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Hole in one nets \$10,000 Golf ball size hail pelts Kinney County



From left: Richard Lundquist, Tim Lundquist, Jack Simpson, Gordon E. and Gordon Lundquist

By Flo Dean
Staff Writer

Gordon E. Lundquist of Appleton, WI stepped up to the tee at Hole #18 on the Fort Clark Springs golf course and hit a hole in one with a yardage of 169. FCS had purchased an insurance policy allowing them to

award a \$10,000 prize here for a hole in one, and Lundquist hit the jackpot at 4:28 p.m.

Besides his brothers, Richard Lundquist of Palm Bay, Florida and Tim from Castroville, Texas the hole in one was verified by Frank Hidalgo who was playing with the group and Bill Larson, acting as verifier on the hole.

Larson commented that this was the first hole in one he had ever seen other than on television. "I'm over 70," he said, "and this is the first one I've watched."

Gordon, Richard and Tim are sons of Gordon Lundquist of Fort Clark Springs, visiting their dad for the Las Moras Invitational held Saturday. The senior Lundquist has been a member of the golf club since 1977 and holds member card #1.

Gordon Lundquist says he plays lots of golf during the season from June to September, and has played at FCS 6 or 8 times. Tim Lundquist plays about once a month, but Richard only plays golf when he comes for this annual invitational. "This is a guy thing, a lot of bonding," he said. Lundquist plans to split his prize with his two brothers. "When we stepped up to the tee," he said, "we agreed if one of us won we would split it." The invitational hosted 170 people, 88 in the morning and 82 in the afternoon.

FCS Board approves promotional effort

By Flo Dean
Staff Writer

Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors considered on Saturday a proposal from Las Moras Realty to provide brochures and possibly free memberships for distribution at Good Sam RV rallies across the country.

Carol Miller, Treasurer, pointed out that brochures are expensive and she thought it might take 10,000 to cover the events, but she liked the idea of coupons for "buy two nights, get one free" at the RV park, and would go along with one free membership at each rally. Kerr stated she didn't think it would take 10,000. President Shirley Hadsell suggested less expensive brochures.

The Board resolved to provide brochures and coupons for "stay 2 nights, 1 free" with a 10% discount for meals and golf. The board also agreed to sell 50 FRM memberships at a promotional price of \$312, at the discretion of management.

At a special board meeting Wednesday, the board also agreed to make available to Las Moras Realty two free memberships for each rally as part of the FCS promotion. In addition, the board voted to raise the price of the 50 FRM promotional memberships to \$400 each. In other action, it was agreed to allow FRM's to be paid for on a monthly basis, with a handling

charge to be worked out.

General Manager Maggie Banner Kerr reported that the month of February had been steady financially with revenues rising and expenses down. Personnel has been cut by five.

The motel was operating at 61% for February, with the movie crews, elderhostel and spring break vacationers keeping rooms full. The RV park has also been at 70% occupancy, which compares favorably with the national average.

Miller also reported that during February the Las Moras Restaurant and Lounge had shown a profit, and most areas are operating under budget.

However, with repairs scheduled to grounds and buildings during the summer, Kerr said the months of March and April will show increased expenses.

Unit 38 development has started, according to Kerr, with most of the construction now south of Scales Road. Kerr cautioned residents not to enter the construction area because of the heavy equipment. "If you go in there with a golf cart," she said, "they simply can't see you."

The snack bar at the golf club has shown improvement, Kerr reported, with 38% increase in revenue in one month. Most patronage is from golfers; however, the snack bar has seen others coming in for food recently.

Kerr also reported that delinquent assessments were down

by 200 in February, with residential delinquencies down to 130. Total actual memberships are 3089, with 558 delinquent.

The RV committee announced there would not be a pancake breakfast at the RV park on Saturday the 30th, since the Lions Club is having a Walk-A-Thon and breakfast that weekend.

A letter was received from Dr. Lynn Buchanan announcing she will be closing her office on the fort as of April 30, 2002.

New Fort Clark Springs Rules and Regulations will be available at the Members Annual Meeting, to be held Saturday, March 30th, 2002 at the Old Quarry.

A request regarding contiguous lots was approved. The owner of lots 71 and 72 in Unit 14 has had water and sewer disconnected on one lot and requested the lots be treated as one for residential assessment purposes. Though approval was unanimous, Director Glenn White stated that this would be considered on a case by case basis and the board was not setting a precedent with its decision. The owner must agree that the utilities will not be reinstated, and if they are turned on, residential assessments will be due.

Carol Miller stated that the much needed rewiring of the commissary, done prior to the Fort Clark Springs Festival, was all done by volunteers and paid for by the Festival.

Legislators erred on bill

Travel trailers won't be taxed

By Flo Dean
Staff Writer

When Proposition 14 (HJR 44) was approved by voters last November, it was intended to clarify that travel trailers are not subject to property taxation. Instead, there have been questions raised as to whether the language addresses all situations and makes it absolute that no travel trailer is subject to property tax. The Kinney County Tax Appraisers Office has received a letter from the governor's office stating that the

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sponsors of this bill, as well as many members of the legislature, have all stated that their intention in both HJR 44 and HB 2076 was to eliminate taxes on travel trailers. The KCAD could tax travel trailers in 2002 but when legislators change the bill, which they are committed to do during the next legislative session, the Appraisal District could be in a position to have to refund taxes paid. Bill Haenn, Chief Appraiser for Kinney County says that under the circumstances he will not tax travel trailers.

April 9th run-off for judge

By Flo Dean
Staff Writer

Incumbent County Judge Herb Senne garnered 503 votes, or 44.6% of the ballots in Kinney County's primary election last Tuesday. However, since candidate Tommy Seargeant, had 387 votes and 34.3% of ballots a run-off for the County Judge position has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 9th. In order to win the position on the first ballot, Senne needed 50% of the votes plus 1.

Pat Melancon, incumbent Commissioner in Precinct 4, had 165 votes, or 63.7% in the race against Gil Raymer.

Incumbent Joe Montalvo had 205 votes against Matt Bland's 117 for Commissioner in Precinct 2. Montalvo will most likely face Independent Candi-

date Wes Robinson in the November general elections.

Janis Floyd, running unopposed, had 728 votes for County Treasurer.

In the race for District and County Clerk, Dora Elia Sandoval had a resounding victory with 917 votes against Norma Gomez' 195.

John Ford carried the Justice of the Peace contest with 642 votes, or 58.6%. Leonardo Luna had 453 votes.

Woody Massingill, running unopposed on the Republican ticket, gathered 43 votes. Massingill will face off against Ford in the November elections.

Though Joe York Jr. was a write-in vote for Republican County Chairman, he has declined to serve, and Don Hood will continue in this office.

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Texas Severe Weather Awareness Week

EMS Update
By Carolyn Rutherford

"Citizen preparation can save lives and property when disastrous tornadoes, thunderstorms, or torrential floods strike." Gov. Rick Perry proclaimed March 4-10, 2002 as "Texas Severe Weather Awareness Week - severe weather affects everyone in the Lone Star State, with tornadoes, thunderstorms, lightning, flooding and even hurricanes as a possibility. Especially in the spring, violent weather threatens countless adults and children in their homes, schools and places of business, and cars—Texans can prepare for emergencies by putting together a 'Readiness Kit' which consists of a flashlight, a battery-powered radio, extra batteries, a first aid kit, food and water supplies, a manual can opener, essential medicines and even a small amount of money." The Gov.

reminds all people to heed evacuation warnings immediately. The National Weather Service broadcasts important updates on severe weather by weather alert radios, available at electronic retail stores. For additional information, visit Division of Emergency Management's website at www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem.

EMS has three new personnel to welcome: Chris Calk, a resident of Utopia, started working at Kinney County EMS in September last year. He is EMT Intermediate and has been active in EMS for around 7 years. James Blankenship, Jr. joined us a couple of months ago and recently came on board full time. James is an EMT Intermediate also and has been active with EMS in this region on and off for around 15 years. Karen Butler, an EMT Licensed Paramedic, has been in this region for a short time. She works part

time on weekends with Kinney County EMS. With the addition of this personnel, level of care to Kinney County's residents increases to a point where the majority of time EMS can respond with Advanced Life Support. Please make these "new EMSers" welcome as they learn more and more about this community and its health needs.

