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Brackett schools exceed goals for last year

By Aundrah Hill
Staff Writer

Brackett High School, Junior High, and Jones Elementary accomplished many goals set last school year.

The school district's main focus this year will be to update curriculum.

The BISD Board of Trustee received reports from all three school principals at last weeks regular meeting.

Jones Elementary School currently has a total of 363 students

enrolled and are expecting a few more students.

The TAAS score goals for the 2000-2001 school year was set at 86.6%. They were exceeded by .92%. The actual mastered score was 87.4% in combination of all three areas, math, writing and reading.

Brackett Middle School currently has 105 students enrolled. Principal George Burks commented on the hard work his staff has put forth. He also expressed his enthusiasm about the support his students received

from parents.

Brackett High School has maintained a 95.6% attendance rate. According to principal John Paul Schuster, "With help from the alternative school we have maintained a 100% graduation rate for the past two years."

The TAAS score goals for the 2000-2001 school year was set at 90%. They were exceeded by 5.56%. The actual mastered score was 95.3% in math, writing and reading.

Homecoming King and Queen



Homecoming King, Lee Davis and Queen Duquesa Hunt cruise around the football field with Principal John Paul Schuster

Briefs ... Commodities

The USDA Commodities will be at the St. John's Missionary Baptist Church on Monday Oct. 22 from 9 a.m. - 12 noon.

Spiritual Poems

A \$1000 grand prize is being offered in a religious poetry contest sponsored by the New Jersey Rainbow Poets. The deadline is November, 2, 2001. To enter send one poem only of 21 lines or less: Free Poetry contest, 103 N. Wood Ave., PMB70, Linden, NJ 07036.

Memorial Service

Reverend Ken F. Sellers Jr. will officiate in a remembrance of the life of Harry S. Jones at First United Methodist Church of October 15, 2001 at 11:30 A.M.

Sector Statistics

Del Rio, Texas - The following is a recap of Del Rio Sector Border Patrol activities during Fiscal Year 2001: **Apprehensions:** Abilene...1,363, Brackettville...13,479, Carrizo Spring...18,369, Comstock...1,147, Del Rio...13,525, Eagle Pass...47,936, Llano...933, Rocksprings...1,525, San Angelo...1,526, Uvalde...5,072, Sector Total...104,875, Other Than Mexicans...4,610 **Drug Seizures:** Marijuana Seized (pounds) ...49,447,448, Value of Marijuana Seized...\$39,55,958.40, Total Value of All Drugs Seized...\$57,852,238.00

Border Safety Initiative Activities
Deceased recovered...38, Undocumented Immigrants Rescued...146

Amistad NRA Reopens 277N

Amistad National Recreation Area is reopening the 277N road and campground Saturday, October 6 according to Acting Superintendent John Javor. Javor said, "As we approach the regular camping season, we're again making the area available to campers. Low lake levels limit water access from 277N, and we're marking roads so visitors know which areas they can use." Amistad National Recreation Area headquarters is located on US Highway 90W and is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., except holidays. For more information, visitors may call 830-775-7491, tune in to AM 1540 near the lake, or visit the park's web site at www.nps.gov/amis.

Library receives a donation



Pictured from left: Sara Terrazas, Woodie Hornburg and Virginia Shahan.

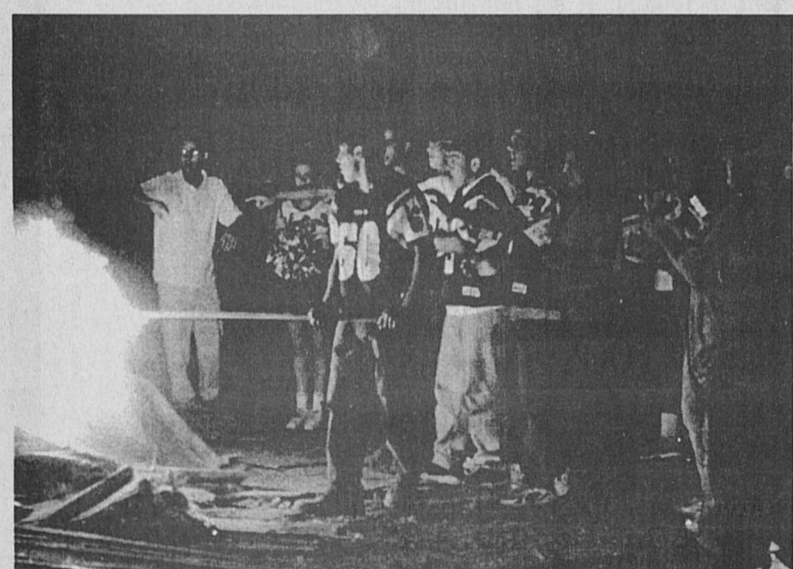
Kinney County Library received a donation from Virginia Shahan last Thursday.

Last Labor Day Alamo Village had an apple pie baking contest. The contest judges were Woodie Hornburg, Rose

Jenkins and Bill Stuart. The contest proceeds of \$85.31 were given to the library as a donation.

The winner of the contest was Brandy Harvey from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Brackett High Seniors light bonfire last Thursday



Salvaging excess produce to fight hunger in Texas

According to estimates by the United States Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service, more than one-fourth of all food produced in the United States is wasted. Recovering a small portion of this food can go a long way to fight hunger. World production of grain alone is over 1.5 billion tons, enough to supply the entire world population with two pounds a day; this, with the current production of vegetables, fruits, nuts and meat, is enough to supply every person with 3000 calories a day.

Share Our Surplus (SOS), a program administered by the Texas Association of Community Action Agencies, Inc. (TACAA), aids in the recovery of food that would go to waste. SOS coordinates its efforts with food assistance providers, distributors and farmers across Texas to place surplus food products with nonprofit agencies feeding needy persons. A total of 2.9 million pounds of food were donated through SOS in 2000.

SOS is currently concentrated in the Rio Grande Valley. TACAA's Field Representative solicits donations in the Rio Grande Valley. Donations from the Rio Grande Valley typically include tomatoes, lettuce, cabbage, grapefruit, onions, potatoes, melons, peppers, beans, bread and many other fruits and vegetables. Farmers' markets and grocery stores are also encouraged to donate.

Texas hunters have added diversity to the SOS program by

donating their processed venison. These donations provide families with nutritious meat to supplement their meals.

According to America's Second Harvest a great number of the people served are seniors and a greater number are children under the age of 18. In fact, of the more than 21 million emergency food recipients served by the America's Second Harvest network, more than 38 percent are children. Families with children are the most at risk of hunger and can experience devastating effects, as lack of nutrients has been found to cause physical and cognitive impairment in growing children.

