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BRIEFS

Correction

In last week's edition of The Brackett News, the graphic showed Charles and Billie Foust as receiving 100 percent of the recomendation for their water permit. However, the Fousts requested 3,201. It was recommended they receive 2,804. The KCAD granted 2,250.344, or 80

Sunrise Service

The Church Alliance of Kinney County will hold its annual Community Sunrise Service at the Fort Clark Springs Amphitheatre Easter morning (Sunday, March 27) at 7 a.m. Members and pastors from several local churches will participate in the service. The Voices of Fort Clark will present special Easter music, and a sermon will be given by the Rev. Roger Baker of First United Methodist Church. All are invited.

Old Quarry presents annual Variety Show

The Old Quarry Society presents "The Annual Variety Show" Saturday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Post Theater. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for park Office or at the theater.

Cajun Fest in Del Rio

The Whitehead Memorial Museum invites you to Cajun Night. Saturday, April 2 at the museum grounds, 1308 S. Main Street. All you can eat dinner with shrimp, crawfish, fried catfish, hushpuppies and french fries. Beer will be sold by the pitcher. Food served from 6 to 8 p.m. with entertainment from 6 to 11 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$20 at the door; \$7 for kids (\$12 at the door).

Support group

There is some interest in the Brackettville area for an Alzheimers and related dementia support group. Do you know someone who would benefit from a support group? Please call 563-2852 or 563-2106 to help make an informed decision about time and place.

LEPC hosting raffle

The Local Emergency Planning Committee is raffling a Bud Breen original oil painting as a fund raiser. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Tickets are available from Jewel Robinson or by calling the EMS office at 563-

LEPC meeting

The Local Emergency Planning Committee meets Monday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m. in th EMS building.

INSIDE

Roger Baker

Christianity began many of its traditions from Jewish practice, including the celebration of commemorative feasts. Religion/Page 7

■ Chuck Hall

An old classmate came by to see me recently. He stayed at my home for 3 days. He came at a time when I needed to be alone. He came by at a time when I needed someone. Opinion/Page 2

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City to start chipping service

The City of Brackettville March 30.

brush site. According to ronmental Investigator for the mental Quality-Laredo Region corner of their property. 16, the site was determined by the Laredo TCEQ to be an unauthorized site.

ettville was working in obtainfor the chipper.

City Secretary Bonnie Mayes called a brush site but a chip- more than six inches in diamannounced they will begin ping site. The City of Brack- eter will not be chipped. "Our chipping brush Wednesday, ettville will announce to the chipper can't handle that," she public whenever the chipping said. The city no longer has a site is ready," Arredondo said.

Manuel R. Arredondo, Envi- the city secretary, Brackettville back of the city's dump truck citizens are asked to leave tree and disposed of properly. Texas Commission on Environ- limbs on the street side to the

the City at a time, until we have gardening," Mayes said. covered all of the residents," This site will no longer ac- Mayes said. However, Mayes sponsoring a Rabies Clinic Satcept brush. "The City of Brack- did not know which area of the urday, April 2 from 9 a.m. to city will be worked on first. noon at City hall. "But we ing a chipper and a new site There has been no schedule re- don't know how much the cost

The new site will not be branches or tree limbs that are

Mayes also said the chipped But in a press release from brush will be tossed into the

"But if the resident wants the mulch for themselves, we "We will do one section of can leave it there. It's good for

She also reports the city is leased yet. She did note that is going to be yet," she said.

Brackett ISD Board of Trustees early voting

election. Candidates for the May 7th election include incumbents Pam Hale will challenge candidate Jeffrey Duncan for the 2personal appearance will be con-

The Brackett Independent 20, 2005 and ending May 3, School District Board of Trust- 2005. Applications for ballots by ees will hold a general election mail should be mailed to Susan for two 3-year trustee positions, Esparza, BISD Early Voting and one 2-year position at the Clerk, P.O. Box 586, Brack-May 7th Brackett school board ettville, Texas, 78832. All applications to apply for a ballot by mail must be received by Ronnie Hobbs and Henry Lutz. April 29, 2005 at the close of the business day.

The district's Central Office year position. Early voting by will be open during Easter break on Friday, March 25th and Monducted each weekday, at the Cen-day, March 28th, 8:00 a.m. to tral Office, 400 Ann Street, be- 11:00 a.m., to accept requests tween the hours of 8:00 a.m. and for applications for early voting 4:00 p.m., beginning on April ballots by mail.

Shooters score high at contest

County 4-H Shooting Sports par-tinue shooting. ticipated in their county competition recently.

opportunity to represent Kinney year. County at the District 10 Competition in Kerrville, which will be held on April 30, 2005.

children. Tickets may be pur- ers were able to complete their Kerrville. chased at the Adult Center, RV course of fire before the rain not so lucky.

ior relay was over their targets and San Antonio. were completely soaked and the rain was getting harder.

Members of the Kinney the rain let up enough to con-

Despite the wet conditions, over 40 percent of the shooters Twenty-five Brackettville who participated scored well youth from three different age above average and some had groups met to compete for the their personal best scores of the

The top shooters from each age group will compete for the next month to decide the final The Senior and Junior shoot- four that will compete in

Other shooters interested in started, but the Pre-Juniors were competition will continue to shoot after Kerrville in prepara-By the time the first Pre-Jun- tion for events in Brownwood

For more specific details, contact the Extension Office or The second relay was de- visit the web site at www.geo layed for nearly an hour before cities.com/kinneycountyss.



Brackett News photo by Gus Garcia

Twenty-five Brackettville youth from three different age groups competed for the opportunity

Amanda needs your help! Petrosky enters competition,

Life" Dream competition.

be in the top 12 receiving online votes.

Here's your chance to make Click on Live Your Life, scroll down to Amanda Petrosky, and click on vote.

Let's put Brackett on the map for something great!

Currently, the polls show Petrosky ranked at No. 13. She needs more votes to ate about ehatre. make it to No. 12, the cutoff

for finalists. Amanda's essay.

for the arts, specifically theatre. pecially children.

