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99' High School Graduates

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Lutz and Hobbs take the oath of office for School Board

Briefs ...

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The Oath of Office was given to Ronnie Hobbs and Henry J. Lutz, newly elected School Board members at the beginning of the last regular scheduled School Board meeting, which was held Monday evening.

Officers on the School Board for the ensuing year will stay the same. Lloyd Lee Davis, Jr., is the current President of the Board, Vice President Gloria Garcia and Secretary Rose Mary Slubar.

Three new out-of-district students, from Laughlin Air Force Base, were accepted for enrollment for the 1999-2000 school year. BISD will have ten out-of-district students enrolled for the coming year.

A Landscaping Committee was formed by the School Board, consisting of School Board members, Tim Ward and RoseMary Slubar.

Landscaping suggestions were heard by the Board, as School Board Member Tim Ward gave many suggestions. Mr. Ward stated that since much of the old school is done in a Spanish style, landscaping with palms would be very attractive and would tie the campus buildings together.

The New High School on Ann Street is in need of some plants on the blank wall facing the road and palms on either side of the Auditorium entrance would also be needed.

The Committee will try and come up with some good ideas to propose to the School Board

during the next scheduled meeting.

Improvements on the school's Auditorium and on the size of the stage were concerns as well.

Complements were also given on how great the Elementary Play Ground looked after weeks of improvements were made.

New Vocational Classes are being offered this coming school year to High School students.

These classes are: Introduction to Building tools, Horticulture/Soil Science, Mechanical Technology/Introduction to Building.

The Vocational Budget would be \$14,750, not including teacher salary.

This would include lumber etc... for the construction of a

green house and work benches, hand tools, safety items, computer, chairs for classroom, heater for shop, two marker boards, electrical outlets, wiring for additional lights, utility hookups, plus other miscellaneous items.

The Alternative School students have earned a total of 66.5 credits to date. Eighteen are in the academic program and four in the discipline High School program.

Maria Mata was elected student of the month for Alternative school. Maria was chosen by all the staff due to her effort and hard work, her ability to follow the class rules, perfect attendance record, and her participation in class activities. She is an exceptional student stated the Alternative school staff.

By the end of the year Alternative school will have a total of five graduates: Pura Fernandez, Maria Gonzalez, Maria Mata, Albert Payne, and Kacie Villarreal. According to Alternative school teachers it has been a successful year and two of their students plan on pursuing college degrees.

New National Honor Society Induction Guidelines were presented to the School Board for approval. The Board tabled this item.

Three new teachers were hired for the upcoming school year.

Louisa Stone was hired to teach 5th grade, Christina Sifuentes was hired to teach Kindergarten and Walter Brock was hired to teach Middle School History/Coaching.

Seminole Days

The Seminole Indians Scout Cemetery Assoc., along with the America Legion #298 of Del Rio will be holding Memorial Day Services on May 30, 1999 (Sunday) at 11:30 a.m. at the Seminole Indians Cemetery. Everyone is welcome to attend the services. There will be lunch served afterwards at The Seminole Indians Picnic Area at the Carver School Grounds.

Graduation to be held

Pre-Kinder will be having their Graduation Ceremony on May 24th at 10 a.m. in the High School Auditorium.

Middle School will be having their Graduation Ceremony, Thursday, May 27th at 11 a.m. in the High School Auditorium. Alternative School will be having their Graduation Ceremony at 10:30 a.m. May 28th at the Fort Clark Springs Amphitheatre.

High School Graduation will be held Friday, May 28th at 8 p.m. at the Football Field.

Pee Wee Football League

Amistad Pee Wee Football League needs all coaches at Pizza Hut at 4 p.m. May 23rd.

Genealogical Society meets

The Quarterly meeting of the Southwest Texas Genealogical Society will be held Saturday, June 5, 1999, at 10 a.m. at Hermann Sons Steak House in Hondo, Texas.

Registration and luncheon will be \$10 per person. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. For more information, please contact Marilyn Davenport at (830) 278-6855.

The Guest speaker will be Ronald (Ron) J. Dodson. He will give a presentation on Cowboys and Cattle Drives. Ron is a volunteer for the Institute of Texas Cultures and one of their most requested speakers.

Ron was born and raised on a farm in Northwestern Ohio, moved to San Antonio in 1973, to escape the snow and became a Texan by choice, not by birth. He is a self-taught Texas historian specializing in "Cowboys and Cattle Drives" and "Native Americans of Texas."

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Pictured above (L to R) is Henry Lutz and Ronnie Hobbs being sworn in by Susan Esparza.

School District growing yearly

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The Brackett Independent School District has a 4% increase in enrollment over last year.

Currently the total enrollment for the entire school system is 676 students. Jones Elementary has a 341 students, Middle School has 144, High School has 172 and Alternative School has 19 students.

This coming year ten out-of-district students will be attending Brackett school.

There will be some new classroom arrangements change for the upcoming school year.

Since the new High School building is being built across the street from the school, more space is being provided to the

school for future growth. The current Jones Elementary building will be housing PK-4 grades. The 5th and 6th grades will occupy the current High School Building.

The Administration will still be located in the same place. The Middle School building will now house only 7th and 8th grades.

The Old High School Building, attached to the High School Auditorium and the new building across the street will house the 9th thru 12th grades.

These plans are not yet finalized, but if all goes correctly this is the plan that will go in effect as of the 1999-2000 school year.

The new High School is coming along well.

According to Superintendent

Taylor Stephenson it is 3/4 of the way done.

The Lab equipment is currently being installed and painting will begin this week.

The building will accommodate approximately 150 students and has ten classrooms and a Science Lab. This will provide well for the 4% increase that the school has had over the past year.

If all goes as planned the building will be ready for the start of school in August.

At the last School Board meeting, discussion was being held on the installation of a new trophy case in the New High School.

Discussion is still being held on the matter and more updates will be given at the next regular scheduled meeting.

Fort Clark's Visitors Center a success

Tanya Kay McClure
STAFF WRITER

The Fort Clark Springs Visitors Center opened this past Saturday. A total of nineteen people showed up for the opening and nine more on Sunday.

Visitors from all over the United States visited Fort Clark over the weekend.

People from as far as Ohio, Missouri and Florida visited the Fort Clark Springs Visitors Center.

Brochures on Fort Clark Springs and the surrounding area are available. Information is also available on Alamo Village and you can pick up a free copy of the book "90 miles on Hwy 90."

Maps are also being given out to visitors who want to take walking tours of Fort Clark. You can also take a free guided tour around Fort Clark viewing the Historic District, the Swimming Pool, Restaurant, Museum and Colony Row as well as many other sites.

Charlene Simmons is the Director of the Visitors Center and had this to say, "Everyone was excited and the day went very well."

Everyone did not even know that it was our first day. Many

of our visitors heard about us at Alamo Village, from friends,



Pictured above is Ella Chambers, a volunteer worker at the Visitors Center.

signs we had posted and many from just driving down the highway," said Simmons.

The center is designed to acquaint visitors to the area. Tours of the Fort are planned frequently as visitors arrive throughout the day.

The Visitors Center is open everyday, Monday through Saturday from 9 to 4 and on Sunday from 1 to 4. The Center is located on the northeast corner of the courtyard at the administration building on Fort Clark Springs.

The Center is free and is open to anyone.

Student receives scholarship

Amanda Petrosky of Brackettville has been awarded an All-College Scholarship from Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL). The scholarship is for \$2,000 (\$500 for each of four years).

Petrosky, a graduate of Brackett is one of 1,700 graduating high school seniors to receive an AAL All-College Scholarship.

The 1999 All-College Scholarship recipients were chosen from nearly 6,000 applicants by ACT Recognition Program Services, a leader in scholarship

support services. Selection was based on academic record, leadership qualities, church and community involvement, and extracurricular activities.

AAL, based in Appleton, Wis., is a fraternal benefit society of 1.7 million Lutherans and their families who are joined together for insurance, education and volunteer opportunities.

Since 1939, AAL has awarded more than \$54 million to more than 43,000 scholarship recipients. During 1999, AAL will award almost \$5 million in scholarships to members.

Summer time fun at The Kinney County Library

OPEN A BOOK - ON WITH THE SHOW! The Curtain is going up June 8th, on another summer of fun at the public library. The Kinney County Public Library, in conjunction with the State Library & Archives commission as well as local sponsors, will be encouraging children from toddlers to teens to learn more about the wonderful world of theater by participating in the annual Summer Reading Club.

This year's theme is Open a

Book - On With the Show! In addition to reading books, children may participate in a variety of free programs designed to appeal to their creative instincts.

Our goal is to: promote literacy, encourage use of the library, maintaining children's reading skills during the school break, and providing summer-time activities for the community.

For more information call 563-2884 or stop by your public library.



Kinney County Sheriff L.K. (Buddy) Burgess looks on as Justin Berry center, presents Taylor Stephenson with a check for DARE. The donation is from the Department of Public Safety Officers Association.

