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Fort Clark Springs wins appeal in county court featured in "Westown" miniseries

By Flo Dean
Staff Writer

Judge James Simmons overturned a prior justice of the peace ruling in favor of Fort Clark Springs last Thursday. Bill Kelly, a former FCS board member, was ordered to pay the association a total of \$3,632.45 in county court.

Kelly was ordered to pay \$665 for outstanding residential assessments, due through the date of trial to FCSA, under its declaration of protective restrictions, plus court costs of \$327.45 and attorney's fees of \$2,640.

Simmons also ruled that Kelly's failure to pay residential assessments resulted in his being a member "not in good standing" and that the denial of certain recreation and/or other membership rights or privileges by FCSA was neither arbitrary nor discriminatory.

FCSA had denied Kelly access to facilities such as the adult center.

Kelly, who paid membership assessments but not residential assessments, says his refusal to pay residential assessments was his way of showing his disapproval of FCS management, especially fiscal management.

Further, he claims his membership assessment entitles him to access to all recreational facilities, since anyone with a membership not living on the fort has access.

The attorney for FCS cited page 4 of the declaration of protective restrictions, which, according to General Manager Maggie Kerr, dates back to 1972.

That restriction reads in part: "Further provided that in addition to the above regular assessment there shall be levied an additional resident assessment

not to exceed the amount of the regular assessment for each membership which is allocated to a residential lot or unit served by water and sewer."

A copy of the restrictions are provided to each member when purchasing a membership.

Maggie Kerr pointed out that these protective restrictions cannot be changed except by vote of the entire membership.

Kerr also disputed Kelly's statement that Fort Clark Springs is not a homeowners association. Though this title is not used in the declaration of protective restrictions as amended March 27, 1999, Kerr stated that FCS is considered a homeowners association under the Texas Property Codes. An amendment to change the definition to homeowners association will be voted on in March, 2002.

Under Texas Property Codes, Kerr said, there are only two ways for a group such as FCSA to file, either as a homeowners association or as a city.

Asked whether there are other ways to get members to pay back assessments, Kerr stated that in most cases, letters are the most courteous way to notify members of delinquent accounts. She added, most come in and pay once advised of past due amounts. After a 60 day notice, however, delinquent accounts will be taken to small claims court and a judgment sought.

Kerr also said that memberships can be given back to the association. She said, this often happens when members move away or die.

Kelly declined to state whether he would pay the judgment, but did say "As far as I'm concerned it's over with."

By Flo Dean
Staff Writer

Country music star Randy Travis says he doesn't plan to sing in the "Westown" miniseries now being filmed at Alamo Village. He does, however, play a gunslinger in the 1880's film. The three episode pilot, to be aired on the Encore and Western channels sometime in May, is produced by Quarterhorse Films, Inc. Nicholas Sturghill, who stars in the series, is also Director and Producer.

Travis' album "Inspirational Journey", has been nominated for a Grammy for Best Southern, Country or Bluegrass Gospel Album. The 44th Annual Grammy Awards are scheduled for February 27th at Staples Center in Los Angeles.

Born Randy Bruce Traywick on May 5, 1959, Travis used the stage names Randy Traywick and Randy Ray before settling on Randy Travis. He has had a number of hit records including "Always and Forever", and has appeared in several films.

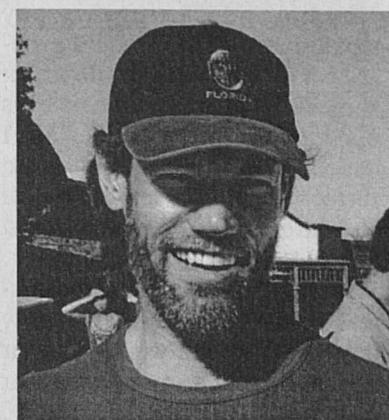
Sturghill, who was an undercover policeman in St. Louis for 17 years, is writing the script for Westown based on the life of his

grandfather, a St. Louis policeman in the 1880's. John Sturghill left St. Louis and became a Marshall in Wyoming.

Before John Sturghill, played by Nick, joined the St. Louis police force, he joined forces with Ricky Alberease, (Randy Travis) whose family had been kidnapped and murdered. With three other men, nicknamed "Blade", "Double Barrel" and "Long Gun", Sturghill and Alberease avenged the kidnapping and went on to fight crime in St. Louis. Sturghill was with the police force for several years, until politics changed and he was forced to leave the St. Louis area. Blade is played by Louis Gusemano, Cliff O'Quinn is Double Barrel and Robert Hooker is Long Gun.

When Sturghill went to Wyoming, he called St. Louis and persuaded Alberease, whose nickname was "Sure Shot", and the other three men to join him in Wyoming.

Nick Sturghill was able to locate J.E. Smith, who had worked with his grandfather in St. Louis, still living in the San Fernando valley. Smith, who retired in 1945 is now 103 years old, but was able to provide in-



Randy Travis plays a gunslinger in the three episode pilot of "Westown".

formation about John Sturghill. St. Louis police archives also yielded information about his grandfather.

Others in the movie are Ernie Robertson, Steve Hacker, Andrew Suire, and the film introduces Artee Patel.

Sturghill was last seen in "Killing the Badge" on the Encore channel.

Several local people are working as background for the film, including actor James Ham of Uvalde. Members of the Badland Rangers, Texas Ranger Co. D, Frontier Battalion Authentic Re-enactors also appear in the movie.

Briefs ...

Water District Board Meeting

Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District Board will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, March 5th, 1:15 p.m. at the Kinney County District Courtroom. Agenda items will include: Mission Statement, Election of a Vice-President and Budget.

Cavalry Brigade

By Woodie Hornburg
Contributing Writer

Don't confuse Fort Clark Springs Community Council's "Cavalry Brigade's" volunteers with hospital attendants on Saturday, March 2nd. A portion of the "Brigaders" will be cleaning the 'Commissary' in preparation for FCS's Festival, which is scheduled for March 8th and 9th. Of course, the volunteers will be wearing face masks and wielding shop vacs, polishing rags, and glass cleaning paraphernalia. The jolly troopers can also count on other areas to 'shine-up' and a thrilling opportunity to choose their projects in order to match their abilities. So - for lots of fun, excellent food, and fascinating fellowship plan to join the "Cavalry Brigade" at 9:00 a.m. on Shafter Hall steps on March 2nd and after eating at 11:30 - 12:30 - you are free to gallop home!

Tall Texas Tale

Come share your "Tall Texas Tale" during Fort Clark Spring Festival. There will be a prize awarded for the best "tall tale".

This event will be performed on March 9th at 2:30 p.m. at the "Red Garter Saloon" stage located in the Fort Clark Springs Commissary Building. Call Charlene Simmons for more information at 563-3070.

Duplicate Bridge

Duplicate Bridge was played at Fort Clark Springs in the Gorgas Room on Tuesday, February 19. Nine partners played the Howell Movement. The winners who tied for 1st were Rozetta Pingent with Tina Bauguess and Ruth Potter with Dena Scott. Coming in third were Kay Roberts and Dianna Daniels. Coleen Brawner, a guest from Rockford, Illinois, was visiting the Daniels. She enjoyed her evening of bridge with the great people in Texas who participate in the games. The scores were within ten points from high to low. That kind of scores makes for a very competitive evening.

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Commissioners accept Riata detention proposal

By Flo Dean
Staff Writer

Kinney County Commissioners held a special meeting Tuesday to consider the proposal from Riata Corporation to build a new detention center at Brackettville. Attorney Herbert

Bristow went over the proposal with commissioners. Commissioners voted unanimously to accept the proposal.

Riata Corporation will furnish financing. N. C. Sturgeon, Inc. of Midland, Texas are the designers and general contractors for the project and CiviGenics will operate the completed center. Riata's bid of \$7,764,948 was the only proposal received by the deadline. The facility is planned for 288 beds initially and CiviGenics will bring 5 employees to Brackettville. The remainder of jobs, between 65 and 80 depending on bed occupancy, will be filled by local residents. CiviGenics will do the hiring, training and all staffing.

It was estimated that 60% of necessary labor for construction of the facility would be hired locally.

Bristow outlined the timeline for construction to begin, emphasizing that this will necessarily be fluid. If bank approval is available in March, the architects have a timeline of 30 to 60 days to fully design the build-

ing, and for all documents regarding the transaction to be prepared and closed. With this timeline, construction - "turning dirt" could start by late June. However, if bank approval is received at a later date, construction would begin later, with completion in about one year.

Bristow was authorized by the Commissioners to prepare the necessary documents.

When completed, with all beds full at a rate of \$45.00 per day, \$8.40 will go to pay back the debt incurred for the facility. \$35.60 will be spent for management and operation, and Kinney County will be paid \$1.00 per occupied bed per day. There will also be telephone income, which commissioners discussed putting in a special account. This would be used as needed for capital improvement and payment against the note.

Commissioner Pat Melancon explained that there would be no expense to the county, except perhaps to the Treasurer and Auditor's offices as all income and expenditure would pass through these offices.

Cowboy Sunset Serenade entertains Historical Society

By Frank Cheaney
Contributing Writer

An overflow crowd at Fort Clark's Palisado Building on Saturday morning was thrilled by the performance of a western music and cowboy poetry group from Leakey, called the Cowboy Sunset Serenade.

The group was led by singer and guitarist Frank Roberts, interpretive ranger from Garner State Park, and cowboy poets were Linda Kirkpatrick and Joe Wells.

Linda Kirkpatrick was also the winner of the door prize. To provide a second door prize for someone else at the meeting, Kirkpatrick contributed a copy of a book she has recently published.

The book, entitled "Somewhere in the West - Texas

Women Who Left a Legacy," enjoyed a brisk sale after the meeting and is now on sale at the Sutler's Store.

The Cowboy Sunset Serenade was invited to return to Fort Clark on March 9 as part of the outdoor entertainment program scheduled for the Fort Clark Springs Festival.

Norma Conner was announced as a returning member of the Society Board of Directors.

The speaker for the March 23 meeting will be Fort Clark's own Phil Coburn, who will present a program dealing with the Dolores Colony, the ill-fated venture established in 1834 just south of the present-day location of Fort Clark.

Guests are always welcome at meetings of the Society.