Drama, my intelligence level seems to decline even through into schools and giving children the chance to be passion-

vote on-line at www.ae.com Amanda Petrosky, 1999 However, many people look at

I graduated summa cum laude graduate school. I would love the chance to get not only the American public interested in theatre again, but to really focus on bringing theatre back

All over the Untied States, fine arts funding is being cut and I would like the chance to

BHS graduate recently entered the idea of theatre today and American Eagle's "Live Your see it as no longer important and those involved as not hav-Out of 6,000 entries, ing "real" jobs. Unfortunately, Amanda's essay is in the top 30. when I tell most people I am To make the next cut, she must getting a Masters degree in Amanda's dream come true. from my undergraduate school Cast your vote at www.ae.com. and currently hold a 4.0 in

Here's an exerpt of in schools and communities, "For as long as I can re- show the world why the arts are member I have had a passion so important for everyone, es-

Brackett News photo by Pam Hale

Tiger Track

Tiger Trackster Tres Rueda, gets a jump on the competition while he practices the high hurdles. The Tiger and Tigerette track teams head up to Rocksprings on the 31st for their warm up meet before they head to La Pryor for the District meet. For more track news, see page 4.

to represent Kinney County at the District 10 Competition in Kerrville on April 30. Copy of the Texas Declaration of Independence arrives at Alamo

Augustus Maverick felt such arrived in San Antonio just be- an account book, both belongstrong connections with the Alamo that he built his home at ticipated in the attack ending the ick, one of Samuel Maverick's the corner of what is now Alamo siege. In February 1836, he was sons Plaza and Houston Street where elected as one of the two delthe Gibbs Buildings stands.

senting Maverick's printed copy dependence and other family papers to the Daughters of the Reat 5:30 p.m. today.

Frances Pryor expressed her appreciation to Mrs. Partain for committing these historical made available to scholars as collection.

Madge Roberts said, "The donation could not have been more timely as we are celebrating 100 Alamo by the Daughters. Currently, we are working to renorelevant to the story we are trying to tell."

tor, and a leading citizen of the his first home in San Antonio; a on Saturday, April 2.

SAN ANTONIO - Samuel Republic and State of Texas. He correspondence copy book and Alamo on March 2 and arrived of the Texas Declaration of In- at the convention on March 5. His copy of the Texas Decla-

ration of Independence has the public of Texas Library at the following words, in his own Alamo in a short ceremony in hand, "This was printed on 2d the library on the Alamo grounds March which was the 1st day of the sitting of the Convention: their names to the Declaration, but not to this printed copy." documents to the care of the The names of those arriving DRT Library where they will be later, his included are written on Samuel Augustus Maverick's was a signer of the Texas Declations back to San Antonio; the for honor, intergrity and truth." ration of Independence, an early Maverick family land book that

fore the siege of Bexar and par- ing to William Harvey Maver-

According to rare book egates from the Alamo garrison dealer Dorothy Sloan, the Mav-To honor that intense connec- to the convention that framed erick land book provides subon. Mayerick descendants and and issued the declaration on stantial early documentation of San Antonio resident Laura Mav- March 1, 1836, at Washington- how land was divided among erick Meadows Partain is pre- on-the-Brazos. He left the citizens of the Republic and early State era, with the entries representing many important San Antonio families.

Alamo historian Bruce Winders said, "Maverick is important to the Alamo's history, to San Antonio's history, and to the history of Texas. Many use Library committee chairman Consequently those members the term "maverick" never rewho came in afterwards have alizing that it originated with Samuel Maverick's open range, unbranded cattle."

Mrs. Partain feels the time is right for these important historithe document. Of the 1,000 cop- cal documents to be shared with part of the library's research ies of the declaration printed in the people of Texas. She hopes march 1836, only about 13 are that Texans will view them and Alamo Committee Chairman known to have survived. Other reflect on the great heritage left items donated by Mrs. Partain by their ancestors - not that of include a manuscript verifying fame or of wealth, but of character. Pioneer surgeon and civic years of the custodianship of the services to the Republic of leader Dr. George Cupples Texas; documents, relating to termed Samuel Maverick's heri-Samuel Maverick's release from tage that "of a just, an upright vate the exhibit in the Long Bar- Perote prison where he was held and a conscientious man, of one rack and these documents are following an 1842 invasion of who never compromised with his Texas by the Mexican army convictions, who never bowed which includes Maverick's the knee to expedience. His Samuel Augustus Maverick manuscript map giving direc- name has long been a synonym

The documents will be on dis-Texas land magnate, a legisla- records Maverick's purchase of play for the public in Alamo Hall

San Angelo Art for ALL the Senses Festival Showcases sights, tastes and sounds of Texas

by the San Angelo Ceramics Roger Allen among its residents ALL the Senses is a leading re- Angelo Ceramics Exposition and place April 14 - 18, 2005.

Art for ALL the Senses is nown as a vibrant arts commupacked with art exhibits, music nity. performances, cooking demon-

showings, cultural events, demonstrations and performances, Art for ALL the Senses is exacross the region.

SAN ANGELO - Headlined Don Cox, Elmer Kelton and hospitality. Wine and Food Festival, Art for Mesquite Festival, the San event."

"We look forward to welstrations and special events com- coming visitors to experience the and Visitor's Bureau, the San memorating San Angelo's rich sights, smells, tastes and sounds cultural history and artistic lead- of San Angelo and the region," said Courtney Wardlaw of the Featuring nearly 10 gallery San Angelo Cultural Affairs Council.

'Visitors to this exciting festival celebrating the arts will provides visitors the opportupected to draw an estimated two also experience all that San nity to immerse themselves in thousand art enthusiasts from Angelo has to offer, including artistic exhibits, events, endeavour historical attractions, out- ors and the San Angelo commu-With artists such as Jimmy door facilities and West Texas nity for four full days.

We are excited to showcase Exposition, Texas Mesquite Fes- and the city's unwavering sup- San Angelo to the rest of the tival San Angelo, and the Texas port of events such as the Texas region with this high-profile

Although 2005 is the debut gional arts event that will take the Texas Wine and Food Festi- year for Arts for ALL the Senses, val, San Angelo has gained re- many of the featured events have been taking place in San Angelo for several years.

The San Angelo Convention Angelo Cultural Affairs Council, the Chicken Farm Art Center, Downtown San Angelo and the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts join forces this year to create a comprehensive event that

We as landowners and applicants for existing and historic use permits from the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District ("KCGCD"), support legislation to consolidate the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District with the Edwards Aquifer Authority.

We support fair and properly managed groundwater districts in this state and a science based management approach of groundwater resources in Texas.

With the KCGCD, we have experienced gross mismanagement, partiality and preferential treatment of certain landowners, and the distortion of the truth for private benefit. We have suffered violations of our civil rights and been dispossessed of our prop-

For three years, we have struggled with a District that now refuses to even comply with its own rules and has spent less than \$1,000 on science since its creation.

