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Duncan performs May 3 at Mayfest

Local teen singing talent Jaclynn Duncan is scheduled to perform at Mayfest in Fort Worth on Saturday, May 3.

Along with various regional acts from the Dallas - Fort Worth metroplex, Duncan will share the spotlight with artists such as Joan Jett and the Blackhearts, Cory Morrow and the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra.

A total of seven stages scattered throughout Trinity Park will showcase acts as diverse as African dance to the Texas Children's choir.

Mayfest is a four-day family festival held each year and this year features Twiggy, the skiing squirrel. A first in the history of Mayfest will be the building of a Habitat House for Humanity on-site, a raffle for a Polaris personal watercraft and the Riverbank Area.

For more information about Mayfest, call (817) 332-1055.

Cancer Support Group to meet

The Brackettville Cancer Support Group will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, May 1, at 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. All cancer patients, survivors and caregivers are invited to attend.

Stephanie Alsup, a licensed physical therapist and owner of Amistad Physical Therapy, will provide information on appropriate exercise programs for cancer patients. A potluck will be served. For more information, call Pat Sitzes at 563-9515.

Church service to honor soldiers

The citizens of Brackettville will gather at the Civic Center Tuesday night at 7 to show their support for local troops.

A non-denominational service will be held to honor service men and women, and their family members. All local pastors and clergymen will be in attendance and available after the service for individual prayer.

Little League is hosting barbecue

The Kinney County Little League is hosting its annual barbecue plate lunch on Saturday at Shahan Park from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

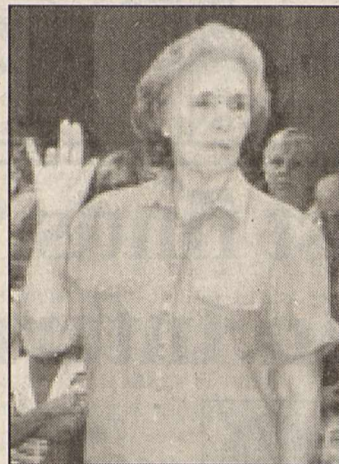
The plates are \$5 each. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased from any Little League player.

Benefit cakewalk set for Saturday

A benefit cakewalk for Jesse Hidalgo to offset medical expenses will be held Saturday at 4 in the parking lot at Casual's Plus. Donations are welcomed!

FCS has three new directors

Holloway, Pellin, White appointed to fill vacant seats on fort's board



Sherry Holloway

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

Sherry Holloway, Ron Pellin and Monica White were appointed to fill three vacant seats on the Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors Saturday.

President Tom Saylor, the only veteran director remaining on the board, said 10 persons had applied or had been recommended for positions on the board. Those not selected for appointment will be asked to fill committee assignments, Saylor said.

Nolan Brandt, John Dixon

and Ray Reyna won their respective election bids last month, and Frank Cheaney, Carol Miller and Glen White then resigned from the board two days later.

"The election of the radical faction that now controls the Board of Directors has, in my opinion, placed the association in grave peril," White said. "I do not wish to be associated in any way with their actions."

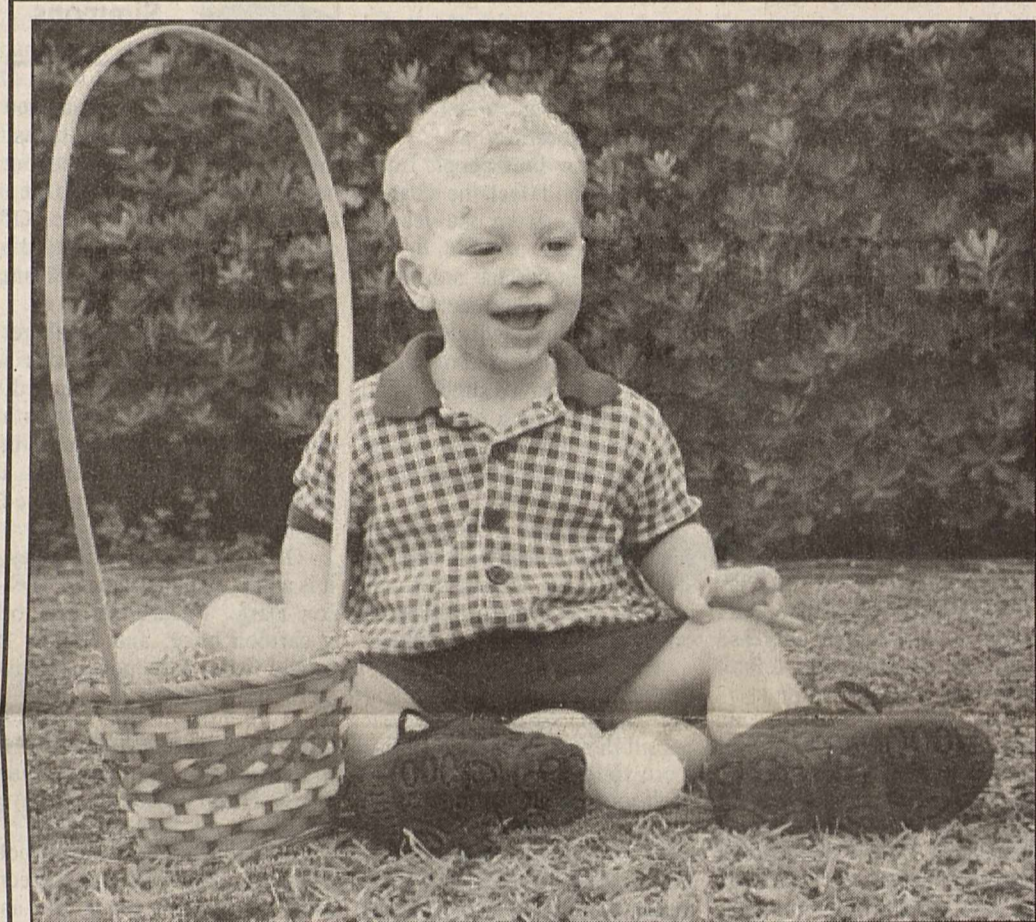
The new board has created an Executive Committee, made up of the association's four officers, which is supervising the daily operation of the association on a temporary basis.



New directors

Photo by J.J. Guidry

Monica White (left) and Ron Pellin are sworn in as new Fort Clark Springs directors Saturday morning.



A visit from the Easter Bunny

Dillon Wilson, 2, the son of Wesley and Kathy Wilson, was all smiles after finding some eggs left by the Easter Bunny on Sunday.

Photo by J.J. Guidry

BISD hires new superintendent

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

Bobby Templeton of Corpus Christi has been named the new superintendent at Brackett ISD.

The decision was made official Tuesday night during a special school board meeting.

Templeton was selected from over 30 applicants seeking the position. He and his wife, Monica, have a 1-year-old son, Clay.

"Mr. Templeton spent lots of time at Fort Clark Springs in his younger days," said current BISD superintendent Taylor Stephenson. "His grandfather is from Dell City, and once served on the Rio Grande Electric board."

Stephenson announced his retirement in January. He has worked in public education for 43 years. Stephenson came to Brackett ISD in 1992 as its curriculum director and federal programs coordinator, and is currently in his seventh year as the



Bobby Templeton

district's superintendent. His resignation is effective July 31.