The EMT - Intermediate course is in full swing, with a total of 17 students. Three students meet here in Brackettville at the School District's Distance Learning Lab (thanks to Brackettville Independent School District!). Edgar Guadarrama, full time employee of EMS, and Abel Mendez, a volunteer with our system are heavily involved. Shortly in April, they start their internships at hospitals and ambulances. Wish them luck (they need it; but they are really doing well). The other site for distance is Uvalde Middle Rio

Grande Workforce Center. South West Texas Junior College and Kinney County EMS Training Program linked talents and resources last year to increase the number of EMS certified personnel in this region. This is the first EMT training offered by this new partnership.

The City of Brackettville's and Tx DOT's crews have been working hard to complete our new building's parking lot. Kinney County Roads and Bridges supplied the material and the City of Brackettville supplied the manpower and equipment, along with TX DOT, which assisted with equipment and personnel as well. The results of this teamwork-driven project is completion of the new EMS Building and full-access parking lot. All that remains now is to "pretty-up" the place with an official sign and a flower garden around the flag pole. We are

planning to dedicate the flagpole flower garden to the memory of victims and heroes of the World Trade Center attack.

To report an emergency, dial 9-1-1. EMS responds its first crew with minimum Texas Department of Health certified staff. While that primary crew is committed to the initial call, subsequent EMS calls will be manned by crews not meeting TDH minimum staffing requirements. TDH has allowed Kinney County EMS a Personnel Variance, due to our continued difficulty meeting the minimum staffing requirements. At all times, patients are cared for by at least one EMS certified individual. If you have any questions on this personnel shortage or are interested in helping out, please call or visit our office at 401 S. Ellen St. from 8AM-5PM Monday through Friday. Our phone number is 830-563-9090.

Briefs ...

Easter Egg Hunts

The youth ministry is sponsoring an Easter egg hunt on Sunday, March 24 at 12:00 p.m. Across the street from St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. There will be a surprise in some of the eggs, also a drawing for a girls and boys bicycle. Every one is welcome from 1 to 10 years old. Anyone wishing to donate plastic eggs, candy, or easter baskets can call Julia Terrazas 563-3261 or Zeny McKelvy 563-3176.

Brackettville Lions Club and Fort Clark Springs Recreation Committee invite all children ages 1 - 10 to the 4th annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 24th, 2:00 PM at the old motor pool yard in Fort Clark Springs. Open gate to all children accompanied by an adult. See if you can find the Easter bunny and friend.

BISD Board Election

Early voting by personal appearance for the BISD Board of Trustees Election will start Wednesday, April 17th. Voters can cast their vote to fill two, three-year term positions at the Central Office, 400 S. Ann Street, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Candidates for the May 4th election include incumbents Ronnie Dean Hobbs and Henry J. Lutz. Also running is Stacey Ashabanner.

Early Voting will end April 30, 2002, at 4:00 p.m. Applications for ballots by mail should be mailed to BISD Early Voting Clerk, Susan Esparza, P.O. Box 586, Brackettville, Texas 78832. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 26, 2002.

Church Alliance

The Church Alliance of Brackettville will once again be presenting, for God's glory, its Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 am on March 31st. Pastor Bob Corey of Gateway Ministries will bring our message. The Voices of Fort Clark will be providing musical praise and thanksgiving. Other participants will be Pastor William Adams of St. John's Baptist, Pastor Dave Crowe of Frontier Baptist, Pastor R. D. Holloway of First Baptist, Pastor Nathan Lafrenz of Our Redeemer Lutheran, Pastor Charlotte Corey of Gateway Ministries, Ella Chambers of St. Andrew's Episcopal and Pastor Ken Sellers of First United Methodist. Your presence and your donations will be greatly appreciated by God and by those who find aid/assistance through the Church Alliance. (P. S. The Church Alliance also appreciates you!)

INSIDE

The way I see it!

It is because the Lord is acting as the witness between you and the wife of your youth, because you have broken faith with her, though she is your partner. The wife of your marriage covenant." NIV

Making a difference

Sunrise Service at Fort Clark Spring's Amphitheater Easter Sunday morning. This Saturday night, the Voices of Fort Clark will present a patriotic musical program. Lifestyles/Page 4

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**Letter to the Editor....
City of Brackettville**

Wes's article last week about the City of Brackettville's cash flow problems was a piece of well done investigative reporting. After reading comments, which reflected on the Kinney County Appraisal District, attributed to Mr. Luna, I feel compelled as the Chief Appraiser to respond with more accurate and factual information.

The total amount of ad valorem property taxes owed to the City of Brackettville by delinquent taxpayers, including state mandated penalties, interest, and attorney fees, for the period 1982-2000 is \$41,362.43.

The Appraisal District, by law, contracts collection of delinquent property taxes with a

delinquent tax attorney. The taxpayer, not the Appraisal District, pays all attorney fees for delinquent tax collection!

The City of Brackettville has a contract with the Kinney County Appraisal District for property appraisal (required by the Texas Constitution) and for collection of property taxes (optional). The Appraisal District fee to collect the City of Brackettville's property taxes in 2001 is \$4,705.40.

The delinquent tax roll is public information and may be inspected at the Appraisal District office, 412 S Ann Street, during normal business hours.

Respectfully,
William F. Haenn



Auditors told to delay reports' release

Austin - The new mayor here told city auditors to delay public access to city audit reports until they have been presented to the council.

The mayor said he was tired of reading details of the reports in the *Austin American-Statesman* before he had a chance to review

them. The auditor said his office has a policy of releasing public documents as soon as they are completed, in accordance with the Public Information Act.

The city attorney agreed that audit reports should become public as soon as they are completed.

U.S. Government

The Way I See It
By Steven R. LaMascus

Well, the good ole U.S. government has done it again! Yep, the congress voted last Tuesday to allow millions of illegal aliens to become legal permanent residents of the United States.

The last time this happened was in 1986, when congress enacted the Immigration Reform and Control Act. This bill was supposed to be the ultimate cure for illegal immigration. It was really a costly and stupid joke. It did manage to legalize about three million people who had violated the laws of the United States, and reward them for their criminal act.

Then those three million brought their families into the country under the Family Fairness Act and we ended up with probably about ten million brand new U.S. residents. Now they are going to do it again.

I am forced to ask here, why must we reward foreigners for flagrantly violating our laws? And why, if we are going to do this, is it only for illegal aliens? Why in the name of Pete do we not offer permanent resident status to the many legal aliens here? They are actively doing something for the good of our country, abiding by our laws, contributing to our economy, why are they excluded?

Do you know what the actual result is of these "immigration bills"? I'll tell you! First it adds millions of illiterate, or barely literate residents to our country. It puts hundreds of thousands of illiterate, non-English speaking children into our already overburdened school systems; it immediately adds more thousands of names to our welfare rolls; it substantially lowers both our

health and educational levels, threatens our national security and stability, and increases our tax burden. Oh, yeah - it will also raise our crime levels again, just like the Cuban Refugee Crisis in 1980 (Mariel Boatlift), and IRCA in '86.

What good does it do? Not a dang thing that I can see; except maybe make Vicente Fox, President of Mexico happy. He just got rid of several million problems. I'd be happy too!

I have a friend who has been here in the United States, going to school and working, for about ten years. He put himself through military school and college. He is here legally, under a student visa with a work authorization card.

He cannot legalize under this new bill. He is too upstanding. He is too educated. He is too valuable to society. He spent a hundred thousand dollars of his own money to get his education here in the U.S., and we are going to send him back to Mexico, while we welcome with open arms (and wallets) all those uneducated, law-breaking, penniless, ambition-less illegal aliens. Please explain to me what the fairness or logic behind this is. Because it just looks unfair and stupid to me.