We, as Kinney County landowners, support the presence of a fair and properly managed water district. We also support a science based management approach to our county's water resources (i.e. groundwater, and springs of Edwards Aquifer: Las Moras and Pinto)

We believe such management is in the best interest of our

county, its landowners and our property rights. Therefore, we, as landowners and applicants for existing and historic use permits from the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District welcome the presence of a regulatory agency,

	dminister our water rights in Kinney
County for the reasons stated	l above.
Zack & Kayla Davis	EH-08-ET
Tony Frerich	EH-19-ET
Hayden G. & Doris Haby	EH-20-ET
Dennette Coates	EH-21-ET
James E. McDaniel	EH-31-ET EH-40AET EH-40BAU
John Jones	EH-23-ET
Melanie Jones	EH-24-ET
Wes Robinson	EH-34-ET
Nicole V. Baumann	ЕН-09-Е
CJ Bitter	EH-12-ET
Annalee Langham	ЕН-13-ЕТ
Richard Smith	EH-15-AU
Charles Foust	EH-16-ET
Bill Meuth	EH-12-AU
Toledo Boulware	EH-03-ET
Justin Burk	EH-06-ET
Neal Kerr	EH-28-AU
J. D. Frerich	EH-17-AU
Hollis London	EH-29-AU
Earl A. Kelley	ЕН-25-Е
Mark Knust	ЕН-38-Е

John C. Hagee

R.J. Halbert, D.C.

Pat Rose, III



Reace is seeing a sunrise or sunset, and knowing Whom to thank.

Group lends support to NASA must keep consolidate water district NASA must keep its science focus

When Neil Armstrong radioed Houston, Texas' Johnson Space Center "The Eagle has Landed," a waiting world wondered at this triumph of science and technology. I watched those grainy black and white images along with millions all over the world, and I felt such pride in our nation, and the role Texas played in putting the first hu- goals. mans on the moon.

many triumphs in space, including the launch of the space shuttles, putting the Hubble Space Telescope into orbit and inaugurating and using the still incomplete International Space Station. We have also, in these intervening years, experienced in 1986, and the loss during reentry of the Columbia in 2003, are sobering reminders that space travel is still a risky busi- it is vital to our future space efness. The fleet is currently forts. Weightless conditions algrounded as we work to correct safety problems to ensure access to orbit is as safe as possible.

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chairmanship of the Subcommit- benefit is enormous and is likely the Mission to Mars. Landing tee on Space and Science. My to generate tremendous ecogoal is to help refocus NASA on its scientific mission.

some hurdles. Our space shuttle Institute, has developed a new fleet is not only grounded, it is dynamic light scattering device aging. The first shuttle flights which allows doctors to detect flew its first mission in May, disease is visible. The research 1992, more than 12 years ago. was spurred by the discovery that The International Space Station astronauts with prolonged expoto Mars.

The decisions we make this eases such as diabetes. year will have an enormous im-



Capitol Comment

Kay Bailey Hutchison

our short-term and long-term

As subcommittee chairman, Since that time, we have had my priorities will be as follows: shuttles and the first flight of a First, we have to return to manned space missions. NASA is still working to get the shuttles flying again and its new nominee for administrator, Dr. Michael Griffin, has to make this

his first, and highest priority. deep losses as well. The explo-shuttles flying, we need to finsion of Space Shuttle Challenger ish the International Space Station. This is not only an obligation we made to all those nations which joined the project, low us to perform many experiments involving crystals, materials and biology that are impos-

nomic benefits in the future. For example, NASA, in co-The road back into orbit faces operation with the National Eye were launched in 1981. The cataracts in patients 55 years old youngest shuttle, Endeavor, or less before the clouding of the is incomplete, with many parts sure in space become more biting telescopes. ready for launch and assembly. prone to develop cataracts. Finally, we have to lay the NASA is now experimenting in for early detection of other dis-

pact on how we surmount these our experience with prolonged ment. obstacles and how we achieve human exposure to zero grav-

ity, which is known to cause loss of bone mass in astronauts. NASA is testing treatments for osteoporosis, a disease which reduces bone mass in many senior citizens. The third priority is to develop a new transportation system to get us into space without an interruption in our launch capability. Some plans envisage a gap of several years between the last projected flight of our planned new reusable space ferry capable of carrying an entire crew. That is not, in my opinion, a wise course to take. It could be a national security risk for other countries to have men and women in space while Second, as soon as we get our America is grounded for five

We are at a very important juncture in the history of space exploration. China has become the third nation to orbit the earth with a manned space craft; Japan and India have also announced very aggressive programs. As we work to achieve our first three priorities, we must This year, I have taken the sible on earth. The scientific also keep our eye on the fourth: men on an entirely different planet would mark a new epoch in history.

The Moon can be our labo-

In the meantime, we could erect the next generation super telescope on the dark side of the moon, where it would benefit from permanent night conditions without the decaying orbits and size limitations which affect or-

We cannot afford to surrender our lead in space exploragroundwork to implement Presi- using this technique for non-sur- tion. Our defense depends upon dent Bush's vision of a Mission gical treatment of cataracts and control of the high ground of space and our space program has always been a catalyst for tech-The space station will build nological and scientific develop-

Our future lies in space.

John



But I Could Be Wrong

> Chuck Hall

An old classmate came by o see me recently. He stayed at my home for 3 days. He came at a time when I

needed to be alone.

He came by at a time when needed someone to be with. When he was in high

school. I never really thought much about his friendship. He was always there. Our camaraderie was just

accepted.

I value his alliance now much more than I did back then. I never thought we shared much in the way of philosophies until we had traveled different trails.

Now we are very much alike in our life goals, our hopes and dreams, and our view of life.

He's a hard core Democrat, out one day he'll get over that. Or he won't.

We told and retold old stories from our youth. Some were true. Some were half-

And some were so far from the truth that the tales wouldn't even recognize the truth.

He has returned to his home in Nebraska.

He'll be back in a year or so. He's like the proverbial bad penny, he just keeps showing

I tried to figure out how much his trip had cost me. It's ust like the mastercard comnercials.

> Two nights lodging: \$125. Three meals: \$31.50. The value of a true friend:

Priceless.

But I could be wrong.

The touch of agriculture

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I had a meeting the other day of calcium. with some folks from the Texas

Farm Bureau.

people and I always look for- are provided each day. ward to talking with them.

everything from the price of livestock to the latest cotton regu-

Does the American public re-

touches their daily lives? It's not something we think about every day. You probably wool pants or who grew the cot- culture industry.

ton for your shirt. our morning bowl of cereal or ery six U.S. jobs. the cows milked for our tall glass

When our children arrive at school, we seldom think about They're a great group of the school lunch program they

Nor do we think about the In our meetings, we discuss vaccinations that keep them safe from disease.

And when we stop at the grolations to foot and mouth dis- cery store on our way home, ease. An interesting point was how often do we take for granted huge industry. brought up in our last discus- the high quality of the products we purchase.

alize how often agriculture fresh, and the aisles packed with availability and variety.