Items donated to SOS for distribution include, but are not limited to, cosmetically imper-

fect produce, merchandise nearing shelf life, products that won't make shipment, or temporary overproduction of food items which cannot be sold. If you would like to donate your surplus produce, or you are a food assistance provider and would like to receive SOS donations, please call the SOS hotline at 1-800-992-9767.

The Texas Association of Community Action Agencies, Inc., coordinates several statewide anti-hunger programs in addition to representing 45 Community Action Agencies. For more information about TACAA and the anti-hunger programs, visit the web site at www.tacaa.org or call 800/992-9767.

Do you know what this is?



Did you wonder what was parked in front of Pico's last Thursday?

Trinity Industries out of Dallas, Texas were hauling wind-turbins to McCamey Texas.

When asked what the wind-turbins were used for, John Tye with Trinity said, "They were used to generate electricity."

These particular windturbins

were manufactured in Denmark and were then trucked to Houston.

There will be over a thousand of these windturbins placed on King Mountain.

Trinity also manufactures windturbins.

Electrical work on the turbins is subcontracted out to other companies.

Texas Department of Health maintaining readiness for bioterrorist

Chemicals or microorganisms turned into weapons at the hands of terrorist is a picture many people have not had or did not want to imagine until recently. Following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, this scenario has many people asking: "Who or what is going to protect me and my family?"

State Epidemiologist Dennis Perrotta at the Texas Department of Health (TDH) says many answers lie in a strong and flexible public health system at local, state and national levels.

"Knowing about and responding to a virus or a bacterial agent that is affecting people is the nature of public health," Perrotta said. "Whether the infection is naturally occurring or the result of terrorist act, TDH and other public health agencies are trained to react quickly. That's what public health professionals do every day."

The key is rapid detection of unusual occurrences, he said.

"The sooner we identify any disease outbreak, the quicker we can bring together local,

state and federal resources and the more lives we will save. We stay in touch with doctors and other health care providers, monitoring their reports and investigating unusual occurrences," Perrotta said. "We make sure that prevention and control measures are in place."

Teams at TDH have been working on bioterrorism response for several years, according to Perrotta. "We coordinate with federal agencies and help develop response plans with local communities across the state and coordination are crucial."

Perrotta draws a distinction between chemical and biological attacks.

"Chemical attacks cause injuries almost immediately and will elicit an immediate emergency response," he said. "But bioterrorism is more complex because it can be done without much, if any, notice. The first clues to a biological agent release may be sick people who seek medical care days or weeks later, perhaps in differ-

ent cities.

"In response to bioterrorism, as any other epidemic, public health plays a critical role," he added.

After the events of Sept. 11, TDH issued an alert to doctors, hospitals and other health care professionals around the state reminding them to be especially watchful for suspicious symptoms and infections and to immediately report these to the local or state health department 24 hours a day.

Following are some frequently asked questions that TDH has received recently and the answers about bioterrorism:

What is bioterrorism?
Bioterrorism is the dispensing of disease microbes by individuals, groups or governments for the express purpose of causing harm for ideological, political or financial gain.

What are the chances that a bioterrorist attack will occur in my hometown?

No one really knows the chances, so it is important for cities, counties and the state to

have plans in place to respond quickly. There is no need for panic, but it is wise to be prepared.

How many bacteria and chemical agents do I have to worry about?

Among the myriad chemicals and microbes from which to choose, only a few dozen agents are likely candidates. Fortunately, spreading them to cause maximum exposure and injury or illness is not a simple task.

What about smallpox? Is there a vaccine I can get for me and my family?

Smallpox vaccinations were discontinued in the 1980s after the disease was eradicated, and no vaccine is currently available to the public. Some vaccine is kept by the federal government to be sent to affected areas if an outbreak occurs.

What can I do to protect myself from anthrax?

No anthrax vaccine is available for the general public. Anthrax is not contagious and can be treated with antibiotics. As soon as an anthrax outbreak is

detected, these antibiotics can be distributed to those exposed in time to prevent disease.

Should I get gas masks for myself and my family?

There are many types of gas masks, but no one type protects against all chemicals and microbes. Because a chemical or biological attack will almost certainly be a surprise, a gas mask would need to be worn 24 hours a day to be an effective protection. Gas masks themselves also present some risks when used, especially to people with certain pulmonary problems.

What can I do to protect myself and my family?

Be alert to your own health and that of your family just as you normally are. You know better than anyone what health problems are unusual for you and your family. Report any unusual symptoms or illness immediately to your health care provider. If you know of a number of people who have unusual symptoms or illnesses, you may report these to your local health department.

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■ Making a difference

This type of storm kills folks in great numbers throughout our land. The decision to call the homecoming game off Friday night was a difficult one. **School/Page 5**

■ Empowering Families

Long ago a very wise man said, "Before man are life and death; whichever he chooses shall be given him (Suzacn 13:11)." **Lifestyles/Page 4**

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Another Granddad Tale

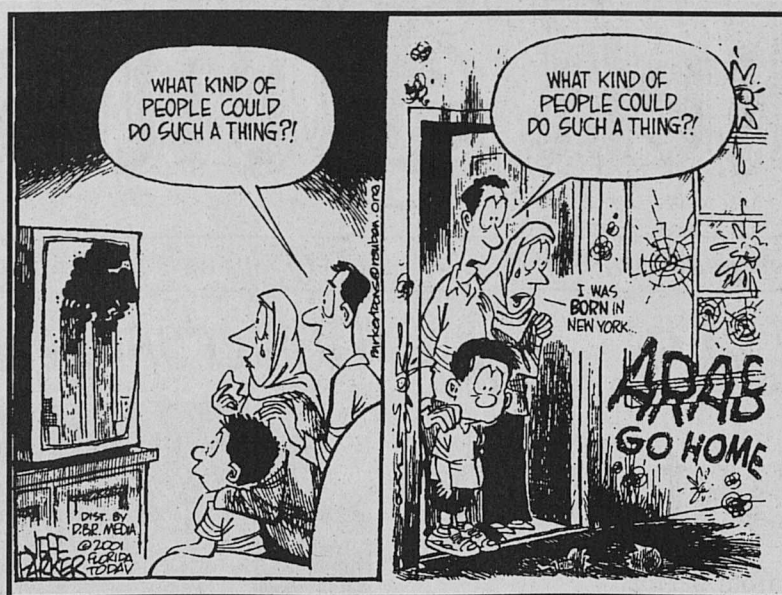
But I could be wrong
By Chuck Hall

This isn't about me as a granddad but about my granddad. Just one more story about my granddad Hall and then I'll quit. For a while at least. He was an interesting man. He may not have always been pleasant, but he was interesting. I remember a set of tools he had. No one else used them. No one else even touched them. He made sure of that. He kept them immaculately clean. After each use the entire collection was neatly cleaned and returned to its proper place and set on his workbench. The sockets had to be aligned in ascending order. The screwdrivers were never misused or abused in any way. If a tool needed to be sharpened, or straightened, or fixed in any way, my grandfather attacked the task with tireless de-

votion. Heaven forbid that one item would be lost or broken beyond repair, but should such a dastardly deed happen, he went to town to replace the tool with all due promptness.