I spent 22 years in the Immigration Service. I never saw a single law enacted that I thought was for the welfare of the citizens of the United States. Every single time a new law was added to the already encyclopedic volumes of immigration law, it was solely, or mostly for the benefit of the alien, and usually for the benefit of the illegal alien. I fail to see what possible reason congress has for taking these actions. There is absolutely no possible benefit for the citi-

zens of this nation. Every single possible ramification of this act is detrimental to everyone except those people who are already in violation of the laws of the sovereign nation of the United States.

I have a great deal of compassion for the plight of the poor people of the third world. I dealt with them on a daily basis for over 20 years. I know firsthand how terrible their lives can be. However, the United States cannot support the entire world. We cannot give up our sovereignty out of sympathy for the poor of other nations. If we do not control our borders, stop illegal immigration, and use a little common sense in allowing aliens into this country we are going to destroy our own economic and educational systems. Why must we lower our educational standards? Why must we accept the problems of other nations, which refuse to address their own problems?

This is just one more nail in the coffin of the once great United States; and I can't believe we continue to vote for people stupid enough to pass such retarded legislation! And last, I fail to understand why Little George Bush supports such abject stupidity! I thought he was better than that.

Malachi 2:13&14 - "Another thing you do: You flood the Lord's altar with tears. You weep and wail because he no longer pays attention to your offerings or accepts them with ask, 'Why?' It is because the Lord is acting as the witness between you and the wife of your youth, because you have broken faith with her, though she is your partner. The wife of your marriage covenant." NIV

Blackhawk Down

Capitol Comment
By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

In March 2002, eight soldiers were killed while carrying out Operation Anaconda in Afghanistan. Observers noted the eerie similarities between this tragedy and the 1993 battle in Somalia portrayed in the recent movie *Blackhawk Down*, in which 18 Army Rangers lost their lives.

In both cases, U.S. special operations forces entered hostile territory by helicopter. The missions proceeded smoothly until several of the aircraft were hit by enemy fire. A U.S. soldier fell from his aircraft in both instances, and in the ensuing fighting, the casualties mounted. The battles left hundreds of the enemy dead, but at the cost of the lives of some of America's finest.

The comparisons between these two military operations are chilling indeed. Perhaps the greatest parallel, as Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld pointed out, was the tremendous bravery of the soldiers

involved.

However, there are key distinctions. The fundamental difference was the lack of a national security objective in the 1993 conflict. Our mission in Somalia was vague. Americans did not understand why our soldiers were placed in harm's way.

I vowed that day that I would never face a parent like Colonel Joyce again and not be able to tell him why his son or daughter died.

Later, at Senate Congressional hearings about the events in Somalia, I met Larry Joyce again, and we spoke of his son's death. Colonel Joyce feared that Casey had died in vain in Mogadishu. I assured him that if our nation learned the appropriate lessons from Somalia, and never again sent military personnel in harm's way without a national security interest at stake, his son and the other heroes killed that day would not have died in vain.

Our soldiers are now engaged in deadly combat in Afghanistan. These young men

and women are highly trained, unquestionably professional and singularly brave - just like the soldiers in Somalia. However, the situation for our troops today is far different. They have a clear purpose, vital national interests are at stake, and they have the overwhelming support and resolve of our government and our people. President Bush addressed the nation to explain the importance of the military action before it had even begun. He built an international coalition to prosecute the war, and has made sure that the U.S. military has every available resource for success.

March marked the six-month anniversary of the terrorist attacks that sparked the war, and the support of the American people has not wavered. We have a President and Congress who are committed to wiping out terrorism against our citizens and protecting freedom for our children.

We have learned this important lesson from Somalia. Sergeant Casey Joyce did not give his life in vain.

September 11 Remembered

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

As you are reading this column, March 11 will have already passed but its significance is not forgotten. This date is the six month anniversary of the treacherous attacks on our native soil.

Of all the traumatic events in the history of the United States of America, none may be remembered so vividly as those that occurred on September 11, 2001.

On that dreadful day, we witnessed a remarkable display of courage. The rescue workers who saved thousands of lives set an example for heroism. Our nation was inspired by the heroic passengers on Flight 93. And today, we praise and support the brave men and women of our military as they defend the very freedoms that were attacked last September.

As we move ahead past the dark times of September 11, we will remember our fallen. We will continue the spirit of unity that was born out of this tragedy. And we will continue to honor the heroes of our nation as we fight the War on Terror.

I'd like to leave you with a message given to the crew of the USS John F. Kennedy. This announcement was given by Captain Ron Howard, shortly before the USS Kennedy launched her first strikes on Afghanistan on March 10th.

This message is an important reminder to those of us at home. It speaks to the amazing sacrifices that members of our Armed Forces make on a daily basis to preserve our freedom. May God bless and protect them, and may God continue to bless America!

We are currently preceding at best speed to our launch point for tonight's... first blows of Operation Enduring Freedom, the war on terrorism. For us this is a culminating point in space, a culminating point in time, and a culminating point in history.

Our enemy is a group of religious fanatics, who pervert the peace of Islam and twist its meaning to justify the murder of thousands of innocents at the Twin Towers of New York, at the Pentagon, and in a field in Pennsylvania.

...Millions of Americans wish they could be here tonight with us. They saw the Twin Towers fall, and watched helplessly, wanting to do something to defend America and our way of life. For us tonight, that wait and that helplessness are over. We have reached the point where we are all part of something so much greater than ourselves. For the rest of our lives, no matter whether we stay in the Navy or move on to civilian life, no matter what we do or where we go, we will remember that on 10 March 2002, we came together and struck a blow for freedom.

We represent America in all its power and diversity. We are men and women, rich and poor, black and white, and all colors of the human rainbow. We are Christian, Jew, and yes, Muslim. We Are America.

This war will not be short, pleasant, or easy. It has already required the sacrifice of our firefighters, our policemen, our soldiers, our Sailors, our airmen, and our Marines. More sacrifices will be made. In the end we will win, precisely because we are those things that the terrorists hate - prosperous, happy, tolerant, and most of all, free.

Those Americans who wish they could be here with us are, in fact, here with us in spirit... We will not let them down. We are, and will be, men and women of honor, courage, and commitment....

....Stay sharp. Stay focused. Stay safe. Use the training that has made you the best Sailors in the world. Trust in your faith, and in your shipmates. God bless us all, and God bless America."

Big Mama Sez!

Retirement should be based on the tread, not the mileage.

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Grant welcomed by Rotary National Agriculture Week



Pictured: Rotarian Frances McMaster and Assistant District Governor Eamonn Grant.

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

The Brackettville Rotary Club welcomed Rotary Assistant District Governor Eamonn Grant on Thursday, March 14.

The Brackettville Club is one of five Grant is assigned to visit on behalf of District Governor, Dick Baggett of San Angelo. After the District Conference, which will be held June 7-9 in Kerrville, Grant will continue

his work by assisting the incoming Governor, Gene Clements, from Pleasanton.

Grant congratulated the Brackettville Rotary Club for being a dynamic organization. He noted that it accomplished its goals and also announced that its membership increased by 38% this year.

He also complemented President Bill Haenn on the weekly bulletin he hands out at each meeting.

Stan Conoly reported that cold weather hurt attendance at the Rotary Barbecue the previous weekend, and forced cancellation of musical events.

However, take-away food was served, and profits from the event were designated for the Scholarship and Exchange Student Fund.

Tentative plans were made to try again later this year.

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs has proclaimed the week of March 17th through 23rd as National Agriculture week in Texas.

Kinney County Commissioners Court passed a resolution declaring this also National Agriculture Week for Kinney County. In support of agriculture, the declaration states: "Throughout our history people have confirmed the vast resources of our land and agriculture is all around us - on farms and ranches, in chemistry, communications, rural economics, international business and satellite and computer technologies. Each and every Texan has a vital stake in agriculture."

"Texas agriculture produces large quantities of high quality food and fiber, and plays a major role in health and nutrition as well as in water conservation, rural economic development, global trade and the preservation of the environment. It is an

industry that continues to meet the ever-increasing needs of consumers in Texas and around the world." The resolution by the Commissioners urges everyone in our area to learn more about the role of agriculture

here, share that knowledge with the young people in our area, and recognize the farmers, ranchers and their families who contribute so much to this county, this state, this nation and the world.