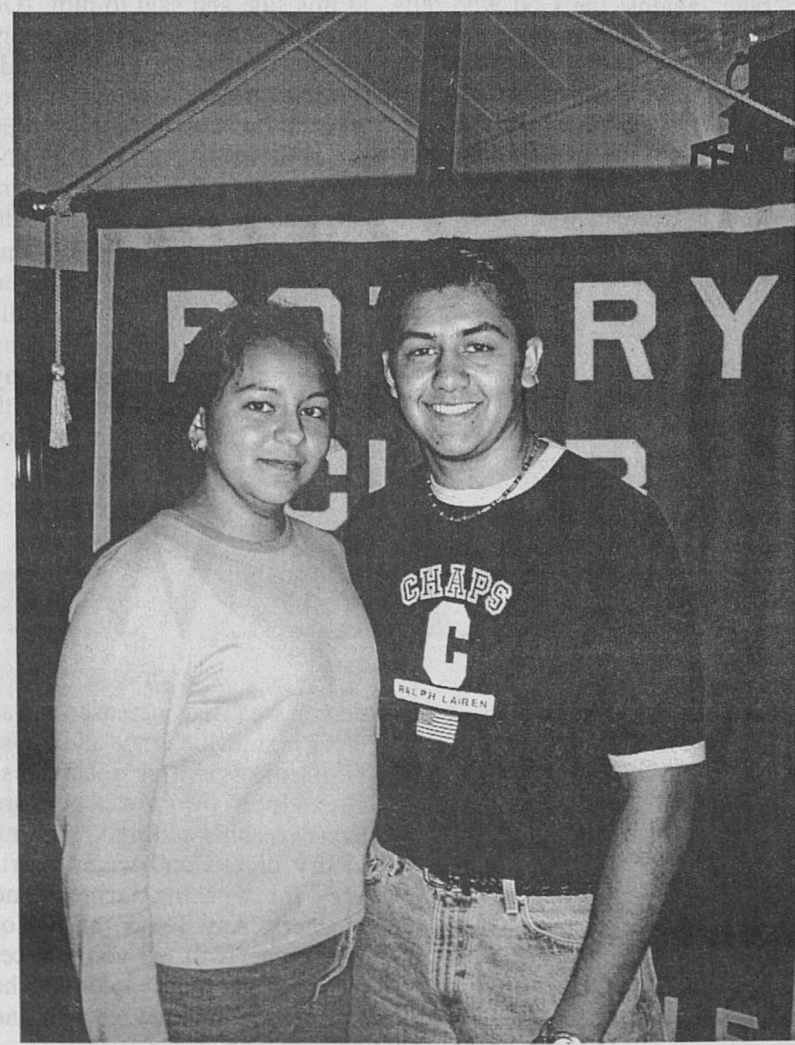
Rotary Youth Leadership Award students speak to local Rotarians

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

The Brackettville Rotary Club met on February twenty first to hear Rotary Youth Leadership Award students Maria Martinez and J. P. Pineda tell about their experiences at the RYLA Conference three weeks ago and the International Conference the previous weekend. RYLA was held in New Braunfels and the International Conference was co-sponsored by the Eagle Pass and Peidras Negras Rotary Clubs.

The two students spoke informally and stood side by side taking turns talking enthusiastically about the various events. RYLA brings students together from around this general area including exchange students sponsored by Rotary. Various top-flight speakers gave talks at the conference, and the young people took part in group-activities. They are assigned tasks that require organization and creativity. They are also designed to achieve goals through cooperation and promote the development of good leadership skills. To the students, RYLA and the International Conference present a wonderful opportunity to meet other students and have a great time. The only complaint about the weekends was a shortage of sleep.

At the International Conference, the meetings started at Eagle Pass and the mayor greeted the group. At New Braunfels, the students were housed in dormitories, but at the International Conference, they



The Brackettville Rotary Club program for Thursday, February 21, 2002 was our Rotary Youth Leadership Award students Maria Martinez (left) and J.P. Pineda.

stayed with host families. In both conferences the emphasis was on learning about other people and other cultures and coming together in cooperative enterprises.

The students were not the only ones to profit from these adventures. The Brackettville Rotary members got a glimpse

of the future. The capabilities of these young people who are poised to enter a rapidly changing world are impressive. They are facing seemingly unlimited opportunities, not only for personal success but for making the world a better place in which to live. In these troubled times, this is, indeed, a challenge.

**Letter to the Editor....
Parent defends Nowlin**

As most of you know by now, Coach Nowlin has been "re-assigned" not "fired". Those are the words that Mr. Taylor Stephenson (Superintendent) of BISD used during a school board meeting, where about 75 parents and students protested Coach Nowlin's "re-assignment". Coach Nowlin has been a member of our community for about 14 years now. He's one of the best teachers BISD has. He is honest and fair to all kids, no matter what your last name is. Coach Nowlin is always there for our kids, anybody who attends school activities, will probably always see him and his children there. During little league whenever there is an umpire missing, Coach Nowlin is sometimes called and you know what people, he is there as a volunteer. I haven't seen any of our other coaches volunteering. He encourages our kids to do their best, and our kids respect and love him. Our educators have to understand that it's important to have good teachers, someone our kids can depend on and talk to. I can't believe Mr. Stephenson would go along with this ludicrous suggestion from Mr. Yeager, who not to long ago had resigned from our school, only to return again. Reassigning Coach Nowlin and cutting his pay would mean that he would probably have to seek employment somewhere else, and that means our kids would end up losing. I encourage our community and former students to let your voice be heard and call Mr. Yeager at 563-2491 ext. 190 and Mr. Stephenson 563-2491 at the central office and let them know how disappointed we are in their decision. And also let your school board members know. Your school board members are: Tim Ward, Sara Terrazas, Henry Lutz, Lloyd Lee Davis, Ronnie Hobbs, Jim McDaniel and Rose Mary Slubar.

Sincerely,
Norma Sandoval



The Mark Of God

The Way I See It
By Steven R. LaMascus

Atheists today are a vocal lot. They are forming groups and coalitions and foundations, with the stated aim of ridding the world of intolerant religious fanatics. They are interested, they say, in freedom and the true meaning of the Constitution's first amendment. They are, they want us to believe, moral, right thinking, reasonable, responsible, tolerant adults, and citizens of the world. But I think there may be a shading of the truth here somewhere.

The most infamous American atheist was Madalyn Murray O'Hair. She was an outspoken proponent of atheism. She was responsible for the court case that stopped teacher led prayer in schools. What was her life like?

We know that she hated her father. In fact she once tried to kill him with a butcher knife. Her own son says she was addicted to booze, drugs, and sex. We would be safe to state that she was immensely unhappy in her personal life. And I do not think that is an unusual case. The following is an excerpt from the Christian testimony of O'Hair's son William J. Murray.

I was born into a home of near constant rage and violence. My mother never married my father or my brother's father. As a result of my mother's constant angry outbursts she could not hold down a job and she, my brother and I lived with her parents and my unmarried uncle in a small row house in Baltimore, Maryland.

My grandfather had never filed an income tax return and most of what he did do during his life was illegal or ill advised. He had no savings. My grandmother read Tarot cards and sent out demons by burning human hair. My uncle kept hoards of pornography in his

room and my mother filled the house with statues of mating animals which she worshipped.

My mother accepted the communist doctrine when I was about ten years old and from that time on there were socialist and communist study group meetings in the basement of our Baltimore home.

I was taught that because there was not God there was no such thing as right or wrong. My mother told me it was better to be a homosexual than to be a Christian. She taught me that the most important things in life were the physical pleasures of drink, food and sex.

That really sounds like the perfect home life, doesn't it? It's a miracle of the first order that William is now a Christian evangelist.

Atheism is not simply a belief in nothing. No one can believe in nothing. If a person professes to be an atheist they are in effect telling you that they serve Satan. It is really a very simple equation — if you are against God you serve Satan. Why do you think that O'Hair "filled the house with statues of mating animals which she worshipped?" She wasn't an atheist: she was an idolater. She was also one of the most intolerant people who ever drew a breath.

By and large, atheists are addicts to a destructive lifestyle. They rebel against morality and rage against the God who tells them that they must change or go to hell. They have made a conscious decision to join the minions of Satan in a war against all that is good. They believe in abortion, pornography, promiscuity, drunkenness, and drug abuse. They have no compunction about stealing if they can get away with it. Their words are as empty as their hearts. They will lie, cheat, steal, and kill to get what they desire, because their own base, animalistic desires are all they

care about. The above is, of course, a huge generality. Many self-described atheists are not atheists at all, and some are truly upstanding members of the community. But all have an empty place in their hearts caused by the absence of God.

I have known several so-called atheists who later became devout Christians. My youngest brother is one such. He called himself an atheist, but in reality he never was. He was rebelling against his upbringing and what he perceived as the unfairness of life. He has finally discovered the truth, and in so doing accepted Jesus Christ. He is now an elder of his church in Boise, Idaho.

So, if you claim to be an atheist, I suggest that you take a good long look at your life and the reasons for your rebellion. I promise you that true happiness lies in the arms of God. And it is much better to be hugged by God than to have the life squeezed out of you by Satan.

Madalyn Murray O'Hair was murdered on September 29, 1995. Do you think she cursed God all the way to the grave? Or do you think she begged God for mercy when eternity stared her in the face? What are you going to do?

Ezekiel 9:3-6 - "...Then the Lord called to the man clothed in linen who had the writing kit at this side and said to him, 'Go throughout the city of Jerusalem and put a mark on the foreheads of those who grieve and lament over all the detestable things that are done in it.' As I listened, he said to the others, 'Follow him through the city and kill, without showing pity or compassion. Slaughter old men, young men and maidens, women and children, but do not touch anyone who has the mark. Begin at my sanctuary.' So they began with the elders who were in front of the temple." NIV

American Heart Month

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

Heart attack, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases remain the number one killer in the United States. On an average day in Texas, 150 Texans die due to cardiovascular diseases and stroke. Heart disease has affected my family and, chances are, it may affect many of yours too.

Every year since 1963, February has been designated American Heart Month. This month is the time to learn more about cardiovascular disease detection, prevention and treatment.

The American Heart Association has designated this year's educational message as "Get in on the Action!," urging Americans to make physical activity a part of their daily lives.

There are a few simple things we can all do to reduce the risk of heart disease.

Exercising regularly is an important step. We all enjoy some form of exercise. So, whether it's horseback riding, jogging, walking or bike riding, help keep your heart healthy and "just do it!" Other easy approaches to control heart disease include eating a diet low in fat and high in fiber, and controlling stress.

One of the myths surrounding heart attack and stroke is that it is a "male disease." Wrong. Heart attack and stroke do not discriminate. In fact, heart attack, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases remain the number one killer of American females.

Research and education are key to battling and preventing heart disease. Today, the chances of saving a life and reducing disability from heart disease and stroke are better than ever because of research done in our lifetime.

Important discoveries such as life-extending drugs, bypass surgery and pacemakers, have improved the lives of many heart patients. But the fight against heart disease is far from over.

Hopefully, with more heart disease research and better education, fewer Texans will fall victim to the disease this year. As with any other health problem, please consult a physician immediately if you, or someone you know, shows any sign of a heart problem.

For now, as we remember American Heart Awareness Month this February, get in on the action and increase your physical activity!

For more information or questions concerning prevention or treatment of heart disease, please call the Texas chapter of the American Heart Association (AHA) at 512/433-7220 or the San Antonio division of AHA at 210/614-4121.

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Big Mama Sez!



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Capitol Comment
By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Every year, I bring my Washington and Texas staffs together to reflect on the past year and look forward to the year to come. Recently, we met in Glen Rose, Texas at the Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, a beautiful place to reflect on the majesty of nature.