America's role in the world today

By Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator

Nato military action in Yugoslavia has, so far, raised more questions than it has answered. We should confront these questions in a forthright manner, and use the answers to develop a set of principles and guidelines for America's role in the world with just one superpower. The following are a few questions that I've been considering:

Where and when should the United States intervene militarily?

First, when should we not intervene? Well, I think we should avoid getting involved in someone else's civil war.

When should we be ready to fight? Obviously, if the United States is attacked, as in World War II, we should use military force to repel the attack and defeat the enemy.

The United States should also use military force to protect American lives or American property. This is a principle that goes back as far as Thomas Jefferson's use of the navy to protect merchant ships from the Barbary Coast pirates. More recently, President Reagan sent troops to the island of Grenada to evacuate American students caught in a bloody civil war.

I believe the United States should also be prepared to use military force to defend vital national security interests.

What is a vital national security interest?

I define a vital national security interest as one whose loss would threaten our country or our freedom.

That is why I also am concerned about our operation in Yugoslavia. There is no doubt that President Slabodan Milosevic is a ruthless leader. But not even President Clinton has said he believes Milosevic is in danger of dominating all of Europe in such a way as to harm our vital interests. Indeed, Europe has never been more pros-

perous, more democratic or free.

I am concerned that our military actions in Yugoslavia could actually harm our national interests because the operation has encouraged hard-line nationalists in Russia who were already skeptical of the thaw in U.S. Russian relationship.

What is the proper U.S. role in places such as the Balkans?

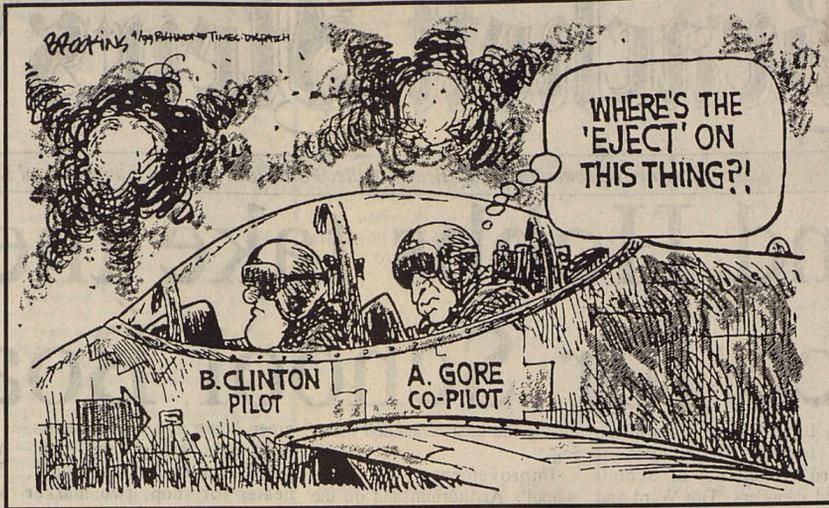
We have always been trusted as a mediator and a diplomatic broker in hot spots around the globe, and we should try to reclaim that role in the Balkans. Taking sides in civil and ethnic conflicts diminishes our capacity to act as an honest and respected broker.

My preference is for the United States to take the lead in negotiating a solution that goes beyond Kosovo and gives self-determination greater significance throughout the region. This could lead to the formation of majority Albanian, Serbian, Croatian and secular Muslim states in which ethnic and religious division would be much less a factor than they are today. Inevitably, there would be regions where clean divisions along such lines are not possible. International peacekeepers, from NATO and Russia, could guarantee free passage through such regions. This is the type of low-risk, limited-force peacekeeping mission that the American people could support.

For now, the United States is involved in a military conflict and we owe our military troops our support and prayers. At the same time, though, elected officials owe the public clearly defined policies with achievable objectives.

What do you think America's role in the post-Cold War should be? I would be interested to learn of your opinions on this very question.

You can write me at: Capitol Comment, 284 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.



Midst of psychology binge

Between Us
Rev. Joe Townsend

We are in the midst of a psychology and psychiatry binge. It's been really interesting to read what this fanciful segment of the population has had to say.

I think everyone who has ever written a book on psychology was dubbed an expert and sounded off on the event in Littleton, Colorado. Of course the claim to fame for the psychologist is to come up with fancy explanations to take the blame from the criminals and place it someplace else.

Of all the outrageous ideas that came to light by these "experts," many of their previous statements were proved false.

These boys were not "molested" as children. These two homes and families were well respected and in many ways ideal.

Most of these dreamers finally settled on the fact that the boys had extreme hatred. Of all the gobbledegook and hog wash voiced by the experts I found the most creditable answer came from a freshman girl.

She said "They did it because they thought it was cool." Immediately a flock of "counselors" were rushed to the school to help the students "cope." These counselors found few talkers. The students rallied around their teachers or gathered in small groups to pray. Few were interested in "counselors" whom they did not

know or care about.

In simpler times when students were held accountable and criminals were not sent to group therapy seminars but were directly punished people walked the streets in safety even at night and students killing others in school was unthought of. Our public education system is riddled with psychological trash preventing students from learning and teachers from teaching.

Our criminal jurisprudence system is fraught with psychological drive that more often exacerbates crime. It's good to know these fads will someday fade just like "new math" and society will settle down to reality rather than the dream world of modern day psychology.

Endings and beginnings

But I could be wrong
By Chuck Hall

This week's column is for my kids. Since you bought the paper I guess you can read it too. My four daughters have been, and continue to be, one of the greatest sources of pleasure in my life.

This Saturday I will give away the second one of my daughters. I do so with great joy. But also with some sadness. Charlie is marrying a fine young man. I am sure he will take good care of her. I am only saddened because another chapter in my life is

over. Part of my family story has ended. There is a break in the family unity. The relationship between us will never be the same. What will soon be gone forever will be replaced, I hope, with something just as wonderful.

As they begin their new life together, I am excited for them. They have many adventures to share together. They will encounter numerous joys, discomforts and some pain. I know they will come through it all with their hearts and spirits intact. They will survive.

Another of my daughters is

going to make me a grandfather this fall. A branch in the family tree is beginning. A new generation will soon begin. The relationship between us will never be the same. Another chapter in my life is over.

Part of my family story is beginning. There is a change in the family unity. What will soon be gone forever will be replaced, I hope, with something just as wonderful.

September 7th is the due date. It will be a boy. It will be my job to make him rotten. I think I can handle the task. But I could be wrong.

United States in an undeclared war

The way I see it
By Steven R. LaMascus

I see the current situation in the United States as an undeclared war. We are at a crossroads. We have two diametrically opposed factions today in the country. Neither will give ground and each claims it is the only "true way." The days of civil rights riots based solely on race are over. We are now entering a period where the fighting will be based on whether you are Liberal or Conservative.

I am a Conservative. I am a Christian. I believe strongly in the rightness of Christianity, the divine inspiration of the Holy Bible, the Constitution of The United States, patriotism, the sanctity of the family unit, law and order, and the needs of the many over the desires of the few.

I feel that there are enough laws in the country. I think that all we need to do is enforce those laws we already have to the fullest extent. We don't need more laws. Anything we can enact now is either counterproductive or redundant.

I think we need to place more emphasis on the family. I think we need to make people work for their money. I think we need less government instead of more. I think the ACLU should be outlawed. I think prayer should be mandatory in schools. I think public officials should be required to take a lie detector test and a drug test every month. I think that if a "politician" betrays the public trust he should be sentenced to an automatic prison term with no parole. I think any-

one that sues anyone else and loses should have to pay the one they sued the exact amount they were seeking. I think the lawyers should have to pay half of the penalty. I think it should be strictly illegal, punishable by prison, for a lawyer to lie in a courtroom. I think that the rules of evidence should be changed. I think judges should be forced to adjudicate cases based on law and evidence instead of their personal opinions. I also think judges should have much less power in the courtroom and should be held criminally responsible for their actions. I think anyone committing a crime should be given a mandatory prison term. I think juveniles should be held responsible for their actions. I think education should be a privilege instead of a right. I think that the Bible should be taught as a required subject in every school. I think all parents should have to attend parenting classes if their children are delinquent. I believe in criminal control instead of gun control. I think income tax should be replaced with a national sales tax.

Christian values, and high moral standards. But it just ain't so!

Liberal ideas as they are defined today, are planting the seeds of our destruction. It is Liberal thinking that has removed God from our schools; protected juvenile criminals to the point that they are immune to the laws of the land; made parents afraid to discipline their own children for fear of legal prosecution; caused our schools to teach evolution but not creation; given animals rights equal or superior (in some cases) to the rights of men; aided in the proliferation of pornography; degraded the effectiveness of law enforcement; caused the acceptance of the smut you see every night on prime time TV; and aided in the growing trend of paganism, Satanism and the occult, and many, many more of the maladies of our country today.

There is no middle ground between Conservatives and Liberals. There is no room for compromise. Conservatives can see that the problems in the world today stem directly from the Liberal attitudes that were spawned in the sixties. Liberalism is a direct descendant of communism and both are founded on the invalid concept that people can work together without someone trying to take advantage of the situation. The biggest problem with Liberalism is that it allows a few vocal malcontents to force their will on the majority.