"The work has been rewarding, and we have made tremendous progress in the past 10 years. I have particularly enjoyed the young people through the years," Stephenson said.

Early voting ends Tuesday for elections

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

Early voting for the Brackett ISD Board of Trustees and Brackettville City Council elections ends on Tuesday.

School board members Rose Mary Slubar and Tim Ward are not seeking re-election in the upcoming May 3 election.

Four candidates are vying for

two three-year positions on the school board — Susanna Castillo, Mark Frerich, Martha Gerardo and Sondra Meil.

There are also two seats up for grabs in the Brackettville City Council election, also on May 3.

Patricia Barragan and Bonnie Wardlaw will be challenging incumbent City Council member Martha Ward McDonald for

Place 1 on the council.

Tomas Gomez is the Place 3 incumbent alderman. He will face Camilo Cruz Jr. and June Kaminski in the election.

Each City Council seat has a two-year term.

Early voting by personal appearance for the city election is being held at City Hall from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Applications to vote early by

mail in the city election are now being accepted. Ballots must be received by Tuesday.

Early voting by personal appearance for the school board election is being held at the BISD Central Office from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Applications to vote early by mail in the school board election will be accepted through the close of business on Friday.

ELECTIONS

Following are the candidates, in the order they will appear on the ballot, in the May 3 elections:

- City Council**
 ■ Place 1: Martha Ward McDonald, Bonnie Wardlaw, Patricia Barragan.
 ■ Place 3: Camilo Cruz Jr., Tomas Gomez Jr., June Kaminski.
- School Board**
 ■ At-large: Martha Gerardo, Sondra Meil, Mark Frerich, Susanna Castillo.

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I had the wonderful opportunity to keep my grandson, Tanner, recently. He's a really cute boy, even if he is a carbon copy of his father.

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Water district grants rehearing on its rules

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors granted motions for rehearings on its rules Monday during a special meeting.

The rehearing will be held on May 9 at 5:30 p.m.

Directors Don Hood, Chuck Hall, Chris Ring, Cecil Smith, Hadley Wardlaw and Bob Young voted to grant the motions. Board member Darlene Shahan was absent from the meeting.

Hood's motion was that "all pending motions for rehearing on the rules be granted, but only to the extent that the board shall set a rehearing and consider amendments to the rules and not to the extent that the rules adopted Jan. 7 are withdrawn or otherwise affected as requested in the pending motions."

The debate over the groundwater resources in Kinney County made it to the state capital two weeks ago.

A number of local citizens

gave testimony in Austin as the Natural Resources Committee discussed Senate Bill 1886, addressing the local water district.

The bill was introduced by Sen. Frank Madla, who said the local water district "has had some difficulties and some problems that I felt needed to be addressed."

"In creating the district, there were two important objectives that were emphasized," he said. "The first was that the district would be funded through ad-valorem taxes and export fees, rather than production fees paid by the local landowners. The second objective was that local landowners and that local water utilities would be protected by preserving their historic use and their groundwater rights."

Currently, the district is being supported by ad-valorem taxes and production fees.

Under the proposed bill, the district must impose the maximum rate of property taxes before charging a production fee.

The bill addresses various issues, including historical use.



Considering changes to the rules

Photo by J.J. Guidry

Groundwater Conservation District board members Chris Ring (left) and Bob Young voted Monday to grant rehearings on the district's rules.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Senate bill gives unlimited use of water to a select few

My wife, Kathy, and I have a house at Fort Clark and enjoy the area very much in spite of the internecine battles that have occurred at the fort. In my view, the residents at Fort Clark should save their "fight" for the water rights issues now percolating in Kinney County.

A bill is pending in the Texas legislature that would allow a select few to have unlimited use of Kinney County water. Senate Bill No. 1886, introduced by Sen. Frank Madla, concerns the authority of the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District to develop and manage Kinney County's groundwater resources.

This proposed bill is illogical, is bad public policy, and has the potential to adversely affect every Brackettville resident.

While farmers and ranchers

should be able to use the water from their existing wells to irrigate the land and raise livestock, they already have that right. The proposed bill goes well beyond regulating these reasonable agricultural uses of Kinney county groundwater.

The bill establishes a new system of "historic use permits" for groundwater. Once an historic use permit is issued, it is valid forever, unless abandoned or sold.

More dangerously, though, the bill provides that a holder of an historic use permit can lease or transfer groundwater rights to others.

The bill also permits those who hold these permits to aggregate their groundwater rights with other permit holders issued by the district and transfer the collective rights as a block.

The maintenance and use of groundwater should be the natural heritage of all residents of this beautiful but parched country. Unfortunately, this law grants a valuable perpetual monopoly to the few holders of the historic use permits and allows them to sell their permits to water marketers.

I believe groundwater belongs to each resident of the county. The use of the water should remain in the county until appropriate hydrological studies have been performed.

I encourage anyone who is interested in preserving an adequate supply of water to take an opportunity to read the legislation, Senate Bill No. 1886, and write to their state senator to oppose the legislation.

Jerry W. Snider
Minneapolis

Give the new FCS board your support, encouragement

I have been asked by many people why I haven't written as of late. The answer is, just like you, I have been standing out of the way of the steamroller and waiting to see if our new board will be able to accomplish the things that need to be done for the fort, and waiting to hear what the finances of FCS will be.

For those of you who could not attend the board meeting on Saturday, you missed a very pleasant time. The warmth and respect for each other in that meeting room was wonderful. In fact, it was so pleasant that at first I thought that I had wandered into the wrong meeting.

And to answer your next question, yes the openness of this

board is there and it is so very refreshing. They truly want to hear what you have to say and see if the problem or improvement, as the case may be, can be taken care of.

There are so many things that were put into effect before they took office that are still in effect today, which ties their hands, but they are hoping it is only for a short time.

So take the time to look around and see all of the work that has been accomplished so far.

It is fantastic, but you also have to remember that there is still a huge amount of things needed to be found out and corrected.

Giving them time, your full support and encouragement is what is needed now. With your words of encouragement, they will find that will power needed to dig deep for the energy it will take to get the job done, and done right.

In closing, I wish to repeat what I've said before. Keep on telling everyone you know and anyone else who will listen about this small, but very nice piece of Heaven we call home. And maybe, they will want to come back again and again. And maybe find the desire to want to become a part of our Fort Clark Springs family on one of those visits.

Richard A. Card Sr.

Vaccinate your infants today

Would you be surprised to learn that there is one simple step you can take to keep your children healthy?

It's not a magic drug. And it won't cost you thousands of dollars. It's a very simple task and one that we all should follow: get your child vaccinated and do it on schedule.

This week marks the ninth annual National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW). Across the nation, efforts are being made to immunize more precious infants.

In Texas, you will see this campaign in full swing as little red boots scoot their way across the state to promote "Shots Across Texas."

Vaccinating your children may sound like an obvious step in raising a healthy child, but life is hectic and this step is too often forgotten or put-off for far too long. Vaccinations offer the single best protection for the health of our children and our future.