I often think he cared more about those tools than he did me. Reflecting back I can say for certain that he did and I can even understand why. Tools to granddad were almost sacred. "Take care of your tools and they'll take care of you", he would say.

I have that tool set. But I don't use it. I have taken out an instrument only on rare occasions and for emergency use even then. One day I'll have to decide who gets those tools after I have looked at them in awe long enough. It will have to be one who feels the same about the wrenches as granddad did. His kind are hard to find. But I could be wrong.



Job's greatest virtue

The Way I See It
By Steven R. LaMascus

As I write this I am in Boise, Idaho. Tomorrow I will leave for a primitive campsite in a remote part of the Owyhee Mountains, from which I will attempt to do bodily harm to various species of upland game birds. It took me three long days to drive here from Brackettville. During those three days, with my dog Charley as the only one I had to talk to, I had a lot of time to think. One of the things I was wont to contemplate, given the circumstances, was the virtue of patience. When Kandace reads this she will probably laugh herself silly, because she knows full well that patience is not one of my virtues.

I was somewhere between Meeker and Craig, Colorado when the thought struck me that I have been "in charge" for so long in my professional life that I had become a control freak; I had forgotten how to simply relax and let God work in my life. Since I retired in July I have been trying to force things to happen and have been becoming more and more frustrated when they didn't happen at the pace I wanted. The words to an old song come to mind — "there's a time for every purpose under heaven" — meaning God works at His own pace and to His own schedule. His idea of time is not ours. It only took me fifty years to realize that.

What is patience? A cat is said to have patience when waiting at a mouse hole. A person waiting in a line for Dallas Cowboys tickets is said to have need of great patience. A husband waiting while his wife shops in a clothing store must have almost infinite patience.

So, I guess, patience is simply being able to wait for something to happen without going insane and hurting someone. Yeah, that is patience, but it is more than that.

I have no patience — zip, zero, nada. I freely admit it. I once saw a bumper sticker that said, "Instant gratification takes too long." That is me. I want things

Dewhurst Announces Almost \$3.5 Million Earned For Texas Public School Children

Austin - Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst today announced that almost \$3.5 million was paid by oil and gas firms at Tuesday's lease sale for 19,655 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 from oil and gas produced on state lands are deposited into 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 \$700 million of income generated by the PSF went to Texas public schools last year.

Sealed bids from oil and gas

to happen — now! If they are not moving along I will take steps to move them along. I have been referred to in certain circles as "a good expeditor," a guy who got results. I was once proud of that, but now I'm not so sure it was a true compliment. What do you think would have happened to Job if he had tried to expedite God's actions? Job's greatest virtue, and one that is still spoken of today, was his patience — patience brought about by his absolute faith that whatever God was doing was for the greater good.

It isn't often that a man has an epiphany. I can remember only two such times in my lifetime. I am very thankful for both times, because both were turning points in my life. I hope this is also. I have prayed often for patience, but I really didn't know what I was praying for. I just wanted to be able to sit in heavy traffic without losing my cool, or stand in line at the checkout stand without getting annoyed. That was incredibly infantile reasoning. God knew. He knew that I could never acquire true patience without understanding what it was. Now I think I realize what He was waiting for. He was waiting for me to mature to the point where I could understand and accept His definition.

Now I think I finally understand what patience is. It is simply realizing that God has a plan, and that when the time is right He will act. It is understanding that Job was totally right when he took all Satan could dish out without blaming God; he knew God was just and that what was happening to him had a purpose. It is accepting that there truly is a time for every purpose under heaven, and that the only one who knows when all that will take place is God. And it is having enough faith to stand by and let God do His job. He doesn't need any help from us, only our devotion.

Galatians 5:22 — "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law."

Community Health Centers: Neighbors Helping Neighbors

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

Last week, I had the honor of touring a new building at the Gateway Community Health Center in Laredo, Texas. I hold this building especially close to my heart because it was named in my honor. I was in Laredo last October when Gateway broke ground on the building and was proud to be there again last week for a tour of the new facility.

As I walked from room to room, I was reminded of the miracles that take place every day in centers just like this one. Community health centers — like the ones in Laredo and Uvalde — serve the millions of people who choose to live in rural America. They fill a critical role in health care and should not be taken for granted.

For over thirty years, community health centers have provided community-based care to patients who otherwise may not have received necessary medical treatment. Whether it's because the only doctor is too far away or is too expensive, receiving proper medical care is just not an option for some folks. This is where community health centers step in. We all know that being healthy is important to being a productive member of

your family and the larger community. But too often in poor and rural regions of Texas, parents and children are forced to go without proper health care. Community health centers are able to provide important health services for rural America. Whether it's preventive prenatal care or early detection of diseases like diabetes or breast cancer, community health centers increase access to much needed care.

But community health centers do much more than just treat illness. They also help prevent disease and strengthen entire communities. Community health centers improve citizens' health, but they also provide jobs, strengthen schools, stabilize neighborhoods and enhance community pride. Workers are able to be more productive, children are able to stay in school, and mothers are able to care for their newborn babies. Community health centers work because they are neighbors helping neighbors to keep their community healthy and happy.

I'd like to say thank you, once again, to all the people who have dedicated themselves to these important institutions. We owe you a great deal of gratitude and in many instances, we owe you our lives. Thank you and keep up the good work!

U.S. BORDER PATROL

Citizens Academy

The Del Rio Sector of the U.S. Border Patrol is now taking applications for the fourth session of its Citizens Academy, which will begin on Oct. 24, 2001, at Del Rio Sector Headquarters in Del Rio.

The Academy is designed to give the public a better understanding of the objectives of the U.S. Border Patrol and how it operates. The Academy consists of five weekly sessions, the final session being a graduation ceremony. Topics and activities to be covered during the Academy include:

- Mission and strategy of the U.S. Border Patrol
- Recruitment of agents and command structure
- Law and statutory authority
- Casework and prosecutions
- Seizure of smugglers' vehicles
- Intelligence gathering
- Firearms policy and use
- Public affairs and Congressional Relations
- Field operations - including station muster
- Equipment, K-9s, infrared devices
- Border tour with Patrol Agents

Applicants for the Del Rio Sector's Citizens Academy must be at least 21 years old and are required to undergo a background check by U.S. Border Patrol, providing the following information:

Full Name: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Address: _____
DL#: _____
Daytime phone: _____
Evening Phone: _____

Mail applications to Citizens Academy, U.S. Border Patrol, 2401 Dodson Avenue, Del Rio, Texas 78840.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES - 3 p.m., Friday, Oct. 19, 2001
For information call (830) 778-7000

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Big Mama
Sez!