If you ask a died-in-the-wool Liberal if he believes in the Bible you will probably hear, "Well, based on facts and honesty,

Returning the power before it begins

Submitted By:
Rep. Henry Bonilla

Finally Washington is realizing something parents and teachers across the country have known for years. They're realizing that the parents and teachers have been right all along. It's time for Washington to step aside and let our local communities decide how best to educate our children.

Congress passed, and the President last week signed into law, the Education Flexibility Partnership Act of 1999, or "Ed-Flex". The legislation, endorsed by all 50 governors, gives local schools and school districts more flexibility to spend education dollars as they see fit. It means more decisions will be made at the local level where parents are more involved - not in Washington, D.C.

For too many years education policies across the country have been influenced by the federal government. We all know that schools in rural Texas don't have the same problems or needs as schools in big cities like Detroit, Michigan. But for years the federal government has painted schools all across the country with the same broad brush.

Last week, however, hopefully marked the beginning of the end for the federal one-size-fits-all approach to education. And this is great news for parents, teachers and students all over the United States. Congress is moving the resources and decision making closer to parents and teachers, where it belongs.

The new law lets local school districts do a better job educating their students. Local communities can now gear their programs to meet their students' needs instead of meeting burdensome and unnecessary federal regulations. With the bureaucratic red tape finally cut, communities are free to use federal education dollars where the children need it, not where bureaucrats 2,000 miles away say it should go.

It has been a long battle to end Washington bureaucrats' power and control over our children's education. The power should lie at home, not in Washington. Our children deserve the best and safest public schools in the world.

No one knows more or cares more about the quality of our children's education than their parents, teachers and school administrators. It is important to the future of this country that our kids get the best education possible. Letting parents make the decisions is the best way to accomplish that.

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Brackettville Headstart Graduation 1999'



Briefs ...

DRT State Convention held in Waco

Waco, "The Gateway to Texas History," was the site of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas 108th annual state convention. 467 members registered at the Waco Convention Center, including 13 members from the local area Caddel-Smith chapter. The DRT was formed to perpetuate forever the memory of the Texas pioneer families and soldiers of the Republic of Texas by having an association of their lineal descendants. In between the business sessions a tour of the Texas Ranger Museum and 5 historic homes was conducted. Social activities included the President General's Reception, Historical Dinner and Silver Moon Luncheon. A Memorial Service was held for this year's 137 deceased members.

Of the 107 DRT chapters in Texas, Caddel-Smith received the following awards: Honor Chapter (to achieve this highest honor the chapter had to place 1st in five categories: Texas History, Attendance, Membership, Achievement, and President General's Project)

1st place, Volunteer Work, 2nd place, Scrapbook, and third place, Public News Coverage.

A special commendation was made to Nadine Lasiter of Sabinal (local registrar) for recruiting 25 new members. This was a state record achievement. Attending from Brackettville was registrar-elect Pat McKelvy.

Beta Epsilon Omicron Chapter meets

The Beta Epsilon Omicron Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held their April meeting at the home of Pam Melancon. Marge Geeze, our special guest, gave the Exemplar Ritual to Cathy Conrey, Hazel Ivey and Helen Peck. The members enjoyed refreshments while discussing future programs. Next years officers were elected and the annual Founders Day was planned. Other members in attendance were Betty Mathison, Dee Curry, Marla Madrid, Evelyn Whitely, Elizabeth Goebel, Judy Hooker and Opal Groce.

Duplicate Bridge Club holds meet

The Duplicate Bridge Club met on May 11th with 4 1/2 tables. The winners were, (first) Alice Seargeant and Joyce Bell, (second) Choppy and Joyce Ambler, and (third) Dena Scott and Mona Miller.

Fort Clark Ladies Golf League met

The 18 hole league combined with the 9 hole league for a Florida Scramble on Ladies Day, May 18.

Winning 1st place was the team of Cindy Shaw, Jo Workman and Joyce Ambler. 2nd place was won by Sheri White, Elizabeth Dillahunty, and Joyce Williamson. 3rd place was won by Pat McKelvy, Luella Gilliland and Nel Darling. The 4th place team was Betty Lee, Norma Reivitt and Joan Strother. Lou Green took on the field playing by herself and almost won by shooting a 78.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Monday, May 10

11:37 p.m. A local woman called in to report that her husband went into the house without permission while she was taking a shower. Deputy Karl Chism was informed of the matter.

Tuesday, May 11

11:41 p.m. Deputy Karl Chism was dispatched to a family disturbance on El Paso street. A local woman reported that she did not want her husband around. He had walked into the house unattended and she had to run him off. Chism found the man and advised him to stay away from El Paso street because he was not welcome. The woman wanted him arrested if he came back.

Friday, May 14

9:18 p.m. Dispatch from DPS office Del Rio called to report that at the Wipff they found some owls and they wanted to know what to do with them. Game Warden Henry Lutz responded.

Angela Millsap, age 38 of Hot Springs, Arkansas was arrested by DPS Officer Tom Wylie for Theft by Check charges. She was later bonded out.

Saturday, May 15

11:33 p.m. A local woman called 911 and stated that she did not want a man at her house. The man was spoken with. Sheriff Buddy Burgess was informed and was going by to speak with the man.

Raul Gonzalez Lopez, age 34,

of Reynosa, Mexico was arrested for speeding by DPS Officer Tom Wylie.

8:15 p.m. A local rancher called in to report a local man was on 2804 lying in the middle of the road. After removing him from the road he called in to make sure that he did not wind up on the road again. Deputy Karl Chism was dispatched to the scene and took the subject home.

Monday, May 17

Valentin Castillo, age 36, of Brackettville was arrested for Public Intoxication by Deputy Karl Chism.

1:18 p.m. A local woman called for assistance at her residence because she had heard some noises outside. Deputy Chism was notified of the situation and stated that it was only the neighbor. A second call was later received on the same matter.

11:37 p.m. A 911 call was received from a local woman who stated that there was a man outside by her bedroom window. Deputy Chism responded to the scene. He notified the department that everything was ok. Chism stated that the person was lost and was taking him home.

3:00 a.m. A local man called in reporting that his neighbors dogs were barking and keeping him awake. Deputy Chism responded to the scene and spoke with the neighbors and asked them to keep their dogs from barking.

Tanya Kay McClure
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Headstart Graduation was held Friday, May 7th at 7 p.m. at the Headstart Center, located on Carver School Grounds.

There is a total of nine graduates. This year's 1999 Headstart Graduates are: Lana Barajas, Kelsey Molano, Adam Castillo, Yanira Perez, Maria Lupita Guerrero, Michael Martinez, Sahara Rodriguez, Natasha Samaniego, and Daulton Woodson.

Michael Martinez and Karina Serrano are this years 1999' Headstart King and Queen.

Special guest speaker was City Manager David Luna. Natasha Samaniego, one of the Headstart graduates gave a crowd pleasing performance by singing a song written by the well known singer, "Selena."

This year the graduates recited many of the well known nursery rhymes that they had learned during their time in Headstart to the crowd in attendance.

The Headstart staff are: Yolanda Williams, Head Teacher; Augusta Pines, Teachers Aide; Silvia Estrada, Busaide/Teacher Aide; Linda Goodloe, Cook; and Barbara Avila, Bus Driver.

Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend

There is a fine man in Brackettville who has spent his entire life here. His father was a tremendously fine man and his mother was one of the very finest of women.

Growing up under the influence of such fine people his life reflects this background. Like his father he is a trapper. He is

adapt at his job and respected for his expertise. Whenever there is to be a bar-b-que you're apt to find him handy at the pit.

He is a calm, quiet individual, never stirring controversy. He is easy to like and has a multitude of friends.

He is sided by his fine wife. Surely Pete Bland is an Unsung Hero.

Happy 55th Anniversary Pat & Don



Mr. and Mrs. Don Parks of Fort Clark were married on May 15th 1944 in Sheldon, Iowa. They have one daughter, Carol, who lives in Chicago and a son, Jim, who lives in Austin. They also have five grandchildren. May they enjoy many more "Happy Years" together.