Not many countries have this macist. type of luxury. I make this point don't get up in the morning, put because it's important we underon your clothes, and consider stand how fortunate we are to who raised the sheep for your have a safe and successful agri-

When we get to the break- aspects of our lives. Beyond food in exports each year. fast table, we often forget about and clothing, the agriculture inthe corn that was harvested for dustry accounts for one in ev-



Weekly Report

Henry Bonilla

the only people working for this

Agriculture supports your neighbor who works at the cloth-The produce and meat are ing production plant, your friend who manages the local grocery store and even your family phar-

> No doubt about it - agriculture fuels our economy.

The agriculture industry accounts for two percent of our nation's gross domestic product. Agriculture affects so many It also accounts for \$50 billion

Let's not forget that farmers

much as \$73 billion in purchases and over \$25 billion in employee

When you add up the products, the jobs and the economic advantages you can come to just one conclusion: the agriculture industry is literally the backbone of our country.

This was true when the founding fathers met in Philadelphia, it was true during the industrial revolution of the 1800s, and it is still true today.

So the next time you're in the grocery story picking out apples or at a department store selecting a new shirt, think about the time and energy invested in every product you see.

We may take these things for granted, but for thousands of people nation-wide these items are truly a necessity of life.

Let's be thankful for our agpay incredible sums of money riculture industry and for the to cover their business expenses. men and women who work hard Farmers and ranchers are not In recent years, farmers paid as every day to keep it strong.

Group seeking landowners to participate in Pro-tour of nature photography

Drawing its inspiration from Petersen said. the Professional Golfer's Assoowners.

And there's prize money available to Hill Country landthe group's first venture—a championship teaming 20 worldfor a share of up to \$200,000 in practices. prize money. However, landowners wishing to become in- runs April 1-30, 2006. volved must apply before April

vate landowners to attract nature teammate. photographers from around the

ciation and the Valley Land participate by April 1 with a team's portfolio. Fund, a new organization has minimum of 500 contiguous motion of sustainable nature following 19 counties: Bandera, photo tourism for private land- Bexar, Blanco, Burnet, Comal, Edwards, Gillespie, Hays, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, Llano, Mason, Medina, Real, owners capturing top honors in Travis, Uvalde and Williamson.

Final selection of 20 particihigh-profile nature photography pating landowner properties and five alternates will be based upon renowned professional nature the diversity of wildlife and habiphotographers with 20 Hill tat on the property and the Country landowners to compete applicant's wildlife management

For the duration of the competition, each photographer nomic one. The Images for Conservation must photograph only on the Fund was formed to unite pri- land of his or her landowner

At the end of the competi-Petersen, chairman of the Images will have a few weeks to select for Conservation Hill Country images that will be included in Advisory Board. "We are dedi- the final portfolio for judging.

formed to foster greater wildlife acres of wildlife habitat located Conservation Chairman John people who played golf that conservation through the pro- partly or wholly in any of the Martin for the creation of the year. organization and the Pro-Tour. John was a founding member and the first president of The Valley and support thousands of golf Land Fund, a non-profit land courses around the world. Natrust located in the Rio Grande ture photographers have the Valley in south Texas.

> servation of wildlife led to his owners who lease professionally creating the Valley Land Fund's designed photo sites on prime Wildlife Photo Contest. "Private landowners hold the

key to preventing mass extinc- conservation, then we shall see tion of plants and animals," Mar- the long-term preservation of The Pro-Tour competition tin continued. "Yet each decision involving the present or future use of land will be an eco- first all-professional tournament

Therefore the decision to conserve and protect wildlife the Loring Cook Foundation and economic, as well. To create sought. Images for Conservaworld, according to Bob tion period, each photographer real value for wildlife habitat, tion is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit orthere must be compelling economic incentives.

profitable," Martin said. "In at (956) 381-1264.

Also, each participating land- 1996, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Landowners must apply to owner will receive a copy of their Services estimated that more than 28 million people photographed Petersen credited Images for wildlife—the same number of

Golfers spend billions of dollars on their pastime each year potential to generate tremen-Martin's dedication to con- dous income for private landhabitat.

When landowners profit from entire natural ecosystems."

The Pro-Tour is the world's of nature photography. Current sponsors include AEP Texas and habitat on any piece of land will additional sponsors are being

ganization based in Texas. For more information, visit "Nature photography has the www.imagesforconservation.org cated to wildlife conservation Winning portfolios will win unique ability to preserve habior call Images for Conservation through economic benefits to prize money, half of which goes tat permanently by making it Executive Director Sam Mason

Ask yourself, "WHO and WHY?"

Who got what they wanted from the District, while others had to settle or receive significantly less than recommended by the District's independent consultant?

Who uniquely benefited from special rules of the District?

Applicant	Aquifer*	Maximum Existing or Historic Use Claimed by Applicant**	Applicants Benefited by Extrapolation Rule***	Applicants Who Negotiated a Settlement	Max, Amt. Recommended for Permitting by District Consultant**	Max. Amt. Actually Permitted by the District**	% of Consultant's Recommendation Permitted by the District
Virginia Shahan	E	332.92	•		332.92	332.92	100%
TJT Shahan	E	32.26			32.06	32,26	100%
Virginia Shahan	E	40.32			31.45	31.45	190%
J P Boerschig	E	450.00	→		300.00	300.00	100%
FCS MUD	E	871.00			603.58	603.58	100%
Congar Strategic Ptr	E	260,00			103.23	103.23	100%
Cougar Strategic Ptr	E	260,00	VALUE OF THE STATE		17.49	17,49	100%
OPM Holdings, Inc.	Е	64.00			53.37	53.37	100%
Brackett ISD	E	6.15			6.15	6.15	100%
PROCESSOR AND A	20,00,000	NYW HORITAGE				130Y-130Y	
TJT Shahan	Е	730,32			563.01	530.00	94%
J C Hagee OPM/Cougar Ranch	Е	719.34			502_31	400.00	80%
Ltd	E	194.00	1	Little Daniel	66.81	50.00	75%
Grass Valley	Е	145.00			0.00	0.00	
Pat Rose	Е	100.00			0.00	0.00	
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WJ Dooley, LP	ET	5,615,00			2,123.00	1,220.00	57%
Orville Frerich	ET	622.00			244.00	110.00	45%
Toledo Boulware	ET	17,062.52			15,097.75	6,651.00	44%
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Woodward [†]	AU				495,96	495,96	100%
C & B Foust	AU	0.00			298.30	298.30	100%
Frerich Family LP	AU	484,00		•	258.00	258,00	100%
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* E = Edwards Aquifer; ET = Edwards Trinity; AU = Austin Chalk
** Under Distirct rules, when an applicant is permitted for both existing use and historic use, the two amounts are not combined. Instead, the applicant's use cannot exceed the largest of the two amounts.