In today's society, immunization is no longer a luxury, it's a necessity. We all know the old adage, "you're only as strong as your weakest link." In this case, the weakest link is the unvaccinated child. We often forget how fortunate we are to have access



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Report

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to vaccinations. I have first-hand appreciation of vaccinations. You see, I grew up in a public housing complex in South San Antonio. The people living there were poor, but they provided a hard-working, labor force for the city's factories and military bases. In those days, many of today's vaccinations did not exist. Far too many children suffered serious illnesses that today can be avoided by a simple vaccination.

As chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, I oversee funding for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). This important administration approves, regulates and monitors all vaccines.

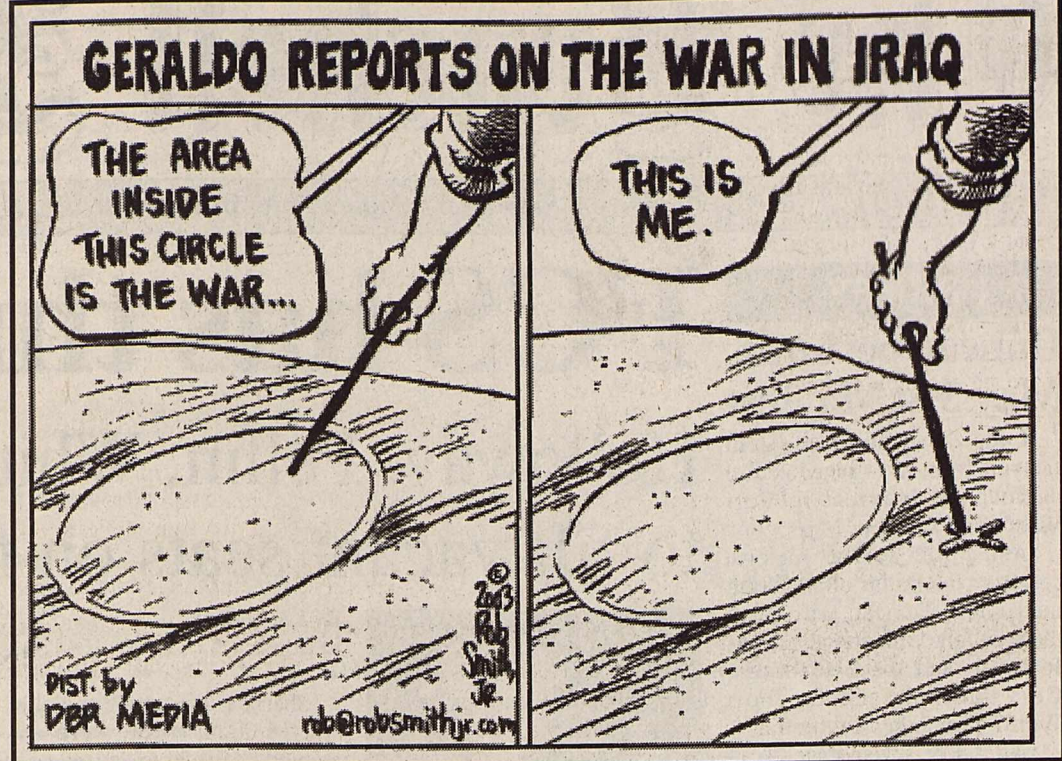
I have diligently worked to increase funding for the FDA. I understand that too many families are without health insurance. This is unfortunate in itself. But as we work to increase health-care coverage, let's remember that vaccinations are still one of

the best and cheapest ways to protect our children's health. They could mean the difference between life and death — especially if adequate health care is not available.

I am proud of the many parents who have helped increase immunization coverage among children in the United States.

Over 90 percent of infants today receive the most critical vaccines by age 2. These efforts have translated into a 95 percent reduction in vaccine-preventable deaths. This is tremendous progress, but we must work to stop any child from remaining unvaccinated. There's just no excuse.

There is no reason for any parent to delay having their children vaccinated. If cost is a concern, there are a host of resources to help. Public health policy wisely picks up the tab for vaccinating anyone who can not afford to pay. Parents can get more information on vaccines, by asking a local physician or calling the National Immunization Hotline at (800) 232-2522. Remember, there is no better way for you to protect your children from disease than by immunizing them. Protect the littlest Texans by vaccinating your infants on schedule.



Columnist finds 'electric' love on an Internet site

The wind blew against my tightly-bound goggles and my colorful scarf fluttered in the wind. I giggled wildly, which is not a good thing because later I found some kind of gnat in my mouth. But none of that mattered though. I was happy, so happy.

This month I turned 16 years old. Yes, the big one-six. It was pretty invigorating.

You know how people often say they don't feel the change when they go from one year to the next?

Well I felt it. That morning I woke up and I could feel the extra knowledge, which comes with maturity, lying in my head. My hair had grayed slightly, and I suddenly found a bit of peach fuzz above my lip. (So maybe my imagination was roaming a bit.)

But, I was a little sad, because, as you know, I want to stay young for as long as I can, and this was a mere mile-stone on my path towards adulthood.

For some reason, though, I just couldn't help filling up with excitement. Wow, 16. I remember all those times when I was a mere youngin' and how I would wish to be 16.

After watching all those teeny-bop movies, like "Sixteen Candles," I had a totally crazy image of myself as a 16-year-old, and I remember how I couldn't wait to reach the age of having



Teen
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Simmons

a "driver's license." I imagined myself wearing crazy tutus, mixed-matched clothes and big hair, while driving around in a brand new pink Cadillac. Of course, I turned out nothing like my 6-year-old vision, but I am glad with the results.

For my birthday, I didn't get much, but I was happy with a specific present I received. Gladly, instead of cruising in a pink Cadillac, I now cruise in something much cooler — a bright-yellow, flame-streaked scooter is what I claim.

Oh how I love him. Oh yes, it is a him, and his name is "Yellow Dart." I heard the name on a cartoon once, and I knew it would fit my little port of transportation perfectly.

I got him on the Internet. Ebay is the maker of dreams. If it weren't for that crazy online Never Never Land, I may have never met my love.

I ride my Old Yeller to school every morning with the correct attire. I shine a big smile as people pass by, and I honk my little horn. Yes, it has a horn,

and blinkers, and even headlights. It also has a little trunk, which holds my stinky gym clothes perfectly.

My Yellow Dart is the greatest. Ever since we were united, my popularity has increased, I am rolling in the dough, and my acne has cleared up dramatically.

OK, so maybe none of that has really happened, but I know I have been a lot happier ever since he came into my life.

My grandparents are a little freaked out about our relationship, but I know they will learn to accept my new love. They will have to because I even hear possible wedding bells in the future.

His place in my life also helps me stay youthful. So while all of those other teens are out getting their hammy-down junkers, I received a beautiful, brand-new, electric scooter. It makes me happy.

I love yellow. Some find that odd, but I don't. The bond will not break, I can see us together even when I am old, and when I actually need a scooter to replace my knees. Our love is that true.

Some think that this passion I have for my little electric pal will fade, but I know that the flames will burn bright for the rest of my days. Or at least maybe until I get a faster, gas-powered one.

How I love the Yellow Dart.