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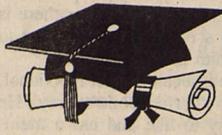
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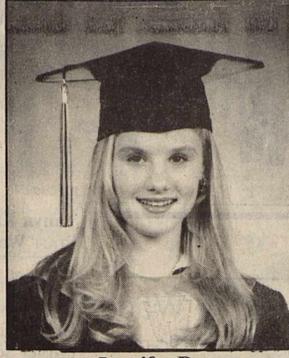
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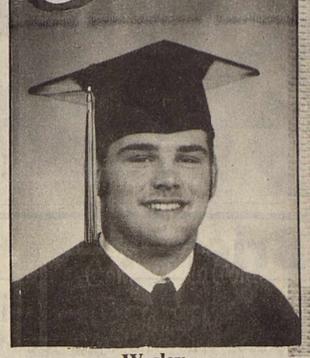
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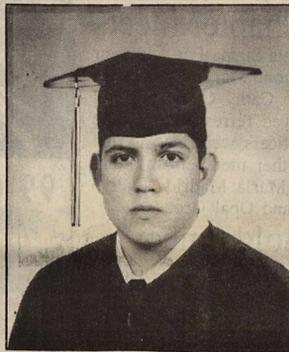
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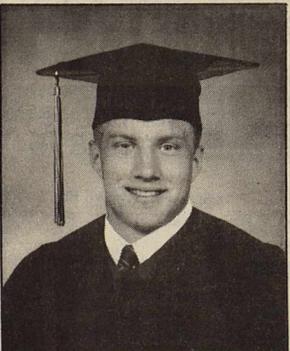


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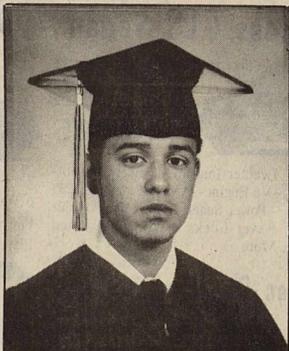


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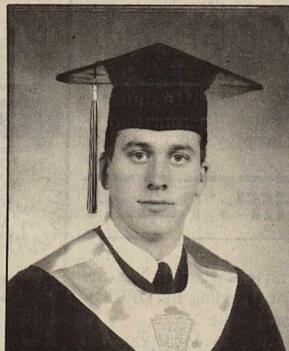
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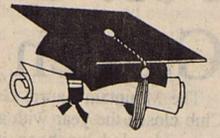
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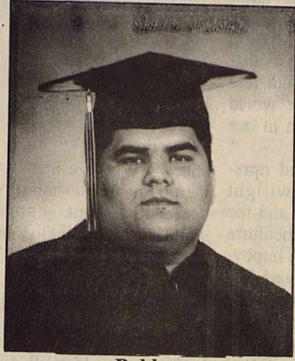
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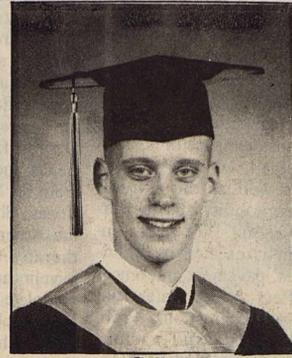
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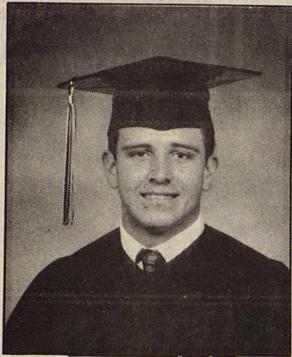
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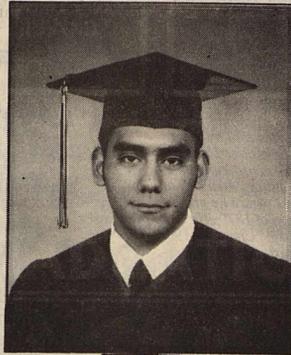
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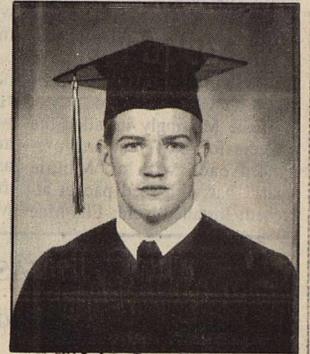
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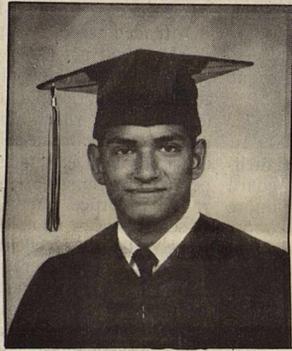
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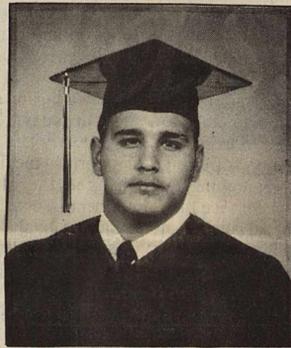
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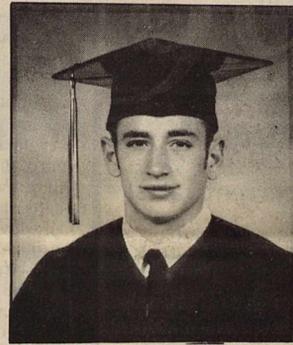
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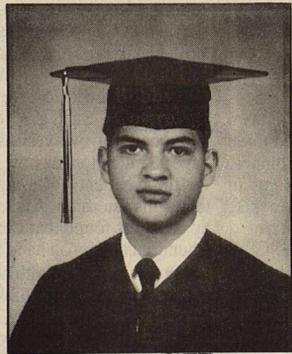
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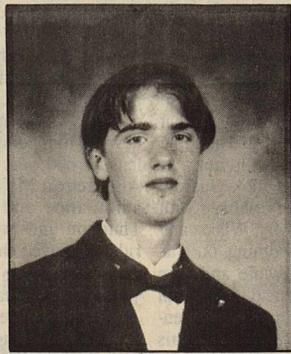
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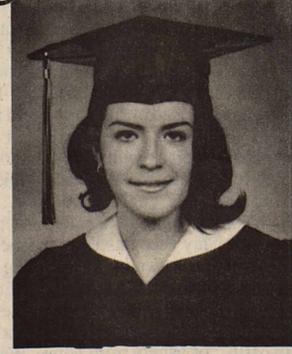
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Fort Clark Springs Garden Club closes

Chrys Parker visits Rotary

The Mountain Laurel Garden Club closed the year with a dessert and salad luncheon in the yard of President Clara McCord.

Seventeen members and visitor Evelyn Baar enjoyed the beautiful outside setting and the antics of many birds. Special thanks were given to those who worked so hard to complete projects such as the improvement and donation of trees and plants for the home furnished to the manager, rose garden care and upkeep of plants at the restaurant, screening of the portable toilet beside Town Hall, several memorial projects, naming and charting the many different trees on Ft. Clark and the Wildflower project at the museum. President McCord praised Charlene Simmons and everyone who made this year's flower show better than ever. Simmons was unanimously selected as flower show chairman for next year assisted by Clara McCord.

Rosie Mattingly installed the officers for next year and presented each with a "Minnie Pearl" hat with seed packet attached. Installed were: Ella Mae

Chambers, President; First Vice-President, Nancy England; Second Vice-President; Helen Peck; Third Vice-President, Pat Callnan; Secretary, Hazel Ivey and Treasurer, Amie Skelton.

Factors Affecting Landscaping and Gardening was the topic of the program presented by Joe Goebel. He spoke of the general environment which includes the seasons, temperatures, sunshine, rainfall, wind and ground slope, as well as the texture, depth, permeability and the fertility of the soil. The micro environment is created by buildings, trees, pavement and fences which affect shade, water runoff, and wind directions. Problems with pests and various plants, including vegetables, flowers, lawns, trees and ground cover were discussed. Members were advised that low management was often best.

In conclusion he stressed one has to choose how much time, financing and planning one wants to spend to determine the ambiance desired. An enthusiastic and informative question and answer session followed Mr. Goebel's presentation.

Submitted by Patsy Callnan

Chrys Parker, coordinator of Several (Senior Services) in Uvalde, was the speaker for the Brackettville Rotary Club on Thursday, May 13, 1999. Chrys Parker grew up in San Antonio, married a Uvalde rancher, Joe Parker and lives and works there today.

She received her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Texas and her Master's Degree from St. Mary's in San Antonio, Texas. She is now training with the American Board of Psychotherapy to become a licensed psychotherapist. She will soon complete a Master's of Theology from Oblate Theological Seminary. She is the recipient of Bishop Jones Scholarship in Theology for 1998-2000.

She is a nursing home chaplain at Amistad Nursing Home

in Uvalde. She is also a Chaplain for the Methodist Hospital System where she is specially assigned to the sexual assault response unit and children's emergency. She is the Pastoral Director at the Uvalde Hospital System and Hospice. Parker is a great advocate for the "Mission in our Midst." She believes that we, as Americans seek out and help people all over the world and overlook the mission in our midst.

Mrs. Parker described nursing homes as the "Twilight Zone" of the sick, aged and the dying. "It is an entire subculture of people who have been impoverished and marginalized beyond belief." The church has stopped ministering the elderly when they can no longer participate in the services because of the disabilities of old age. Many of the people have a record of lifetime service and giving to the



Pictured above (left to right) is Frances McMaster and Cyrus Parker.

church. We give them great funerals and memorial services at their death but ignore them while they are still alive but separate because of age.