The Fossil Rim Wildlife Center is a Texas treasure and one of the most beautiful and unique sites in our great state. The Center is home to more than 60 species of animals and works with organizations from all over the world to care for endangered animals and help bring them back from extinction.

Fossil Rim has shown that there is more than one way to save a cat. Unfortunately, some conservation efforts have had a

terrible effect on areas of our country and our economy. All too often, efforts to preserve an animal species have included grabbing private land and restricting its use. In the Pacific Northwest, this has destroyed jobs and parts of the economy. In Central Texas, preserving the golden-cheeked warbler and the Barton Springs salamander ultimately cost people thousands of dollars to use land they already owned! What we need are creative approaches to preserving a habitat - not tearing down an economy, or trampling on personal property rights. By voluntarily setting aside land for species protection in places like Fossil Rim, we can avoid requiring private property owners to restrict the use of their own land. Refusing to allow cedar trees to be cut on private property to protect the golden-cheeked war-

bler has caused increased cedar fever in human beings and a loss of precious water resources. Cedar roots absorb water before it can reach aquifers, resulting in dry creeks and water shortages for working farmers and ranchers. Any Texas rancher or land-owner will tell you that cedar removal will replenish the soil, encourage new growth and increase the water supply.

Fossil Rim has proven that there are effective ways to preserve our animal populations while allowing human populations to grow and prosper.

One of Fossil Rim's highlights is the work they have done with wild cheetahs. Although not native to the Lone Star State, the animals have thrived on the Texas prairie where they have the open space they need. Cheetahs typically require 500 square miles of hunting land to

survive and the increasing human population in Africa has made this increasingly difficult. Once, there were more than 100,000 wild cheetahs roaming the globe, now there are closer to 10,000. By working with other zoos and wildlife organizations, Fossil Rim has been able to successfully breed and increase the cheetah gene pool.

We Texans are lovers of nature and the outdoors. Protecting our natural habitats and wildlife is a common desire that we all share. That's why the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has designated more than three quarters of a million acres in wildlife management areas throughout Texas. By focusing on smart preservation and a balance of human and wildlife interests, we can protect the future of our animal populations and maintain our Texan way of life.

Words can end or begin relationships Kinney County Heritage Museum to receive historical marker and medallion

Empowering Families By Dr. Donald Smith

Joe thought about it all day. Over and over he rehearsed in his head what he would say to Sofia. He stopped in the driveway more suddenly and slammed the car door harder than usual.

"Sofia," he yelled. "Mom said you failed your science class."

"Dad," Sofia pleaded. "You don't have to tell the neighborhood."

Joe got right in her face. "What's the matter with you?"

"Why can't you pass science?"

Sofia began to cry. "I don't know, Dad. I need some help with it. Its hard."

Joe put both hands around her arms and squeezed. Sofia could feel his fingers like clamps against her flesh.

"Dad, you're hurting me," she cried as she twisted her body trying to lose his grip.

"You need to hurt," Joe said angrily.

"You're going to hurt a lot more if you don't pass science. You're nothing but lazy. When I was your age....." He didn't finish.

Josie pushed herself between her daughter and her husband.

"Sofia," she said softly. "Go to your room. In a few minutes we'll talk."

Turning to her husband she stood looking at him. Joe recognized the look on her face.

His anger still burning, he opened his mouth but choked on the words. He started to turn away to escape but Josie took his hand in hers.

He looked down at her hand holding his but she didn't let go. She reminded him of his mother who had the softness of an angel but spoke with the authority of God. He listened.

"Joe, your words cut to your daughter's heart. She feels crushed. Science came easy to you in school. Sofia finds it very hard. She needs your help not your anger."

"A wise man long ago said, 'death and life are in the power of the tongue (Proverbs 18:21) and a man's tongue can be his

downfall (Sirach 5:15).' Joe," she said, "guard your tongue and gain your daughter." Joe knew what he must do.

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

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Monday, February 18 11:48 p.m., A woman reported a gun shot that she heard from her neighbors at east El Paso St. Deputy Karl Chism responded.

Tuesday, February 19 9:13 p.m., A man reported to Constable Cordelia Mendeke that his car and house had been egged. Deputy Chism was notified.

Wednesday, February 20 No time shown on report. Patrick Minor, 35, from San Antonio, was arrested for DPS warrant for speeding by DPS Trooper Burr. Minor was released on Friday for time served.

7:08 p.m., A 911 call was received. A woman requested assistance from a deputy. Deputy Johnny Fritter responded to the call.

7:35 p.m., A woman from Uvalde called to report her car was stolen. Chief of Police Arnulfo Alonzo responded.

9:35 p.m., A man reported a black cow that was against the fence on Hwy 131.

Thursday, February 21 8:45 p.m., A loose cow was reported on Hwy 131.

Friday, February 22 No time shown on report. Garylee Ximiness, 21, from Venice, Florida, was arrested for possession of marijuana less than 2 oz by Deputy Chism. Ximiness was released for paid bail bond.

No time shown on report. Richard Rene Clark, 34, from Del Rio, was arrested by Constable Mendeke for outstanding tickets. Clark was released for time served.

7:44 a.m., Chief of Police Alonzo responded to a locked vehicle at the corner of Gove and Veltman.

8:38 p.m., A United States Border Patrol Agent reported a cow on Hwy 1908.

Saturday, February 23 10:10 a.m., DPS Trooper Tony Ashley responded to a reckless driver on Hwy 90 west.

10:33 a.m., Trooper Ashley responded to a minor fender bender at a local store.

3:10 p.m., A gold Chevrolet truck was reported driving recklessly on Hwy 90.

6:05 p.m., A border patrol radioed to report a loose cow.

6:22 p.m., A loose bull was reported around the rest area on Hwy 277.

7:02 p.m., Cattle was reported loose on Hwy 1908.

9:46 p.m., The Del Rio Police Department reported a stranded motorist on Hwy 90 west. DPS Trooper Tom Wylie was notified about the situation.

10:36 p.m., Deputy Manuel Pena Jr., responded to a possible break-in.

Sunday, February 24 2:23 p.m., A possible controlled fire was reported in Val Verde County on Hwy 277 and FM 693.

The Kinney County Heritage Museum is located in the Filippone Building at the intersection of El Paso & James Streets, in downtown Brackettville.

The Filippone Building was built in 1884 by Giovanni B. Filippone and was operated as a general store for many years. The Filippone Building is a two story, six-sided limestone building, with one-story stucco over limestone addition on a part of one side. It has a flat roof of metal. The building is basically rectangular in shape, but the two front corners are squared-off, thereby creating a hexagonal shape. It is the only building like this or even similar to it in the entire area.

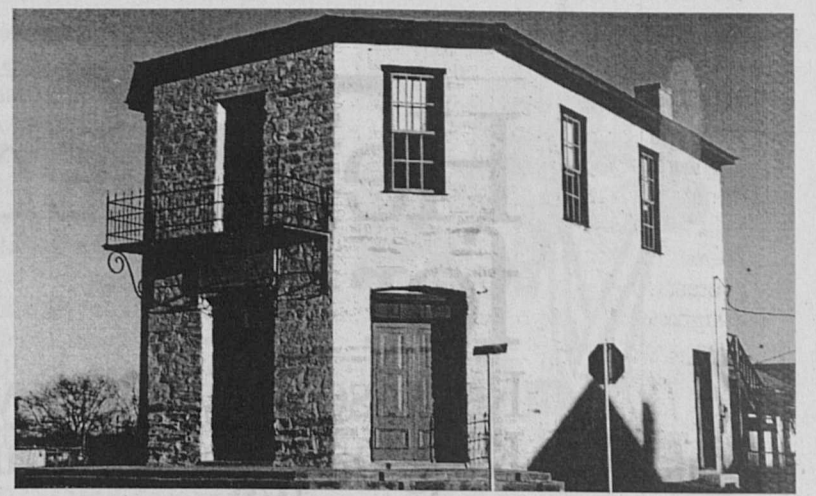
It has a wrought iron balcony on the foremost section. The City of Brackettville bought the Filippone Building from Rufus Moore, a grandson of Giovanni Filippone in 1984.

During the next several years the building was restored by a grant from The Moody Foundation, interested citizens, businesses and the city of Brackettville.

In 1993 the building was gifted to Kinney County to be operated as a museum Restoration was completed by Kinney County and the Kinney County Historical Commission.

Kinney County gave the Kinney County Historical Commission the responsibility of operating the museum.

The museum is open the 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month from 1 to 4 PM. The museum has large collection of pictures dating from 1890 to 1945 depicting the heritage of Kinney County. Also on display are many items used around the home and ranch during the early days of Kinney County.



The Filippone Building was approved by the Texas Historical Commission for the Recorded Texas Historic Land-

mark (RTHL) designation, on October 11, 2001. Dedication of the marker and medallion will be in the Fall of 2002.

She's Yeller, He's Red, White And Blue

But I could be wrong By Chuck Hall

Two things worth mentioning this week. My daughters bought me a dog for my birthday. It was just exactly what I wanted. She's a cute yellow lab, born on Christmas day. I haven't owned a lab in many years. I'm not sure if "own" is the right word. I sometimes think dogs "own" me. Maybe we just share some time and the same space together and coexist for a while.

By next bird season, I know she will be a fine hunting companion and a super retriever. I know she will bring me many hours of pleasure. A good dog is hard to find. Enough about the mutt.

Let's talk about Tillman. My grandson is more like me all the time. When he's in a good mood, everybody knows it. When he's in a foul mood, well,

let's just say he's even more like me. The T-man will definitely show his emotions. I'm not sure if that's good or bad. I guess it depends on others moods.

He can recite the pledge of allegiance to the flag. All by himself with no prompting. He does so several times a day to his own delight and that of anyone who'll listen. He may not know what all of the words mean right now, but he will. I'll make sure he does.

I am extremely proud. Proud of him and proud of the daycare facility staff that is trying to instill nationalism in their young charges. We still live in the greatest country that ever existed in the history of the world.