Slate, Luna received certificates from Texas Association of Assessing Officers



Kinney County Appraisal District Tax Collectors, Gene Slate and Elizabeth Luna, hold their certificates issued by the Texas Association of Assessing Officers for the successful completion of the "Advanced Assessment and Collections" course they recently attended in Austin.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report ...

Monday, March 11

5:39 p.m., Deputy Larry Robinson responded to a minor vehicle accident at a local store.

7:03 p.m., A 911 call was received. A man reported a vehicle traveling east on Hwy 90 was driving very recklessly. Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter was advised.

Wednesday, March 13

8:41 a.m., A United States Border Patrol Agent reported loose cattle on Hwy 1908.

9:50 p.m., A woman reported a reckless driver. Chief of Police Arnulfo Alonzo was notified.

9:00 p.m., Nathaniel James Salmon, 21, from Austin, was arrested for possession of marijuana 2 oz. by Deputy Manuel Pena. Salmon was released on a PR Bond.

10:01 p.m., William Thomas Newton, 21, from Austin, was arrested for possession of marijuana 2 oz. by Deputy Pena.

Newton was released on a PR Bond.

11:10 p.m., Angel Dehoyos, 18, from Brackettville, was arrested by Deputy Pena for Public Intoxication. Dehoyos was released for time served.

Thursday, March 14

8:15 a.m., A man reported a spare tire was stolen from his truck. Sheriff Buddy Burgess was advised.

2:06 p.m., Union Pacific Railroad reported fifty cows out on the railroad track in Spofford.

Friday, March 15

7:28 p.m., Fort Clark Security requested a deputy about a disturbance. Deputy Chism and Constable Cordelia Mendeke were advised.

Sunday, March 17

4:32 a.m., Uvalde Police Department reported a roll over west on Hwy 90. Uvalde EMS, Kinney County EMS, DPS Trooper Tom Wylie, Fire De-

partment and wrecker were all notified about the situation.

12:30 a.m., Edgar Rangel, 19, from San Antonio, was arrested for possession of marijuana under 2 oz. by Deputy Pena.

12:30 a.m., Ruben Aguilar, 19, from San Antonio, was arrested for possession of marijuana under 2 oz. by Deputy Pena.

12:30 a.m., Francisco Rangel Bustos, 53, from Austin, was arrested for Public Intoxication by Deputy Pena. Bustos was released the same day for time served.

Monday, March 18

12:55 a.m., Jesus Gonzalez Villarreal, 31, from Kosse, TX, was arrested for probation violation, theft by check and a warrant by Deputy Pena.

3:45 a.m., Deputy Pena responded to a train blocking the railroad on Hwy 131.

Run-off election

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Democrats voted for Mary Flores for Democratic County Chairperson, with a total of 16 votes.

"Please take time to vote during the run-off election for County Judge. Early voting (April 1 - 5) is designed to give everyone ample opportunity to vote," said Judge Senne.

"If you fail to vote early be sure to vote April 9th. Exercising your right to vote helps keep America strong," Senne added.

Tommy Seargeant was unavailable for comment.




Thank You

I want to thank all the people who voted for me in the primary election and I respectfully ask for your vote in the run-off election on April 9th.

Sincerely,
Tracy O. King

CORRECTION

Enclosed Ram Country insert should show interest rate of 0.0% instead of 0.9%



THANK YOU

From
JUDY CANALES

TO THE RESIDENTS OF KINNEY COUNTY

This is to express my enormous gratitude for all of you who supported my campaign for honest, progressive change. I will always have fond memories of all the kindness and encouragement I received from each and everyone of you.

In my capacity as a member of our community, I will continue to work to improve the quality of life we will enjoy in the future.

I also thank my family, friends, and volunteers for your hard work, and your faith in the campaign. One beautiful phase comes to an end and another bright tomorrow begins. I hope we will all be there together again.

ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU

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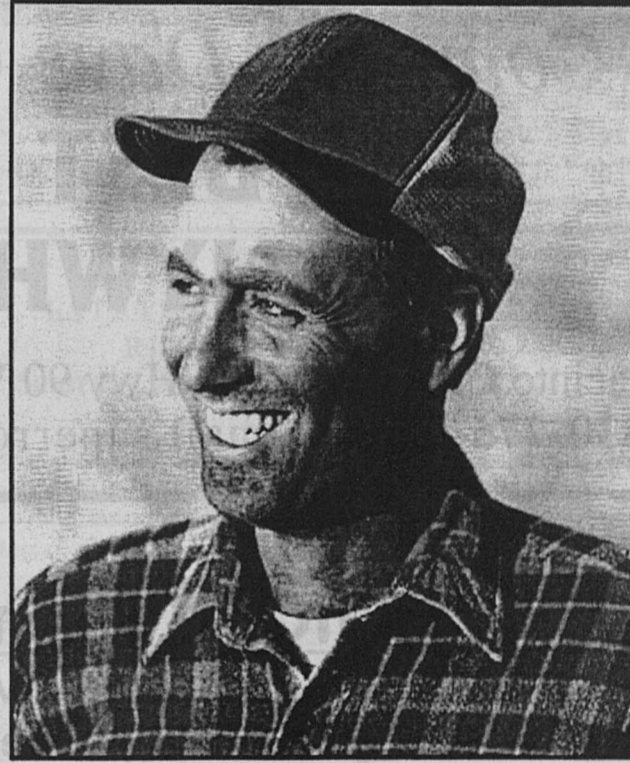
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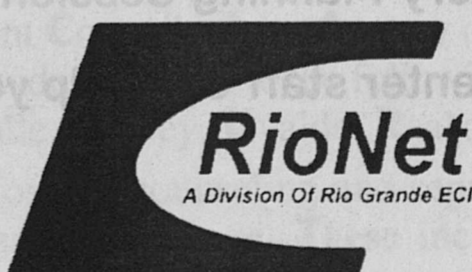


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What Does Phase-Out of Estate Tax Mean to You?



Joaquin Davis
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The Tax Relief Act of 2001 contains a provision to eliminate the estate tax in 2010. Does that mean you no longer have to do any estate planning?

Not exactly. For one thing, laws affecting estate taxes could easily change again over the next ten years. Furthermore, estate planning encompasses more than just taxes - so there's always something to think about.

Before looking at these other issues, however, let's see just what the estate tax phase-out means. To begin with, not everyone pays estate taxes, even under the current system. That's because every person receives what's known as a "unified credit" - an amount of money they can give away, tax-free, at death or during their lifetime. In 2001, this unified credit was worth \$675,000. Under the new tax laws, it's \$1 million for 2002 and 2003, and it will gradually increase to \$3.5 million in 2009. Starting in 2010, all estate taxes are repealed.

So, if you are sure your estate will be worth less than these limits over the next several years, you probably won't have to worry about saddling your heirs with estate taxes. You might be surprised, however, at how attainable these thresholds really are. Keep in mind that your taxable estate includes all your

liquid assets - including the value of some insurance policies - real estate, cars, property and everything else you own. Therefore, it's not totally inconceivable that you could exceed your unified credit when your estate is being settled.

Furthermore, no one can predict what will happen to estate tax laws after 2010. A future Congress, in need of money to balance potential budget deficits, may well vote to restore some version of the estate tax.

Given these factors, it's still a good idea to create an estate plan. In the course of your planning, you may want to consider such options as a survivorship life insurance policy, also known as "second-to-die insurance." This type of insurance goes into effect after the second spouse dies, so your heirs can use the policy proceeds to pay any estate taxes. This coverage is expensive, though, and it gets more costly the older you are - so if you're going to purchase it, don't wait too long.

Survivorship life policies and other tools are effective ways to deal with estate taxes, but these taxes are not the only component of estate planning. If, for example, you want to avoid the expenses and time-consuming process of probate, while making sure your estate's assets are distributed precisely according to your wishes, you may want to establish a living trust. Or, if you'd like to leave a sizable donation to a charity while simultaneously providing yourself with a regular stream of income, you may want to set up a version of a living trust known as a charitable remainder trust.