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS FOR FEDERAL AGRICULTURE ASSISTANCE FUNDS

In accordance with Public Law 108-10, Section 209, the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) is administering the distribution to agricultural producers of \$10 million in federal agriculture assistance funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation. On May 1, 2003, TDA will begin accepting agriculture assistance fund applications at local water irrigation district offices and other designated locations in the Rio Grande Valley from agricultural producers who rely on irrigation water from the Rio Grande and who were impacted by decreases in water allocations due to Mexico's noncompliance with the 1944 U.S. - Mexico Water Treaty during the 2002 crop year.

Eligibility Criteria. To be eligible for agriculture assistance funds:

1. An agricultural producer's farming acreage must be located in: Cameron, Hidalgo, Kinney, Maverick, Starr, Webb, Val Verde, Willacy or Zapata counties;
2. The acreage on which the agricultural producer is farming must have been eligible for water allocations for agricultural use in the Rio Grande Watermaster system through irrigation water rights either individually or through a water irrigation district (eligible acreage) during the 2002 crop year; and
3. An agricultural producer must have had the right to farm eligible acreage on January 1, 2002. Producers meeting established eligibility criteria are eligible to receive assistance under this program, regardless of crop variety or intended agricultural use. The distribution of assistance will be based upon the number of acres eligible for allocation of water for agricultural use.

Submitting an Application. Applications will be accepted beginning May 1, 2003.

Applications forms are available at local water irrigation district offices, at local Texas Cooperative Extension (TCE) offices, at local Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices and from the Rio Grande Watermaster, as well as on TDA's Web site at: www.agr.state.tx.us. Applications submitted from a producer directly to TDA will not be accepted. Applications from producers purchasing water from a water irrigation district must be submitted to TDA through the producer's local water irrigation district office. Individual water rights holders (independents) in counties where there are water irrigation district offices must submit applications at their local water irrigation district office. Independents in counties where there are no water irrigation district offices (Kinney, Starr, Webb, Val Verde and Zapata counties) may submit applications at their county FSA office or at the closest water irrigation district office. Applicants must submit their application to their local water irrigation district offices or other designated locations in order to have the amount of acreage eligible for assistance certified at those offices. Eligible acreage for independents will be certified using records provided by the Rio Grande Watermaster. Local water irrigation district offices and other designated locations will then be responsible for forwarding completed applications to TDA for processing. Applicants will also be required to complete an application for a State of Texas Payee ID number, as part of the application for the agriculture assistance funds, if they do not already have this number on record with the Office of the State Comptroller. These forms will be provided by TDA as part of the application packet.

Deadline for Submission of Applications.

The deadline for submitting an application for agriculture assistance to water irrigation district offices or other designated locations for certification is by close of business on June 16, 2003. TDA will distribute funds after all valid applications are processed.

Further Information.

More information about the agriculture assistance application process can be found at local water irrigation district offices, TCE and FSA offices, and Rio Grande Watermaster offices or on TDA's Web site at: www.agr.state.tx.us. Producers may also contact Steve Bearden, Regional Director for TDA's Valley Regional Office located at 900-B East Expressway 83, San Juan, Texas, telephone (956) 787-8866, for more information.

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Hidalgo family needs your prayers

Our prayers are extended to Jesse Hidalgo's family. Jesse was one of the best football players that we have had in Brackettville in many years. The former running back was seriously injured in a one-car wreck near Sander-son this past weekend.

Jesse is in a hospital in Odessa where he remains unconscious with lung and head injuries.

He is a fine young man. Let's do everything possible to help the Hidalgos, especially Jesse pull through this one.

Early Voting
Early voting for the school



Making A Difference

Taylor Stephenson

board election will end on Tuesday. All are encouraged to cast their votes in this election, which will choose two new board members for the next three years.

New Superintendent
Welcome aboard Bobby

Templeton, new superintendent of Brackett ISD.

Bobby's family includes his wife, Monica, and son, Clay. He is excited about the opportunity to be Brackett's superintendent.

Templeton will arrive in Brackettville June 1 to work with myself on budget, staffing, policy development and on an orientation to Brackett ISD. I am retiring at the end of June.

Closed Campuses

The school campuses are off limits after 9 each night unless there are school activities. The public is encouraged to help us

watch school grounds and vehicles, especially after dark.

We have had a couple of vehicles damaged, one school-owned bus and a private vehicle, in the past couple of weeks. We need your help.

A Wonderful Holiday

The Easter holidays were wonderful. The sunrise service at Fort Clark's amphitheater was a highlight of the weekend. The setting is beautiful as birds help announce Easter morning. Thanks to all who made this a special occasion.
Have a great week!

KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sunday, April 13

2:57 p.m., A Canyon Lake woman stated that she had been threatened over the phone by a Brackettville man. The woman, who sold a dog to the man, also filed a complaint with the Comal County Sheriff's Office.

Monday, April 14

9:13 a.m., A man reported that he had hit a lamb on Highway 131, south of Brackettville.

11:55 a.m., A Brackett ISD employee reported that someone had broken a windshield and a headlight on a school bus.

10:40 p.m., Deputy Karl Chism reported an open door and lights on in the old gym at the high school.

11:49 p.m., A 911 caller reported a man with no shoes laying beside the road on Highway 90, west of Brackettville by the A.J. Foyt Ranch.

Wednesday, April 16

7:52 p.m., Century Security reported a door alarm sounding at the BISD Library.

1:40 p.m., Jorge Martinez Rivera, 38, of Brackettville was arrested by Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess for possession

of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance. He was released two days later on an \$8,000 bail bond.

Thursday, April 17

4:20 p.m., Jesus Rodriguez, 26, of Mexico was arrested by Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter on outstanding warrants for possession of cocaine. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail where he was still being held at press-time.

Friday, April 18

12:55 a.m., Constable Bobby Guidry and Deputy Ron Ring were on routine patrol when they found several cars in the parking lot and lights on at Ora's Bar. An employee said the bar was officially closed and that the individuals were finishing up their drinks. She was informed that the bar was in violation of the law and that failure to comply could result in fines and possible closure of the business.

11 a.m., Jose Luis Torres, 36, of San Angelo was arrested by Chief Deputy Fritter on a warrant for assault. He was released later the same day on a \$2,500 bail bond.

6:15 p.m., A man reported a reckless driver on F.M. 2804. He took the man's keys away, but the individual hot-wired his vehicle and drove away.

7:52 p.m., A woman said a man was fighting with her husband on the corner of Brown and Fulton streets.

8 p.m., Ben Tovar, 45, of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Chism for public intoxication. He was released two days later for time served.

Saturday, April 19

8:38 p.m., a woman reported a domestic disturbance at Spicer Alley. She said a man was intoxicated and had threatened her parents.

Sunday, April 20

12:30 a.m., George Garcia, 32, of Brackettville was arrested by DPS Trooper Tony Ashley for driving while intoxicated, second offense, evading arrest with a motor vehicle and resisting arrest. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail where he was still being held at press-time.

1:01 a.m., Armando Gonzalez Jr., 31, and Raymundo Garza, 53, both of Brackettville, were

arrested by Deputy Chism for fighting in public. Both were released later the same day for time served.