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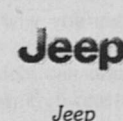
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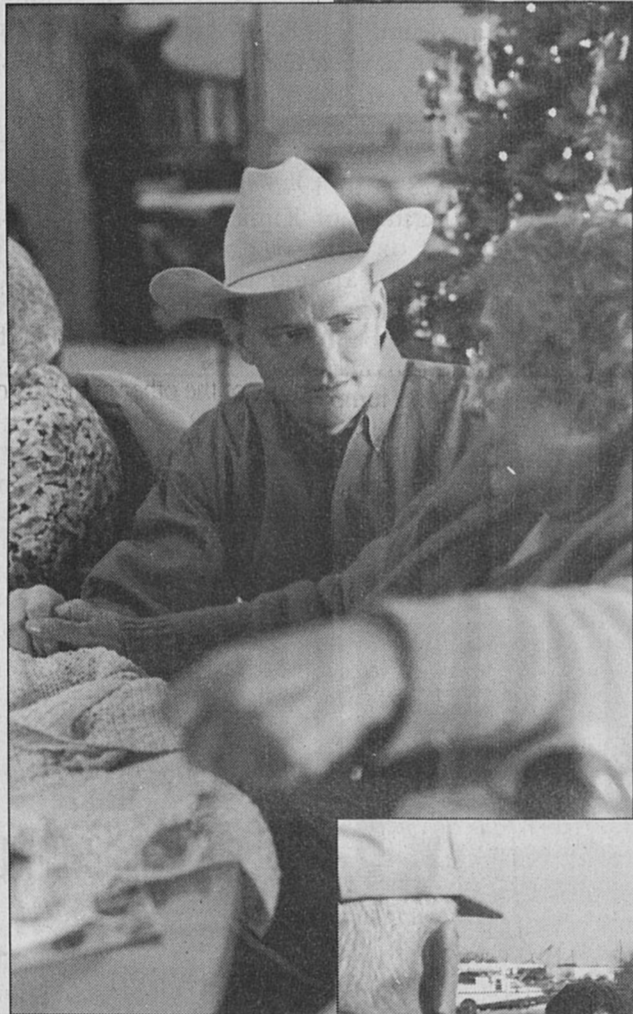
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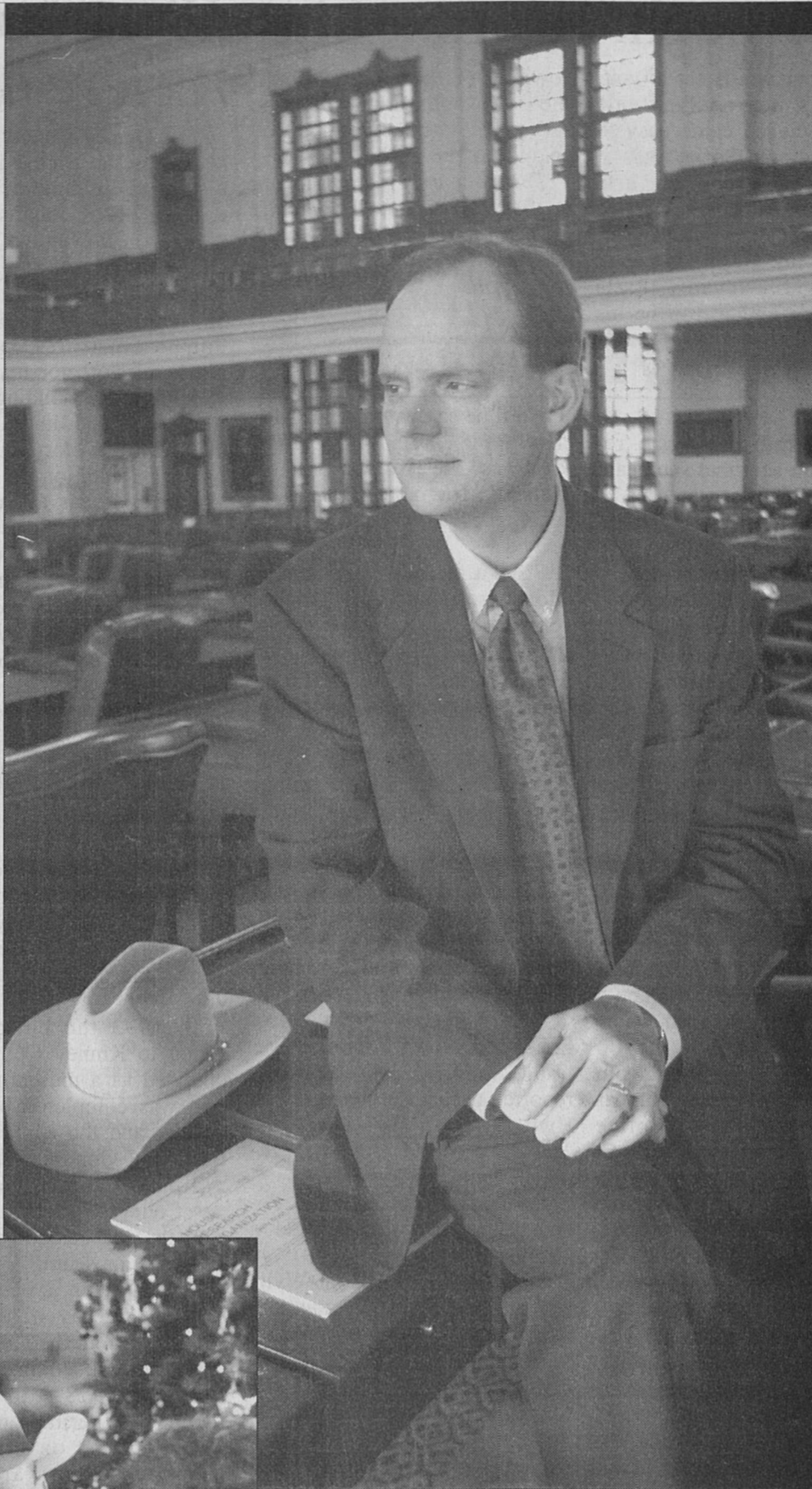
Representative Tracy King has worked hard to make a difference...and he's not finished yet.

Tracy King has dedicated his time and energy to fighting for the issues that are important to the people of this district. And no issue is more important to Tracy King than education. He knows our children must have every advantage for this new century. That's why, during this last session, Tracy voted to increase funding to both public and higher education, so that the schools in our district had the same resources as schools in wealthier school districts in Texas. A tireless champion for our teachers, Representative King worked last session to create a health insurance program for all public school employees. And he voted for a teacher pay raise, too. In fact, Representative King supported increasing benefits to our retired teachers because he values the time and sacrifice they gave to our children. Tracy also supported a new initiative that prepares teachers and students for mastering math and creates after-school math programs for students who need additional help.

But that's not all. Tracy King also passed legislation that encourages character education and parental involvement in public schools. Representative King was an author of the bill creating the Texas Grant Program, which for the first time in history provided over \$100 million in



college scholarships to Texas students going to Texas colleges. And Tracy King was instrumental in providing funding for new classrooms for our children. No one has fought harder for our children's well being than Representative Tracy King.



qualified workforce. And he helped pass the Texas Economic Development Act, which allows local officials to lower property taxes for businesses so that they can compete with economic incentives offered



Our region also needs more solid, good-paying jobs—and Representative Tracy King is determined to help bring them here. That's why he helped pass educational and job training programs last session to help develop a better skilled and

by other states. And under the Better Jobs Act that Tracy King supported, voters can approve using sales tax revenue to fund economic development projects, including job training, early childhood development and literacy programs.

from working families. Thanks to Representative King's efforts in the Legislature, CHIP now insures over 5,000 children throughout the district alone, and over 500,000 children in Texas. Representative King also worked to create the state's first program to help seniors afford prescription drugs.



Finally, Tracy helped enact the state's first "no-call" list, which prevents telemarketers from calling people who have signed up on the list.

Now, more than ever, it is very important to have a strong, experienced voice fighting for our agenda: better schools, quality health care, and good jobs for our region. Tracy King will take our fight to the floor of the House.



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Proud of our students and teachers at BISD Golf Tournament

Making a Difference
By Taylor Stephenson

BISD publicly thanks the Kinney County Arts Council for providing a concert for the entire student body and staff this past Friday. The San Antonio Chordsmen were well received by the students and faculty. The director told the students and staff that they were the best-behaved group of students that the group had performed before. He also gave credit to the educators at BISD. We're proud of our students and teachers. There is little in the way of cultural entertainment available to our students. Thanks KC Arts Council for a job well done!

We're fortunate to have the golf course at Fort Clark Springs. Coach Dave Wilkins and volunteers were able to stage two invitational tournaments.

For the past two Mondays, we have been able to sponsor tournaments for students in the area. I saw buses from Del Rio, Eagle Pass, Sabinal and many of the other area schools. Also, our own boys and girls golf teams were able to play on the course. We're appreciative of the cooperative spirit at Fort Clark Springs, which allows students to use the course. We must continue to encourage young students to play golf if we are to maintain the fine course

that we have at Fort Clark Springs. Thanks again!

We're nearing the time for Spring Break at BISD. The break will last a week and is scheduled this year from Monday, March 11 through Friday, March 15. The weather has been beautiful for the past few days. We are expecting cold for few days in the middle of this week. After that, who knows? Maybe we will have rain and warm temperatures. I have noticed that Mountain Laurel has begun to bloom in our area.

High School teacher, Tony Ramon has been teaching an extra class this year. Teachers in block scheduling teach 6 of 8 classes, which gives them a prep period each day. Tony's classes were large, and he volunteered to teach another class because of the large freshman class giving him a total of seven to teach. Every other day, he has no preparation period. Tony deserves a pat on the back for volunteering to make school better for BHS students. He is a fine teacher. Thanks for a job well done!

A bank account has been started for little Edward Solis at our local bank. The young man who is recovering from brain surgery is doing better, but the family needs our financial help. If you can help, drop off a check at the school or bank. Have a great week!

8th grade girls

The 8th grade girls played against Del Rio in the Junior High Track Meet on Friday February 22nd.

800 Relay; Timmeke Simmons, Dana Bonner, Brandy Smith and Ashley Castillo placed 1st. 1600 Relay; Timmeke Simmons, Rachael Swinson, Brandy Smith and Ashley Castillo placed 1st. Jessi Crane placed 8th in the 2400

meter. Rachael Swinson placed 2nd in the 100 meter and in the 400 meter. Brandy Smith placed 2nd in the 1H.

Ashley Castillo placed 1st in the 200 meter. Jessi Crane placed 8th in the 1200 meter. Tye Taylor placed 2nd in the shot putt. Cassandra Gomez placed 3rd in the discus. The team is in 3rd place.

7th grade girls

The 7th grade girls met at Del Rio for a track meet on Friday February 22nd.

In the 1600 Relay Danika Schmidt, Rachael Lethco, Lisa Morgan and Emily Valenzuela placed 3rd. Danika Schmidt, Lola Cano, Laura Meyer and Kara Yeager placed 6th in the 800 Relay.

Lola Cano placed 4th in the 2400 meter. Rachael Lethco

placed 6th and Kara Yeager placed 8th in the 800 meter. Emily Valenzuela placed 5th in the 100 meter and in the 400 meter.

Rachael Lethco placed 3rd in the 1600 meter. Rachael Lethco placed 3rd in the long jump. Rachael Lethco placed 1st and Danika Schmidt placed 2nd in the high jump. Overall the team is in 6th place.

The Glory Road

By Lynn McNew
Contributing Writer

Rehearsals will begin soon for the latest production of "The Glory Road", the story of the history of Fort Clark as an Army Post. The play, produced by the Old Quarry Society for the Performing Arts, will be presented on June 20-23, 2002. The produc-

tion will be in the Amphitheatre at Fort Clark Springs.