The trend towards an institutionalized old age is unmistakable. The reason this is true is the fact that medical science is keeping people well and alive for many more years than ever before. Because of this people are financially unable to care for

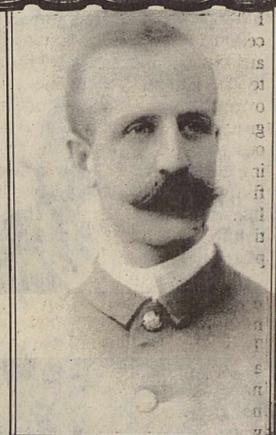
themselves at home and must resort to government subsidized living which is a nursing home.

There are people in homes now that will be alive in three centuries. They were born in the late 19th century and will still be alive in the 21st Century. There has got to be recognition by the family, the church, the community and the government that these people do exist and plans made to care for them.

FOOTSTEPS ECHO

The Fort Clark Diaries and Letters of Major General Francis Henry French

Courtesy of his descendants



Francis Henry French was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on September 27, 1857. Deeply impressed from his youth by the stirring deeds and stories told by veterans of the Civil War, he realized his ambition for a military career by entertaining the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, where he graduated 12th from the class of 1879. He was assigned to 2nd Lt. of "E" Company 19th Infantry and came West. Following service at Fort Garland, Colorado Territory at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the regiment moved to Fort Brown at Brownsville, Texas, where Lt. French was detailed as the Regimental Adjutant. In December of 1882, the 19th Infantry was posted to Fort Clark. At Fort Clark, on January 1, 1883, Lt. French began diaries, which he faithfully maintained for the next 30 years.

Tuesday, May 3, 1887

Soon after reveille went out to target practice. Fired at 300 yds. but did not score a leg. Must practice aiming drill in quarters and exercise with the indian clubs to strengthen my arms. Marched on guard this morning relieving Elliott. Mail brought nothing but a copy of the Mil'y. Service Inst. Journal which Hall had taken from my mail while I was on leave. Have just received another copy from the Institution and so have duplicates now. Read the papers with the office until lunch. After this went up to Harris' and sat there talking until 3 o'clock when returned to quarters and read Gen Grant's account of the battle of Shiloh and an article on the same battle by a son of Gen. A.S. Johnston. Had a parade this evening after dinner it being so cool & pleasant. Read as usual at Harris' until tattoo when he came down to the house with me. After taking the call took Guard's place at a game of cribbage with Thurston against Maj. Wilcox and Capt. Kell, we coming out far ahead. Read a while and then Thurston came in and talked until midnight when inspected the sentries. Before the reading this evening went over to the Library to get a French book but found none there.

Wednesday, May 4, 1887

Went out to target practice this morning and scored two legs at 200 yds. Am beginning to improve in my firing much to my gratification. Took reveille and was relieved at guard mounting by Thurston. Worked at office and read papers until lunch. Mail had only a Century and an advertisement. Expected a letter from home and was much disappointed in not getting it. After lunch returned to office with Maj. Wilcox to compare post returns and prepare them for mailing. Received a curt note from Whittall this afternoon in reply to something I wrote him which vexed me a good deal. I put myself in a place where he could do this but did not intend anything annoying to him by what I wrote. In future all our communications will be strictly official. Visited the bakery with Maj. Wilcox and then went up to the Quartermaster's and ice machine with him. At the former place Whittall tried to smooth matters over but soon gave him to understand that I wanted no explanation from him. Went to the mess to deliver a pair of shoes to the new cook, which she wanted from the Quartermaster's, and then into Thurston's to sing a while with him and Harris. Took a bath and then commenced letter

home but stopped it to go out to fire at 500 yd. range where made one leg. After retreat went into Capt. Vance's a while and then wrote on letter home. Had usual reading with Harris until tattoo. After this call wrote on letter home while Thurston and Maj. Wilcox were playing cribbage. Harris came in also and sat through the games.

Thursday, May 5, 1887

Made my last leg at 200 yds. this morning the first score I fired. Changed the place for guard mounting so as to have more shade. Attended to office work which was of short duration as the rush is over for the month. Completed home letter so as to send it in the mail and then commenced "The Attic Philosopher" in French, a book borrowed from Capt. Vance. Mail brought a letter from home. Attended to the official mail and then went to lunch. Spent the afternoon playing cribbage with Guard against Maj. Wilcox and Thurston who beat us badly. Lost a whole afternoon which might have been devoted to reading. Scored three legs at 600 yds. before dinner. After retreat Maj. Wilcox got an ambulance and took Harris, Thurston and myself out for a ride. Enjoyed this exceedingly. After returning the party was joined at our quarters by Guard & Vance and we sang and chattered until near tattoo when Guard, Harris and Thurston went down town. After tattoo commenced a letter to Marie Gorgas, writing on it until near 11 o'clock. Wrote a short letter to Fieberger today to invite him to visit home while he is in Akron with his mother this Summer and hope he will accept.

Friday, May 6, 1887

Fired at 300 yds. before breakfast and scored four legs there which finishes my qualification at the short ranges. After office work went up to Harris' a moment to see him about some papers. Mail brought a letter from Geary enclosing Terrell's and a check to pay for expense of dividing land. It also brought some games for the Library from Johnston to whom I wrote to buy them. Now the men will have some amusement. After lunch walked down to the postoffice and bought a postal note. Then wrote to Mr. Terrell enclosing checks & postal note, for \$20, to ask him to partition our land and pay the costs. Feel that this is much the best plan. Started to write to Mrs. Gorgas but Guard came in and sat until time to go out to target practice. Scored three legs at 500 yds. and am all through now except one leg at 600 yds. Have not decided {decided not?} to try for a sharpshooter's cross. Capt. Vance is Officer of the Day and took the calls. Had usual reading in the evening but stopped earlier than usual as I was quite sleepy.

Sat on Harris' porch chatting until after tattoo and then we went to Thurston's for a short time. Later on completed letter to Mrs. Gorgas and had a short call from Harris.

Saturday, May 7, 1887

Attended target practice as usual but did not have to fire. Maj. Arthur Paymaster and clerk arrived this morning. Attended to office work which took up a little more time than usual on account of some Quartermaster papers. The paymaster extended his rolls in the office. Sat there to be of service in case he needed anything. Had an excellent lunch. Returned to office after lunch and spent most of the afternoon there while payment was going on. Collected about \$13 due from the men and some money due on the mess bills. In drawing pay got a check to send home and one to send to settle account with Hatfield. Capt. Vance got a New York check for \$508-30 in drawing his pay which he loaned me to send to Hewitt to take up the note he holds. Shall give the Captain a note for two years and can have so much longer time to save for the payment. Am very glad to get this extension. After settling up accounts found that I had over a hundred dollars on hand and can apply all of this month's pay to the insurance notes. Think it will be possible to pay them off entirely. Buck came back with the paymaster but brings no news. Mail had nothing for me. After dinner, which was interrupted by retreat, sat around talking to Mr. Becker, the paymaster's clerk and then all adjourned to Buck's where we spent the evening singing. Becker has a good voice and reads well. Had a soldier after tattoo to accompany and he also played several pieces. He could not read fast enough to accompany well. Wrote to Hatfield today enclosing check to pay his account.

Sunday, May 8, 1887

Had breakfast early on account of the paymaster who left at eight o'clock with Elliott and one man as escort. Attended to office work after guard mounting. Mail brought a statement of errors in my accounts as ordnance officer at Brown in '85, wedding card of Ed Morris and Grace Edgerton and a notice that another encyclopedia was coming with a bundle of papers from home. Was much disappointed in not getting a letter from Lula or from home either. Wrote usual letters home {L} and to Lula being much interrupted by Maj. Wilcox who came in and talked about his daughter. The old man is garrulous from age and thinks nobody can compare with his daughter. Feel very sorry for him as he longs so much to see her and seems so lonely here. It is not right for his wife to leave him in this manner. After dinner walked

up to the ice machine with Harris and Thurston and then we sat on Harris' porch talking and singing until tattoo. Guard coming up for a while. Spent a short time at Thurston's and then after a few moments at Capt. Vance's wrote to Hewitt enclosing a note to pay our account. This will settle my note with him. Capt. Vance took retreat and tattoo.

Monday, May 9, 1887

Went out to target practice as usual before breakfast but did not fire as it was at the short ranges. Marched on guard relieving Guard. Had to confine two trumpeters for absence yesterday and to prefer charges against one. This has been the worst pay day for "E" Co. for a long time, more men being drunk and up for trial. Corp'l Schmitt who has been doing such fine shooting is down town on a protracted spree. After lunch went in to see Capt. Vance a while and then got out returns and commenced to straighten out the errors mentioned in letter received yesterday. Wrote a letter to Payne who is Ord. Officer at Brown and shall enclose some receipts for him to sign. If he does this and he can have no excuse for refusing as the articles are there I can readily rectify the errors. Went over to "I" Troop before target practice to get some information about a transfer to Capt. Hennisee to use in this correction. Then went to target practice firing four scores at 600 yds. and making a 23 there, which makes me a marksman for this year. Am not decided yet whether or not to try for a sharpshooter's cross. After taking parade sat at Thurston's a while and then spent a few moments in my quarters where Maj. Wilcox was trying to get relief from a sore tooth. Walked up with Harris to Capt. Vance's returning Endymion and handing him a note to cover the \$500 he lent me the other day. Then read a while at Harris' until he was called away to a patient and played cribbage with Maj. Wilcox until tattoo. Guard took my place in this game after tattoo while Thurston and I went to Bucks and practiced some male quartettes. Harris was to have been there but failed us. Thurston sat on the porch chatting a while afterwards and then I dozed and read the "Attic Philosopher" until 12-30 when inspected the guard and turned in feeling very tired and sleepy. Read the papers from home this afternoon.