1:30 a.m., Keith Bernard Suever, 44, of Brackettville was arrested by Trooper Ashley for public intoxication. He was released later the same day for time served.

2:58 a.m., Michael Robert Haenn, 51, of Brackettville and Mark Louis Haenn, 20, of Austin were arrested by Trooper Ashley for public intoxication and driving while intoxicated, first offense. Both were released later the same day. Mark Haenn was released on a personal recognizance bond and Michael Haenn was credited with time served.

3:30 p.m., A man reported that he was having a dispute over ownership of property on Ross Street. He was advised to contact the justice of the peace.

6:40 p.m., A DPS dispatcher reported a possible intoxicated motorist on Highway 277 South.

6:42 p.m., Deputy Robinson reported a truck blocking the road on First Street.

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I am a life-long resident of Brackettville, and these are just some of the important decision-making issues I would love to be part of at Brackett ISD. It starts with your vote. Thank you!

"ITS ALL ABOUT THE KIDS"

Pd. pol. adv. pd. for by Susanna Castillo P.O. Box 863, Brackettville, TX 78832

ELECT SONDRA MEIL
FOR SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MAY 3, 2003

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Elija a Sondra Meil para el Consejo de la Mesa Directiva de la escuela de Brackett el 3 de mayo de 2003.

18 años de residencia en el condado de Kinney
10 años como una dueña de negocio. 2 años de servir de presidenta del Comité Consultor de BISD

Servir en el Consejo de la Mesa Directiva de la escuela de Brackett, me daría la oportunidad de devolver a la comunidad que ha sostenido mi negocio por 10 años. Yo siento que puedo traer una actitud comunicativa y una mente objetiva a la Mesa Directiva.

Una dirección fuerte hace a una escuela magnífica y a sus estudiantes excepcionales que en cambio marca un futuro brillante y sólido para todos. Apreciaría tener una parte en formar ese futuro.

Pd Pol adv. Pd. for by Sondra Meil P.O. Box 329 Brackettville, TX 78832

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For

School Board

- Increase School/Parent Communication
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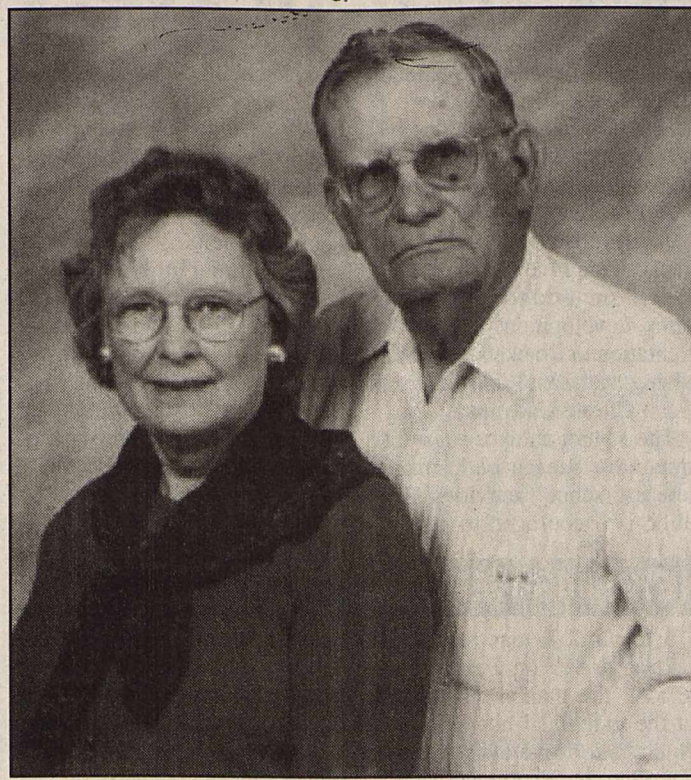
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Habys honored with proclamation



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The Habys were presented a special proclamation in their honor from Texas Rep. Patrick Rose at the celebration, which was held in the old two-story building now owned by Rambo Masonic Lodge No. 426 in Dripping Springs.

Hayden Haby was the first agriculture teacher at Dripping Springs High School and, as the times called for, also served as an assistant football coach under G.A. Pringle. He was a former Texas Tech football player.

Haby's livestock judging teams were highly regarded in regional contests and finished sixth in state competition at Texas A&M University in 1951.

After teaching vocational agriculture for two years in Dripping Springs and four years in Fort Davis, he became the county agent in Edwards County, a position he held for 20 years.

Honors and awards gleaned by Haby in the field of agricul-

ture include being a highly regarded judge and speaker at Angora goat shows and seminars, which included countries of Australia, Canada, England and France. His high-quality Angora goats were exported to six foreign countries.

Haby won the prestigious Hamanaka Mohair Trophy, awarded by the Japanese to the highest-quality mohair producer, two years in a row and the British Mohair Spinners Award four times. He was also named outstanding agricultural man of the year in Uvalde County.

Haby and three other prominent stockmen imported the first purebred South African Angora goats and the first purebred South African Boer goats into the United States. This proved to be an expensive endeavor and quite an ordeal getting the goats through customs and quarantines.

The Habys currently own and operate a ranch and farm near Brackettville, where they raise registered and commercial Angora goats, registered and commercial Rambouillet sheep and crossbred cattle.

Beef mixture gives you head start on several suppers

Time! Time! Where does it go? I never have enough! Mealtime can be a real problem. With a little planning and this beef mixture you've put in your freezer, you will have a head start on several swift suppers.

This basic beef sauce yields about 15 cups. Here is what we need: 4 pounds of lean ground beef, four medium-sized chopped onions, five ribs of thinly-sliced celery, four cloves of minced garlic, three 28-ounce cans of diced undrained tomatoes, two 6-ounce cans of tomato paste, two 4-1/2-ounce jars of sliced mushrooms (drained, optional), a 1/4 cup of minced parsley, 1 tablespoon of salt, 2 teaspoons of dried oregano, 2 teaspoons of dried basil, 1 teaspoon of pepper and a 1/2 teaspoon of crushed red pepper.

In a dutch oven over medium heat, cook the beef, onions, celery and garlic until the meat is no longer pink and the vegetables are tender. Drain off any fat, and then stir in remaining ingredients.

Bring to a boil, and then reduce the heat to a simmer and cook uncovered for 90 minutes, stirring occasionally. Cool. Package into freezer bags or containers, about 2 cups in each. Will keep up to 3 months.

Here are some suggestions for different uses:

For tacos, use 2 cups of the beef sauce plus one package of taco seasoning, 1/4 cup of water and taco shells. It yields 3-4 servings.

For spaghetti, use 2 cups of the beef sauce, one 8-ounce can of tomato sauce, one 4-1/2-ounce jar of drained mushrooms and 2 teaspoons of Italian seasoning.

Mix together and simmer un-



Goodies From G.G.

Vada Baldree

3 of meat sauce into greased 13-by-9-by-2-inch baking dish.

Layer with three noodles, 1/2 of the cottage cheese mixture and 1/3 of the mozzarella cheese. Repeat layers and top with remaining meat sauce and mozzarella.

Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Uncover, sprinkle with parmesan cheese and bake for five to 10 minutes longer. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving. It yields six to nine servings.