In fact, you can accomplish a lot of important goals by drawing up a well-structured estate plan. Because of the complexity of estate planning, you'll want to work with a qualified legal adviser, along with your financial professional.

And once you've got your plans drawn up, you'll need to revisit them regularly to accommodate changes in your life and in the tax laws. A lifetime of effort went into creating your estate - so do whatever it takes to preserve it and pass it on.

Take time to listen

Empowering Families
By Dr. Donald Smith

Brenda was in tears. She didn't want to call her mother but it was a last resort. She had been determined to stick with Ted and prove to her parents that she was right. "Mom, what can I do?" She asked. There was silence on the phone. Then her mother spoke. Gently, lovingly she spoke. They were not the words Brenda expected.

"Brenda you made a big mistake. Come home and let's talk about it." As Brenda hung up the phone her mind raced back to happy times. She remembered the love she had experienced from her mom and dad. She remembered the impenetrable sense of safety she felt in the home where she grew up. Right now she needed the protection of her dad and the love of her mom.

As she walked through the door, she fell into the strong arms of her dad. It felt just like it did in other times. "Oh, Daddy, I'm so sorry. I need help," Brenda sobbed.

Joe pressed Brenda's head against his chest. "Welcome home

Sweetheart."

The three of them sat at the kitchen table like so many times from the past. Now there was coffee instead of the milk signaling Brenda's acceptance as an adult. Brenda spoke. "How could this have happened? Why didn't I see it coming? When we started living together, Ted wasn't like this. Now he's drinking and shouting all the time. He even hit me yesterday. What can I do to make it better?"

Joe looked intently into his daughter's eyes. "Brenda, Ted has always been like this. Everybody but you could see it."

"Why didn't I see it too?" Brenda asked.

"Because, Honey, you didn't listen. You didn't listen to Ted and you didn't listen to anyone else. Only by listening can we ever really know another person. A very wise man long ago said if you are willing to listen you will learn (Sirach 6:33). We're glad you're home. You're safe here."

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

The Last Of March

But I could be wrong
By Chuck Hall

In like a lamb, out like a lion. I promise to quit this foolishness with this article. For the week of the 21st through 27th "UN: Week of Solidarity with the Peoples

Struggling Against Racism and Racial Discrimination". I probably shouldn't expand on this thought, but I've just got to. We're never, ever, going to achieve racial equality in our nation until we quit thinking of ourselves as different. We will not end racial discrimination in our lifetimes as long as we have studies that point out how different races did on a particular test. Surveys that indicate how a particular race felt about an issue, voted in the last election or drink a certain brand of coffee only serve to show how we differ from one another.

We classify groups as Asia-Americans, Irish-Americans, Mexican-Americans, Afro-Americans, and others. We're the only country in the world that does it. Why?

What purpose does it serve? Who benefits from these studies, these surveys, these classifications?

Only the surveyors. They get paid for it. I can tell you who gets hurt by them. We all do. We all continue to look at the results and notice, one more time, that we are different!

Maybe it's time that somebody lumped us all into one classification and we referred to ourselves as humans. That's our only race. But I could be wrong.

Obituaries.....

Joe Sandoval Edna Goebel

Cremation services for Joe E. Sandoval, Jr., 37, of San Antonio, TX will be entrusted to Hillcrest Funeral Home of San Antonio, TX. He was born Feb. 13, 1965, to Joe E. and Mary G. Sandoval in Del Rio. He worked as a design and manual drafting computer Tech. at Fluor Daniel in Houston from 1988-1996. He passed away Tuesday, March 12, 2002, San Antonio, TX. He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary G. Sandoval. He is survived by his father, Joe E. Sandoval of Brackettville; brothers, Herman and wife Cherokee of Sacramento, Calif, Leonard and wife, Leonor Sandoval of Killeen, sister, Doris and husband, Casimiro Garza of Castroville; nieces, Elsie Stone of Killeen, Monica and Daniel McDonald of Cleburne, TX, Kristina and husband, Jay Ruiz of WA; nephews, Cas and wife, Kathy Garza of Virginia Beach, VA, Chris and Romelia Garza of Castroville, John Garza of Castroville, Matthew Sandoval of Killeen, TX; great nieces Trystin McDonald of Cleburne, TX, Kirsten Ruiz of WA, Jennifer and Valerie; great-nephews, Brandon McDonald of Cleburne, TX, Christopher, Jr., Michael and Anthony Garza of Castroville, TX.

Mrs. Edna Leona Goebel, age 79, of Brackettville, passed away Monday, March 18, 2002, in a Kerrville hospital. Mrs. Goebel, a resident of Brackettville for more than seven years and a prior resident of West St. Paul, MN, was born on April 8, 1922, in Minot, N.D., to the late Ralph Draggoo and Mary Horgisheimer Draggoo. She married Anthony Joseph Goebel in September of 1937 in Salem, OR.

He preceded her in death on September 8, 1977. Survivors, daughter, Paulet Jean Janick of St. Paul, MN; sons, Nicholas Goebel of west St. Paul, MN, Joseph Goebel of Brackettville, TX, Edgar Goebel of Purcell, MO and Marcus Goebel of Oronogo, MO; sister, Betty Schwartzoff of Gailsville, WI; grandchildren, Hezakiah Goebel, Antonia Goebel, both of Duluth, MN, Jessica Goebel of St. Paul, MN, Syvanna Goebel of Nashville, MO, Edward Goebel of Littlefield, TX, Anthony Janick of Eden Prairie, MN, and Annie Janick of Minneapolis, MN; and one great grandchild. Services for Mrs. Goebel will be held at a later date. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Grimes Funeral Chapels of Kerrville.

Garden Club Meeting

By Joyce Bergery
Contributing Writer

The Mountain Laurel Garden Club met for its March meeting at Barbara's Table. Molly Schroeder, Patsy Callnan and Esmeralda Luz hosted the meeting with Barbara Simmons graciously providing the most delicious homemade cinnamon rolls in the state of Texas.

Barbara also gave a short program on the use of herbs in cooking, as well as giving us some great cooking and baking tips and a wonderful cake recipe. Twenty-one members, and guests Tina Bauguess, Barbara Bauguess and

Carol Hadrava enjoyed this special treat.

The Garden Club will soon be presenting our annual Flower Show to be held on Saturday, April 6th, from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Service Club on Fort Clark. The theme this year is "A Flower Garden of Movies" and will feature displays and arrangements coordinated with a movie title. This will be a delightful and unique event, and everyone is invited to stop by and enjoy a fun afternoon with us at the flower show. We will also be having a plant sale at the show. Admission and refreshments are free! We hope to see you all there!

Voices Spring Concert

By Lynn McNew
Contributing Writer

The Voices of Fort Clark will present their annual Spring Concert on Saturday, March 23, at 7:30 p.m. at Post Theater on Fort Clark Springs. The concert will be a delightful evening of Patriotic music. Soloists for the evening will be Dee Manty, Rev.

Nathan LaFrenz and Lynn McNew. There will be no admission charged, but donations will be accepted. Refreshments will be served after the concert. The annual Easter Sunrise Service sponsored by the Brackett Ministers Alliance and the Voices will be Sunday, March 31, at 7:00 a.m. at the Amphitheatre at Fort Clark Springs.

Goodies from G.G.

Make meatless stuffed peppers by filling pepper halves with canned Spanish rice. Sprinkle with grated cheese and bake at 350° until the peppers are crisp-tender.

Steam baby carrots (or carrots cut into 1 1/2" pieces) until tender

and toss with a little brown sugar, a few tablespoons of raisins and a pat of butter to coat the carrots.

When you finish your big jar of pickles. Bring the leftover juices to a boil then pour it over a pile of carrot sticks. Refrigerate.