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This past spring the Brackett Tigers lost a very dear friend and a fine supporter of our athletic teams in the passing of Mr. Ronnie Armbruster.

Mr. Armbruster and his wife, Connie, have been known to travel all over south Texas in supporting and cheering on our Lady Tigerettes and our Tigers.

They contributed lots of their time, effort and energy in building pride for our athletes. The

administration and coaching staff have decided to honor Mr. Armbruster with a memorial plaque in his name.

The award is called the Ronnie Armbruster Fighting Tiger Award and it is given to a special female and male athlete who displays some of the fine qualities and outstanding characteristics that would make us proud.



The award this year goes to Sonya Correa and David Honstein.

Michael Schooler to leave school

Making a Difference
By Taylor Stephenson

Michael Schooler submitted his resignation to the Board of Trustees, Monday night. He will move to Canon City, Colorado, at the end of June where he will be an elementary principal. We'll miss Michael.

He has been in Brackettville for three years. During those years, he has made many changes and improvements at Jones Elementary School.

From the outside looking in, the playground has improved 100%. We now have grass on the grounds and were able to hold our field day at school this year.

Michael and staff have revitalized a phonics program and have placed additional emphasis on math and writing. Along with the staff of BISD, Michael has been successful in getting a computer equipment grant (TIF) and a reading grant for the school district. Dianne Schooler

and little Mary will also be missed. We wish you well. You have been successful, and that has enabled you to land the job that you wanted in Colorado. Thanks for a job well done.

In other news, we're getting busier with school activities. Looking ahead: Thursday, May 20, 7:30 PM - HS Band Concert, Auditorium. Monday, May 24, 10:00 AM - Pre-K Graduation, 6:30 - 7:30 PM - Family Matters Picnic. Tuesday, May 25, 8:30 AM - Awards Assembly (check on time for grades). Thursday, May 27 11:00 AM - Eighth Grade Graduation, Auditorium, last day of school. Friday, May 28, Work Day for Staff. 10:30 AM - Alternative School Graduation, Amphitheater on Fort Clark Springs. 8:00 PM - Graduation Tiger Stadium.

Our employees are human, too. Richard Terrazas, head of school maintenance, came by to visit a minute. Richard began to talk about his big black Rottweiler called Oso or Bear. It was

a story about a love between a busy man and a caring dog. Oso was always there when Richard's pickup drove up. His short tail always wagged whether his master had a bad day or a good one. Richard talked about the dog "mellowing him out." Last night, when Oso passed away Richard was by his side.

Afterward, his loyal owner combed him and spent the last few minutes saying his goodbye. He's buried near Richard's work place at home.

Listening to this story of the love between a man and his dog helped me with my perspective that a superintendent needs to also be humane in dealing with people.

I hope that when I work with employees at BISD, I can apply some of the lessons that Richard learned from Oso.

That's about it for this week. Our kids and staff are getting along fine as we bring this year to a close. Have a great week!

OUTDOORS

Fishing with plastic worms

Campfires and Gunsmoke
By Steven R. LaMascus

I am primarily a shooting sports writer. Since I also have to work for a living I find that I don't have time to do everything I would like, so I have to concentrate on what I like best. Golf and fishing, unfortunately, have to suffer for this lack of time. But over the years I have done a great deal of bass fishing in various parts of the country including a short period of tournament fishing. And day in and day out I have found that the most effective tool in the tackle box is the plastic worm.

Plastic worms don't look like much and certainly don't do much; at least not by themselves. They have no built in action like a Rapala and make no enticing noise like a Rattletrap. They do not glitter and whir through the water like a spinnerbait. Mostly they just creep along the lake bottom at the end or your line and catch a whole lot of bass.

There are any number of ways to fish a plastic worm. Most of them depend on what the fish are wanting at the time. If it is winter and the water is cold you can fish them deep and very slowly with a heavy slip sinker Texas rigged. That is with the sinker moving freely on the line above the worm and hook.

If the water is warm and the fish have moved to the bedding areas you can fish it with a Carolina rig using a light sinker. That is with the weight secured a foot or so above the worm so the worm will float above the lake bottom.

If you are fishing a place where there is heavy moss you can even fish the worm without a weight or with a very small weight and pull it over the weeds and moss to let it fall slowly into the hidden pockets and holes.

This is deadly in the heat of the summer when the fish are seeking shelter from the sun in weed beds.

The largest fish anyone in my family ever caught was taken by my wife Kandace on a plastic worm. It was on Amistad in March and the fish were on the spawning beds. Kandace was fishing a pumpkinseed colored Culprit worm on a weedless hook with a tiny 1/16-ounce weight. She threw the worm over a spawning bed, slowly dragged it back through the bed and was immediately attached to a battling eight-pound sow bass. I don't know who was more surprised, her or the bass.

Some of my favorite times were spent fishing moss beds on a small stock tank. I would throw a weightless worm out past the edge of the moss and slowly work it back to the bank. It was amazing how often I would get a strike just at the outside edge of the moss.

One of the best days I have ever had at Amistad was had using plastic worms. We spent the day fishing the rock points in the San Pedro arm of the lake. This is a deadly tactic. Fish the windy side of rocky points. Fish with a Texas rig, a 1/8-ounce weight and a six or seven inch worm. Cast to the bank, and using the rod tip work the worm slowly back to deeper water. Usually there will be all kinds of underwater structure from boulders to drowned timber.

When you work the worm over one of these obstacles let it free fall on the near side, following the worm with the rod.

Most of your strikes with a worm will be while the worm is falling, so watch your line and keep it taut enough that you can set the hook if you see a strike.

The best rod to use with a worm is a medium action six or

6-1/2 foot graphite rod. Graphite is miraculously sensitive. This is absolutely necessary if you want to do well as a worm fisherman. Learn to recognize a strike.

This is really the hardest part of learning to fish a plastic worm. A fish seldom really hammers any slow-fished plastic. They almost invariably just suck it in gently. The sensation you will feel in the rod butt is called a "tap" and is not very obvious. It takes practice to learn to distinguish this "tap" from a stick or rock.

When you feel that tap reel down quickly until the line is taut but not tight. If it is too tight you will frighten the fish. When you have taken the slack out of the line you should be able to distinguish the weight of the fish, more of a sensation than an actual feel.

When you can feel the weight point the rod at the fish and set the hook very solidly using your wrists and forearms. This is, in bass fishing circles, called "crossing his eyes." A quick snapping motion will do this better than the exaggerated sweeping strike you sometimes see anglers use.

The line you use depends on the conditions. Obviously the more stuff like trees and rocks there is in the water the heavier the line you need. I almost never fish anything heavier than fourteen-pound test. I like a soft, limp line that does not curl up on the water. This transmits the strike to the rod in the most efficient manner. Most brand name lines today have this quality.

Well, that's about it. Of course it is a long way from reading how to do it to actually being an accomplished plastic worm fisherman. But if everything was as easy then anyone could do it and it wouldn't be fun. Right?

1999 Tiger/Tigerette Awards

All-Around Athlete - Steven Hagler, Scholar Athlete - Aaron Taylor, Ronnie Armbruster Fighting Tiger Award - David Honstein, MVP Lineman - Steven Hagler, MVP Running Back - Wes Baker, MVP Receiver - Jacob Mann, MVP Linebacker - Brent Smith, MVP Defensive Back - Matt Smallwood, MVP Special Teams - Jacob Puda, MVP Football - Wes Baker, Brent Smith, Most Improved Basketball - Jacob Hughes, MVP Basketball - Matt Smallwood, MVP Cross Country - James Burks, Most Improved Track - Steven Hagler, MVP Track - Damien Toms, Most Improved Tennis - Levi Duncan, MVP Tennis - Schiller Hill, Chris Petrosky, Most Consistent Golfer - Arron Taylor, MVP Golf - Manuel Madrid, Most Improved Baseball - Alex DeLeon, MVP Baseball - Matt Smallwood, Jacob Mann, Hustle Award - Zach Davis.

Villareal, Heather Martin, MVP Track - Sonya Correa, Most Improved Tennis - Michelle Bizzell, MVP Tennis - Duquesa Hunt, Susannah Davis, Most Improved Cross Country - Duquesa Hunt, MVP CC - Sonya Correa, Most Consistent Golfer - Savannah Massengill, MVP Golf - Jennifer Ashabanner.

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Garner State Park Concert

A Little on the Wildlife Side
Henry Lutz

CONCAN - Fans of country, Tejano and rock n' roll music will have the opportunity over Memorial Day weekend to hear a dozen popular performers playing under the stars on the banks of the Frio River at Garner State Park on May 29.