For quick chili, use 2 cups of the beef sauce; one can of pinto or kidney beans, rinsed and drained; one can of tomato sauce; 1-2 tablespoons of chili powder and 1/4 teaspoon of crushed red pepper.

Combine all of the ingredients and heat thoroughly, then garnish with shredded cheese. It yields two to three servings.

Deadline is approaching for RGEC essay contest

The deadline for students to enter Rio Grande Electric Cooperative's essay contest is on April 30. Those who enter have a chance to compete for a brand new Dell computer system.

To be eligible to enter, student must be between the ages of 14-18. In addition, a student's parents or legal guardian must be a bona fide member in good standing of Rio Grande Electric Cooperative.

Students must submit an original, type-written essay of 500 words or more entitled, "Why Co-ops Are Special."

The upper-right-hand corner of the essay must contain the member's name (parent or legal guardian), address and telephone number as it appears on their Rio Grande Electric Co-op bill, as well as the student's name, age and name of the school the student currently attends. References to family names, specific locations or any information that might reveal the identity of the writer must not be included in the body of the essay.

Entries must be submitted to Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, Inc., P.O. Box 1509, Brackettville, TX 78832, in a sealed-envelope, clearly marked "Essay Contest."

Essays will be judged during the May 2003 monthly meeting of the Board of Directors. For more information, call Cindy Edwards at 563-2444, ext. 135.

Beta Sigma Phi hosts meeting

March proved to be a busy month for members of the Beta Epsilon Omicron Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

The March 13 meeting was an informal luncheon held at Barbara's Table. As Dee Curry presided over the meeting, members enjoyed some of Barbara's wonderful food.

Curry's home was the scene of the March 27 meeting. Betty Lee and Mary Frances Partlow were welcomed as guests.

The cultural part of the evening centered around fellowship and friendship, which are objectives of Sigma Beta Phi. It was decided that the sorority would make a donation to Project Graduation.

Dee served cappuccino cake, pound cake, nuts and beverages, which were enjoyed by all.

Red Hatters enjoy luncheon

The Brackettville Chapter of the South Texas Hill Country Red Hatters hosted the group last Saturday at the Spring Fling at the Uvalde Country Club.

The meeting drew 85 ladies from 20 surrounding towns in beautiful purple dresses and unique red hats. The group enjoyed a delicious luncheon of pecan chicken, twice-baked potatoes, a vegetable medley and Caesar salad.

The highlight of the meal was a decorated birthday cake recognizing the third birthday of the organization in this area.

Patsy Callan organized the day and was in charge of table decorations, which were lovely spring flowers and candle rings with white-pillar candles.

Lynn McNew served as mistress of ceremonies and introduced Ann Pederson, queen, and Kathy Boss, princess.

The program included a parade of corsages, many of which were highly unusual. The winning corsage was worn by Dinah Vinson from Leakey and was designed around a picture of her son-in-law, who is

serving in the military overseas, a picture of her daughter and granddaughter, and flowers from their wedding.

The program then continued with a touching reading of "I Am An American" done by Pat McKelvy.

The group then joined together to sing "God Bless America."

Many wonderful door prizes were awarded by Charlene Simmons and Ida Holley throughout the afternoon.

Brackettville ladies attending the luncheon included Callan, Holley, McKelvy, McNew, Simmons, LaVena Clark, Wynell Coates, Charlotte Corey, Barbara Hunter, Hansi Kruger, Nancy Stone, Peggy Swafford and Bobbi Waddill.

The next area meeting will be June 7 at the Uvalde Country Club, hosted by the Southwest Texas Junior College Educators.

The local club meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Barbara's Table at 11:30 a.m. All area ladies are invited to attend. The only rule is the dress code — a red hat and a purple dress.

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State-of-the-art health-care monitor is now available to Amed Home Health Care patients

By FRANCES McMASTER
Contributing Writer

Carolyn Conoly and Patricia Calahan discussed and demonstrated the HomMed Sentry Monitor at last week's Brackettville Rotary Club meeting.

The state-of-the-art health-care monitor is available to Amed Home Health Care patients at no cost upon their doctor's request.

Conoly works in business development and marketing with Amed and Calahan is the head nurse in the local region. The company services patients in Brackettville, Austin, San Antonio, Hondo, Uvalde, Del Rio, Eagle Pass and Texas City.

Conoly spoke about the prevalence of patients in this area who need home health care, either on a temporary or a long-term basis.

In Kinney County a high percent of residents are over 50 years old, and this is expected to increase in the future.

Some elderly people are in good health and are capable of

living independently for many years. Others have health problems, but can live at home as long as a visiting nurse regularly checks on their state of health.

Some patients have conditions that would prevent them from staying at home unless this kind of assistance was available.

Temporary help is often needed when someone is recuperating from surgery. Hospitals are discharging surgical patients more quickly than in the past.

The HomMed Sentry Monitor provided by Amed is a small machine that can be connected where a phone line is available. A user-friendly voice guides the patient through the simple process to get the sign measurements. English, Spanish and other standard languages are available.

If needed, the recorded voice can remind the patient that it is time to perform a certain task, such as check their blood pressure.

A few buttons must be pushed to operate the monitor, and these are color-coded in case the pa-

tient has poor eyesight. It only takes approximately three minutes to complete the process.

A small, inconspicuous scale sits on the floor nearby and is attached to the monitor so that a patient can weigh. The scale is accurate to the 1/2-pound and can weigh individuals up to 500 pounds.

Weight, temperature, blood pressure, heart rate and oxygen saturation is transmitted to a central computer where a nurse in charge evaluates it. Appropriate action can be taken when changes in health problems are reflected in the data.

If the signs are not sent at a designated time, the caregiver at the central station is alerted.

One example of an incident that requires special attention is when weight fluctuates at an alarming rate due to fluid retention. Another example of valuable information being provided is when a patient's high blood pressure proves difficult to get under control. The monitor reads systolic, diastolic and mean blood pressure.

When problems arise, the patient's doctor is informed via a computer printout or fax in an easy to read, accurate report. A graphic trends report for one or all vitals over a period of time can also be obtained.

Timely information provided by the monitor can save trips to the emergency room. Sometimes, additional visits by the visiting nurse are scheduled because of information picked up by the monitor.

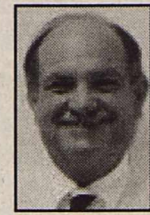
After the monitor was demonstrated, several Rotarians took advantage of the opportunity to weigh themselves and check their own vital signs.

Conoly's background is in television and radio news, media, public relations, marketing and special event planning.

Conoly and her husband, Bill, moved to Brackettville two years ago from Corpus Christi. Their children include a 26-year-old daughter, a 15-year-old daughter, an 11-year-old son and a 2-year-old grandson. The Conolys are active members of St. Andrews Episcopal Church.

Tanner is at the wonderful age of wonderment and awe

I had the wonderful opportunity to keep my grandson, Tanner, recently. He's a really cute boy, even if he is a carbon copy of his father. I often wonder what my daughter had to contribute to his looks. I guess she was just the carrier.



But I Could Be Wrong
Chuck Hall

Tanner was such a delight. He made me laugh the whole time he was at the house.