*** The Shahans and Mr. Boerschig did not have a full year's worth of production during either the existing use period or the historic use period, so they were allowed to

extrapolate their limited production over a full year as if they had actually used the water for a full year. To our knowledge, no one else found that they could rely upon this convenient exception contained in the District's rules.

† C&B Foust, 4S Ranch (Smith), and GA & WE Woodward all claimed one amount for their respective applications. Based on evidence presented, the District's consultant separated the requested amounts into separate recommendations for two different aquifers: the Edwards Trinity and the Austin Chalk. NOTE: The maximum amount claimed by these applicants is listed only once in the "Maximum Existing or Historic Use Claimed by Applicant" column.

Why has this been done with your money -- taxes and fees? Who has benefited? Have you?

Why does the District continue to go further in debt? Who will pay the debt? Will you?

Why has the District spent escrowed funds that its rules require it to refund to applicants? Who will pay these refunds? Will you?

Why do the attorneys hired by the District keep quitting? What do they know?

"Greg Ellis, EAA's general manager, said [a] proposal [asking the Edwards Aquifer Authority to manage the Kinney Groundwater District] had been submitted... by Darlene Shahan, who is the local district's interim general manager and serves on the board as the secretary and treasurer." The Brackett News, October 3, 2002

"Tully Shahan...wishes the EAA would have turned down the county officials' request [thirteen years ago to leave Kinney County out of the Edwards Aquifer Authority's jurisdiction]. " San Antonio Current, December 3, 2003

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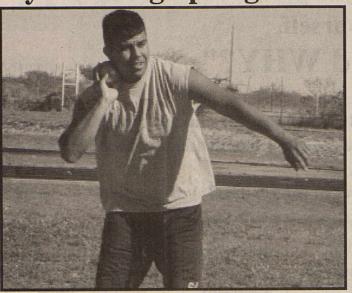
Tracks in La Pryor during Spring Break

During spring break the Tigers and Tigerettes ventured to La Pryor with great results for a track meet even though few were able to attend.

Varsity Tigerettes: Juliann Ashabranner placed first in the 3200m with a time of 12:42.6 and placed second in the 800m with a time of 2:33.9, Gabby Schroeder took second in the 1600m (6:21.3) and fourth in the 3200 m (13.23.5), Elva Garcia came in fifth in the 1600m with a time of 6:52.02 and Emily Valenzuela jumped 4'8" in the high jump taking third.

Varsity Tigers: Brand Wylie pole vaulted 11'6" and ran a 53.4 seconds in the 400m taking second place in both. shot put with a 42'3" throw and 106' in discus was good for third place. Travis Bonner stayed busy placing second in the high hurdles (17.11), third in intermediate hurdles (44.97), third in the high jump (5'8") and fourth in the long jump (17'9 1/2").

Junior Varsity (JV) also competed. Lauren Cornelius ran the 400m in 71.9 taking first place. petes in Carrizo Springs, then held in La Pryor.



Brackett News Photo by Pam Hale Rolando Ortiz took second in the Rolando Ortiz shows his shot put form that helped him place second in La Pryor with a 42'3" throw

ond in the discus and Kaden meet in La Pryor on April 8. Berg placed first in the triple

long jump (16').

Allison DelBosque placed sec- in Rocksprings March 31. This ond with a 27'7 1/4" shot put will round up the regular seathrow. Bob DeHovos took sec- son for track before the district

The JV team completed their jump (34'9") and fourth in the regular season yesterday in Rocksprings. April 4 will be Today the varsity team com- their district meet which will be



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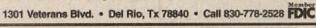
The Brackett Pee Wee Basketball League wound up its season on Friday evening, March 11th. The League had their final games this week and closing ceremonies Friday evening. All 126 children participating in the League received a Bronzed Basketball Trophy with their name, team name and year on it. The Brackett Pee Wee Basketball League would like to thank all the coaches, parents and volunteer referees that helped make the season possible. This is the 2nd year for this League and we see it only getting better for next year. 2005 boasted 126 kids with 23 coaches and more than 10 volunteer referees. Most of all the Brackett I.S.D. School System needs to be thanked for allowing these kids the use of two gymnasiums as well as other facilities.

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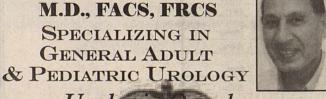
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SIGNED THIS 24th DAY OF MARCH 2005 L.K. BURGESS KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF **BRACKETTVILLE, TEXAS**

Why not recipes for two?

I wanted to thank the many couple recipes "Just for Two" readers of our local paper for the which of course can be doubled. feed back you give concerning the ideas and advise offered. I've only two?'

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such small amounts.

Why? If you are taking the "planned over" meal to pull out browned on both sides. of the freezer at a later date

This way, you're saving time, energy and occasionally frustra- ing ingredients. Cover steak tion of what to fix!

when you're puny and don't feel like cooking. Saying all this, Here are a

Green Chili Swiss Steak 2 tsp. vegetable oil, 8 oz.

been asked, "Why not menus for boneless round steak (trimmed well and cut into 2 serving pieces), 2 tbsp. taco seasoning There has been only two for mix, 1 small onion (sliced), 1/4 me to plan for for 21 years now. cup chopped green chiles (or to But seldom choose to prepare taste), 1/2 cup thick 'n chunky salsa, and 2 tbsp. chili sauce.

Using 10 inch skillet, heat oil time and effort to prepare a dish, over med-high heat and cook why not make enough for a beef 4 to 5 minutes or until

which will feel new and fresh steak on both sides with 1 tbsp. of taco seasoning.

In small bowl, mix remain-This may be cooked in slow

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cooker on low setting for 8 to 9

Taco-seasoned Stuffed Peppers

2 med. sized bell peppers (cut in half and seeded), 1/2 lb. When browned, sprinkle ground chicken, turkey or lean (80% or less) ground beef, 2 tbsp chopped onion, 2 tbsp. taco seasoning mix, 1 can (15.5 oz.) kidney or pinto beans (drained and tomato. pieces with salsa mixture. Cover rinsed), 1 (8oz.) can tomato What a life saver to have and cook over low heat. (For ten-sauce, 1/4 cup sour cream, 1/4 when running late or worse, derization) until done. Time de- cup (1 oz.) shredded cheddar substitute. pends on thickness of steak, usu- cheese, and 1/2 small chopped

Heat oven to 350 degrees request nobne Ales b

Using 2 qt. sauce pan, bring to boil 6 cups water: add peppers and cook 5 minutes until slightly softened. Drain and set aside.