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2002 Little League Schedule

Saturday, March 23 9:00 AM Opening Ceremonies 9:30 AM 5/6 Cardinals/Rangers 10:45 7/8 Rangers/Astros 12:00 Cowboys/Athletics 2:00 Braves/Lions	Friday, April 12 5:30 7/8 Cardinals/Rangers 6:45 Cowboys/Lions	Friday, May 3 5:30 7/8 Rangers/Astros 6:45 Lions/Braves
Monday, March 25 5:30 5/6 Cardinals/Rangers 6:45 Rams/Braves	Saturday, April 13 9:00 AM 5/6 Cardinals/Rangers 10:30 AM Rams/Athletics	Monday, May 6 6:00 Lions/Athletics
Tuesday, March 26 5:30 7/8 Cardinals/Rangers 6:45 Lions/Athletics	Monday, April 22 5:30 5/6 Rangers/Cardinals 6:45 Athletic/Braves	Tuesday, May 7 5:30 7/8 Rangers/Cardinals 6:45 Cowboys/Rams
Thursday, March 28 5:30 7/8 Cardinals/Astros 6:45 Braves/Cowboys	Tuesday, April 23 5:30 7/8 Astros/Cardinals 6:45 Cowboys/Lions	Friday, May 10 5:30 5/6 Rangers/Cardinals 6:45 Rams/Athletics
Tuesday, April 2 5:30 5/6 Cardinals/Rangers 6:45 Athletics/Braves	Thursday, April 25 5:30 7/8 Astros/Rangers 6:45 Rams/Cowboys	Saturday, May 11 9:00 AM 7/8 Astros/Cardinals 10:30 Braves/Cowboys
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Friday, April 5 5:30 5/6 Cardinals/Rangers 6:45 Athletics/Cowboys	Saturday, April 27 9:00 AM 7/8 Cardinals/Rangers 10:30 AM Rams/Braves	Tuesday, May 14 6:00 Cowboys/Athletics
Monday, April 8 5:30 7/8 Astros/Cardinals 6:45 Rams/Cowboys	Monday, April 29 5:30 7/8 Astros/Cardinals 6:45 Lions/Rams	Thursday, May 16 6:00 Rams/Braves
Tuesday, April 9 5:30 7/8 Rangers/Astros 6:45 Braves/Lions	Tuesday, April 30 5:30 7/8 Astros/Rangers 6:45 Braves/Cowboys	Friday, May 17 5:30 5/6 Cardinals/Rangers 6:45 Cowboys/Lions
	Thursday, May 2 5:30 5/6 Cardinals/Rangers 6:45 Athletics/Rams	Saturday, May 18 10:00 AM Braves/Athletics

May 20-23 Make-up Games
May 24 Closing Ceremonies

2002 Little League

The 2002 Little League season begins play on Saturday, March 23. Opening ceremonies will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Little League field with the introduction of all the teams and their managers and coaches. Following the ceremonies the first game will be held between the 5/6 year old teams of the Cardinals and the Rangers. Following the 5/6 year old T-ball will be the 7/8 year old T-ball teams between the Rangers and Astros. At 12:00 noon the

Major league teams will begin play between the Cowboys and the Athletics. Following this game will be one final game between the Braves and the Lions. A concession stand will be opened and serving a traditional meal of hot dogs, popcorn, hamburgers, and of course, cokes, and other soft drinks. Come out and enjoy a great American tradition and cheer on your favorite team. The kids have been working hard in practices and are looking forward to playing.

Brackett Tigers Basketball Players Make All-District

By Ricky Creel
Contributing Writer

David Campos and Jared Hobbs were selected to the All-District team. Carlos Gomez and Levi Duncan were 2nd team All-District. Philip Munoz received Honorable Mention. David Campos scored 110 points in district play and led the team in offensive

rebounds. Jared Hobbs led the team in scoring with 127 points and was second with 30 assists. Levi Duncan led the team in defensive rebounds and scored over 80 points in district. Carlos Gomez scored over 80 points and was second on the team with 32 defensive rebounds. Philip Munoz led the team in assist with 42 and scored over 70 points. Congratulations!

Brackett ISD Activity Calendar

Thursday, March 21 HS Tennis Sabinal Tourney, Sabinal
Friday, March 22 8:00 AM B Golf Devine Invitational, 6:30 PM V Baseball Dist. Pettus (A), G Softbl V Dist. Natalia (A) 4:30 PM, HS Tennis Sabinal Tourney, Sabinal, JH Track, Center Point
Saturday, March 23 HS Tennis Sabinal Tourney, Sabinal, HS Track, Uvalde
Monday, March 25 9:00 AM B Golf Uvalde Invitational, G Softbl V Dist. Pettus (H) 6:00 PM, JH Tennis Knippa @ Knippa, JV/V Baseball Dist. Poth (H) 5/7:00 PM
Wednesday, March 27 RPTE GR-3-12 POWER CHORDS In a Gallup poll, three-fourths of people surveyed said listening to music was their favorite way to beat the blues. Idea: Play rock, country or even a rousing symphony for a quick pick-me-up.

Local Students Performed In All Region Honor Band

Making a Difference
By Taylor Stephenson

Spring Break was wonderful, but we're happy to be back in school.

Our students and staff returned to work this week, and the routine was quickly re-established. We're only a week away from Easter, which will be a time for families to have time together. This is the first Easter since our nation was threatened by the terrorists on Sept. 11, 2001. Our nation is at war, and the churches

should be filled as we pray for our nation, our leaders and our military.

Don't forget the Sunrise Service at Fort Clark Spring's Amphitheater Easter Sunday morning. This Saturday night, the Voices of Fort Clark will present a patriotic musical program. They will sing stirring patriotic songs. Support their efforts.

Congratulations to ATSSB-Middle School All Region Honor Band members from Brackett: Josh O'Neill, Rachel Lethco, Yasmin Pena, and Liliana

Hernandez.

These four students of band director, Jason Guidry's, performed with the all region band in Pearsall this past weekend. We're proud of you!

To date, incumbents Henry Lutz and Ronnie Hobbs have filed to run for school board positions. Stacy Ashabranner has also filed. There are two available positions.

We pray for moisture soon in Kinney County. Monday and Tuesday, we had sprinkles and hope that a good rain will come soon. Have a great week!

High School One Act Play

By Lynn McNew
Contributing Writer

Brackett High School will present a public performance of "Dear Papa" on Monday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the High School Auditorium. This is the play that will be presented at UIL competition on Wed., March 27. Included in the cast are Michelle Bizzell, Duquesa Hunt, Tammy Smith, Emily Petrosky and Elliot Stone. The play is under the direction of Lynn McNew. There will be no admission charged, but donations will be accepted. This will be a delightful play and a wonderful opportunity to see the renovations in the auditorium.

"Thank You"

I would like to thank everyone who supported and voted for me in this last election.

With your input, I will continue to strive to do the best job I can for precinct 4.

Thank you,
Pat Melancon

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I would like to thank all voters of Kinney County who voted for the candidates of their choice and a special thanks to the voters of Pet 2 who voted and supported me in my campaign during the Primary election on March 12, 2002.

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Dora Elia Sandoval
County/District Clerk
Kinney County, Texas

OUTDOORS

TPW Commission seals Texas borders to deer importation

By Henry Lutz
Contributing Writer

San Antonio - In an action aimed at protecting the state's multi-billion dollar hunting and livestock industries against the threat of disease, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission voted during an emergency meeting March 11 to suspend the importation of white-tailed deer and mule deer into Texas.

The action was taken in consideration of the recent emergence and spread of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in both captive and free-ranging deer populations in several other states. According to Jerry Cooke, Ph.D and TPW Game Branch Chief, Chronic Wasting Disease is a form of transmissible spongiform encephalopathy similar to Mad Cow Disease, except that CWD has only been found in elk and certain other deer.

He said the disease causes a degeneration of brain tissue in affected animals.

Cooke said that according to available research, the effects of the disease on humans are unknown. "The biological and epidemiological nature of CWD is not well understood and has not been extensively studied, but it is known to be communicable, incurable and invariably fatal, he told commissioners. "At the current time, there is no live test for CWD; animals suspected of having the disease must be euthanized in order to obtain brain tissue for definitive diagnosis. Affected animals may take years before exhibiting symptoms of the disease, making it difficult to track and contain the spread of infection."