Headlining the second annual Garner State Park Homecoming Concert & Dance will be Johnny Dee & The Rocket 88's, who for 20 years have performed their brand of zany nostalgia and fast-paced rock medleys for millions of fans. Joining the rock n' rollers will be one of Tejano music's hottest female acts, Shelly Lares, as well as an impressive roster of returning country music talent.

Lares, who records for Sony Discos, twice has been voted Tejano music's Female Vocalist of the Year. She received BMI's award for the most requested Latin song in 1994-95, "Soy Tu Amor," and again in 1996-97, "Siempre Lo Esperare."

This year's concert at one of Texas' most popular state parks will benefit Garner State Park's Lone Star Legacy endowment fund, which was established in 1998 during the 75th Anniversary of Texas State Parks. Last February, Gov. George W.

Bush announced the launch of the Lone Star Legacy fund-raising campaign designed to establish a permanent endowment fund for every Texas state park and natural area, wildlife management area and fish hatchery.

The Friends of Garner State Park and Wildlife cosponsored the 1998 Homecoming Court as the park's official 75th anniversary event. Producing the event again this year is Randy Willis' Riata Talent.

"Last year's concert was a great start to what has become one of our most anticipated annual events," said Park Manager Jim Wilson. "This is our special gift to the generations of Texans who have made camping at Garner during the Memorial Day weekend a family tradition for more than 50 years."

The concert begins at 6 p.m. in the heart of the park. A permanent stage was erected last year to host the concert that runs well into the night. Tickets, which are available at the gate, cost \$5 per adult. Children 12 and under receive free admission. Park day use entry fee will be waived for all concert ticket holders. Tickets can be ordered by calling 830-232-6131.

Performing at the Homecoming Concert again this year will be Nashville recording artists Johnny Duncan, Sonny

Throckmorton, Rock Killough and Craig Dillingham. The talented songwriters count dozens of country music hits among them.

Coming to the Garner State Park stage for the first time are Penny Gilley, Kelly King, Regina Matthews, Phyllis Kelly, Johnny Lyon & The Country Nu-Notes, Richard Haley & The Neon Stars and ReBecca LaLanne. King, 16, has been touted as a future queen of country music, while 14-year-old Matthews reigns as the National Junior Fiddle Champion. Kelly is a former Miss America finalist who has entertained in Las Vegas for more than a decade, opening for such notables as George Burns and David Copperfield. Haley's band has been voted San Antonio's Country Music Band of the Year the last three years.

Concert patrons may want to bring lawn chairs and/or blankets to sit on since there is no permanent seating in the concert area. A variety of food and drinks will be sold. There is a special drop-off area and restrooms for the handicapped.

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| 1 Write like a doctor? | 55 Sampras or Seeger | 98 Baltimore bird | 2 Manitoba native | 41 Yacht spot | 85 Baritone |
| 7 Gem State capital | 57 Nobelist | 99 Vassal's obligation | 3 Be bombastic | 42 Insidip | Hermann |
| 12 Actor Richard | 58 Proof-reader's mark | 100 Help with the cost | 4 Atty.'s org. | 45 "Evita" character | 86 Unskilled worker |
| 16 "Alice" spin-off | 61 Cowboy's critter | 103 A Lennon sister | 5 Shriner or Wheaton | 46 Marbles | 87 Dance maneuver |
| 19 Sheik spot | 63 La Scala's locale | 104 Drac's wrap | 6 Foam without a view? | 47 Piggins | 90 Hebrew text |
| 20 Wing | 65 Wise guy? | 105 Ryan of "Barry Lyndon" | 7 Lap warmer? | 50 Room | 91 Poe poem |
| 21 Racer Luyendyk | 66 "Insh Rose" | 106 "Turandot" baritone | 8 "Wild" IL | 51 Jai | 92 Exhaust |
| 22 Prune | 67 Sherlock Holmes' specialty | 107 Speck | 9 "Newhart" setting | 54 Plaines, IL | 93 Mowed like molasses |
| 23 Hockey rink feature | 73 Sing like a soprano | 108 Quiche ingredient (tea choice) | 10 Wine word | 56 Zola or Durkheim | 94 Tin Tin |
| 25 Stein or Ederle | 74 Pub orders | 109 Rolling Stones documentary | 11 Display | 58 Future officer | 96 Dawn |
| 27 Arrange type | 75 Din | 110 Tony winner Colleen | 12 Scout rank better? | 59 Gels | 99 Comprehend |
| 28 "Yo!" | 76 Hospital employees | 111 Tony winner | 13 Earl (tea choice) | 60 Florid | 100 Extinct birds |
| 29 Sans ambition | 77 Storage site | 112 Journalist | 14 Word on a pump | 61 Platform | 101 Foe |
| 31 Photography fluid | 79 Expected back | 113 Rolling Stones documentary | 15 Irritates | 62 Some woodwinds | 102 Less |
| 32 Exploded | 80 Gulf, Isthmus, or Canal | 114 Word form for "within" | 16 Cast | 64 Evils | 103 "Same here!" |
| 34 Navy builder | 84 Mrs. Al Bundy | 115 Russian space station | 17 Shade of green | 65 WWII site | 104 Cob, CT |
| 37 Tenor Roberto | 85 Hole | 116 Mozart's "La Clemenza di..." | 18 "Tommy" or "Tannhauser" | 67 Prickly plant | 106 Classroom sound |
| 38 Thin covering | 86 Grand instru-ments? | 117 French health resort | 19 "Tommy" or "Tannhauser" | 68 Hooback | 107 Say it isn't so |
| 41 Swordfish kin | 88 Nutritional abbr. | 118 Soda-shop order | 20 Evergreen tree | 69 Short snooze | 108 Coup d'... |
| 42 Absquatulated | 89 Envelope information | 119 Word form for "within" | 26 Highways | 70 Disquiet | 109 Singer Pitney |
| 43 Simpson of fashion | 95 Wedding gown feature | 120 Have to order | 27 "Oh, woe!" | 71 Didi of "Benson" | 110 Alum |
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| 48 Korf or Sara | | 122 Journalist | 29 Actress Sedgwick | 73 Faucet | 114 "been had!" |
| 49 Like hen's teeth? | | 123 UAR member, once | | 74 "Tommy" or "Tannhauser" | 115 Russian space station |
| 52 Possesses | | 124 Word form for "within" | | 75 LAX letters | 116 Fairy queen |
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MAGIC MAZE

THINGS FOUND UNDERGROUND

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Aquifer	Diamond	Potato	Treasure
Carrot	Gas	Roots	Well
Cave	Moles	Sewer	Worm
Coal	Oil	Subway	

Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
 Immediate happiness depends on your ability to adapt to change. You don't need to understand everything that is happening; you just need to accept it.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
 People take a special interest in you, and you are ready to reciprocate. It may be worthwhile to take an emotional risk, without fearing the aftermath.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
 Pay attention to your own needs and ignore outside distractions. There is too much going on in your head for you to have time for anyone else.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
 Analyze a situation before becoming a part of it. There is a potential for great success or miserable failure, but middle ground is not an option.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
 Be honest with yourself and ones you love. Stay away from mind games and the people who play them; these games won't make you happy in the long run.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
 The outcome of an interaction depends on the things which are said rather than the tone in which you say them. Focus on substance not appearance.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
 You feel oddly detached from emotional cares and concerns. Communication is still a challenge, but it doesn't bother you as much anymore.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
 A project which has been unfinished for a while needs your attention. Take charge, finish things and then check everyone else's work for mistakes.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
 If you feel that more than one thing must be done at a time, do it all! You are able to focus on many things without diluting your energy.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
 You feel extremely powerful in all ways - physical, emotional and mental. Your power is apparent; everyone who watches you is aware of it.

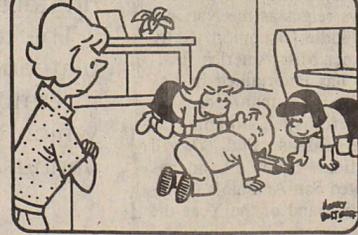
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
 Concentrate on process and don't worry about achieving huge results. Do things right the first time so that you don't have to backtrack.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
 Don't make any declarations of commitments which might come back to haunt you. Keep your words simple and only make promises that you can keep.

YOU BORN THIS WEEK
 Keeping secrets is one of your gifts and one of your flaws. People value you as a friend and confidant because you will never gossip about them. At the same time, they wonder what's really going on in your mind. Do yourself a favor: Allow a few people to know you inside and out.
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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Plant is missing. 2. Frame is added. 3. Woman's blouse is different. 4. Lamp is added. 5. Girl's skirt is different. 6. Woman's earring is added.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 20..... Billie Story	May 24... Lorenza Guajardo
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May 24..... Bernie Allemeir	May 25..... Dolores Wilson
May 24..... Willie Allemeir	May 26..... Blanca Ortega

Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love

Gateway Ministries
Pastor Charolette Corey

Put on the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. Isaiah 61:3.