Using small skillet, cook meat and onion, stirring frequently until no longer pink. Drain off any fat. Stir in taco seasoning, beans and tomato sauce. Heat to boiling, then reduce to med.- low and simmer 5 minutes. Stirring occasionally. Arrange peppers in 8 inch square baking dish, ungreased; spoon in turkey mixture evenly

Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until peppers are tender. Top each one with sour cream, cheese and

*Note of interest/concern about finding the brown sugar

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KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, March 14

9:10 a.m., A man reported that a cocoa colored lab bit his Johnny Fritter was notified of going to check the east side of

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Tuesday, March 15 7:40 p.m., Deputy Manuel granddaughter. He also stated Pena reported he heard shots be- stripes. the owners name. Chief Deputy ing fired in Spofford and he was

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patched. A resident reported see- quested EMS. ing a dark colored car with white

8:55 p.m., A woman called an intoxicated person on her to report that two big dogs kept property and wouldn't leave. going into her yard and she was afraid they might hurt her dog. She also stated she had previously complained to the city and papers from the owner before intoxication. Brazil was later something could be done. The released after time served. city was notified by the sheriff's her yard.

Thursday, March 17

1:22 p.m., Ariel Luna, 27, of Austin, Texas was arrested by Trooper Tony Ashley for Driving while license suspended. Luna was later released after his vehicle had been hit by a posting a \$1000 bond.

3:05 p.m., Luis Flores, Jr., 42, of Brackettville was arrested by Constable Bobby Guidry for warrant out of Montgomery. the report was made.

Friday, March 18 8:10 p.m., A man stated that

bank's ATM machine. 10:00 p.m., A man requested a deputy with assistance in removing an unwanted person from his residence. He then stated he no longer needed as-

the emergency alarm was set off at the Senior Apartments. Deputy Kenneth Freitag was dis-

sistance.

town. Deputy Ron Ring was dis- patched and upon arrival re-

Saturday, March 19 2:38 a.m., A woman reported

Deputy Freitag was dispatched to the location. 3:30 a.m., Anthony Brazil, 46, of San Antonio, was arrested was told that they had to get some by Deputy Freitag for public

3:56 a.m., A U.S. Border Paoffice to remove the dogs from trol Agent at the Cline check point requested a deputy's assistance in regards to an intoxicated driver. Deputy Freitag was advised of the situation and dispatched.

10:26 p.m., A man reported dark colored car that had driven off. Deputy Freitag was dispatched.

10:49 p.m., A Border Patrol agent at the Cline check point Flores was still being held when reported possible possession of marijuana. Deputy Donald Page was dispatched.

11:10 p.m., Jose Antonio he had found a credit card at the Martinez, 26, of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Freitag for disorderly conduct and public intoxication. Martinez was later released after time served.

Sunday, March 20 6:33 p.m., Jaime Manuel Jimenez, 31, of Eagle Pass was 11:58 p.m., A woman stated arrested by Trooper Ashley for driving while license suspended. Jimenez was later released after posting a \$1000 bond.



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Say this prayer for three days, promise publication and the favor will be granted, never

OBITUARY

Margaret Lowther Nov. 4, 1938 - Mar. 19, 2005

Margaret Lowther was born mother to Angela Axon of Aus-

Nov. 4, 1938. March 19, 2005.

She is survived by her three loving children, son Ricky Alvarado of Brackettville. daughter Christina Gibson of all of Austin. Holloman AFB, New Mexico and son Andrew Lowther of Austin. Son-in-law Shawn Gibson and daugther -in-law day, March 22, 2005 at Don's April Lowther.

She is also a beloved grand-vices followed at 1 pm.

tin, Emily and Amanda Martinez She passed away early on of Holloman AFB, N.M. and Joseph Lowther of Austin.

> She was the loving great grandmother of Amelia Salazar, Franklin Axon and Cecilia Axon

She leaves a void in many hearts and will be deeply missed. A viewing was 12 on Tues-Funeral Chapel. Graveside ser-

Patricia Louise Spohnholtz July 2, 1939 - March 13, 2005

2, 1939 in Chicago, Illinois. She and the Fort Clark Historical died on March 13, 2005, in Del Society. She was the Curator for Rio, Texas. Pat lived in Illinois the K.C. Heritage Museum in for most of her life and was a resident of Fort Clark Springs for the past 9 years. Pat spent Sutlers Store at Fort Clark. many years as a registered nurse at Hinsdale Hospital in Illinois until her move to Texas.

her extensive nursing experience Brackettville Lions Club. working for United Medical She is preceded in death by Centers as the Performance Imher sister Joy David of provement Coordinator.

She had always been a dedicated member of her church in brother, Richard C. Spohnholtz Illinois and continued that dedi- of Newark, Illinois and numercation at First Baptist. Pat was ous nieces and nephews. also very committed to preserving the history of Brackettville at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 24, and Fort Clark. She was an ac- 2005 at the First Baptist Church tive officer of the Kinney in Brackettville.

Pat Spohnholtz was born July County Historical Commission the Filippone building and most recently helped to manage the

Pat spent many years serving on Fort Clark's Planning Committee and was also the past Pub-In recent years she utilized lic Relations Officer for the

Naperville, Illinois and her par-Pat was a member of the First ents Sidney and Josephine Baptist Church in Brackettville. Spohnholtz of Fort Clark Springs. She is survived by her

A memorial service was held



Ruland - Horton nuptials in April

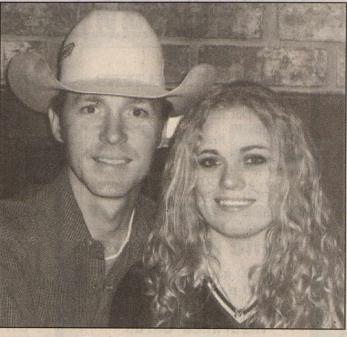
Mr. and Mrs. Hal Morse Ruland of Rome, Georgia, announce the engagement of their daughter Sydnie Brianne Ruland of Rome, to John Thomas Horton of Rome, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Franklin Horton of Clayton, Georgia.

Miss Ruland is a graduate of Rome High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Design from the Georgia Institute of Technology. While at George Tech, Miss Ruland was a member of the Campus Christian Fellowship, Techwood Tutorial Program and an executive officer of Phi Mu Fraternity. She is currently employed by Universal Tax Systems, Inc., in Rome as the Visual Communications Désigner.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Alvin Wilson formerly of Brackettville, Mrs. Harry Morse Ruland and the late Mr. Harry Morse Ruland.

Mr. John Thomas Horton is a graduate of Rabun County High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business from Berry College. While at Berry, Mr. Horton was a member of the Golf team from 1995 to 1999, a member of the '98 Golf National Championship Team and a two-time All-American in Golf. He is currently employed by Horseleg Plantation and Country Club in Rome as the Head-Pro and assistant manager.