At the present time, people are needed for soldiers, town's people, Indians, and Buffalo Soldiers. A few speaking parts are still available. Acting and/or singing skills are not necessary, just a desire to have fun and participate in community theater. For more information call 830/563-9229.

Alamo Couriers of 1836

By Pat McKelvy
Contributing Writer

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas had a candlelight service to honor the valiant Alamo Couriers of 1836 and to remember the messages they carried. This impressive ceremony was held at the Alamo shrine in San Antonio on Saturday evening, February 23, 2002. They came from all walks of life and were united in a single mission. The bravery of the Alamo Couriers of 1836 is often overlooked in the honoring of the Alamo defenders. Archives have documented 22 couriers, but likely there were more. They traveled across the state, delivering news of the siege to people, including James Fannin, General Sam Houston and the representatives meeting at Washington-on-the-Brazos. These men had love and knowledge of the land. They were re-

ally quite special.

Some of the couriers returned during the siege and died as Alamo defenders. Others went on to fight at the Battle of San Jacinto, one died in the Goliad massacre. The couriers who survived continued to serve Texas after independence was won.

February 23 was an appropriate date for this service since it was the first day of the Alamo siege which lasted 13 days and climaxed on March 6.

The ceremony began with the ringing of the Alamo Bell by Frances Pryor. The candelabras used in the ceremony were designed and made by James H. Black for the event and the candles were lighted by 4 acolytes. The featured speaker was Dr. Paul Andrew Hutton, a historian from the University of Mexico, author and consultant/commentator to the History Channel and A & E.

By Dave Wilkins
Contributing Writer

The Brackett Tigers competed in the Brackett Invitational Tournament Monday and performed very well!

There were 14 teams competing of all sizes, from 5A to 1A. Our golf team placed second as a team, with outstanding performances from Chase Neuman(79), Ryan Benton (75), Eliot Stone (88), Robbie Looney (96), Whitney Massingill (95), Carl Dalton (97), and Anthony Munoz

Pearsall Tournament

By Coach Nowlin
Contributing Writer

The Tigerettes Participated in the Pearsall Tournament over this past weekend, and finished in 10th place out of 22 teams. The girls were the smallest school there, and represented themselves very well. On Thursday the girls took on the Host Pearsall Mavericks, and were beaten by a very good team 8 to 1. Celina Cano handled the pitching duties, and Valerie Terrazas was the catcher. Playing well for the Tigerettes was Vanessa Castillo who drove in the only run on a hard hit triple to center field. Celina struck out five batters, and walked only two. In the second game played on Friday the girls beat a tough Cotulla team 11 to 10, in a very exciting game that was not decided until the last inning. Celina Cano was once again the pitcher and struck

(78). The team shot 337 and was beat by only 2 strokes by Carrizo Springs. Sabinal placed 3rd with a score of 360.

We had good individual scores and two of the three medals awarded went to our boys. Ryan Benton won first with a score of 75, Mike Blake (Carrizo Springs) was second with a score of 76, and Anthony Munoz placed third with a score of 78. Great overall job guys! Our next tournament here will be April 1st, it will be the 1st leg of the District tournament.

out 6 batters and walked only 3. Playing well for the Tigerettes was Vanessa Castillo, Valerie Terrazas, and Nicole Mata. The last game of the tournament saw the girls face off against a veteran ballclub from Somerset. The girls were beat 15 to 0 by a very good team that went on to win the consolation game. The young Tigerettes were able to pick up some valuable experience that will help them get ready for the upcoming District season. The Tigerettes had 14 varsity players last year and only return 3 of those for this year. The girls are still picked to finish in third place this year. That shows the respect that the other District coaches have for the Brackett Tigerettes Softball team. The girls go to Junction on Tuesday the 26th and are at home on Friday March 1st at 6 PM versus Junction. So come on out and support the Tigerettes!

Track Meet

The High School Girls Track Meet was in Del Rio on Saturday February 23rd. The scores of the girls are as follows. 400 Relay; Divina Pena, Courtney Frerich, Tammy Smith and Amanda Davis made 2nd place. 800 Relay; Amanda Davis, Courtney Frerich, Stacy Castilla and Tammy Smith 1st place. 1600 Relay; Divina Pena, Stephanie Coronado, Amanda Davis and Stacy Castilla made 1st place. Sprint Medley Relay; Divina Pena, Stacy Castilla, Stephanie Coronado and Juliann Ashabranner were 1st and made the meet record. Juliann Ashabranner made 1st place in the 3200 Relay and also made the meet record.

Stephanie Bonner was 2nd place in the High Hurdles. Celina Terrazas placed 8th in the 100 meter. Stephanie Coronado placed 1st in the 400 meter. Tammy Smith placed 1st, Stephanie Bonner placed 2nd and Courtney Frerich placed 5th in the low hurdles. Juliann Ashabranner placed 1st and made the meet record for the 1600 meter.

Amanda Davis placed 6th in discus. Tammy Smith placed 2nd in the triple jump. Divina Pena placed 4th in the long jump. For the high jump Stacy Castilla placed 1st and also made the meet record. Courtney Frerich placed 2nd and Tammy Smith placed 6th.

Juliann Ashabranner made the list for The Female Athlete in the division. Brackett is 2nd with 166 in the team standings.

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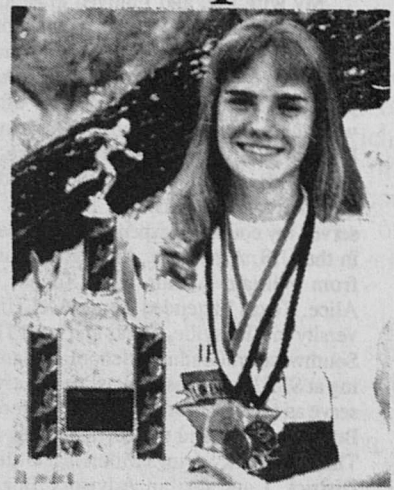
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February 21, 2002, Brackettville, Texas - Juliann C. Ashabranner, a 9th grader at Brackett High School, has been selected for inclusion in the 2001-2002 High School Edition of Who's Who In Sports, a national publication that honors outstanding achievement in high school athletics. Juliann's accomplishments include:



Juliann Ashabranner with her trophies

District Cross Country Champion, placed 5th at Regionals, State Qualifier finishing 32nd of 109 runners as a Freshman at the State Meet in Round Rock. Juliann also participates in volleyball, basketball, golf, and track for the Tigerettes. Inclusion in Who's Who In Sports High School Edition is a significant honor. Less than one half of one percent of high school students participating in athletics will appear in Who's Who In Sports High School Edition this year. These athletes are selected based on their athletic achievement from the nearly seven million students who participate in competitive athletics. Who's Who In Sports High School Edition has been honoring high school athletic achievement for 24 years and is one of the leading sports publications of its kind in the na-

All District Basketball

By Coach Nowlin
Contributing Writer

The All District Basketball Team - Tigerettes 2001-2002 Ashley Smith was chosen for the 2nd team All-District team by the district coaches, Stephanie Bonner, Duquesa Hunt, and Courtney Frerich were chosen for the Honorable Mention Team. I would like to congratulate the girls on their accomplishments, also all of the other members of the 2001-2002 Tigerettes team for all their hard work during the year. Good luck next year Tigerettes!

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Friday, March 1
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4:30/6:30 PM, HS Track, Dilley, JH Track, Uvalde

Saturday, March 2
G Softbl JV Eagle Pass Tourn (A), TBA

Monday, March 4
8:00 AM G Golf Devine Invitational, 4:30 PM G Softbl JV Eagle Pass (A), 5:00 PM JV Basebl Del Rio (H), 6:00 PM Board of Trustees Meeting, Texas Public Schools Week!

Tuesday, March 5
4:30 PM G Softbl V D'Hanis (A), 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Spring Open House, Jones Elem., 7:00 PM V Basebl LaPryor (H)

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To achieve any long-term financial goal, such as a comfortable retirement, you need to invest consistently. But that's not always easy to do. A lot of things can disrupt your ability to invest - so you'd better be prepared.

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Keep the funds in a liquid vehicle, such as a money market account. Because interest rates are so low, you won't earn much of a return, but that shouldn't be your chief concern with this money. You just want to make sure you have enough to tide you over in case you lose your job or need to make a major purchase. Without this emergency fund in place, you might have to dip into your investments to make ends meet.

Your debt load is another threat to your investment capability. Simply put, the more you owe, the less you have to invest. That's why you may want to contact your tax professional about the possibility of debt consolidation. By rolling over your high-rate credit card to a low-rate home equity loan, for example, you may be able to save thousands of dollars a year - which you can then invest. Furthermore, a home eq-

Another way to protect your ability to invest is to make sure you have adequate insurance. You may think you're protected with life insurance, but the fact is that, during your working years, you are far more likely to become temporarily disabled than you are to die. If you have a good disability insurance policy, you can replace some of your lost income. Without this coverage, you may be forced to tap into your investments. Your employer may offer disability coverage as a benefit; if so, take it. But be aware of how much coverage you're getting from your employer's plan. If it's not enough, you may have to supplement it with an individual policy.

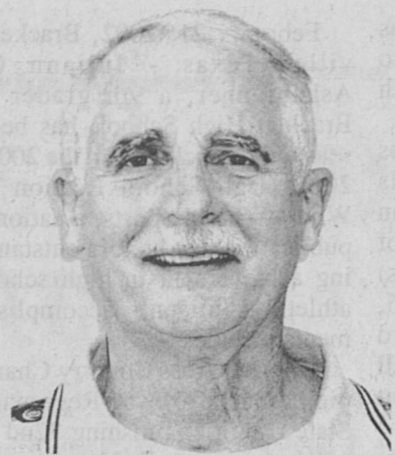
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County Judge (Dem)

Don Ralston

My wife Joy, and I moved to Brackettville in June of 1982 along with our two daughters, Shawn and Tia. Joy and I have been happily married for thirty-six years. I retired in March of 2001 after working in banking for thirty-four years. Prior to that I spent a period of time in the U.S. Border Patrol and have worked for International Business Machines. I served my country by spending four years in the U.S. Air Force. After graduating from William Adams High School in Alice, Texas I attended Texas A&I University in Kingsville, Texas and later The Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at SMU in Dallas, Texas. Currently I serve as a Middle Rio Grande Workforce Board member and a Board member of The Fort Clark Springs Municipal Utility District. I am also an Advisory Board member of The Bank & Trust. I am a Paul Harris Fellow and past president of the Brackettville Rotary Club. I served as president of the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce and was honored as Citizen of the Year 1987/1988. I am a long time supporter of the Kinney County Junior Livestock Show and past Rabbit Chairman. I received the Friend of 4H Award and served as a shooting coach for the Kinney County 4H. My wife and I were instrumental in starting Project Gradua-



tion and worked as sponsors for many years. Recently I participated in the formation of the Kinney County Underground Water Conservation District. I strongly believe my business background will be an asset to our county government. The county's future lies in job growth and fiscal responsibility. Growth will allow us all to have a good quality of life. My service to the citizens of Kinney County would be based upon equal treatment and fairness to all regardless of the circumstances.