Middle age is when your narrow waist and broad mind begin to change places.

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Fort Clark residents vacation in Colorado

By Florence Dean
Contributing Writer

Several Fort Clark residents visited John and Rosie Mattingly at Trout Haven in Divide, Colorado this summer.

At various times, Garlan and Ann Barron, Bill and Kay Poff, Bill and Lisa Stuart, and Lee Kuasnicka vacationed in the cool mountains.

Tom and Bea Bohne as well as new Fort Clark residents

Charlie and Flo Dean also joined them.

The group enjoyed weekly pot luck dinners and were entertained by the recently formed group

"Zeke's Fort Clark Express" with Zeke (Garlan Barron) playing bass on the Gumbo Pot, Bea Bohne playing accordion and guitar and Ann Barron on the keyboard.

Rosie Mattingly's son, Jim Hyatt who is manager of Trout

Haven, joined them on the guitar. Zeke's Fort Clark Express is scheduled to appear at Fort Clark Days in March, 2002.

Weekly trips to "Oney's" in Florissant, Colorado were also a highlight.

Oney's features local musicians who entertain at Open Mike nights.

Jim Hyatt and another Trout Haven resident play there regularly. The group also trekked to

the gold country city of mines and now casinos, Cripple Creek, to celebrate birthdays with dinner and gambling.

Ray and Jo Enrikin dropped by Trout Haven for a brief visit and were able to watch while the lakes were stocked with trout, and treated to a black bear sighting.

Everyone is looking forward to returning to Fort Clark for a busy fall schedule.



Border Patrol Agent for Air Operations Unit

Brackettville Rotary Club
Frances McMaster

Rotary program chairman for October is Ms. Lynn McCarson, and on Thursday, October third, she presented Border Patrol Agent in Charge of the Del Rio Sector Air Operations Drue Duncan. The Air Operations Unit is charged with air, search and rescue, it gives ground support, and enforcement. It assists other agencies, such as the sheriff, police, or EMS, that require help.

It is composed of a dozen pilots who maintain the facility of 10 aircraft. The planes they use are the Super Cub, PA18-150, AS350 BA Astar, UH1 Huey and the OH6A. The air aspect of the Border Patrol began in the early eighties when they acquired for surplus Army military aircraft. It has been upgraded since then.

A minimum of fifteen hundred hours of flight time is required to qualify for the Air Operations. A pilot may enter the training program with 250 hours, but is not eligible for full status until the 1500 hours are completed.

The pilots are required to fly day or night, and Agent Duncan brought with him the accoutrements they are issued. The helmet has night vision goggles attached to it that magnify the light 3,000 times. Duncan said these have added another dimension to the operation. They also have a flashlight that is light sensitive. A fireproof jump suit is worn and fireproof gloves are also issued the pilots.

The Global Positioning System is available to the agents. A device that looks somewhat like a television remote control wand operates this system.

The Del Rio Sector is large

and parts of it are remote and difficult to reach. It may take three hours to get to some of these places. If agents are holding aliens in such a place, they can be transported by air in a fraction of the time it would take ordinarily. In the course of their daily duty, the pilots fly over the main or preferred routes aliens take or look over the lay-up areas.

Infrared cameras allow agents to work at night. Definition is created as the camera measures differences in temperature. Heat causes people below to appear as glowing lights against a dark background. Agent Duncan explained that the cameras were not quite as effective in the heat of the summer.

A co-pilot operates the camera. Agent Duncan brought film footage of a group of aliens caught near Eagle Pass to show the audience how this photography appears. Eighty eight aliens and 6 agents were involved in this operation, and Rotary members were amazed to see a long string of figures of light surrounded by the 6 agents, also seen as lights.

In-house instructors are available in the Air Operations Unit, and pilot efficiency is checked every 5 or 6 months.

Agent Duncan answered questions from Rotary members. He said he had been interested in airplanes since childhood, and being in the Air Sector was like being paid for doing what you would choose to do as an expensive hobby. He flies around 100 hours a month, spending 4 or 5 hours a day in the air and the remainder of his day in debriefing. In answer to one question, he said that after September the eleventh, the Unit was grounded for 4 days.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Monday, October 1
8:45 p.m., A man reported kids at the parking lot of a local store, making holes in the sacks of corn. Deputy Karl Chism and Constable Cordelia Mendeke responded to the situation.

9:12 p.m., A woman reported that some kids had egged her house. Deputy Chism responded.

9:28 p.m., A man reported a gas leak around Spring St. An employee from the city was notified.

Tuesday, October 2
7:50 a.m., Reserve Deputy Larry Robinson, responded to a man who's trailer came unhooked from his van.

5:51 p.m., A Fort Clark resident reported a sick dog. An employee from the city was advised.

7:30 p.m., A cow was reported out on Hwy 90 and 3008.
7:51 p.m., Five black face sheep were reported out on Hwy 334.

Wednesday, October 3
1:12 a.m., Deputy Chism responded to a family disturbance.

10:39 a.m., Constable Mendeke responded to a report of burning trash.

3:56 p.m., Chief of Police Arnulfo Alonzo responded to a domestic problem.

5:48 p.m., Chief Alonzo and Constable Mendeke responded to a family problem. EMS was notified.

Monday, October 8
6:55 p.m., Raul Guadin

was arrested for assault, bodily injury on a family member by Chief Alonzo. Garza was released the same day on a PR Bond.

11:25 p.m., Chief Alonzo responded to a report that an apartment had been egged.

Thursday, October 4
7:56 a.m., Deputy Robinson responded to a woman and her dog who had been bit by a rottweiler.

5:15 p.m., A man reported his outhouse stolen. Chief Alonzo responded.

9:00 p.m., Deputy Manuel Pena responded to a complaint of a paint gun.

11:50 p.m., A green truck was reported driving recklessly on Hwy 90 east.

Friday, October 5
9:56 a.m., A 911 call was received at the Sheriff's Office from the Alternative School. Chief Alonzo checked it out and everything was OK.

11:36 p.m., The Uvalde Police Department notified the Sheriff's Office that a reckless motorist in a teal car was headed west. Deputy Chism responded.

Saturday, October 6
12:14 a.m., The Uvalde Police Department reported a reckless dark colored ranger headed west.

12:45 a.m., A man reported a possible drunk driver west on Hwy 90. Deputy Chism responded.

Monday, October 8
9:08 a.m., A red vehicle failed to stop.

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Lions Club Hears General Manager

Mrs. Maggie Banner Kerr was guest speaker at the Oct. 4th meeting of the Brackettville Lions Club. Mrs. Kerr spoke to the group about the changes taking place at Fort Clark Springs. She is married to Hudson Kerr, who is the resident engineer for Rio Grande Electric Coop. They have two children, Ward, 9, and Banner, 8, and have lived at Fort Clark Springs since 1999. Maggie stated that the thing she likes best about Fort Clark Springs is the diversity of people—which means intellect and fresh ideas are brought in.