His mother, and father too, would call every so many hours to make sure everything was going OK. How do they think we ever raised kids of our own? I'm not criticizing, they only worry because they love him. Hey, I love him too. I cried when he left. I don't know why he couldn't stay here.

He was surrounded by several dollars worth of toys. He had musical gadgets. He had bright lights and noisemakers of every size, color and shape.

But what did he like to play with the most? An empty water bottle. He grasped it by the neck and welded it like King

Arthur and Excalibur. He swang it round and round in the air. He did not want to relinquish his newfound toy/tool/weapon/item of delight.

At times he wanted to nap, but did not want to stop playing. I too wanted to nap, but didn't want to stop playing. Soon he'll outgrow the naps, but not the playing. I'll outgrow the playing, but not the naps.

His eyes astound me. I don't know how he opens them so wide. He's trying to take in all he possibly can. He is at the age of wonderment and awe. I think he's a total joy. He thinks granddad is very strange. And neither of us could be wrong.

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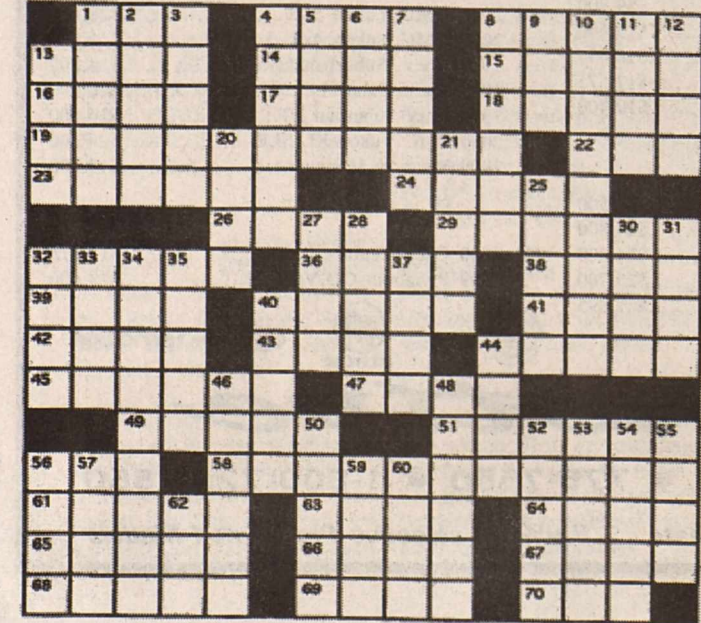
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In the grid below, twenty words can be found that fit the category for today. Circle each word that you find and list it in the space provided at the right of the grid. Words can be found in all directions - forwards, backwards, horizontally, vertically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

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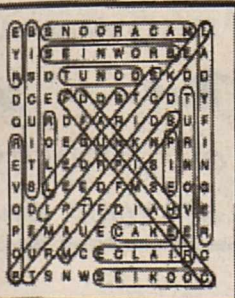
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by Charles Cooper

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CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You're in an ebullient mood as the week begins. Don't let a grumpy co-worker mar this in any way. This weekend, you find yourself playing peacemaker at home.
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) It's a good time to think about an exercise regimen. That holiday overindulgence has reaped unwanted rewards. Over the weekend, pay attention to a child's needs.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You're tempted to give into the darker side of your nature as the week begins. However, a loved one sets you straight again. Later in the week, work takes precedence.
Taurus (April 20 to May 20) You begin the week in an introspective mood. Thus, it's a good time to reflect on what needs to be changed in your life. Over the weekend, it's all fun and games.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Try not to be too upset with something you overhear. You could be giving it too much weight. This weekend, find a social activity you can enjoy with the whole family.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You find it easy to charm others this week. Your charisma is astounding. Try to use this to good advantage.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) This is a good week to plan a getaway for yourself. However, be sure you're getting the best bargains. Your pocketbook is already stretched a bit.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You're upset that your good intentions have been misinterpreted. Communication is the key to clearing this up. Later in the week, you achieve your goals.
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Coalition hosts sunrise service

The Church Coalition of Brackettville hosted a sunrise service on Easter Sunday morning at the Fort Clark Springs Amphitheater.

The program consisted of prelude music by Cathie Conrey and the lighting of Paschal candle by Rev. Mike Davis of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and Rev. Nathan Lafrenz of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Rev. Bob Corey of Gateway Ministries gave the welcome and introductions. The invocation was given by Father Cornelius Scanlan of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church.

The Old Testament reading was given by Rev. David Crowe of Frontier Baptist Church and the New Testament reading was given by Rev. Holt Tuck of Mission Bautista.

Prayer was given by Rev. Charolette Corey of Gateway Ministries.

"Introit," "Choral Response" and "Special Music" were performed by the Voices of Fort Clark, under the direction of Lynn McNew.



Church coalition hosts sunrise service
Participating in the sunrise service sponsored by the Church Coalition of Brackettville on Easter Sunday morning were Rev. Ken Sellers (from left), Rev. Mike Davis, Rev. Nathan LaFrenz, Rev. Holt Tuck, Rev. David Crowe, Rev. Bill Adams, Rev. Bernie Cervantes, Rev. Bob Corey, Rev. Charolette Corey (seated) and Father Cornelius Scanlan (not pictured).

Hymns sung included "Christ The Lord is Risen Today," "Low in the Grave He Lay," "Because He Lives" and "He Lives."

The message was given by Rev. Bernie Cervantes, the offering was presented by Rev. Ken Sellers of First United

Methodist Church, and the benediction was performed by Rev. Bill Adams of St. John's Baptist Missionary Church.

Celebrating Jesus' journey to Jerusalem

Last Sunday was Easter and once again we enjoyed a week celebrating Jesus' last journey to Jerusalem with his triumphal entry, his crucifixion, his burial and his resurrection.

You no doubt remember that between his resurrection and his ascension, he stayed 40 more days to teach and comfort his followers.

There is a recorded history, stating who saw him and what took place.

The first was Mary Magdalene (Mark 16:9-10). When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons. She went and told those who had been with him and who were mourning and weeping.

Secondly to other women, (Matthew 28:9-10) and as they went to tell his other disciples, behold Jesus met them, saying, all hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped



Frontier Baptist Church
Rev. Dave Crowe

him. Then said Jesus unto them, "Be not afraid: Go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there they shall see me."

Thirdly, to two disciples near Emmaus. (Mark 16:12) After that, he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked and went into the country.

Fourth, to Simon (Luke 24:36), saying the Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.

Fifth, to 10 of his apostles (Luke 24:36) and as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them and saith unto them, peace be unto you.

Sixth, to all 11 apostles (Mark 16:14-16) afterward, he appeared

unto the 11 as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen. And he said unto them, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

Seventh, to disciples at Sea of Tiberias. (John 21:1) After these things, Jesus shewed himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias; and on this wise shewed himself. (John 21:2-25)

Eighth, to the disciples on the mount of Galilee. (Matthew 28:16-18) The 11 disciples went away up to Galilee into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying, "All power is given up to me in heaven and in earth."

Ninth, to 500 at once. (1 Corinthians 15:6) After that, he was seen of above 500 brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain upon this present, but some are fallen asleep.