Herb Senne (I)

I am your incumbent County Judge. Folks that have known me forever often call me by my nickname, Butch. Others call me by the handle my parents gave me when I entered college (Herb). According to my parents, I needed a name a little more "grown-up", since I was leaving on an adventure that might require a bit more adult recognition (and behavior). Now, some folks call me "Judge" - what a change! Initially, I was uncomfortable with my new name - what it stood for and, most certainly, with what the job requires. Now, I'm not. Though the job of a County Judge is very complex, demanding and stressful, it does afford an opportunity to achieve and in fact, make a difference. I have.



Civil Service with USDA - Soil Conservation Service - stationed in various towns and cities in Central and West Texas. Retired for two years, then Appointed Acting County Judge for six (6) months. Elected to serve a four (4) year term as County Judge. A commissioned constitutional county and trial judge. First (and only) bride of 37 years - Janelle. Three children, one grandson. A pretty good bass fisherman.

Tommy Seargeant

I am a candidate in the Democratic Primary for the position of County Judge of Kinney County. I am a life-long resident of Kinney County and I want to return conservative financial management to the county. Our county tax rate is one of the highest in the area. If elected I promise to reduce taxes and restore fiscal responsibility to each county department. You - the citizens of Kinney County deserve a well run and efficient county government and I will do everything in my power to see that you get it. Your vote and support in the coming election will be appreciated.



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- Bring new business into the County to increase our tax base and County revenue, i.e. 288-bed prison facility that is looking very promising from the revenue standpoint and at no financial risk for the county.
- I have filled in for the County Judge in his absence.
- Served on the TRACS grant review board.
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District and County Clerk (Dem)

Dora Sandoval (I)

Dora Elia Sandoval has announced that she is a Democratic candidate for the re-election to the office of County and District Clerk of Kinney County in the March 12, 2002 Democratic Primary Election.

Dora is a life-long resident of Kinney County. Dora and her husband Ernest have two children, Myrna and Leonardo. Myrna graduated from Brackett High School and Southwest Texas State University, where she received her Bachelor's degree. Her son Leonardo is a candidate for graduation this spring from Brackett High School. Dora has 17 years experience in the county and District Clerk's office, beginning her service to the public in that office in 1985 as Chief Deputy. In 1994 she was appointed County and District Clerk. Prior to working in the clerk's office she worked for an attorney as a legal secretary for 6 years.

The office of County and District Clerk performs several important and major functions of county government that includes processing all Civil and Criminal District and County cases, filing Birth and Death records, issuing Marriage Licenses, keeping financial records and reporting to State Comptroller every month.

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elections held in our County. In addition, because of my 17 years of training, education and experience in the duties and responsibilities of the Clerk's office I am familiar with all the process, paperwork and reports required of the numerous and important functions of the office, including personal communications with officials of the various state agencies we must work with on an almost daily basis, including the District and County Judge as well as the District and County Attorneys."

"I have enjoyed serving you in the County and District Clerk's office for the past 17 years and once again I respectfully ask for your vote and support in the upcoming Democratic Primary Election, it will sincerely be appreciated."

Norma Gomez

I am happy to announce that I Norma J. Gomez, am a candidate for the position of County and District Clerk in Kinney County.

I was raised here in Brackettville and graduated from Brackett High School in 1976. Shortly after graduation, I married Tino Gomez and accompanied him during his U.S. Army career. We have two wonderful children, Leticia and Vicente. We returned home in 1996 after his retirement and starting of a new career.

The opportunities and experiences of living and working in New York, Wisconsin, Louisiana and several places in Texas were great. Some of positions that I held were cashier, childcare provider, computer operator, microfilm machine operator, office assistant, security guard, teacher's assistant, etc.

As an administrative clerk for a major corporate training organization, I coordinated and processed numerous events, meetings, reports, travel arrangements and training of over 35 employees. Served as

the personnel and payroll director of a nursing home with over 110 employees for two years. Insured that employees were administratively processed in or out and maintained personnel, medical and training records. The tracking, correcting and maintaining of payroll records was the most important and successful duty.

Currently, I am the Kinney County Sheriff's Assistant. Successful duties include the collecting and updating of statistical data for a variety of reports to local, state and federal agencies; coordinating and processing of vehicles for auctions; scheduling personnel for duty; processing of state and federal grants; receiving, disbursing and accounting of money collected for fines and fees, prisoner accounts, abandoned vehicles, grants, etc. and numerous other duties as assigned.

As a team player, I believe in treating everyone equally. I believe in the opportunity to excel in a new career while serving and supporting the public. I will greatly appreciate your consideration and vote during the March 12, 2002 primary Election.

County Treasurer (Dem)

Janice Floyd (I)

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County Commissioner Pct. 2 (Dem)

Joe Montalvo (I)

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Matt Bland

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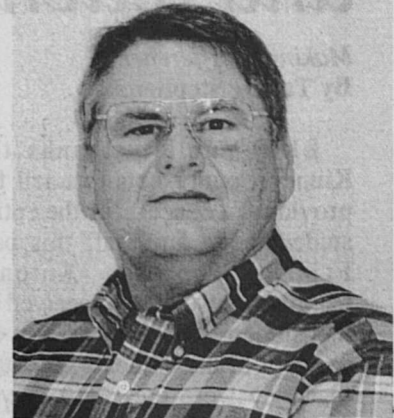
Pat Melancon (I)

Education: Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from The University of Houston. At least 16 hours a year for the last four years of continuing education for commissioners.

Experience: County Commissioner since January 1999. Owner and operator of Papco Service Co. Inc., (A/C & Heating business) for the last 15 years, here in Kinney County. Hermann Hospital, Houston, loss prevention supervisor, 2 years. U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, 4 years. United States Postal Service, letter carrier 2 years. United States Marine Corp and reserve 7 years.

Community: Served on the Board of Directors First State Bank of Brackettville, Fort Clark M.U.D. board, appointed to un-expired term on B.I.S.D. school board, member of Kinney County Chamber of Commerce since 1988, Catholic Church finance committee, member of The Old Quarry Society, Ft. Clark Gun Club, yearly supporter of the Kinney County Livestock Show, 2 years as "T" Ball coach, member of The Knights Of Columbus. Member of Ft. Clark since 1973.

Family: My wife Pam and I have been married 29 years and have three grown



children Patrick 24, David 23 and Michelle 19.

We moved from the Houston area to Kinney County in 1987 because we wanted a better quality of life for our children and ourselves. My mother, Jackie Veltmann, was born and raised in Brackettville and I have wanted to live here as long as I can remember. As Commissioner, I have and will continue to strive to keep our beautiful community a desirable place to live for all those families who feel the same way I do.

Gilford Raymer

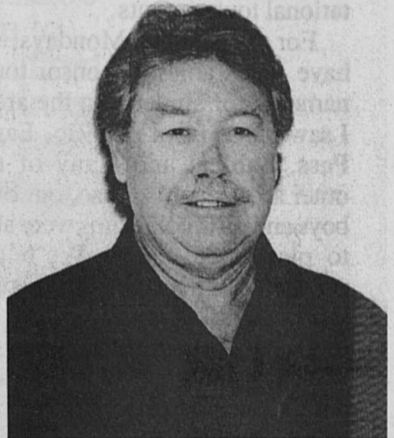
I am a graduate of Eastern Illinois University. I served for twenty four years in the U.S. Army and the U.S. Air Force. My career with the Military was in many capacities including Electronic Technician and Supervisory. I was selected for special assignment with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

After my career with the military I accepted a position with General Motors Corporation. I served as Supervisor of Security, Financial Analysis for Labor, Paymaster, Financial Planning for Retirement, and First Line Supervisor. After a Reduction in Force by General Motors I was offered an option to retire, which I accepted.

I was then employed as a Manufacturing Consultant, School Teacher, Administration Assistant to the Court, and Jailer. I have managed a Budget in the millions of dollars.

I have always been involved in Community Affairs and Activities.

I am currently serving as Brackettville Municipal Court Judge. A position I have held for over three years.



I am married to the former Alicia Cepeda of Del Rio for 37 years.

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Every position I have held has prepared me to be your County Commissioner.

Justice of the Peace (Dem)

John Ford (I)

I was born and raised in the Northeastern U.S. and became a resident of Texas in 1976. My wife, Darla, and I were married in San Angelo in 1979.

Shortly after becoming a Texas resident, I was introduced to Brackettville and Fort Clark Springs. I became attracted to the people of Kinney County during my frequent visits here from San Angelo. These visits instilled in me a great desire to be part of this community and subsequently Darla and I moved here in 1995.

In May 1998, I was appointed to be Justice of the Peace, due to the illness of Judge Alvin F. Hall. Also in 1998, I ran for the position of Justice of the Peace and was elected in November 1998. My elected position began in January 1999. At the end of my present term I will have been Kinney County's Justice of the Peace for 4 years and 8 months.

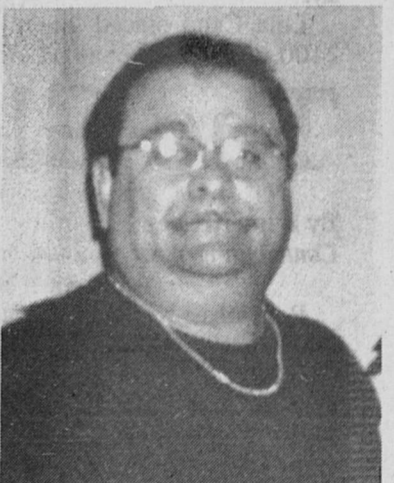


Working with the people of Kinney County has been rewarding and fulfilling and I desire to continue by being re-elected Kinney County's Justice of the Peace.

Leonardo Luna

I would like to take this opportunity to formally introduce myself to the community. My name is Leonardo Luna and I am a candidate for the up-coming democrat primary election. My wife Elena and I have been married 30 years and raised three children, Norman, Samantha and Christina Marie. We have two grandchildren, who light up our lives. After graduating I worked for the government a total of eighteen years; as an enlisted personnel in the Armed Forces and as a civil service employee at Laughlin AFB. My political experience includes serving as City Manager for the City of Brackettville and a previous Justice of the Peace. I have volunteered my services in the following: Athletic Booster Club, Little League, Senior League Girls Softball, Lions Club, teacher with our church's Catholic Christian Doctrine program and served as Director of the Knights of the Altar.

For the past seven years I have been employed with the largest short-line railroad in the world, RailAmerica. My position as Administrator Field Operations Support include the following duties: Introduce and direct the procedures of new operating systems to office management and clerical staff. Provide training and support to all administrative field and corporate personnel. Intervene and act as liaison between the customer and depot personnel during issues of disparity and/or isolated incidents. Collect revenues from delinquent customers. Able to meet deadlines and working 80 plus hours a week.