Lots of things are happening now. The board has taken a zero tolerance pledge on delinquent assessments. Trash is now being picked up only once a week. People with unpaid assessments will not get trash collected. Maggie stated that as soon as the garbage truck passed them by, several people came into the office and paid their assessments. She also reminded us that trash should be in varmint-proof cans.

New stickers are being put on all cars to control unpaid assessments or renters without privileges—these people can be charged with trespassing. All visitors, vendors, contractors, etc. will be given different colored placards for their car window. Traffic has slowed down since there is more visibility of sheriff's cars. Management believes we will be better served with deputies who have authority.

Mrs. Kerr spoke about the animal control problem. Raccoons, skunks, armadillos, etc., will be shot by animal control. If you have an animal problem, go to the office and file a written request and it will be corrected. Cats and dogs must be kept on leashes. Proof of vaccines and registration will be required. Owners of animals running loose will be notified by letter and asked to remove the animals from the Fort.

If property owners are not paying their assessments, but are renting their property, Judge Ford will send a letter to the landlord and renters will pay rent to the Judge. A small legal fee will go to the Judge's office, assessments will go to FCS and anything left will go to the landlord.

Senate Bill 517 broadened homeowners association rights—a person cannot be denied access to his own home for unpaid assessments, but can be denied access to all other areas. RV's will be given a placard allowing them access to the RV Park—some leniency will be given for access to other places.

The people at the gate will give much information—once the association gets control of the gate, other areas will be more easily controlled. There are currently \$266,000 in delinquencies, year to date.

General Manager Kerr ended her speech with a strong affirmation that the future of the Fort Clark Springs Association is looking good.

Lion President Tom Saylor welcomed back several Winter Texan members who have not been with us for a while. Lion Tom also introduced John and Mary Dixon, who will probably be transferring membership to our Lions Club. Likewise, Lion Tom stated, we hope Hudson Kerr will also transfer his membership to Brackettville Lions from the Sanderson Lions Club.

Empowering Families
By Dr. Donald Smith

“Did you see the news this afternoon, Jack? They showed an interview with a guy who was badly burned in the World Trade Center but managed to escape down the stairs from the eighty-third floor.”

“Yeah, what a story! It was really inspirational. Out of the thousands who died he was one of those who made it out. It's really hard to imagine that. Do you have any idea how that would feel, Bill?”

“I don't think that anyone who hasn't lived it could imagine how it would be. But, the pain and uncertainty must have turned every one of those thousands of steps into a living hell.”

Bill continued in a serious tone. “What I really remember from the man's story was what he said about getting a second chance in life. He was very pointed in saying that he was a changed man and every new moment of his life would have new meaning.”

For a few moments the two

men just drank coffee and reflected, each one reaching into his own soul for something that was difficult to grasp. Jack broke the silence. “You know what Bill? In a sense, that man is every one of us. Even though we are thousands of miles away, we all got that same second chance. And our lives will never be the same. I can't help but think a lot about God and about my family and about friends like you.”

Long ago a very wise man said, “Before man are life and death; whichever he chooses shall be given him (Sirach 15:17). Delay not your conversion to the Lord, put it not off from day to day; for suddenly his wrath flames forth (5:8,9). Turn again to the Most High and away from sin, hate intensely what he loathes (17:21).”

Every day after September 11, 2001, is the first day of the rest of your life. Cherish it, love it, share it!

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

Physician Assistant graduates

Fort Worth, Texas - The University of North Texas Health Science Center added to the growing number of physician assistants Sept. 22 when it held commencement ceremonies for 16 physician assistant students.

Among the graduates is Kimberly Rogers (Saunders) from Brackettville, Texas. Rogers graduated from Texas A&M University.

Physician assistants are health care professionals licensed to practice medicine under physician supervision. PAs are educated in the medical model, which is designed to complement the physician role. As part of their comprehensive responsibilities, PAs conduct physical exams, diagnose and treat illnesses, order and interpret tests, counsel on preventive health care, and assist in surgery. In Texas and 46 other states, physician assistants can write prescriptions.

56th Annual meeting, Some things never change!



Fashions certainly have changed since Rio Grande Electric Cooperative held this Annual Membership Meeting at Ft. Clark Springs in 1957! Though a lot of things have changed through the years, one remains constant - the RGECC annual meetings are always informative, and provide a chance to enjoy some great conversation, entertainment and free food! RGECC's 56th Annual Meeting will be held in Dell City, Texas, Saturday, October 13, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Dell City is a small farming community of emerald green alfalfa fields with the majestic Guadalupe Mountains as a backdrop. This is a

good opportunity to make a weekend trip, attend the meeting, and take in some spectacular West Texas scenery! Accommodations are available in Van Horn, which is approximately 90 miles Southeast of Dell City, or El Paso, which is approximately 90 miles to the West. A list of Van Horn motels, including telephone numbers, is available by calling Rio Grande Electric Cooperative at 563-2444. If you can help us identify the members in this photo, or pin-point the year it was taken, please call or drop by the Co-op office. Thank you, and we hope to see you at the RGECC 56th Annual Meeting!

Before man are life and death

OUTDOORS

Monarchs migrating early

Contributing Writer
By Henry Lutz

Austin, Texas — Thousands of monarch butterflies are migrating through Texas on their way to Mexico, and researchers are asking the public to join Texas Monarch Watch to help solve the mysteries of butterfly migration.

“The first reports to Texas Monarch Watch indicate that migratory monarchs entered Texas on Aug. 6,” says Mike Quinn, Texas Parks and Wildlife entomologist and coordinator of Texas Monarch Watch. “The numbers of monarchs being reported for August are unusually high. Some reports are further west than normal as well. We anticipate the bulk of the migration, as many as 3 to 4 million monarch butterflies, to come through in late September and early October.” The monarch migration is a well-known phenomenon, but much still needs to be learned, Quinn said. The mystery is how monarchs

coming from many different breeding sites from Colorado to New England all find the same tiny over-wintering areas in the high boreal fir forests of central Mexico without having ever been there before.

Volunteers are needed to keep a migration calendar of the presence, abundance and flight direction of monarchs to help researchers keep track of where monarchs go from year to year. Volunteers can phone TPW toll-free at (800) 792-1112, press 5 for wildlife, then 3 for wildlife diversity. A monitoring packet and calendars are also available on the Web (<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/monarch>).

For an update on the status of the migration and an opportunity to report your personal observations call (800) 468-9719 or e-mail mike.quinn@tpwd.state.tx.us. Anyone can also follow the progress of the monarch migration through Texas on the Journey North Web site (<http://www.journeynorth.com>).