Many people have felt a heaviness in their spirits lately, more so than usual.

That calls for using the battle plan that the living word of God has for each of us.

The "spirit of heaviness" is simply a spirit sent by Satan to discourage you, introduce you to the spirit of hopelessness, and eventually lead you to fellow-

ship with the spirit of death.

When you realize where these thoughts come from, you win by simply "taking those thoughts captive" and tossing them out on their heels in the name of Jesus Christ (the name above all names).

"Redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Eph. 5:16, 19-20). "Speaking to yourselves in Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord

Jesus Christ".

If you keep your focus just on the times you feel a little off, then Satan will defeat you by having you focus on the problem, not the answer and steal your time away from serving the Lord Jesus.

"He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap." (Eccles. 11:4).

We are not ignorant of the schemes of the devil, but have the light in the midst of darkness. "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of

darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body." (2 Cor. 4:6-10).

Thou shalt love thy neighbor

St John's Missionary Church
Rev. William Adams

But when the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together.

Then one of them, who was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt Love the Lord, thy God, with all thy heart, and

with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it, Thou shalt Love thy neighbor as thy self. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. St. Matthews 22:34-40. Praise God six more nights of singing and praying. Preaching 7 p.m. nightly at St. Johns Missionary Church with Pastor Jimmy Flakes. May 23-29.

We began as a Christian nation

Frontier Baptist Church
Rev. Joe Townsend

A potent question comes to mind, "How Christian?" We speak of the U. S. A. as a Christian Nation. It was begun as a Christian Nation and in spite of demonic people and organizations is still basically a Christian Nation. We think of the church as a Christian church. There are however sects and groups that call themselves and their organization Christians who are traveling under a false nomenclature.

To be Christians to walk with Jesus. They were "first called Christians at Antioch." This because they showed themselves different and by their lives and

word of mouth they honored Jesus Christ. Jesus proclaimed a law of love. He said, "Love your neighbor as yourself." He explained "neighbor" as being anyone in need. It's difficult to love one who seeks to harm you but Jesus said, "Love your enemies." It's difficult to love the scandal monger who tries to assassinate your character. It's difficult to love one who haughtily belittles you.

But Jesus says, "Love your enemies. Jesus said, "Be ye kind one to another." It's difficult to be kind to one who snubs. It's difficult to be kind to one who does not meet your standard of goodness. It's difficult to be kind to the stranger at your gate. It's difficult to be kind to others

when problems weigh you down. But Jesus said, "Be kind one to another. A pious attitude reflects a cynic at heart.

The basis for these commandments from Christ are based on one first trusting Him as a personal Savior. One cannot be a Christian until he accepts Christ as his Lord. It is redundant to call one a "born again" Christian. There is no other kind of Christian. Until one is born again he is not truly a Christian. When one is "born again" he has Christ to help him love his enemies and to be kind to one another.

There will be another message from the Bible at worship at Frontier Baptist Church Sunday at 11 AM. Come and see.

Spirit of Lord Fills the world

St Mary Magdalene Church
By Pat McKelvy

"The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world"

This Sunday the great fifty days of Easter draw to a close with the ancient yet new feast of Pentecost.

Observed by the Jews in commemoration of the giving of the Mosaic Law on Sinai, Pentecost provides the backdrop for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The images of the Spirit are many: a strong, driving wind; tongues, as of fire; the breath of the Lord.

The disciples, gathered in the upper room, perhaps still in shock over all that had so recently transpired, are touched by the Spirit and instantly undergo a dramatic transformation.

No longer fearful, they begin to "make bold proclamation" concerning Jesus and his message. And everyone understood them, despite the vast diversity of the multitudes assembled in Jerusalem for the festival.

In John's gospel, he places the giving of the Spirit on Easter night. Jesus' breathing on the disciples recalls the ruah, the breath of the Creator in Genesis. And, as Luke and Matthew did at the Ascension, so here John insists that the Spirit is not given for the individual alone.

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." We have no time to sit and enjoy our gift passively.

Like Jesus' gift of Salvation, the gift of the Spirit is for the whole world. It is up to us to proclaim the message boldly, with conviction and joy.

You are invited to worship with us at St Mary Magdalene Catholic Church.

Health

Animal bites often cause of injury to children

The reports come in to the Texas Department of Health (TDH) on an average of two every week. They recount stories of young children bitten and mauled by animals usually dogs.

Dynette Espinosa remembers to the minute when her son became a target for her neighbor's 100-pound dog. She was inside her house in Katy near Houston when Jesse, then 6, began screaming from their driveway. "He was crying and a trickle of blood was running down his forehead," Espinosa said. "Then I saw him from the rear."

In a matter of seconds, in his own yard, Jesse had lost a great portion of his scalp, torn from his skull by the dog. One of his ears was dangling by a piece of skin, and large amounts of muscle tissue was gone from his back. Puncture wounds and teeth marks covered his body. "I had had paramedic training," Espinosa said, "so I set him in the bathtub to try to stop the bleeding."

But the next question from her son left her chilled. "Mommy, am I going to die?" Jesse asked. Quickly, she assured him that "No, Mommy will not let you die."

That was in August 1995. Jesse survived the attack, spending four days in the hospital. Even more weeks were spent at home recuperating. He had to begin elementary school wrapped in bandages. Even today he faces the possibility of surgery for the scarring that remains.

"Children are more likely than adults to be victims of a severe animal bite," said Jane Mahlow, a veterinarian and director of TDH's Zoonosis Control Division.

"Children under age 11 are about five times more likely than adolescents and adults to be bitten, usually because of their small size and quick movements," she said.

"This fact is particularly troublesome," Mahlow said, "since head trauma can mean life-threatening problems such as a severed jugular vein, skull fractures, brain hemorrhage and deep puncture wounds." Since 1980, 29 people ranging from 1 month to 83 years have died in Texas from dog bites, primarily due to head and neck injuries. Nearly three-fourths of those who died were younger than 11 years old.

"Dogs are territorial animals," Mahlow said. "Home is their turf, and they defend that home vigorously"

A new baby in the family also can create problems, even jealously with the family pet. "Babies cannot threaten or provoke a dog to attack," Mahlow said. "The victims most often are injured while sleeping alone in a room. Infants should never, repeat never, be left by themselves."

Espinosa said that if there is one thing she tells other parents, it is to talk to their children about dogs, especially how to behave around them. "We tell our children not to play with matches and we show them how to cross the street. But we rarely teach them how to act around dogs and what to do if attacked."

Teach children these basic safety precautions: Don't go near strange dogs. Don't surprise or tease a dog that is sleeping, eating or caring for puppies. When you first come near a dog, let the animal sniff the

back of your hand, palm down. Walk up to the dog from the side, not the back or directly from the front. Keep your face away from the dog's face. The dog may think you are a danger. If a dog acts like it might bite, stand still, just like a tree. Don't scream or run. If a dog attacks, protect yourself with anything you have, a backpack, purse, jacket or bicycle. If you are knocked down, try to lie face down or curl up in a ball with your hands over your ears. Be still and quite until the dog goes away. Tell an adult right away if you are bitten.

For a bite by any animal, thoroughly wash the area with soap and water. If the bite wound is bleeding, apply pressure with a clean cloth to stop the bleeding. Contact a doctor immediately to determine if rabies treatment, a tetanus shot or antibiotics are needed. Report the bite to your local health department, animal control officer or law enforcement agency as soon as possible.

Dr. J.R. Ramirez joins United Medical Center

Jesus R. Ramirez, D.P.M., certified Podiatrist has joined United Medical Center No. 2, 202 James St. Brackettville.

Dr. Ramirez graduated from Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine in 1983. He practiced in El Paso for 15 years and has experience in general podiatry medicine, family foot doctor, surgery, with subspecialty in complete diabetic foot care.

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Undeclared War

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everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Philippians 4:6

Liberal doctrine says abortion is not murder because the child is not yet human, not yet "viable."

The Bible says, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; Jeremiah 1:5

Liberal doctrine says divorce is acceptable.

The Bible says, "I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, and marries another woman commits adultery." Mathew 19:9

Liberal doctrine says homosexuality is an acceptable "alternate lifestyle."

The Bible says, "Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable." Leviticus 18:22

And speaking of this and other sins it goes on to say "And if you defile the land, it will vomit you out as it vomited out the nations that were before you." Leviticus 18:28

Liberals do not believe you should spank your child.

The Bible says, "He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him." Proverbs 13:24

The examples could continue for volume after volume. I find it difficult to understand how anyone who professes to be a

Christian could also profess to be liberal. The two doctrines are to my way of thinking mutually exclusive. If you are a Christian you are by definition conservative. Let me close this piece with a biblical description of the United States today, and a quote from a famous American patriot. First the description:

2 Timothy 3:1-5 says, "But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of good - having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them."

Now the quote:
I have lived, sir a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth - that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid?

We have been assured, Sir, in the sacred writings, that "except the Lord build the House they labour in vain that build it." I firmly believe this. Signed, Benjamin Franklin

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