The Texas Animal Health Commission, which is charged with controlling disease threats to domestic livestock, recently prohib-

ited the importation of white-tailed deer, mule deer, black-tailed deer and elk into Texas from Colorado or Nebraska in response to the presence of free-ranging CWD in those herds. Free-ranging CWD also has been detected in populations in Wisconsin and Wyoming and is known to have occurred in captive herds in Montana, South Dakota, Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska. TPW's decision in effect extends the TAHC suspension to any source outside Texas. The action does not apply to deer that have already been imported into the state. TPW regulates the importation of white-tailed and mule deer under the provisions of Scientific Breeder Permit regulations. Prior to this action, deer could be brought into Texas with the proper permit as long as they were accompanied by a

veterinarian's statement that the animals were free of evidence of contagious and communicable diseases and had adhered to any TAHC testing requirements.

Although the rules were helpful in reducing the risk of disease outbreak, they did not effectively address concerns about CWD - specifically the possibility that infected or exposed deer could unknowingly be imported into Texas and possibly infect wild deer or domestic stock. Since the TPW Commission recently published a proposal to suspend importation of white-tailed and mule deer into Texas, 243 deer have been brought into the state - nearly half the total number of deer imported during all of last year - including 16 animals from Wisconsin, where CWD was confirmed in random testing of deer taken by hunters.

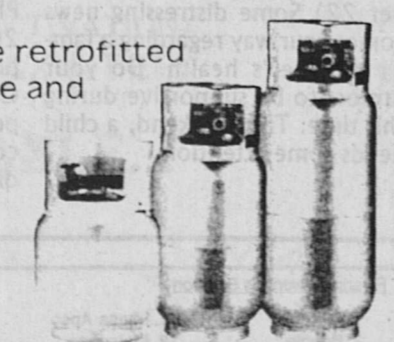
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ACROSS	39 Whiff	abbr.	29 Part of a steamship
1 Winter item	40 Unflinching one	73 Donna	DOWN
5 Machine wheel	43 Latvian capital	1 To-do	2 Serve soup
8 From a specified time	44 Cooks	3 Love deity	31 Wee island
12 Scarlett's home	46 Had faith	4 Evans and others	33 Hole maker
13 Famous range	48 Chose	5 Drains	34 Conducts
16 Boring	51 Diam. divided by 2	6 that pass under roads	36 Construct
17 Singer Billy	52 Verbalized pauses	7 Sheen's opposite	37 Ear
18 Indicate one's awareness of a fact	53 Kidney troubles	8 Commotion	41 Suffix for sleep & weep
19 Actor's prize	55 Old Olds	9 Potential revolutionist	42 Musical instrument
20 Advance booking	57 Former First Lady	10 Mishmash	45 Greek portico
23 Promise	59 Governs	11 Winged	47 ___ of March
24 Bring civil action against	64 Televangelist's 1st name	14 Things to gird	49 Make an ___; stop
25 Infuriate	66 ___ a limb; in a precarious situation	15 Make a nasal sound	50 Object
27 Response: abbr.	67 Ensnares	21 Has 2nd thoughts about	54 Guitar's cousin
30 Period	68 Game pieces	22 Word whose homonym begins with k	56 Web-footed mammal
32 Indefinite number	69 Bowling term	26 Class	57 Snow peas
35 Maid	70 Former official name of a nation	27 Building material	58 Solo
38 Happen as a result of	71 Benefit	28 Of a knotty swelling	60 ___ Alaska
	72 Pensioner's		61 North American Indian
			62 Seldom seen
			63 Raced
			65 Marvin

Trivia Time Answers (c) 2001 DBR Media, Inc.
 1. La Paz, Bolivia; 2. Via Dolorosa, or the way of sorrows; 3. The index finger; 4. Robert Young; 5. 16; 6. The Guess Who; 7. "Of Human Bondage"; 8. Five years; 9. 225; 10. Van Pel

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?

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Trivia Time by Walter Branch

1. What South American capital is the world's highest?
2. On what route did Jesus carry the cross?
3. What finger is the most sensitive on the human hand?
4. Who portrayed the TV father to Betty, James and Kathy Anderson?
5. What is 40 percent of 40?
6. What rock group caused quite a stir at the White House when they sang "American Woman"?
7. What novel written by Somerset Maugham has been depicted on screen three times?
8. How long was the crew of the original Starship Enterprise supposed to be on a mission to explore space?
9. How many spaces are there on a Scrabble board?
10. What is the last name of Lucy and Linus in the "Peanuts" comic strip?

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HOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It's a good week to kick back a bit and let others take up the slack. Co-workers will be more than happy to let you have your space. By week's end, you find new motivation.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) While you're not in the mood to listen to a friend's problems, take some time to do so. You've involved yourself more fully than you'd wished. Just bite the bullet on this to finally reach a solution.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) With that new work project facing you, time doesn't seem to be on your side. If need be, ask for a deadline extension. You just may get it, causing you much relief.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're in an innovative state of mind. Some could even invent something new which has marketing potential. By week's end, you're ready for some fun with the family.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You have to admit that you've taken advantage of a vulnerable person's trust. The best course of action is to let time pass. This ultimately results in forgiveness.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Some distressing news comes your way regarding a family member's health. Do your utmost to be supportive during this time. This weekend, a child needs some attention.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) This isn't the week to become complacent. While you've made some good strides at work, there's still much to be done. Roll up your sleeves and get going!

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your impatience won't serve you well this week. Remember to try to take things one step at a time. Once you do, you achieve the progress you want.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You're tempted to point the finger of blame at someone. However, think about whether this is really deserved. Perhaps you had a hand in what went wrong.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A co-worker greatly exaggerates his achievements this week, leaving you frustrated. In time, though, this works against this person. Over the weekend, stay out of a friend's marital problems.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) It's time to tap into your listening skills. What bigwigs are saying could affect your future. This weekend, you come up with a new work strategy.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) This week brings no surprises for you, which is welcome. Only a minor family irritation is possible. Over the weekend, you contact a relative who lives a distance away.

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Roaring Twenties Solution:

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| 1. Akita | 11. Lhasa Apso |
| 2. Beagle | 12. Malamute |
| 3. Boxer | 13. Poodle |
| 4. Bulldog | 14. Pug |
| 5. Chihuahua | 15. Retriever |
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Thank you for not being like Martha Power to pray

By Lynn McNew
Contributing Writer

The stories of Mary and Martha have always been some of my favorite stories in the Bible. Mary and Martha and their brother, Lazarus, as most everyone knows, were close friends of Jesus.

In Luke's Gospel (10:38-41) we read of Jesus' first meeting with Mary and Martha. Martha welcomed Him to her home and Mary seated herself at Jesus' feet to listen to Him, while Martha busied herself with all the details of hospitality. Martha came to Jesus and said, Lord, are You not concerned that my sister has left me to do the household tasks all alone? Tell her to help me."

Jesus said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and upset about many things; one thing only is required. Mary has chosen the better portion and she shall not be deprived of it."

I have always been a "Martha." When our children were young, and I would start into a cleaning frenzy, they would say, "Mother is doing her Martha act again." There have been many times in my life when I have passed up doing something fun, because I had washing, ironing or housecleaning to do. How sad. I look back and wonder how many good times I missed out on with my family because I felt compelled to fold a load of clothes or mop the kitchen floor. I am trying to do better with my grandchildren. When I am with them, I spend time doing what they want to do,

not what I think needs to be done.

I wonder how much my relationship with God suffers in the same way.

How many times I have put Him "on hold" while I took care of something I thought was more important?

And yet, I know that Jesus always understands our failures. Mary and Martha were upset with Jesus when he did not immediately answer their plea to come when Lazarus was dying.

Glory and Grace of God

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

Next week, March 24th through March 31st, is Holy Week. This is a period of time in the Church calendar when the events of the last week of Jesus' life and the day of his resurrection are highlighted. It is The Event (other than Christmas) of the Church Year. This week is the time when the glory and grace of God sort of reach a peak. On the other hand, isn't every week a Holy Week? Don't we celebrate a mini-Easter every Sunday when in worship we celebrate the promise of God to forgive our sins? And maybe a Holy Week just doesn't cover the concept of "holy" well enough. Perhaps we ought to have a "Holy Month," or a "Holy Year," or a "Holy Decade," or a . . . you get the picture. "Holy" doesn't seem to me to be a concept that applies to time. Rather, "holy," when used as an adjective, conjures up for

When Jesus finally arrived, according to John's Gospel, they confronted Him accusingly; telling Him if He had been there Lazarus wouldn't have died. As we know, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead and tells the sisters that because they believe they will see the glory of God. (11:1-45). Jesus is always there for us, waiting patiently. He knows our needs and yet He waits, wanting us to recognize that we need Him. He wants us to always put Him and our fam-

ily first. Still He knows that we often let our busy lives come first.