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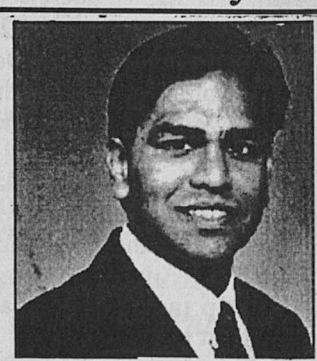
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Safety of the kids is important

Former student begins internship

Making a Difference
By Taylor Stephenson

This week, we hope to get new padded seats installed in the school auditorium and work completed in the biology lab. It's an exciting time as construction of our new technology building nears completion. This is part of an ambitious facility improvement program begun last spring. Our facilities have improved dramatically in the past ten years.

Friday night, at 6:30 PM, Judy Burks began presenting the homecoming court. She has done this job well for many years. We had finished presenting the court and crowning Duquesa Hunt, Queen, and Lee Davis, King. The lightning and a few drops of rain came in suddenly about 7:15 PM.

This type of storm kills folks in great numbers throughout our land. The decision to call the homecoming game off Friday night was a difficult one. I remember the football team in Midland, Texas, which didn't make it off the practice field before the storm hit. One of their players was killed. From the panhandle of Texas, I remember a coach who was riding a bike on vacation in New Mexico when the lightning hit. His life

ended at that moment. Homecoming is important. It's a big part of the lives of our students. Of ultimate importance is their safety. The storm blew over. But if I err, it will be on the side of safety. I hope that those who make these decisions for outdoor sports in our community will be mindful that you just have to be wrong once. Get the kids off the field and the folks out of the stands when the lightning comes! In a district game, we'll wait longer, but will still take the precautions necessary to protect lives.

This type of administrative decision reminds me of a friend of mine who was superintendent of schools several years ago in Alamogordo, NM. He did not call off school when the first snow storm of the season hit. An unhappy school patron called and told him that it was his fault that she had a wreck on the slick roads that morning. The next time snow came; the cautious superintendent called off school. A nice lady called that morning and cussed him out because she worked, had no baby sitter and did not have a place for her kids to go.

You have to do what you think is right. I haven't been cussed or praised. I don't even want to be. That's a job that I

can't delegate. I'll listen to those in authority before making the decision. John Paul Schuster, High School principal and David Yeager, Athletic Director are among those who I listen to in matters such as these. I also talked with the officials for the game and with the athletic director from LaPryor. Just wanted you to know!

This week, we will travel to Three Rivers for a district football game. We're sending the ball team and the band on charter diesel buses. Once again, the safety of the kids is extremely

important to the Board of Trustees who ordered that this be done a couple of years ago. We're 4 and 0 in football. This is an important game for us as it's the first game of the new season (district play).

Our varsity Volleyball team travels to San Antonio Tuesday to play the School of Excellence. We beat Dilley, but lost to Natalia. Sources close to the team indicate that we will beat Natalia here later in the year. So, let's go get them Tigerettes. Have a great week!

Cubs and Bulldogs fight to the finish

The Cubs and Bulldogs battled at the Bulldog stadium last Thursday night. The first half was controlled by both defense's and turnovers. After an unsuccessful drive by the Cubs, the Bulldogs took over on downs. On the next play, the Cubs forced a Bulldog fumble that was recovered by Miles Braesicke. The Cubs could not capitalize on the Bulldogs turnover. The Bulldogs were having a hard time moving the football against the Cubs defense. LaPryor Bulldogs were forced to punt from their 15 yard line and the Cubs defensive end Tres Rueda blocked the punt, but the Cubs remained scoreless in the

first half. The third quarter was a stalemate for the Bulldogs and Cubs. The fourth quarter was the beginning of fireworks. The Cubs started on their own 20 yard line and drove the ball to the Bulldogs 2 yard line with 56 seconds remaining in the game. The Cubs failed to put the football in the end zone on the first 3 downs. It was time for the grand finale. It was the fourth down and the clock was ticking, Brand Wylie took the snap with 1 second left in the game. He handed the ball to Ramiro Pina for the winning touchdown. The Cubs will play Batesville this Thursday at Tiger Stadium. Go Cubs!!

Brackett Tigers faced the Charlotte Trojans

Last Thursday the Charlotte Trojans came to town to face our Brackett Tigers. The Tigers tough defense forced a punt on the Trojans first possession. The mighty Tiger Offense then moved the ball down the field and quarterback Kody Yeager found a wide open Brandon Kluzek in the end zone for the first Tiger touchdown of the day. The PAT was good when Yeager hit tightend Oscar Sierra on another pass. The Tigers then went back on defense, this time the Trojans had a different plan. Going to the air, the Trojans found an open receiver and he raced 49 yards for a touchdown. The 2-point play was successful and the score was tied 8-8. The offense took the ball once again and marched down the field and fullback Mark Kesteloot punched in a touchdown from five yards out to give the lead back to the hometown Tigers. Again, the Trojans were forced to punt, and the Tigers were setting the stage for a blowout. But the Trojans fumbled and the lucky Trojans picked up the ball and went 42 yards for the game tying score.

from the one-yard line. Yeager then ran in the conversion and the Tigers led 22-14.

The Trojans again went to the air. They completed a 52 yard catch and run play for a touchdown. Rolando Ortiz sacked the Trojan quarterback on the PAT to keep the Tigers ahead 22-20.

All the Tigers had to do now was run out the clock; but that would prove difficult. The Trojans would force a punt and take over at mid field. On a play around the right end, Tony Rosetti split a double team and forced the Trojan runner back inside where Tiger linebacker Mark Kesteloot collided with the runner causing the ball to be jarred loose. Whitney Massengill caught the ball in midair and rumbled 59 yards to extend the Tigers lead, Yeager hit swingman Star Smith on the PAT to give the Tigers a 30-20 lead.

The Trojans were not through. They took the ball and moved down the field to the Tiger 9-yard line. A touchdown here and an inside kick were what the Trojans were thinking but Kody Yeager intercepted a would be touchdown pass to put the game away for the Tigers.

Kody Yeager finished the day completing 5 of 9 passes for 61

yards and a touchdown. He also ran 4 times for 21 yards. The fullback duo of Tony Rosetti and Mark Kesteloot combined for 108 yards on 20 carries. The Tiger defense held the Trojan

offense to minus 1 yard rushing but the Trojan passing game did accumulate 180 yards on 11 completions.

The win improves the JV record to 4-1 on the year.

Freshman and JV teams win

The Varsity Volleyball team lost to Natalia on Tuesday October 2nd. Leading scorers were Erica Meyer with 5 points and Mayra Aguirre and Susannah Davis with 4 points.