Tenth, to James. (1 Corinthians 15:7) After that, he was seen of James; then of all the Apostles.

There were other visitations among them, in which last instructions were given. Then they were told to leave Galilee and return to Jerusalem. And there, on the 40th day after he rose from the dead, their master met them for the last time.

Once again, they crossed over the dry bed of the Cedron and took the familiar trail up the side of the Mount of Olives, where he slowly arose from the earth and ascended toward heaven.

"This Jesus, who was taken from you into heaven, will come again, and in the same manner in which you saw him go." To be continued

Honor your parents

"Ricky, tell your mom to bug off. We don't need her advice. She always seems to want to help us make our decisions. We can do without her interfering in our lives."

Olivia's angry words opened some old wounds.

"She's not interfering, Olivia," said Ricky in defense of his mother. "She means well and she's just trying to help. Besides, sometimes you talk to your dad about things he has no business knowing."

"Your mother," Olivia said angrily, "is nothing but a busy body. I wish she would mind her own business and stay out of ours."

"People who live in glass houses ..." Ricky didn't finish the sentence. Olivia turned around and walked away, ignoring what Ricky was saying.

"Daddy, why do you and Momma argue about Gramma and Grampa?" 10-year-old Angela asked. "I think they're great and they love us a lot."

"Mom and I know they love us, Angela. But we get tired and impatient with their criticism, and it has to stop," Ricky answered.

As he looked into Angela's searching eyes, Ricky realized what had just happened.

"Look, honey, your mother and I just did something very



Empowering Families
Dr. Donald Smith

wrong and we need to get it straightened out. Gramma and Grampa aren't critical. They're just trying to help. I don't want you to talk about us some day like we just talked about your grandparents. They're really great parents and we love them a lot. Their hearts are in the right place and we need to recognize it. Your mom and I need to talk about this."

A very wise man named Moses long, long ago taught his people that they were to give honor to their mothers and fathers. It would ensure long lives for them here on this earth (Exodus 20:12).

Honoring and respecting parents from both sides of the family ensures peace and well being for future generations. It also bonds you to your spouse and to your own children.

Editor's note: This column is brought to you by the St. Henry de Osso Family Project, working to strengthen families, faith and education.



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Jesus sets free the prisoners of war

Just as we have rejoiced at the return of our prisoners of war and their families have run to embrace them, Jesus has come and set the captive free as he spoke "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised." (Luke 4:18)

He is right there to embrace those who have repented of their sins and turned their lives over to him. He is the one that sticks closer than a brother. He said: "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." (Hebrews 13:5)

Because Jesus lives, we know

"that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:38-39)

He is better than any army, navy or marine team that comes in to set the captive free.

Jesus said, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36). This includes freedom from the law of sin and death (Romans 6:18, Rom 8:2), and freedom from fear. (2 Timothy 1:7)

The key to freedom living is by the word of God, the truth. Jesus said: "Ye shall know the



Gateway Ministries
Bob & Charolette Corey

truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:32)

When you receive your freedom, you are not to use it to get yourself back into bondage by doing the things you shouldn't. (1 Peter 2:16)

Freedom is a state of mind in which you have the confidence that through grace you are saved (Ephesians 2:5), but your life reflects "whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of

the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." (Colossians 3:17)

If you have been a "prisoner of war," if you have been at war with your flesh and feel like you have been tormented, come to Jesus. He is the balm of Gilead. His blood has been shed as the healing ointment to cleanse you and heal you of all your wounds, both physical and spiritual.

As you stand in faith, he is waiting with open arms to embrace you and comfort you. As you rest in the hope, your flesh will find peace. (Acts 2:25-28)

As you walk in his love, you will find the power to overcome all, because love is eternal. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

What difference has the resurrection made in your life?

Easter has passed! The tomb is empty! The followers are confused! Where is their friend, their spiritual leader? Is he dead, never to return? Is he alive and in hiding while he recovers from the crucifixion? Has God resurrected him from the dead? If so, will he ever appear again to the faithful?

Nearly 2,000 years ago, these concerns were on the heart of the disciples and the others that had followed Jesus of Nazareth on his three-year spiritual journey.

Today those concerns are still relevant, especially to those who find faith and religion to be of little use. As the unbeliever seeks to discredit the believer, there is the demand for proofs that the events of Holy Week ever happened.

Sure, Jesus might have been a prophet, or a good Rabbi, but where is the proof that Jesus was ever anything more than dead?

Those resurrection appearances to his disciples might have been made up by them to give their growing religion a hook by



First United Methodist Church
Rev. Ken F. Sellers

which to bring in unsuspecting victims of their little cult.

If Jesus really was the Son of God and will return to resurrect the faithful and bring about God's kingdom, then where is he? Isn't it about time that God's kingdom came to destroy the evils of this world? How much more evil has to be in place before God makes God's final claim upon this world?

If you are a normal follower of Jesus as the Christ, you find these issues hard to overcome in a discussion with an unbeliever. You feel you have no proofs to offer. Or another response might be, "I don't have to defend my faith! It is what it is and I don't need to try and convince any other person that it is real!"

The question for both the be-

liever and the unbeliever is the same really: "What difference has the story of the resurrected Jesus made in my life?"

We as Christian believers shy away from the commandment of Jesus to "go into all the world making disciples of all peoples baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!"

Our preachers and religious leaders shy away from calling us into accountability as disciples of Jesus Christ who should be discipling others.

Why? I believe it is because we hear that call as a requirement to know the proofs well enough to convince the unbeliever.

I also believe that we misunderstand the term "disciple." To disciple another is lead them to an understanding of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit that brings them the peace and joy that we know as followers.

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A great author once quoted "Work is love made visible". It is through our work that we express our attitudes, values and passion. I have dedicated my life to service and work. Having over 35 years experience working with school lunch programs, I have gained insights as to the physical and emotional needs of children. In the past several years, I have become an active member of the American Red Cross, Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD), and the Kinney County Historical Commission. I am the Vice Chair of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and am a board member of the Kinney County Agriculture Extension Service. My work with the Housing Authority has given me awareness as to the needs of the elderly and less financially fortunate. It is through all of this work that I have come to know and love this city.

Leadership begins with a commitment to service. I have shown such commitment by actively working to make Brackettville a better place to live. It would be an honor to serve on the City Council. Therefore, I am asking for your trust and vote May 3rd for Alderwoman, Place 3 on the City Council. In turn, I will strive to serve the community with passion, integrity and courage.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS for Roof Repairs and Renovations will be received by the Brackett Independent School District at the Office Board Room, until 2:00 p.m., May 1, 2003. Interested parties may request proposal forms/specifications from: Taylor Stephenson, Superintendent, Brackett I.S.D. P.O. Box 586 / 400 Ann Street, Brackettville, Texas 78832. Phone: (830) 563-2491 ext. 100, email: taylor@brackett.t.k12.tx.us. Each proposal shall include a Certified Check or Bid Bond in the amount of Five Percent (5%) of largest proposal.

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DATE: April 26, 2003
TIME: 9:00 AM

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1. 80 GMC PK
2. 83 Ford Van
3. 86 Ford PK

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FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
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