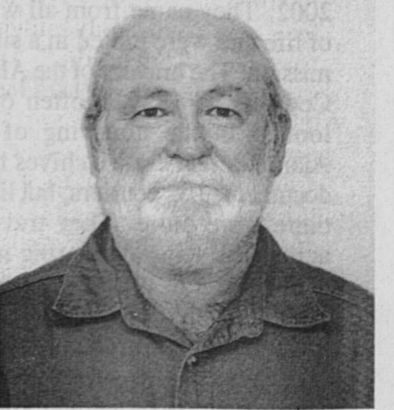


I am seeking your vote and support in the election for Justice of the Peace. With my commitment and hard work I feel I am qualified to be your next Justice of the Peace; to solely serve you and this community of Brackettville. I am capable of performing daily multi-faced tasks and can demonstrate a high level of trust and dependability.

Justice of the Peace (Rep)

Woody Massingill

I am Woody Massingill, a candidate for county wide Justice of the Peace for Kinney County, Texas. My family and I have lived in the county over 20 years. I have been involved with and held leadership positions in various County and Civic organizations, such as: President - Kinney County Little League, President-Kinney County Livestock Committee, Leader of the 4H Meat Goat project, Assistant Leader of the 4H Rifle project, 4H Validation Chairman for several projects, President-Babe Ruth League. I support the Brackett Athletic Booster Club and have been a member of the Brackettville Lions Club.



A Justice of the Peace needs a clear mind and the ability to render fair judgment; I know that I can meet these chal-

lenges. If elected I will maintain the integrity of the office of Justice of the Peace at all times.

Happy and faithful God's unconditional love

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

On this day, February 28, 2002, my father is 92 years young. I always marvel at my Dad. He is always in good spirits, has a kind word to share and smiles for anyone he meets. He could be a grumpy old man. He has his share of physical ailments but he doesn't complain. Instead, he always wants to know how others are doing.

I owe my Dad a lot. Of course he shared the responsibility for my birth and upbringing with my Mom (who died in 1982) and for that I am surely indebted. But most of all I am forever thankful for my Dad's "sayings." As children my sister and I would always bug Dad about our destination when traveling by car. We would ask, "Where are we going?" To which my Dad would reply, "Around the corner in a rowboat!" If we fell and got hurt he would say, "Come over here and I'll pick you up." When I inquire of his health these days I ask, "How are you doing old

man?" He always replies, "Who are you calling Old! And I'm doing just fine. Anyway, who would listen if I complained?" Each of these quips is offered with a broad smile and lots of love. To mention all of Dad's quotable quotes here would be impossible and boring for you. Suffice it to say my Dad has a sense of humor that goes with his compassion.

My Dad goes to the Catholic church now, because that is where my stepmother worships. He is happy and faithful. When he goes to Mass he is blessed. He puts his trust in God and lifts up his pain to the Great Physician. Despite his words to me, my Dad knows full well who listens to his complaints about his health. Dad doesn't pray for healing, Dad prays for strength. Dad has always been an active man, so he prays for enough strength to be able to be active with his family and friends, especially at church. And then . . . Dad turns it over to God and goes out to ride with his buddies as they play golf. Oh, he occasionally plays a hole or two

just to be able to rub it in that he still plays better than I do.

My Dad, through his actions and words, reminds me that life is a precious gift from God that we get to use for good or bad. Life can be excruciatingly painful or a joy. Life can be thrown away or used for, and with, others. The difference is in our trust in God. Can we lay our burdens at God's feet and journey on in wonder or do we pack them on our back as a sign of our martyrdom, complaining about having no help and how heavy the load is? The choice is ours! I'm going to do as my Dad does.

Happy, happy birthday Old Man! Please join us Sunday at 10:45 am for our weekly worship service. Come and learn to trust God's promises to share your burden. There is a family of faith waiting here who will be God's instruments of love and healing for you.

Gateway Ministries
By Pastor Charlotte Corey

Vigilance is very important to the believer who wants to maintain his soul in peace. The true believer continues to mature and bring the things of God into his life, things which keep him alert, covered with God's armor (Eph.6), and watchful of the things which scatter his thoughts and make his walk ineffective. Jesus said, "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth." (Luke 11: 23).

Christian maintenance entails keeping our eyes on Jesus, keeping a look out for the temptations which may beset us, and being ever ready to run sin out of our lives.

Often when we are blessed with healing or redemption, whether it be physical, spiritual, or in our minds, wills, and emotions, we tend to forget to main-

tain that cleansing by filling the emptied space with the word of God and Godly deeds. If we don't, then we become like the strong man who has a palace and everything seems to be at peace until a stronger man takes his armor from him, and divides his possessions amongst those who have defeated him. (Luke 21:21-22).

We don't want our hearts to be like the place that was swept clean by the grace and mercy of the Holy Spirit, then the unclean spirit that was sent away, finding that the house is now clean and decorated, returns back home bringing seven spirits more wicked than himself, making "the last state of that man...worse than the first." (Luke 11:24-26)

Jesus said, "...Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it."

(Luke 21:28) The seed of

God's word will do what it was sent out to do, if we but give it fertile ground and nourishment to grow in. Otherwise, we set ourselves up to have it stolen from our hearts, choked out with the deceitfulness of riches so there is not good fruit produced by it, or even offended by it if we have allowed our hearts to become hard and stony.

Instead, we want to be vigilant and keep our hearts soft, ready to pluck out the weeds, and maintain it with the water of the word and the sunshine of God's unconditional love. The heritage of the faithful is the anointed power of God's word in their lives.

These vigilant warriors are more than conquerors, they are overcomers through Christ Jesus. You can be one too. Stay vigilant. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

The Holy Bible

Frontier Baptist Church
By Dave Crowe

This may turn out to be the most dangerous article that I have written to date. As always I am opening myself up to criticism, yours.

I was asked this past week, why is God's holy word. (The Holy Bible), so hard to understand and interpret?

The man asking the question was totally sincere and has appeared to be of above average intelligence.

I began answering his question with a question, which is a thing that I normally dislike to do or have done to me.

Have you read or attempted to read the 'Holy Bible' in it's entirety, cover to cover?

His answer both astounded and confounded me. "Yes, many times! I have read the 'King James version', the new King James version, the simplified versions 'and the overly simplified versions', such as 'Good news for modern man.'

I have a huge stack of study bibles, such as the 'New international version', Max Lucado's 'The inspirational study bible', Willmington's guide to the bible' and so on.

Admiring him for obviously having spent far greater time in the word than myself, said smiling, I don't understand! What can possibly be the problem?"

Wishing that he could smile, he said "I'm serious, it's not funny! I'm worried! Without exception, every 'Holy Bible', (The inspired word of God), is man's translation from ancient scrolls and manuscripts which were transposed by many men over a huge space of time. Men attempting to translate the words of other men.

He continued by saying, "Today biblical scholars by the thousands have cross referenced and analyzed every word, according to all the known languages of those ancient times.

Here's my point! When I first read the 'King James version,' many years ago, there was lots of things that I did not quite understand."

I reassured him that, that is and was the case of most, if not all of us.

He asked me, "Have you read and used study bibles?" I answered, "That I do." And he said, "Then you know what I'm talking about! Read almost any passage in the 'King James version' and then go to a study bible, especially the bigger ones.

Some study Bibles are bigger than the Bible, itself! Anyway, study the passage, by the time you've read all the possibilities of what the author might have meant, you no longer have any

idea what he really said or why!"

I said, "Can you give me an example?"

"Yes, I can. Just this morning I was reading about the crucifixion of our Lord and the very first utterance of our Lord was, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:24). The study Bibles are quick to point out that the word "Forgive", can also be used to mean "To Allow."

Was he giving a blanket pardon for all those involved? On one hand, Jesus can forgive and ask for forgiveness for anyone he wants, anytime, anywhere. But was he?

We are told in ESH. 2:8-9, that forgiveness can only come through faith.

If Jesus was praying to a righteous Father, who was watching his beloved son being murdered by evil and wicked men, to stay his wrath, Jesus may have meant that these men were forgivable rather than excusable. But was he?

I'm not sure what he meant, are you?

If you'll give me a moment, I will try to answer your original question. Which was, "Why is the holy word of God (The Holy Bible), so hard to understand and interpret?"

To begin with, let me say this! I am not sure that it was meant to be totally understood and I personally don't think that God meant for us to psychoanalyze every word or phrase.

Whether the Holy Bible, as we now have it, was flawed by man's interpretation or not, is unimportant! It is God's book, God's story and it's all we have! It was important to God that we know who our creator is. Man's mind has and always will be filled with questions.

God gave us all the answers, that he thought that we needed to know. Now we know, where mankind came from and how he evolved throughout the ages.

We know what God's relationship to and with his creation (you and I) has been like since the beginning of time until this present age.

The Holy Bible was and is meant to be read, understood as best you can, believed in and accepted as truth, because it is!

Jesus was right as always, we must humble ourselves as little children and just believe.

Here's my advise to you. Pray to God for a much deeper understanding, pray for peace of mind. In the meantime, if the big books boggle your mind, put them away for a while and get a children's bible and digest and believe every word. Now, here's a confession, from time to time, I do just that and I love it!

Visualizing And Believing In God

St. Mary Magdalene Church
By Lynn McNew

Some years ago I read about a single mother. Even though she had no money, she prayed that her children would someday attend college. She even went so far as to hang three empty frames on the wall. The frames, she decided, would one day hold her children's college diplomas. Many years later, that is what happened. Her three children graduated and their diplomas filled those frames.

Hanging empty frames is what I call praying with vision. You hold a picture of the future in your mind, and you pray for its realization. Here are some steps that have brought greater vision to my prayers. Perhaps they can enhance your prayers.

1. When praying for someone, insert the name of the person you're praying for into specific verses. Example: Kim can do all things through Christ who

strengthens her (Philippians 4:13).

2. Find something concrete that symbolizes your prayer (like the empty picture frames for the diplomas). You might make a prophetic plaque for a friend who has not yet reached her goal, or draw hearts and rays of light around a picture of a grieving friend.

3. Whenever you pray, keep these visual pictures in mind. Then place them in God's hands so that He can bring about the highest good for all concerned.

It seems the more visual my prayers, the stronger my belief! Isn't there someone you would like to pray for today? If so, then why not get started. Your prayer, strongly visualized, might change a life!

Father, thank you for helping me to pray-visualizing and believing. You are welcome to worship with us anytime at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. God Bless You!

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

And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man who was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?

Jesus answered, neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents, but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.

I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. Therefore said they unto him, how were thine eyes opened? He answered, and said, a man who is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, go to the pool of Siloam, and wash; and I went and washed, and I received sight. St. John 9:1-5; 10,11

Thank You

We would like to thank each and every one who in any way participated to make J.B. Herndon's 90th Birthday a huge success.

Our very special thanks go to Judge Herb Seene, wife Janelle, State Representative Tracy King, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mobley, Marcus Tidwell, Frank Cheaney, Bobby Titt, Danny Billings, Kathy Herndon, Albert Payne, Amanda Smith, Miranda Salmon, Jessie Billings, Cheyenne Billings, Jenifer Vanantarp and Sissy Vanantarp

To all our special friends and family who brought gifts, dessert, love and laughter to our party. We love you! What a great party!