Aces: Erica Meyer, Mayra Aguirre and Sara Meyer with 1 point each. Assists: Susannah Davis with 4 points. Kills: Sara Meyer with 2 points and Duquesa Hunt, Erica Meyer and Mayra Aguirre with 1 point. The team record is 10-7 (season) and 1-1 (district).

The freshman volleyball team continued their winning streak by defeating Natalia freshman in two games 15-7 and 15-12.

Outstanding server and lead scorer with 15 points was Julisa Luna. Other outstanding players were Whitney Hobbs, Shanae Simmons, and Celina Terrazas.

The Junior Varsity volleyball team also won their match against district opponent Natalia by scores of 7-15, 15-6 and 15-6. Beth Ballew did an outstanding job serving 4 aces and scoring 10 points. Outstanding players were Emily Petrosky, Amanda Davis, and Shontae Ward.

The Freshman and J.V. teams will finish their season at home on Oct. 16th against Natalia.



Julie Renee Miller, senior Agricultural Service and Development major from Tarleton State University has begun her student internship with the Leon-Bosque Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Area. The RC&D council is a regional organization whose mission is leadership for rural community development in a 13 county area. Renee is under the supervision of Ronnie Boston, Leon-Bosque RC&D Coordinator at the RC&D office in Glen Rose.

ship spending a week in Austin assisting the Texas Rural Development Council with daily activities and the preparation of the TRDC annual report. She worked with Cheryl Hinckley, Executive Director and Bree Perrin, Assistant to the Executive Director. For the remainder of her training period, Renee will be based out of the RC&D office in Glen Rose.

Ms. Miller is from Brackettville, Texas and has been attending Tarleton State University since the fall of 1996. Upon completion of her internship-training program she will receive a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Services and Development from Tarleton State University.

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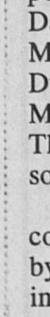
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5. Zip codes 6. Ireland, Israel, Italy, 7. Toole's, 8. The equinox 9. Yugo
1. Malcolm Little; 2. Honey; 3. A wrestler; 4. The Hunt for Red October

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—forward, backwards, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?

Today's Category: **COLORS**

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Trivia Time by Walter Branch

1. What was Malcolm X's real name?
2. What sweetening agent has been used as an antiseptic treatment for cuts and burns?
3. What type of athlete is called a pretzel bender and a grunt-and-groaner?
4. What was Tom Clancy's first best-seller?
5. What did the U.S. post office institute on July 1, 1963?
6. What three countries with large constituencies in the U.S. are known to members of Congress as the "three I's"?
7. What 1982 Dustin Hoffman movie went through 20 scripts?
8. What is the term for the time during the year when day and night are equally long?
9. From what country did Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia and Slovenia split in 1991?
10. How many heads did Cerberus, who guarded the gates of Hades, have?

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HOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your ability to get to the heart of the matter is tapped into this week. Distractions are put aside. By week's end, you are able to concentrate on lighter matters.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Be careful not to go overboard with your generosity. It's fine to help out a friend. However, putting yourself in debt to do so is wrong.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're plagued with an inability to concentrate as the week begins. This clears up as the week unfolds. Over the weekend, take some time to go over money matters.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Carelessness could lead to errors on the job. Make an effort to gather your thoughts. This weekend, get much needed rest.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You can safely ignore the warning about mixing business with pleasure this week. Entertaining bigwigs can have a positive effect on your future. This weekend, a child demands attention.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) An unexpected bill arrives in the mail. You'll need to rearrange your budget to accommodate this. No easy task, enlist the help of your mate.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't put a lot of weight on what a co-worker is talking about. This person is suffering from sour grapes. You do better by simply going about your own business.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A friend is unbelievably pushy this week. Don't let this intimidate you. You don't need to do something which goes against your beliefs.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You indulge in some verbal games this week with a loved one. Face it. You know you're not being fair and should take steps to correct this.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An opportunity seems to come your way. However, this isn't all it's cracked up to be. It's best to stay the course where your career is concerned.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) While you feel your mate is being overly indulgent, a confrontation won't solve this. A calm, rational talk is what's needed. Arm yourself with the budgetary facts you'll need.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A restless spirit haunts you as the week begins. However, by midweek, you're back to your usual self. Over the weekend, make contact with a friend who lives at a distance.

Roaring Twenties Solution:

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Everyone can be saved Trust God, don't blame him

Frontier Baptist Church
By Dave Crowe

I have often encouraged you to live. To live life to the fullest and to make each and every day, the very best and most rewarding that it can be.

To make the most out of the blessing and opportunities that God makes available to you.

I have often encouraged you to love. To love yourself, your family, your friends, your community and country, but most importantly, I have encouraged you to love your God.

I am encouraging you today to love life. The life that you have been given is worthy of you and well worth the living.

When looking at the big picture, you and your life may appear like a grain of sand on a beach, in it's self very small and unimportant. Not true! Remember this, if each and every grain of sand was removed, there would be no beach at all.

It's true, you are only one person, but you are so very important. Of all the billions of people on this earth there is only one of you.

God created you and placed you where you are, not by accident, for a specific and special purpose.

I believe, you were given life for two reasons. First to fellowship with and to have a meaningful, productive relationship with God. Secondly, to do a job that only you could do.

To love life is to love God. To hate life is to accept Satan and his teachings, hatred, deception, depression, fear, greed, murder, the occult, racism, terrorism, the list of evil is endless.

Satan hates God and everything and everyone that is good. God is life, now and eternally! Satan is death, flow and eternal. God and Satan are eternal enemies, total opposites in all things. Life and death are natu-

ral, in the sense, that we see and experience life and death everyday. Babies are born and people of all ages, die everyday for all kinds of reasons.

I want to talk to you today about something that is not natural or morally right or even legal in this country.

Suicide! The World Health Organization (WHO) in their 2000 report, stated that 20 million people (world wide) attempted suicide last year and that over one million of them were successful.

Why! The person who commits suicide intends to be rid of certain circumstances, that they are faced with and suicide is an attempt to escape it and find peace.

One thing is certain, and that is that they were suffering from some deep psychological damage and/or stress. They chose a sad, unnecessary and most abnormal way to deal it.

The statistics show that every twenty minutes someone's mother, father, grandparents, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, cousin, niece or nephew in this country (America) commits suicide.

Was there no one to help and stop them? Didn't anyone see the symptoms?

Satan was well acquainted with each and every one of them. Satan had been working his evil in each of their lives. Satan creates hopeless despair which then turns into thoughts of self-destruction and these thoughts turn into action.

The spirit of suicidal destruction runs rampant in our society, and as the casualties mount, humanity seems helpless in the face of this mighty giant.

There is hope, there is God. God is not helpless! Let us together, with God's help, declare war against this self-destruction and show it up for what it really is. Satan's work!

The spirit of suicide can take many, many different forms, just as Satan can. The spirit can move within us a desire for the death of others, as well as our own.

