave his only begotten son, whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life." Life eternal. How can we have this resurrection and this new life?

First, we must come to the realization that we are hopelessly and totally lost.

That we are estranged and separated from our God, because of sin and our sinful nature.

"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

Alone, you cannot reconcile your lost relationship with God. It cannot be done.

God loves us so much, that he provided the remedy. The way, the answer.

God became a man, flesh and bone.

He was born as every man is born, from the womb of woman. The son of God, the son of man, lived his life on earth as a mere human for two reasons.

First, to provide us with the perfect example of how life should be lived.

He lived the perfect life. He experienced first hand for him-

self, everything that you and I could possibly experience. A thousand times more.

Secondly, to bridge an enormous gap that stood between us and himself.

He did this by paying the atonement (the price) for our sins. The wages of sin is death. He died for us, so that we don't have to. So that you and I might live.

We have no greater friend, than he that would lay down his life for us. There is no greater love.

God loved us so much, while we were still sinners (dead), that he shed his life blood on that rugged old cross for us (you and I).

All God has ever asked of us in return is to accept his sacrifice (his gift of life) with a truly repentant heart, asking his forgiveness for our sins and then turning away from sin into the fullness of life.

Believing that God raised Jesus from the dead and his son has raised you from the dead and that now you are, alive!

Praise be to God!

Please, go to church this Sunday. If you do not have a church home and a church family, please find one, give yourself and your love ones, the gift of life.

We are of great value to our Creator

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

Have you ever been crazy? I have! A little over ten years ago, I found myself facing self-inflicted death. I wasn't really thinking suicide, but I sure was thinking that I would be better off dead than alive.

My life as it appeared to others was almost perfect. I had a good job, a family and the means to obtain almost anything I desired.

But on the inside I was falling apart and losing touch with reality. So, I asked to be taken to a hospital that dealt with mental illness. I went to the "nut house" and stayed there, locked inside, for nearly two weeks.

My friends called me crazy and no one came to see me except for my family. Those twelve days and the years that have followed have been the best of my life.

In those twelve days, I came face to face with my demons and found out help was available. I found out that being crazy is very rarely the fault of the person who is struggling. In fact, almost always, being crazy is caused by something in the body being out of balance.

Science doesn't always know just what is out of balance or, if they do, how to fix it. But one thing I know for sure, no one is "crazy" anymore, just sick.

There are many stories in which Jesus cast out demons. Mary Magdalene had seven demons cast out. Jesus cast a "legion" of demons out of the Gerasene demoniac.

Many scholars today see the demons of the Old and New Testaments as being mental illnesses. However, in those days, it was thought that the devil or other demons possessed anyone behaving in such a manner, be-

cause they had sinned against God. As well, almost any illness was seen as punishment for sin. Thus we hear Jesus often adding forgiveness of sins to the healing of bodily illnesses.

We are fortunate today to be better informed about the causes of bodily illnesses. However illness of the mind is still seen as craziness.

If we have to go to a psychologist, a psychiatrist or a mental hospital we are seen as crazy. We are told, "If you wanted to you could take care of yourself and not be crazy anymore."

Somehow the illness we struggle with is our fault and we don't need help with it. Now folks, that is the crazy thinking. There is medical and psychological help available for those who need it. Being mentally ill is not anybody's fault. Not looking for help is your fault. I represent Kinney, Real and Uvalde counties on the Citizen's Advisory Council for Hill Country Mental Health Mental Retardation.

If anyone who reads this article is having trouble with depression, thoughts of dying, hopelessness, feelings of being absolutely helpless, hearing voices, sleeping way too much, crying without cause and without any sense of relief please call me at First United Methodist Church.

There is help available! You are not crazy, you are just ill and there is a way out!

Join us at 10:45 am Sunday, as we seek to understand better the story of God's relationship with humanity and lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving for the Holy Spirit that God has sent us through medical science and mental health experts as a reminder of what great value we are to our Creator.

Obituary...

Viola Johnson

Viola Halliburton Johnson, 84, a resident of Baytown, formerly from Brackettville passed away on Saturday May 19, 2001 in a Baytown hospital. She is preceded in death by her husband Leland Sam "Buck" Johnson and grandson Charles Jack Veltman III.

She was born on September 8, 1916, in Gonzales County, Texas. She retired as a General Store Owner. Survivors include, sons: Leland Sam and Marie Johnson Jr. of Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, and Harvey Wayne and Nancy Johnson of Eagle Pass; daughters: Marjorie and Phillip Duncan of Rogers, Arkansas, Gloria and Robert "Foxy" Matherne of Baytown, brother, Ray Halliburton of Luling, nine grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren.

Visitation was on Wednesday May 23, at the Navarre Funeral Home from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. The funeral is today at 10 a.m. at Clark Baptist Church in Gonzales, Texas. The burial will take place at the Kinney County Cemetery at 4 p.m. today in Brackettville with Rev. Kenny Wrubel officiating. The pallbearers are Mark Veltmann, Conrad Veltmann, Phil Carley, Jeff Carley, Johnnie Halliburton, and Bobby Halliburton.



Remembering our heroes

St. Mary Magdalene
By Lynn McNew

It was October 21, 1861. The Eagle Regiment, as the Eighth Wisconsin was called, marched into its first battle of the Civil War at Fredericktown, Missouri. Leading them was James McGinnis, carrying a staff with a perch on which their mascot, an American Bald Eagle named "Old Abe," proudly sat. The bird seemed to know his comrades faced death, for he gnawed at his rope and screeched until the victory had been won. The regiment fought thirty-five more battles.

And through them all, "Old Abe" was a good soldier, never flinching under fire. He led them with remarkable courage, made them laugh when they were downhearted and whistled en-

couragement during the long, hard marches. At the end of the war, "Old Abe" was presented to the State of Wisconsin and the regiment captain told the Governor, "We shall never forget him!"

This is a good day for remembering both the dead and the living. God sends protectors. We are gone this week to Ft. Benning, Georgia, to attend the Change of Command Ceremony as our son takes command of Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armored Regiment, 3d Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division. He, and many others like him, have dedicated their lives to protecting us.

I have recently seen an ad in several magazines sponsored by the various branches of the military. The theme of the ad is "He's not just my son; he's my

hero." I couldn't have said it better.

So on this Memorial Day, what better way of celebrating than to think of all those who have, and are, serving to protect us every day. Our flag won't be flying, because we won't be home, but I hope all of you will fly your American flag and remember in a special way all our military personal, past and present.

Lord, thank you for your many blessings, especially for the blessing of Your protection. I offer a special prayer today for the people you have chosen to protect us.

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

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God and son of God walking side by side. Let your families be families of love and peace and happiness. Gather your children around you and...teach your children the ways of the Lord, read to them from the scriptures, and let them come to know the great truths of the eternal gospel..." Mal. 4:6 "And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers..."

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