The groom elect is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Errell Horton, Sr. and the late Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thomas Adams. The wedding will be April 30 at Frost Chapel on the Berry College campus in Rome, Georgia.



Dodson - Heard nuptials announced

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Dodson of Brackettville, are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lacey Leigh, to Colin Jeff Heard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Heard of Uvalde. The couple plan to be married at 4 p.m. April 9. 2005, at Regan Wells Ranch in Regan Wells, Texas.

SACROILIAC SYNDROME Signs and Symptoms Dr. Kent Lowery, D.C.

Pain accompanying sacroiliac syndrome is typically one-sided, dull in character, and located over the buttocks. It is often mistaken for sciatica or disc disease. The pain may radiate down the back of the thigh or to the groin and front sensory supply of the sacromay extend down the outside on the opposite side of the body due to contraction of the



of the thigh. Occasionally, it iliac joint. Pain may be referred throughout the area afor back of the calf to the ankle, fected by these nerves. This is foot and toes. Pain from a one reason why low back, buthypermobile sacroiliac joint tock and thigh or leg pain may be experienced in the hip originating in the sacroiliac joint may be easily and erroneously attributed to the lumbar spine or to hip disease.

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In the Championship flight 1st place winners were Juan Gutierrez of Junction and Joe Arredondo from Kerrville

In the First Flight 1st place winners were Brandon Campell and Felix Rendon from Spring

In the Second Flight 1st place winners were Fernando Romero and Mack Ortiz from Del Rio.

In the Third Flight the 1st place winners were Will Ruple from Charlotte and Wilson Winn from College Station.

In the Fourth Flight the 1st place winners were Pablo Rodriguez and Max Cuellar from Del Rio. In the Fifth Flight the winners were Nelson Payne and Luis Parras of San Angelo.

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Strows named garden club's yard of the month On March 10, the Mt. Laurel Garden Club held its monthly

meeting at the Adult Center at Fort Clark Springs. The decorations and refreshments served by hostesses

Darlene Sandwick and Lynn McNew carried out a St. Patrick's

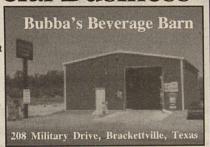
Vice president Mary Jane Olson, led the meeting during which the group voted Joe and Elaine Strow as recipients of the Garden Club yard of the Month recognition. The program was given by Joe Goebel on Bugs and Insects

of this area. The next meeting will be April 28 and the annual Flower show will be April 3 at the service club on Fort Clark Springs. All are invited to attend. No charge, refreshments served.

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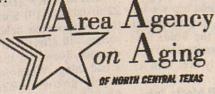
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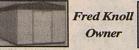


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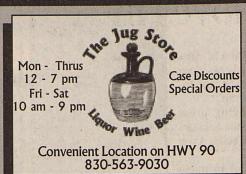
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by Charles Cooper

AQUARIUS (January 20 to something to warrant this attack?

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You're stymied on a certain project you thought would be easy. The good thing is, your fine mind is up to the side.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It's hard for you to believe, but you can't control everything. This feeling of powerlessness has you wanting to run and hide. If you do, you could alienate the very people who can help you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're somewhat dis- concerns about money this tracted this week. As a result, you could misplace something important. Later in the week, you're back on your game.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're so preoccupied with your own thoughts, ber 22 to December 21) Comyou're not listening to what's being said. However, you could miss out on something important. Make an effort to be more attentive.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Something that's happening at home could trip you up this week. It just seems to come out of the blue. Together, as a family unit, you can successfully deal with it.

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LEO (July 23 to August February 18) A friend sur- 22) It's not a good week for prises you with some harsh you where socializing is conwords this week. However, cerned. You need to focus think about it. Have you done your energies on work matters. Over the weekend, avoid someone who's behaving erratically.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You find you just can't go it alone this week. Feel free to enlist the help of job. Tap into your innovative co-workers to get that project done. In the long run, you'll all be glad you did.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) It's fine to be diligent at work. However, you also have responsibilities at home. Strive for that famous Libra balance. SCORPIO (October 23 to

November 21) You have some week. It's a good idea to sit down with family members and come up with a new plan. Be sure you're open to suggestions

SAGITTARIUS (Novemmunication between you and your mate is not good this week. Both of you are sending and receiving mixed signals. Stop playing games and just say what you mean.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Something that's happening behind the scenes will affect you from a distance. However, that's not a bad thing. When you ultimately discover what it is, you'll be pleased.

He loves me, he loves me not

In second grade of elementary school the girls used to play a game with some wildflowers that were blooming.

They would pick a flower, mention a boy's name they liked and pull off one petal of the flower at a time.

As they did this they would say, "He loves me" and with years ago. the next petal, " He loves me not". The last petal left was Jesus suffered and died on the our sins forgiven, (Matthew supposed to show how the per- cross for us, (Romans 5:8). son mentioned really felt about

We don't have to play that game to know if God loves us

He proved it over 2000 to a slow death on a cross.



Jerry Davenport

Brother

Part of it involved the verbal (Luke 22:63) and terrible physical abuse (John 19:1-3) He endured. He was innocent, (John 19:4) but sentenced, (John 19:6)

They drove nails or spikes through His hands and feet and placed Him on a wooden cross so all the people could see, and there He died hours later, (John 19:30). Jesus cried out, "It is finished!"

It was at that place and at that moment that the innocent blood of the Son of God was It was the day that Christ shed for us so we could have 26:27,28).

It was not just the forgiveness of our sins but also the hope of a whole new relationship to God.

See you in Church next Sunday.

What is Maundy Thursday?

Christianity began many of its traditions from Jewish practice, including the celebration of commemorative

As the Christian church grew and adapted itself to the new revelation of God in Christ, new celebrations and new traditions were fixed on days easily identified by the Roman Empire, the "one world" government of 2000 years ago.

One problem was the Jewish Feast of Passover. By the third century, the early Christian church desperately wanted to disassociate itself with the Jewish people. Complicating the problem was the coincident celebration of the most important fact of Christianity - the death and resurrection of Jesus - with the this major event on the Jewish calendar.

Despite the official sanction of the Roman government, Christians couldn't agree how to settle this conflict.

An ecumenical council (a the early church) proposed a Emperor Constantine in 325.

The agreement, which he signed, settled the question for

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began. Most of these celebrations Easter was to be held always on Sunday, never on the same day as Passover, during a full moon, after the vernal equinox, and on the Jewish calendar for the first Eucharist. Passover).

Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, Lent, Good Friday, Maundy Thursday, etc.) are always computed after calculating the correct day for Easter.

Each of the celebrations point to a larger occurrence, the death and resurrection of Christ.

Maundy Thursday is a peculiar celebration occurring just before Good Friday.