Adolph Hitler was a diabolical suicidal maniac who starved, murdered and burnt millions of men, women and children. Hitler ended his own life with a bullet to his head.

Look at cult leaders Jim Jones (1978) and David Koresh (1993) between them killing over 1,000 of their followers.

There have been many others since then. Men of twisted views from time immemorial have injected into the human realm destructive elements of murder and suicide and it goes on.

The ugly truth is, that at one time or another nearly everyone of us has or will fight it off, but so many people commit suicide for so many reasons, here is just one.

Peer-pressure, they want so badly to belong and to impress their peers, to be one of the crowd, that when things go wrong, they actually lose the desire to live. How sad!

God's whole hope in you is that he might deliver you! Not just from the evil on the outside of you, that is hurting you, but the evil that's within you as well.

Suffering then becomes the necessary incentive for humanity to rise up against evil everywhere and with the grace of God and the strength of God, we will overcome Satan and we will be victorious.

Everyone of us can be saved and live eternal in heaven. 1 Corinthians 3:16-17 "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile (destroy) the temple of God, him shall God destroy, for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."

St. Mary Magdalene Church
By Lynn McNew

As I write this article today, I am watching with some dismay and much trepidation the news reports that the United States has fired on Afghanistan. Our country is in a time of great stress and it could be easy to see why some people want to "blame" God for the things that are happening.

All of us have experienced moments of deep crisis when all we can do is cry out to God for help, wondering if God is even listening. The prophet Habakkuk calls, "How long, O Lord? I cry for help but you do not listen! I cry out to you, 'Violence!' but you do not intervene. Why do you let me see ruin; why must I look at misery? Destruction and violence are before me, there is strife, and clamorous discord." (1:2-3).

Even Jesus, on the cross, cried out, "My God, My God, why have You abandoned Me?" (Mark 16: 34).

When I hear Osama ben-Laden praise God for the terrorist attacks on the United States, I know that he does not believe in the same God as I do; or, in fact, the God that most Muslims believe in. Our God is a God of Peace; however, when challenged by the moneychangers in the temple, He showed that wrongdoing and injustice must be made right.

But, Jesus tells us in John's Gospel, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Have faith in God and faith in Me." (14:1) In Chapter 17 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells us, again, that if we have the faith the size of even the smallest mustard seed we could uproot the mighty mulberry tree. Maybe in terms West Texans can understand, we could move the mighty mesquite tree, whose roots go deep and is practically impossible to destroy.

It is hard for me to imagine faith with this depth and

strength, especially when I am experiencing times of despair, wondering if God is even there listening to me. I don't feel despair by the current events—I feel concern for our military and what is facing them; and for our leaders and the decisions they must make.

Lord, I thank you for the Holy Spirit who dwells within me to strengthen my faith. I pray for our country and for the people throughout the world who will be affected by the things to come. Help the people who use You in the name of hatred and violence.

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Gateway Ministries
By Pastor Charolette Corey

While our country goes to war against terrorism, we continue our prayer vigil to uplift and strengthen our president, asking God to give him wisdom with discernment and knowledge with understanding. We pray this for all administrators of this war against terrorism and we pray for the safety of all of them and their families.

We pray for those men and women from United States and other countries who are putting their own lives on the line to bring justice to these terrorists. Yet, even as we are grateful to have the high technology in war machines and facilities, we know that we battle "not with flesh and blood, but with principalities, against powers, against rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." (Eph. 6:11-12)

"Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching there unto with all per-

severance and supplication for all saints." (Eph. 6:13-18).

Each of us are in a battle that requires one to "be renewed daily in the spirit of your mind" (Eph 4:23). Whether physically

or spiritually, don't give up, don't give ground, but stand, and once you have done all you can do, stand some more. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

He is faithful that promised

St. John's Missionary Church
By Rev. William P. Adams Sr.

Having therefore brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh,

And having an high priest over the house of God, Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from evil

conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

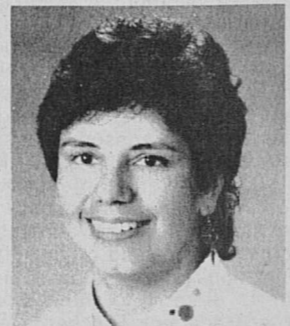
Let us hold fast the profession of our faith with out wavering (for he is faithful that promised), And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works,

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another, and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. Hebrews 10:19-25.



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HELP WANTED
RIO GRANDE ELECTRIC Cooperative, Inc. (RGEC) is accepting applications for the position of Groundman to fill a vacancy in the Cooperative's Brackettville Office. Applicants must be able and willing to work under adverse weather conditions, including holidays, overtime, and weekend duty. Must have physical stamina to trim trees, lift heavy objects, operate equipment and tools. Must be able and willing to learn to climb poles. Must possess a valid Texas driver's license with a clear driving record and be able to obtain a CDL license within 90 days from date of hire. Applications may be picked up at the Co-op or call Jan Nelson at 830-563-2444. Applications must be postmarked on or before October 19, 2001 and returned to RGEC, Administrative Department, P.O. Box 1509, Brackettville, Texas 78832. RGEC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

THE MIDDLE RIO Grande Development Council is accepting applications for a Workforce Case Manager I position in the Campwood Workforce Center. Applicants must possess a minimum of a high school diploma and preference will be given to applicants with college hours, a degree and direct experience. Direct or related experience may be substituted for credentials preferred. Applicants should possess a customer orientation and ability to work with all types of customers served through the workforce centers. All applicants must be able to use Microsoft Word and other software applications on a personal computer. Reports directly to the Workforce Center Manager in Brackettville. This position may require some travel within and outside the region. The salary range for this position depending on experience is \$19,155 through \$23,284. Qualified persons interested in applying for this position must submit an application to the Middle Rio Grande Development Council, P.O. Box 1199, Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834, attention Ramon S. Johnston, Deputy Executive Director. Application deadline for this position will be open until filled. Middle Rio Grande Development Council is an equal opportunity employer and auxiliary aids and services may be made available upon request to individuals with disabilities. For more information, you may contact our TDD Voice line (830) 876-1260 or our main line (830) 876-3533.

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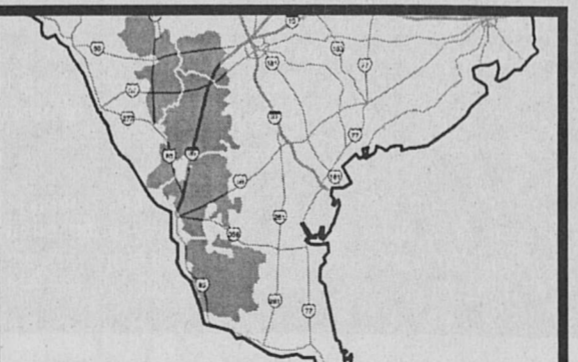
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