Lord, thank You for always being available to me, whenever I decide to call upon You. Thank You for not being like Martha, and like me, who often thought it was more important to get things done than to work on our relationships.

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me a sense of awe and wonder and mystery about the noun it describes. The term "Holy" Spirit reminds me of the Day of Pentecost when the Spirit entered as "tongues of fire" bringing the gift of speaking foreign languages to the disciples, men of little if any education. Now that is an awesome and wondrous mystery isn't it? I regret that we too often use the word "holy" in mundane ways - Holy Toledo, Holy Socks - or without the reverence it should carry with it.

When we address anything as "holy" it should resonate within us and bring chill bumps to our forearms for only God and things of God deserve to be understood as Holy!

Back to Holy Week. It is a "holy" week, to be traversed with care and wonder as we join Jesus in his journey to the cross and beyond. Please don't let it be just another week. Make it truly Holy. Be our guests for Holy Week at First United Meth-

odist Church. On Palm Sunday (the 24th) at 10:45 am join us as we enter the Gate called Beautiful following behind Jesus on the donkey, waving palm fronds and shouting alleluias. On Monday through Friday, we will be gathering in the Sanctuary at 10:00 am to share the day's events and characters with Jesus. On Thursday evening at 6:30 pm we will gather with Jesus and his friends to share the Passover meal in a Maundy Thursday worship. And then, on Easter Sunday, begin your day with the Church Alliance's Sunrise Service at 7:00 am at the theater in the Old Quarry. Follow that service up at First United Methodist Church with an Easter Worship at 10:45 am. Please wear your Easter bonnet and bring your sense of awe and wonder, for this will be a week when your spiritual being will be lifted and renewed.

May your years, months, weeks, days, minutes and seconds all be Holy!

Gateway Ministries

By Pastor Charolette Corey

Because you believe in Jesus and have him living in you, your very existence is a "stumbling stone and rock of offense" to those who have "sin issues" in their lives. You don't have to say a thing, you can be kind and generous, yet your very presence can be an affront to those who are running from the truth of God's word. This is because as in 1 Peter 2:7-9 "Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner. And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: where unto also they were appointed."

"God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty." But ye a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light" (1 Cor. 1:23-24).

1 Peter 2:19-24 "For it is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? But if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. For even hereunto were ye called because Christ

also suffered for us, leaving us an example; that ye should follow his steps; . . . who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye were healed."

This healing includes hurt feelings. There is no place in the kingdom of God for one to plant seeds of bitterness and unforgiveness. If the existence of the spirit of God in you brings conviction to the soul of the sinner, then rejoice only that you have the power to pray for that person, love them unconditionally, and encourage them in righteous ways, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Simply be Christ-like in every given situation.

You can't have a "chip on your shoulder" to accomplish this.

Let the peace of God reign in your heart, and continue doing what is right. Plant the seed of righteousness in others lives, simply by living it yourself. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

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By Rev. William P. Adams Sr.

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Thou hast given commandment to save me; for thou art my rock and my fortress.

Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.

For thou art my hope, O Lord God; thou art my trust from my youth.

By thee have I been held up from the womb; thou art he who took me out of my mother; my praise shall be continually of thee.

I am as a wonder unto many, but thou art my strong refuge. Let my mouth be filled with thy praise and with thy honor all the day. Psalms 71:1-8.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
By Rev. Nathan Lafrenz

One of the most compelling images of the Lenten season so far has been the words of the Prophet Ezekiel chapter thirty seven when he has the vision of the valley of dry bones. He sees dry bones scattered throughout the desert, the aftermath of so many bloody wars in Israel. Then miraculously he sees the bones coming together with sinews, muscles, and flesh into live human beings. This vision inspires him to announce to the people of Israel who are oppressed by the Babylonians that

one day again they will have new life. These words of Ezekiel are words of hope. We need to listen to this vision of hope. At times we feel like dry bones scattered by the winds of change, sickness, economic hardship, and violence. At times perhaps we feel like there is no hope, no future. Perhaps we have received bad news from our doctors, employers, spouses, or children. In spite of whatever bad news we receive, the words of Ezekiel can inspire us to new hope. Martin Luther King Jr. preached a famous sermon on Ezekiel many years ago using the analogy that the African-

American community prior to the civil rights era was like a valley of dry bones. He sought to bring hope to that oppressed community by using the vision of Ezekiel of new life coming into the dry bones. His dream has been partially fulfilled and we trust that God will keep motivating Christians throughout the world to work together to bring about peace, racial equality, and justice. We will not stay a bunch of dry bones if we allow Christ to enter into our hearts.

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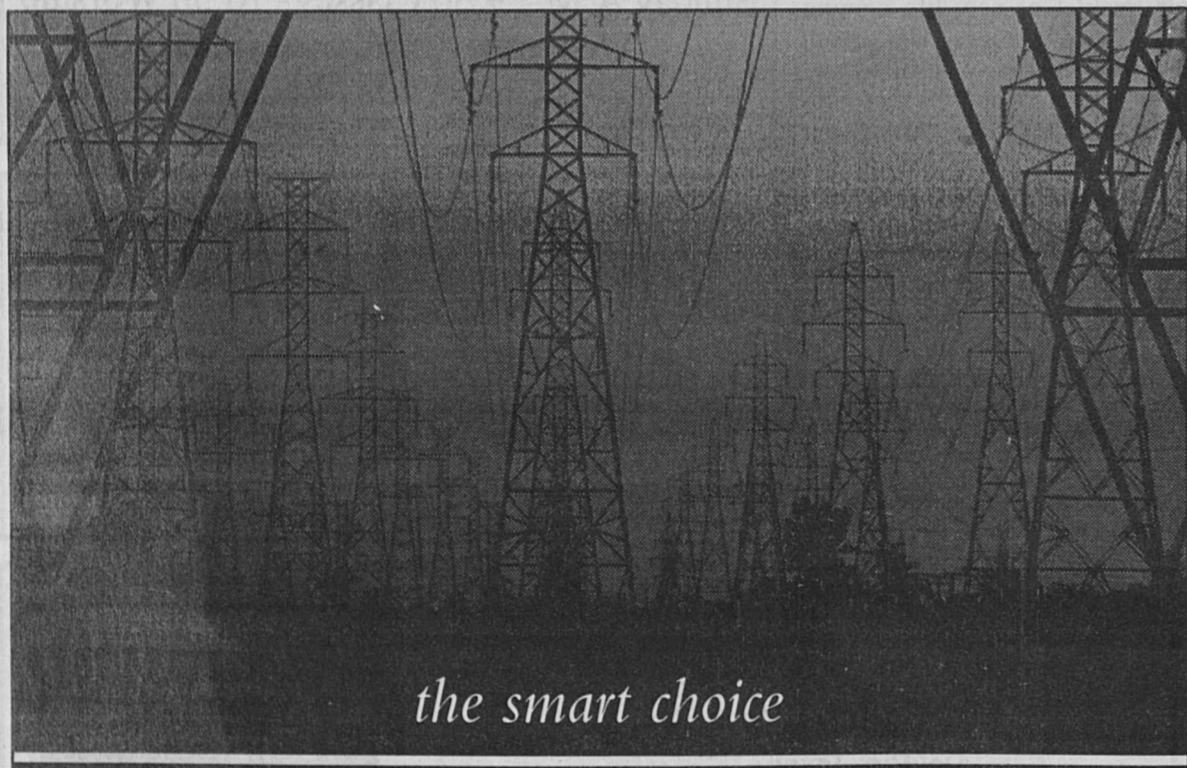
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