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Trivia Time Answers (c) 2001 DBR Media, Inc.
 1. Venus; 2. Lava lamps; 3. Woody Allen; 4. The Kennedy's; 5. Lactic acid; 6. Humpty Dumpty; 7. Miami; 8. Japan; 9. The first explosion of an atomic bomb; 10. Science fiction

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: Measurements (including measures of time)

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Trivia Time by Walter Branch

1. What was the first planet struck by a manmade object?
2. What lamps were all the rage in 1965, purchased by 2.5 million Americans?
3. What filmmaker said, "Most of the time, I don't have much fun. The rest of the time, I don't have any fun at all"?
4. What was the first family to have three sons in the U.S. Senate?
5. What is the substance that builds up in overly-exercised muscles which causes pain and stiffness?
6. What nursery rhyme's character's name became a British term meaning "a short, clumsy person of either sex"?
7. In what city was Manuel Noriega jailed after surrendering in 1990?
8. What country's female caddies chose to wear helmets after 500 of them were hit in the head with golf balls?
9. What inspired Robert Oppenheimer's July 16th 1945 quote from the "Bhagavad Gita": "I am become Death, the destroyer of worlds"?
10. What type of fiction is Hugo Gernsback considered to be "the father of"?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February 28.. Rudolph Hendrickson	March 2..... Arnold Pinales
February 28..... Ruth Lagow	March 3..... James Day
February 28..... Dale Smith	March 3..... Johnny Fritter
March 1..... Betty Gaither	March 4..... Vincente Lumberas
March 2..... Katy Hagler	March 4..... Trisha Smith
March 2..... Clay Hunt	March 6..... Margaret Byrd
March 2..... Joshua Keith	March 6..... Billie Foust
March 6..... Gordon Mathison	

HOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're somewhat bogged down by the details of a work matter. Take these one at a time. By week's end, it's all sorted out.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) In general, business and finances are favored this week. The opposite is true of romance. Try to ignore your mate's moodiness.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Friendship is accented this week. In your zeal to be helpful, however, you go overboard. Let this person work things out independently.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Domestic matters are most on your mind as the week begins. A family member can be quite helpful. Don't hesitate to ask.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You need to exercise more patience with a testy co-worker. Since you don't know what's wrong, you are in no position to judge. This weekend, you're a star on the social scene.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) It's not the week to mix friendship and finances. At work, you're able to solve what's become a bit of a puzzle. Later in the week, quiet pursuits are best.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) This is the week to tap into your communicative skills. You are best when you put pen to paper. Over the weekend, you find an outlet for your creativity.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Early in the week, disputes are likely with family members. However, this doesn't give you an excuse to lose your temper. Finances, though, take a turn for the better.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Before implementing that business plan, be sure you get plenty of feedback. Someone close to you can be invaluable in this respect. Over the weekend, you find something irresistible while out shopping.

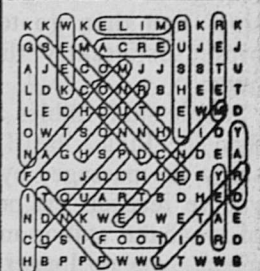
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It's best to just ignore an overbearing, egotistical type at work. You accomplish more by paying close attention to your own projects. Bigwigs will take notice.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A friend you've known for years is suddenly seen in a romantic light. Remember, the best romances are built on such a foundation. Over the weekend, you have a tendency to talk too much.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Cooperation and compromise should be stressed on the job. The same is true with your mate. Later in the week, you discover something new about someone close to you.

Roaring Twenties Solution:

1. Acre	11. Minute
2. Bushel	12. Month
3. Fathom	13. Ounce
4. Foot	14. Pint
5. Gallon	15. Pound
6. Hour	16. Quart
7. Inch	17. Second
8. Liter	18. Week
9. Meter	19. Yard
10. Mile	20. Year



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**MATT BLAND
CANDIDATE FOR COMMISSIONER
PRECINCT 2**

I have been a resident of Kinney County all my life. I graduated from Brackett High School and shortly thereafter I got a job working at a local service station (the Brackett Service Center) where I was the manager for eleven years. I became owner of that business and ran it for another four years until I sold it to some very good friends and school mates of mine. After fifteen years of working with the public I have decided to try to help my local residents in bigger and better ways by running for Commissioner in Precinct 2, against the current Commissioner, Mr. Joe Montalvo.

I have always tried to help the public and this will be no different. If I am elected to office as your Commissioner of Precinct 2, you will definitely see a big difference in the way you normally viewed the commissionership. I intend to see and talk to all the voters in Precinct 2 at least once a month. I really would like for the voters to be more involved and have a greater role in what happens in their community. After all it's your hard earned money that helps run the county and pays our employees salaries. I think its time that the Commissioner's Court pay more attention to their residents than their personal matters. They get paid to help represent the people of their community not for personal gain or to pay back a favor they owe. The Commissioners need to get more involved with their public and help them with their problems.

I am for the betterment of our community, not its decline, which is what I feel has been happening for the last few years. We have lost numerous businesses and countless jobs for our residents. We need to have a promotion of our county to outside business opportunities so we can hopefully bring in new business that will help create more jobs in the county and will at the same time help us build a stable tax base. Our taxes now are too high and with a newly formed Water District the taxes will be going up again. I am against the raise increases of public officials and higher taxes. I will stand firmly against both of these if I am elected.

We need to have better health care for our community. The State Health Department needs to be able to come back into Kinney County and perform badly needed medical services for our residents as they use to do. Our ambulance services needs to be carefully looked at to find out what needs to be done so that we can provide a good service to our community while at the same time we are not bankrupting them.

I do not think our elderly residents have been treated right by the Commissioner's Court. The T.V. at the Aging Center has been disconnected because of lack of funds, but the Commissioner's have no problems with giving themselves pay increases. Our elderly residents deserve to be treated a whole lot better than this. We need to try to get some kind of recreation programs set up to help our residents of all ages that have nothing to do with their spare time.

- In closing, I would like for you to ask yourself a few questions:
- What has your current Commissioner done for your community?
 - How often has your current Commissioner shown up for Commissioners Court meetings?
 - Has your current Commissioner ever come by and asked you or your neighbors your opinion or advice on current issues facing your community?

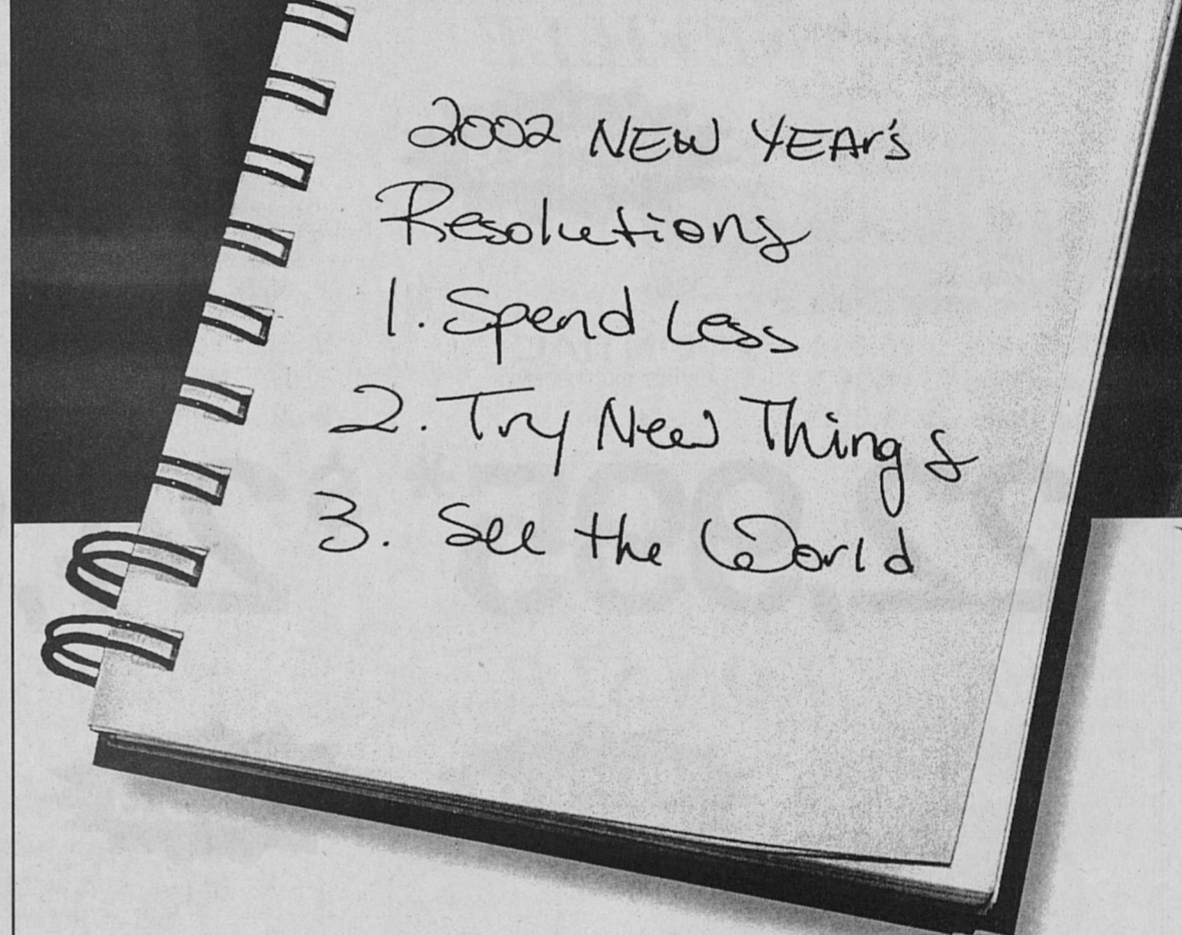
You have the right as a voter and a tax payer to have your voice heard, and your Commissioner should be more than glad to hear it. Instead it seems that they do whatever they want.

I sincerely and respectfully would like to ask you for your support and consideration for your vote in the upcoming Democratic Primary Election on March 12th, 2002. Please do not forget that you can go by the Kinney County Court House and vote absentee starting February 25th thru March 8th, 2002. Together we can make a difference.

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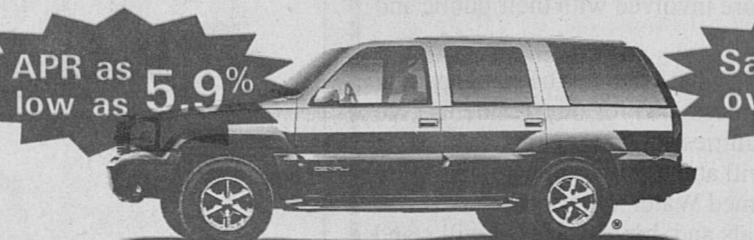


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