It is a day to remember the gathering of all the bishops of institution of the Lord's Supper, what some traditions call settlement to the Roman communion or the Eucharist" (which means "Great Thanksgiving").

It started as a Passover many years - the celebration of celebration, a stylized meal (the the Risen Lord!

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Seder) with ritualized questions and responses and very specific

If today's Seder traditions are correct, John, the youngest disciple, would have started the meal with the question, "Why is this night different from all other nights?" And Jesus, leading the celebration, would have instructed His disciples and taught them new things as He transformed the traditional always after Nisan 14 (the date Seder into the Last Supper and

Today, most Christian de-Personally, I just check a nominations celebrate this Last calendar. All the celebrations Supper on a regular basis - so associated with Easter (Shrove often, in fact, that Maundy Thursday sometimes passes without our recognition.

This Thursday, I hope you pause to celebrate and give thanks for the gift of communing with God through the bread and wine of the Lord's Table.

At First United Methodist Church, we'll commemorate Good Friday at 12 (noon) in a simple service of prayer, remembrance, and silence.

Our community Sunrise Service will be in the Fort Clark Springs Amphitheatre at 7 Sunday School will be at 9:30 followed by worship at 10:45.

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Rick was spending time in the prison library reading. He figured it would be another way to keep away from the gang of the "Big Man." There were books on nearly every subject including law. He could even order books from nearby public and college libraries.

Rick's thoughts were inter- yourself will no longer get you rupted by a voice. "Hey Rick, off. you got a visitor!"

be his lawyer who'd bring news tions. Your lies and your rage fully a better husband and father that he would be getting out. In have hurt many people, among spite of the verdict of a jury, Rick had never given up his self-defense and the outcome was someone else's fault.

Rick could hear the judge's statement during his sentencing.

"Mr. Richardson, the sentence I've given you is neither hand. the least nor is it the maximum allowed under the law. Your episodes of rage are inexcusable. The lies you've used to cover they believe me?" he thought to of Amy.

Archbishop were the protection

of life, defense of traditional

marriage, immigration reform

and combating human traffick-

"I had a good opportunity

to discuss with Archbishop

Gomez various issues important

to the Catholic community in

San Antonio and all the coun-

Gomez has hit the ground run-

ning in his tenure as head of

"It's clear that Archbishop

I commend the good work

of the Catholics in the region,

but also the greater San Anto-

nio community and surround-

cese of San Antonio on Dec. 29

by Pope John Paul II.

cese of Denver.

country.

Archbishop Jose Gomez was

He previously served as the

ing counties.

ties he serves," Cornyn said.



Empowering Families

Dr. Donald Smith

You're getting the just reward Rick expected the visitor to of your own decisions and acthem your wife and family.'

Rick remembered looking at excuses that his actions were Amy. She was stone-faced and showed no emotion. If she still loved him, she didn't show it. He looked at his mother who was quietly crying.

His father was holding her

Rick's emotions were mixed.

Cornyn meets with Archbisop Gomez

himself. The expression of his wife and the crying of his mother coupled with his strong denial of responsibility further fueled his rage.

The judge continued. "Mr. Richardson, I hope your stay in State Prison will give you time to think and time to learn to control your rage and to make better decisions. If you use your time to learn, you'll come out of prison a better man and hopeto your children."

It was a long walk to the visiting area. Rick could hear the heels of the guard who was escorting him echoing off the hard walls and floor. He had already made up the speech he would say to the lawyer.

Rick stepped into the visita-

The guard closed the door He looked down at the floor. and stood aside. Rick looked at "It wasn't my fault. Why won't the steel barrier and saw the face

Archbishop Jose Gomez

passed a bipartisan resolution

last July authored by Sen.

Cornyn that urges all states to

adopt legislation to combat hu-

man trafficking and to ensure

the full coordination of local,

U.S. Efforts to Combat Human

Trafficking and Slavery," on ef-

forts to prosecute human traf-

Recently, Cornyn intro-

duced legislation to strengthen

cess Act to elementary schools.

The legislation is a follow-

Prior to that, Cornyn

state and federal efforts.

ficking cases in Texas.

They may not be able to speak, but



J. Scanlan

For some time now, I've been paying attention to what an Aloe Vera plant has been up to.

More than a year ago could be two years - I brought it back with me from a trip to San Angelo. The wife of the husband and wife team I've known since the latter 1960's gave it to

me. I have nurtured it ever since. Aloe started its transplanted life with a mere two small sections. For the longest time it resided on the narrow window ledge in the kitchen above the sink overlooking the back yard. I noticed how it thrived, sending out new growth and how all of its, for lack of a better word, "sectors" leaned toward and pointed toward the light through the window. However, I became more fascinated with its behavior when I transferred it from the narrow window ledge to a table facing the large glass door open-

ing to the back yard. There it joined a variety of other plants. I placed it on the table so, if I might put it this way, faced the room rather than the glass door.

It has begun to change positions. The sections that were leaning inward toward the room are beginning to swing toward the light. They may not be able to speak but they communicate. In two days we Christians celebrate Easter, the Resurrection of the Lord. The Gospel according to John teaches us, among other truths, that the early Christians of that community from which sprang this Gospel regarded Him as the Light of the hostility toward religious ex- ward the Light. There we find

they communicate



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Sen. John Cornyn

Sen. Cornyn co-sponsored he's doing, not just in service the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban chaired a hearing, "Examining Act, which prohibits all partialbirth abortions except when necessary to save the life of the

President Bush signed the appointed to lead the Archdio- bill into law in 2003, following passage by the Senate.

Sen. Cornyn has chaired three hearings on marriage in auxiliary bishop of the Archdio- the Senate, including one on whether the bipartisan Defense He is the first Mexican-born of Marriage Act is in peril, anarchbishop in the United States other on whether an amendment and the only Hispanic arch- to the Constitution is necessary, bishop currently serving in this and the third hearing addressed specific amendment language up to a hearing Sen. Cornyn that had been introduced in the chaired last year to examine world. Enough said? My little Aloe seems to say, "Move tocommitted to protecting inno- Senate.



ditional marriage, and combating the terrible crimes of human slavery and sex trafficking," Cornyn said.

"I'll work with Archbishop Gomez as he continues to carry the Archdiocese of San Antoout his important mission."

The Senate unanimously pression in the public square. Life."

the Equal Access Act, a law that prohibits public secondary schools from discriminating against groups on the basis of political or religious belief. Sen. Cornyn's bill will expand the scope of the Equal Ac-

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Let us hold fast our profes-For we have not an high priest

which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirnitiec, but was in all points tempted like as we are yet without sin.



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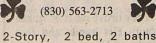
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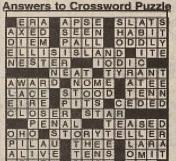
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